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**AIR TO SEA RESCUE:** Salt Spring Air owner-pilot St. Clair McColl gets set to throw a rescue rope to a 16-year-old boy stranded with his father on their overturned boat in choppy Strait of Georgia waters Monday.  
Photo by Jonathan Yardley

## Saint lands miracle sea plane rescue

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Little more than 12 hours after rescuing a father and son from the Strait of Georgia's frigid waters on Monday afternoon, St. Clair McColl was back in the seat of his de Havilland Beaver seaplane just like any other Tuesday morning.

The only difference is that he and his previous day's passengers, Mary Paul and Jonathan Yardley, are being hailed as local heroes.

What began as a routine 5 p.m. flight from downtown Vancouver to Ganges Harbour turned into a daring rescue mission after Salt Spring Air owner-pilot McColl felt a tap on his shoulder.

"It was Mary telling me she'd spotted something in

the water," McColl said.

After identifying two people standing on an overturned 16-foot aluminum boat and notifying the Sea Island Coast Guard Station, McColl managed to land his plane on the choppy water and get to within range of the stranded boaters.

"At first, I was wondering if we could land and how long they'd been in the water," McColl said. "Once I landed, it was just a matter of moving them onto the plane inch by inch."

With the help of passengers Paul and Yardley, McColl loaded the pair into the plane and proceeded to the Richmond seaplane terminal where emergency crews were standing by.

**RESCUE 2**

## Charges follow Friday tragedy

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

RCMP have charged a 23-year-old Salt Spring man in the wake of a tragic Friday night accident that left his friend recovering from serious injuries in a Victoria hospital.

Emergency crews discovered the victim laying along the 200 block of Isabella Point Road shortly after receiving a 911 call at approximately 11:30 p.m.

"He had sustained very extensive leg injuries and was bleeding heavily," said Arjuna George, an assistant chief with Salt Spring Fire Rescue who was among the first on the scene.

George attempted to contain the bleeding until paramedics arrived and accompanied the man to Lady Minto Hospital where he was immediately flown to Victoria by air ambulance.

Another victim found on the site was taken to Lady

Minto and released that night.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis confirmed both males were passengers with Alex Lemay after he contacted police on Saturday afternoon.

RCMP charged Lemay with dangerous driving and failure to render assistance to an injured person after a weekend-long investigation.

Willis could not confirm rumours the victims were "car surfing" — trying to hold on to the hood or roof of a moving vehicle — before the accident occurred.

"We have not confirmed anything and are still interviewing those involved," he said on Tuesday afternoon. "We can't elaborate on what may have caused this."

RCMP discovered the vehicle involved parked at a local residence on Sunday.

It was examined by the Victoria RCMP Forensic Unit.

## First street light flashes

By STACY  
CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

It's a first for the island and Salt Spring pedestrians are thankful: a pedestrian-controlled crosswalk light is up and running at the corner of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads.

Installed last Wednesday and Thursday, it consists of two sets of lights that flash yellow to oncoming traffic when pedestrians push the button before crossing Lower Ganges Road.

The crosswalk is what Ron de Jager refers to as "a solar flashing pedestrian beacon." De Jager is operations manager with Raylec Power, the company that installed the

lights. He said it runs off solar power and the poles communicate using radio waves.

"The beauty of solar is that you don't need any hydro hookup," said de Jager. Expensive underground wiring is also unnecessary, he added.

According to de Jager, this type of pedestrian crosswalk is being seen in "more and more in municipalities all over Langford and up in Nanaimo."

However, the crosswalk is not a stop light and will not halt traffic altogether.

"You still have to watch the traffic. It just gives advance warning to the traffic that someone is trying to cross."

The need for a lighted crosswalk was highlighted when two Gulf Islands Secondary School students were struck by a vehicle in November 2005 while crossing the road to access the water taxi in Ganges Harbour.

The \$20,000 campaign to build a lighted crosswalk was headed by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, with funding from Ministry of Transportation (\$10,000), Salt Spring Lions Club (\$7,500), Capital Regional District (CRD) (\$2,500), ICBC (\$1,500), Mouat's Trading Co. (\$500), B.C. Ferries (\$250) and the public (\$266).

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**RESCUE**

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According to Mike Stacey, a coast guard search and rescue coordinator, the 55-year-old and his teenaged son were likely in the water for 90 minutes. The pair was travelling from the mainland to Valdez Island when heavy waves overturned their boat roughly two nautical miles northwest of Point Grey.

"What a stroke of luck," Stacey said. "That was really terrific work by the float plane's pilot and passengers."

Paramedics rushed the boaters to a Richmond hospital where they were treated for moderate hypothermia. Father and son are reportedly recovering from the incident, though an area search failed to turn up their missing dog.

The victims likely survived because of their drysuits and personal flotation devices, Stacey added.

If it hadn't have been for one of the boater's bright red drysuits, Paul wouldn't have

noticed the pair bobbing in the water 240 metres (800 feet) below.

"I looked out there and wondered if they were out there for fun; then I noticed an arm waving for help," said Paul, a co-manager of Mouat's Clothing.

Within minutes of the sighting, she was on the water saving lives.

"It was just like hauling in two very large fish," she said. "Jonathan and I were just following orders. We could have done anything. We were pumped."

After later running through the day's events, Yardley still could not believe the boaters' luck.

"They were extremely cold and shivering, they could talk but showed signs of shock," said Yardley, a Salt Spring architect who frequently travels between the island and Vancouver. "It was lucky we just happened to be there."



Mary Paul and St. Clair McColl on Tuesday morning after the rescue. Photo by Sean McIntyre

An earlier than usual departure, two vacant seats on the plane, clear flying conditions and cooperative sea conditions all played a factor in the rescue, he said.

According to McColl, Monday's weather forced him to take a more southerly route than usual. He said the decision may have saved the boaters lives.

A coast guard hydrofoil arrived on the scene as the plane was leaving with its extra passengers for Richmond.

"It really was fortuitous we took that route. Otherwise nobody would have seen them," he said. "I thought I could save some time by taking that route. Was I ever wrong?"

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?**  
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**CROSSWALK**

From Page 1

Excess funds will be made available for an education and awareness program.

As most students who utilize the crosswalk come from outer islands that do not have similar traffic situations, such education is necessary, said Chamber of Commerce vice president of business Peter McCully.

Although School District 64 already has traffic safety programs in place, superintendent Jeff Hopkins said they have started discussing proper use of the crosswalk.

Responsible and respectful use, including crossing in clusters rather than streaming across the road, are important issues, he said.

The lighted crosswalk comes at a time when the island is abuzz with pedestrian and cyclist safety in the Ganges core.



**WALK SAFELY:** Ron de Jager stands with the new crossing light at the corner of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads. Photo by Stacy Cardigan Smith

Last Monday marked the first of three public meetings to generate information for the new Transportation Management Plan (TMP). The TMP will address the section of Lower Ganges Road that runs from Atkins to Rainbow and then up Rainbow to the new recreation centre.

Project funding comes through federal government gas-tax monies administered by the CRD. The consultant for the project is Victoria-based Richard James and Associates.

"We're really pleased to see how much interest there is from the community on

safety issues and finding solutions to it," said Marion Pape, the Salt Spring coordinator for the TMP.

Although Pape is pleased with the crosswalk initiative, she added the "overall design characteristics for how people move" must also be considered.

Every intersection along Lower Ganges from Rainbow to Atkins roads will be assessed in the TMP, including the new lighted crosswalk, said Larry Roberts, senior transportation planner with the CRD.

Roberts added that doing something to alleviate the problem now, even before the TMP plan is complete, was a good idea.

He said once complete, the TMP might find the crosswalk is better suited at the north side of the intersection to allow for cars to make a left-hand turn. But he added nothing is for sure until the consulting firm has finished the study.

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# Islands collide over ferry change

By STACY  
CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

A change to the Friday night shoulder-season schedule from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands is causing concern for some island residents and giving others something to cheer about.

The trial schedule starts Thursday, April 5 (Easter long weekend) and runs for 12 Fridays from April 6 to June 22. It sees Mayne, Pender and Saturna-bound passengers depart Tsawwassen at 4:10 p.m., arriving at the islands at 5:20, 5:55 and 6:05 p.m., respectively. The original schedule sees the boat depart at Tsawwassen at 6:30 p.m.

The ferry will then return to the terminal to pick up Galiano and Salt Spring traffic, departing Tsawwassen at 8:15 p.m., and arriving at Galiano at 9:10 p.m. and Salt Spring at 10:05. The current schedule sees Galiano-bound traffic on the previous 6:30 p.m. sailing and Salt Spring traffic on a 10:25 sailing.

Concern about the new sailing times came to a head at recent meetings held by B.C. Ferries on each of the five affected islands. Attendance at each meeting varied, from between 10 on Galiano to over 70 on Saturna.

"For years customers have

been complaining about the Gulf Islands schedules, so this is one thing that we are trying," said Deborah Marshall, B.C. Ferries' director of media relations, of the reason behind the change. "We want it to be win-win for everybody."

Although the earlier departure time means Salt Spring passengers will no longer often arrive past midnight, many feel the earlier sailing time will harm the economies of the three less populated islands.

"I'm extremely disappointed, but the people on Saturna are mad as hell," said Brian Hollingshead, Saturna Island trustee and former chair of the Southern Gulf Island Ferry Advisory Committee. "The only thing we can conclude is that B.C. Ferries made this decision without any understanding of the profound harm it can do to the island."

A 4:10 p.m. departure time means Mayne, Pender and Saturna-bound weekenders must leave work early and take children out of school, which is not a viable option for many, argue critics.

"It's basically closed up those three islands for the shoulder season," Hollingshead said. "It's not an inconvenience, it will harm us."

"It's those shoulder months that keep me afloat,"

confirms Beth Jones, who owns Sandy Bay Bed and Breakfast on Saturna.

Of the B&B's \$23,000 income last year, \$5,000 was earned during the shoulder months, Jones said. "That's a major chunk."

According to Leslie Peers of Blue Vista Resort and Sea Kayaking on Mayne, the change in sailing times is a bad business decision on the part of B.C. Ferries.

"They have no plan. They don't know who is going to catch that ferry and they don't have an advertising strategy."

At Saturday's meeting on Salt Spring, B.C. Ferries Capt. Chris Frappell described the scheduling for the Gulf Islands as a "Rubix Cube" and admitted B.C. Ferries might not have fully understood the impact of the change on some of the islands.

"We clearly understood some of the impact, but not the level of impact."

Priscilla Ewbank, co-owner of the general store and pub on Saturna, travelled to Salt Spring on Saturday to address the meager crowd.

She pleaded for Salt Springers to reject the schedule: "We don't have the option of catching the Skeena [Queen from Swartz Bay] and going through. Those people simply can't come."

However, other islanders are slightly more frustrated than Ewbank.

"Once again, Salt Spring is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. There are three tiny communities that will suffer because of it and I think it's a stupid move by B.C. Ferries," Jones said.

Nonetheless, many Salt Spring residents, particularly accommodations providers, are happy with what they foresee will increase business.

Randy Cunningham of Salt Spring's Cottage Resort was worried a three-month trial would not provide enough time to fully demonstrate the importance of the earlier Salt Spring sailing time because he would not be able to market it.

"How am I going to show you how important this is because it might take more than a year before it starts showing up?"

Tanya Macdonald, president of the island's accommodations group, said the change will also benefit Salt Spring commuters.

"It's also [for] the working people here, it's not just the tourists we are changing this for."

According to Frappell, B.C. Ferries will evaluate the schedule throughout the trial and should make a final decision before it is complete.

## New library update promised for AGM

Islanders will have an opportunity to attend the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association on Thursday, March 29 at Lions Hall.

"The meeting will be fairly routine," said library board chair Duncan Hepburn. "Everybody has agreed to stand again for their positions on the board."

"There will be an update

on the building project," he added. "We encourage everybody to come out and learn about their library."

A resolution to amend some association bylaws dealing with procedural

matters will be presented for approval. The full text of the proposed resolution is posted at the library.


The AGM will begin at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

## Spring Aqua out now


The Driftwood's spring 2007 edition of Aqua magazine hits the streets today (March 21).

Aqua is available inside newsstand/store copies of the paper, at the Driftwood office and other outlets on Salt Spring and in the Victoria area. It's also mailed to Pender, Mayne and Galiano mailboxes. This issue's cover story is on the proliferation of Salt Spring yoga, with features on Gulf Islanders, getaways and columns from Arthur Black, Don Genova, Linda Kavelin-Popov and Andrea Rabinovitch.

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# Gulf Islands grow up in latest census

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

It sure may not feel like it on a rainy late-winter day, but the Gulf Islands are among the fastest growing rural regions in the country, according to Census 2006 figures released last week.

"Overall, our rate of population growth was double the Canadian rate of 5.4 per cent," said Kim Benson, chair of the Islands Trust. "We also seem to be bucking the trend towards urbanization."

While the majority of the country's growth occurred in larger urban centres, the Gulf Islands' population grew from 23,009 to 25,366, roughly 10 per cent, between 2001 and 2006.

Salt Spring's population rose 4.3 per cent during the same period and now officially sits at 9,780.

According to census figures, fewer than 20 per cent of Canadians live outside of Canada's 33 major urban centres.

The population of the nation's small towns and rural areas only grew by one per cent between 2001 and 2006.

The country's rural population is at its lowest level

since the country's first census undertaken in 1851 found 87 per cent of Canada's 2.4 million lived outside the city.

Considering the past several years' high number of real estate sales and increasing assessment values, Benson said, the population increase comes as little surprise.

The Gulf Islands are experiencing a classic case of "aging baby boomer syndrome," a rush of retiring couples trading in property in the city for a taste of island life.

Salt Spring may not have experienced the dramatic population increases found on islands such as Mayne (26 per cent), Galiano (17.5 per cent), Saturna (12.5 per cent) and North Pender (12 per cent), but the Trust's most populous island still faces many of the same development pressures.

Since 2001, Salt Spring recorded 399 more people and 223 new private dwellings, the greatest numerical increase among the Islands Trust's 13 local Trust areas.

"This is the one of the reasons the Islands Trust was formed," said Benson. "When you have a fixed amount of space on an archi-

pelago located so close to two major cities it creates excessive pressure. You can't just move up the mountain or down the valley."

Benson said the census data will help planning for future programs and services.

As more demographic data comes out over the next several months, she added, trustees and planners will receive a more accurate picture of residents' ages, occupations, religious beliefs, ethnic backgrounds and incomes.

Meanwhile, trustees on some islands have been left scratching their heads.

Trustees from Lasqueti, the lone local Trust area to experience a population decline, can explain the island's eight fewer residents, but are left pondering how the island lost 51 homes since 2001.

John Henshaw, a South Pender Island trustee, is raising questions about his own island's supposed 48 per cent population increase.

"I don't know where they are, but I guess they are lurking around the woods," Henshaw said.

"They're likely counting people who don't live here

full time."

Henshaw said he and his fellow islanders have some research to complete before they can confirm the census figures.

Despite the odd glitch, a Statistics Canada spokesperson said enumerators spent four months roaming campgrounds, cottages, hotels, residences and boats to include everyone in the count.

"I know the Gulf Islands posed some particular challenges to census takers but we still achieved a response rate of more than 90 per cent," said Sherry Wallace.

For more information, visit [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca).

Following is the rank of the 13 local Trust areas by population according to Census 2006 figures.

1. Salt Spring, 9,780
2. Gabriola, 4,050
3. Bowen, 3,362
4. North Pender, 1,996
5. Galiano, 1,258
6. Mayne, 1,112
7. Denman, 1,095
8. Hornby, 1,074
9. Thetis, 372
10. Lasqueti, 359
10. Saturna, 359
11. Gambier, 313
12. South Pender, 236

# Drugs and alcohol dominate court session in Ganges

A Salt Spring Island man received a three-year driving prohibition and must attend a residential alcohol-treatment program after pleading guilty in Ganges Provincial Court last week to impaired driving.

A blood-alcohol test conducted by Salt Spring RCMP officers determined Anthony Winston had a blood-alcohol count of .280 shortly after they observed him driving his common-law partner's Toyota Camry erratically along Fulford-Ganges Road on the evening of November 13, 2006.

"At those kinds of levels you are eventually going to kill somebody, if not yourself," said Justice Keith Bracken. "I don't know how you feel about yourself, but you will kill somebody if you keep this up. Something has got to be done here."

Standing before the court, Winston acknowledged he has unsuccessfully fought his alcoholism for several years. He said he looks forward to taking part in a Victoria counselling program.

"I plead guilty. I need treatment," Winston told the court.

Winston has 18 months to pay a mandatory minimum fine of \$600.

In other court news:

Justice Keith Bracken issued a 22-year-old Salt Spring man a 30-day conditional sentence after he pleaded guilty to two probation violations from December 2006.

RCMP officers spotted Morgan Howard "taking a sip of beer" at a Ganges-area pub early on the morning of December 8. Less than 24

## COURT DOCKET

hours later, officers discovered Howard drinking in another establishment.

Howard was banned from consuming alcohol in any licensed premises as part of conditions stemming from a January 2006 alcohol-related charge.

"You are 22 and do have an alcohol problem. I don't know if you realize it but you do," Bracken said. "From what I've heard, you've had no motivation to deal with the problem and that really disturbs me and calls for consequences."

Howard must enroll in an alcohol counselling program, not drive for 12 months and not leave his home between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for the duration of his sentence.

A Salt Spring man must pay a \$600 fine and cannot drive a vehicle for one year after pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol. Police were alerted after a patrol observed a vehicle leaving Moby's Pub with its trunk open at 8:30 p.m. in October of 2005. Officers noticed the vehicle swerving along Upper Ganges Road. After pulling over the vehicle, officers discovered Bryan Mackness had neither a driver's licence nor a valid vehicle registration. When questioned, Mackness reportedly swayed from side to side and had trouble walking. A blood alcohol sample revealed Mackness had a .200 reading, more than double the legally permitted .08 threshold.

"Although my recollection of the evening is not complete, the [police reports] are probably accurate," Mackness told the court.

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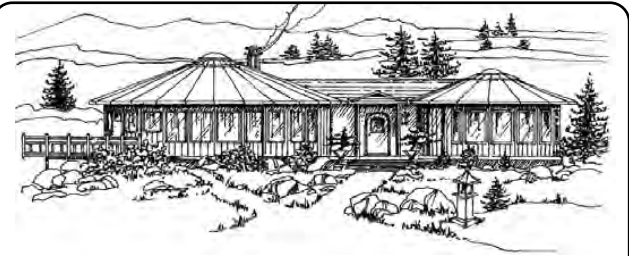
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# CRD budget includes liquid waste and emergency planning upgrades

By GARY HOLMAN  
CRD director for Salt Spring Island

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board will approve its 2007 tax requisition at a special meeting on March 28.

The overall 2007 CRD requisition for Salt Spring will be just over \$3.4 million, or about \$547 per average residence, excluding sewer and water utilities. This represents an increase of about \$105,000 or a 3.2 per cent increase over 2006 (\$17 per average household) and compares to a 9.2 per cent increase in average residential assessments.

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), stormwater quality

management (0.4 per cent), and increased funding for the electoral area feasibility reserve fund (0.4 per cent).

Salt Spring's liquid waste parcel tax will be increased to finance improvements necessary for composting our sewage and septage sludge, a long-time community objective. The 18-acre Burgoyne Bay site will be owned outright, and the composting facility completed, by 2008.

The increased requisition for emergency planning will finance the purchase of a portable generator for reception centres on the island, and the one-time cost of mapping to identify tsunami-related shoreline risks and earthquake risks on steep, unstable slopes. The increase in the CRD storm water monitoring budget is also due to mapping and other costs for drinking watershed and Ganges Harbour management planning. These mapping and planning projects are cooperative initiatives with Islands Trust.

The increase for the CREST system is primarily to cover Salt Spring's share of additional debt required to upgrade the system. A technical consultant has presented some preliminary findings on improvements to the CREST Board, and it is possible that additional funding will be required in the future to implement the consultant's final recommendations. Increases to the electoral area feasibility reserve fund are necessary to cover the one time costs associated with the establishment

of new CRD services, which on Salt Spring includes several potentially new CRD water districts (e.g., North Salt Spring Water District). These costs will be largely recovered from provincial planning grants and ratepayers upon establishment of the new service.

The Parks and Recreation Commission's (PARC's) initial 2007 budget request to the CRD Board, received at its February meeting, was for a tax increase of about \$340,000.

I could not support this request because of other priorities emerging in the community such as the new fire hall, library and sidewalks in the villages. Based on a budget analysis I requested from PARC staff, the commission ultimately agreed that holding the requisition at the current level would still provide sufficient resources to make a number of needed investments in recreation infrastructure (e.g., beach accesses, trails, park washrooms) and to set aside significant funds for future land acquisition.

As in the past, I will support incremental borrowing for the pool, depending on final completion costs, or for cost saving investments such as geothermal heating. PARC is borrowing \$1.3 million less than approved by referendum, and over \$3 million less than the estimated final cost of the pool. Any incremental borrowing will not significantly affect funding for future additions to the facility, such as the

leisure pool.

I considered, but decided against reducing PARC's requisition to partly offset taxpayer losses associated with the resale of the Cover-All tennis structure. The commission's shift to a less expensive bubble was a difficult decision that will avoid the higher than anticipated costs of a new, permanent facility.

It would be counterproductive to compound the consequences of this decision by negating PARC's ability to fund other worthwhile recreation facilities.

As CRD director, I must take ultimate responsibility for the Cover-All project, and will therefore reduce my director's salary by \$6,000 (a 20 per cent decrease) for each of the years 2007 and 2008.

I will be increasing the CRD director grant-in-aid and overall administration budgets by a total of about \$6,500 in 2007.

These funds lever senior government contributions and other fundraising essential to support community works by local non-profit groups, and to initiate other CRD projects to promote sustainability, such as sewage plant water reclamation, energy efficiency measures and affordable housing.

Copies of this article and the preliminary budget are available now at the CRD building inspection office in Ganges. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at 653-2075 or at directorssi@crd.bc.ca.

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## Ganges sewer climbs up hill

Although traffic has finally started to clear near the beginning of Fulford-Ganges Road, construction will continue nearby as Three Point Properties extends the Ganges-area sewer system up the hill for its Bishop's Walk and Bishop's Green projects.

According to J.P. Martin, development manager for Three Point Properties, the infrastructure work is one or two weeks away from completion. Work along Fulford-Ganges Road should have wrapped up last week, save for some paving which should occur in the next few weeks. However, some side roads will continue to be affected, including Dean.

Some 570 meters of sewer pipes were installed along Fulford-Ganges Road, Martin said.

This is the first time the Ganges-area sewer system has been extended up the hill on Ful-

ford-Ganges Road, thanks to a condition in the building permit.

"We required the developer to extend the sewer to their location for the new property," said Capital Regional District (CRD) local services coordinator Gary Hendren.

After construction is complete, sewer maintenance will be turned over to the CRD.

At that time, residents further up Ganges Hill will have the opportunity to hook up to the system, but will have to apply to the CRD, Hendren said.

Whether hooking up is financially viable will have a lot to do with where a property is located.

"If you are a homeowner and you happen to live beside where the sewer is going in, [connecting may be a good idea]," he said.



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Three Point Properties would like to extend our thanks to the Salt Spring Island community for their cooperation with traffic crews facilitating the addition to the municipal sewer system on Fulford-Ganges Road. Construction is nearing completion and traffic patterns will be returning to normal shortly. Our sincerest thanks for your patience.

The extension of the sewer system by Three Point Properties was required to service Three Point Properties' Bishops Walk Subdivision and will also help neighbouring property owners gain easier access to the community sewer system in the future.

Once the sewer installation is complete and the CRD accepts the new infrastructure as part of the Ganges sewer system, there will be the opportunity to extend the sewer system further, and to service the established areas near the development and along the sewer route.

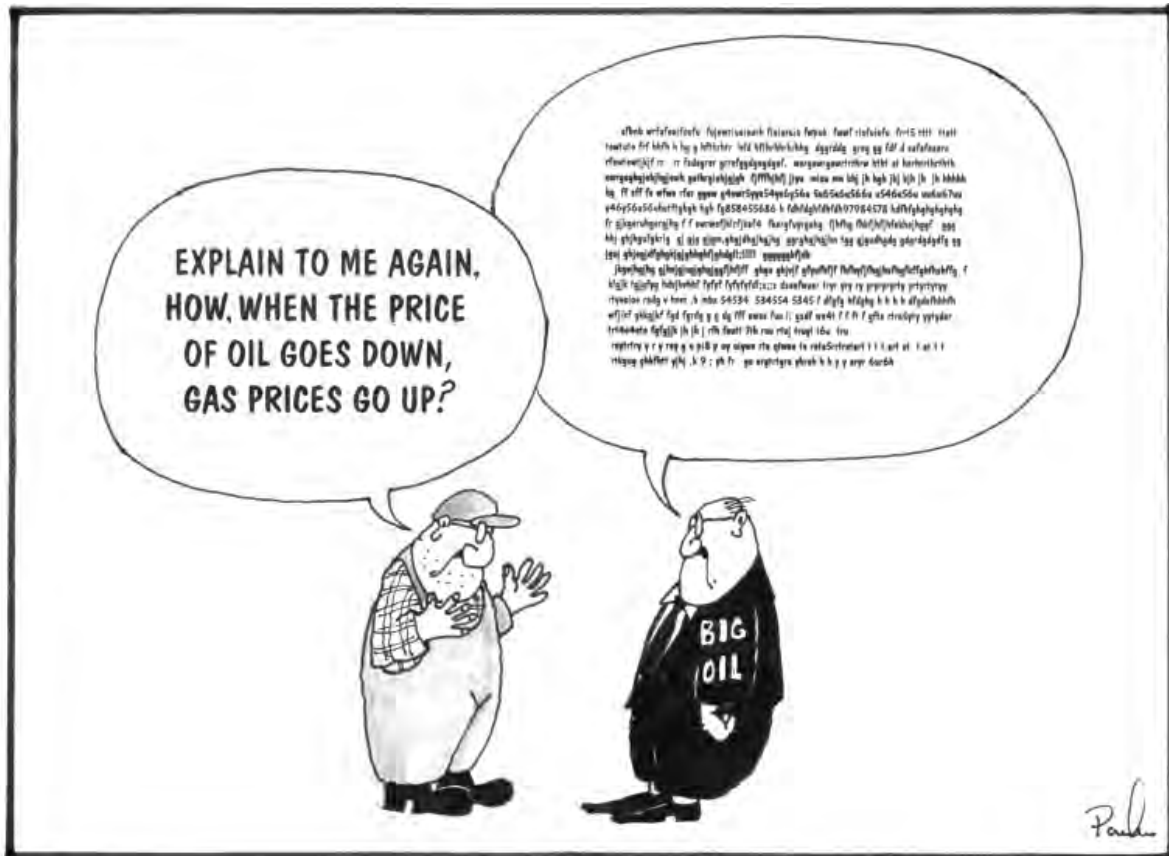
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## Justifying a budget

As if signs of growth weren't obvious to all Gulf Islands residents, release of official 2006 Census of Canada data last week confirmed it.

Salt Spring's population grew by 4.4 per cent in the previous five years, while the rate was more than 10 per cent throughout the Islands Trust area. In an effort to cope with such growth, the Islands Trust proposes to substantially boost its operating budget this year — by 17 per cent to \$5.65 million, with a 14.5 per cent property tax hike involved.

Islands Trust trustees have always been keenly aware of public perception of property tax increases, since they must generally live intimately with the people they're taxing and the results of their decisions. As well, the Trust process is so thorough that by the time a budget is passed by Trust Council each March, trustees would have to be completely daft to not understand the issues, figures and items they're voting for or against.

With the highest-ever tax and budget increase in front of them next week at a meeting on Gabriola Island, trustees must be more prepared than ever to justify their actions and commit to evaluating the outcome.

It's far too easy for the Trust to become an ever-growing bureaucracy that spins in circles creating more strategic plans and public relations brochures while covenanted trees keep falling and families leave the islands because they can no longer afford to live on them.

Is more bylaw enforcement really an answer? Last year Trust Council voted to boost the enforcement budget by more than \$100,000 for salaries and legal fees. Did it make a tangible difference in the past year? Hopefully before adding another \$58,000 to that part of the budget some realistic rationale will be offered for how it will make a difference. Ditto for another \$300,000 for more planners and reinstatement of a senior management position that was eliminated a couple of years ago.

Some \$36 for an average household just doesn't sound like much anymore, but once the spending floodgates are opened this wide, it's frightening to contemplate how they'll be squeezed shut in future.

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## Reflections on the Islands Trust 2007-2008 budget and 2006 census

By PETER LAMB

Our little islands are popular places. The recent census data shows a 10 per cent increase in population in the Trust area since 2001, about double the rate in B.C. So, it's not surprising that the Islands Trust is experiencing heavy demands for development.

This year's proposed Trust budget addresses that challenge. It includes funding for actions on our mandate to preserve and protect these special islands, to increase bylaw enforcement and address delays in processing applications.

The budget coming forward for approval at next week's Trust Council meeting on Gabriola Island is for \$5.65 million, representing an increase of 14.5 per cent on property taxes and 17 per cent over the current year's budget. The tax increase amounts to about \$36 per year on a property assessed at \$400,000. Full

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details of the proposed budget are available on our website at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca).

Why an increase for next year? The Trust's Governance Task Force is reviewing ways of strengthening the Islands Trust. In April we will receive a consultant's report of options for trustee representation and coordination with regional districts. New budget funds will provide for public consultation and the implementation of specific actions that follow from Trust Council decisions about governance.

At the Trust Council meeting, we will also receive a report on improving local planning services throughout the Trust, including specific community concerns in the Salt Spring office. Our new

director of local planning, Mac Fraser, begins work in April. Trust staffing levels have not kept pace with our increasing workload for planning applications, advocacy, enquiries and bylaw enforcement, as well as long-term planning so the budget provides funds for additional staffing. We are also planning to do a better job informing communities of our bylaws and processes in an effort to reduce bylaw infractions. The budget also proposes to re-instate the position of Trust area services manager, who will provide a more focused attention to Trust advocacy with other agencies and levels of government, Trust Policy Statement reviews, legislative services and public communication.

Another area of planned expenditures relates to the importance of having reliable information and mapping for official community plans and land use bylaws. Specifically, the budget will allow

the Trust to complete mapping for new provincially mandated riparian area regulations, updated ecosystem data and more detailed elevation contours. Among other benefits, these maps will allow us to better define development permit areas and plan for the impact of climate change.

Finally, the budget also addresses the critical importance of establishing a prudent level of financial reserves for the Trust to meet unexpected expenditures. Currently our reserves represent just over one month's expenditure. We are proposing an annual contribution over the next few years to reach a target level of at least six months expenditures.

For the Salt Spring Local Trust Area, the census showed a growth in population of 4.3 per cent between 2001 and 2006 compared to a negligible growth over the previous five years. This is less than half the growth rate for the

entire Trust area, so we are seeing a dispersal of the increased population across all the islands. Another indicator of this trend is the fact that the 2007 assessed values for residential homes increased by only nine per cent on Salt Spring compared to over 20 per cent in the whole Trust area. We also had an increase of 223 recorded housing units over the past five years (4.4 per cent growth rate).

As the most populous island in the Trust area, Salt Spring remains key to the continued strength and vitality of the Islands Trust and its ability to preserve and protect all of our island communities. Your trustees intend to make sure that we continue to play our part in keeping the Trust a strong and effective force in protecting the environment of the Gulf Islands.

*The writer is a Salt Spring Islands Trust trustee.*

## Green principles vs. Green politics in Penn's choice

By BRIAN SMALLSHAW

There has been much discussion this past week about Briony Penn's decision to leave the Green Party to run for the Liberal candidacy in the next federal election.

While many are baffled and angry at her decision, Briony made her move because she feels that this will be the most effective way to advance the Green agenda and stop the Conservatives, who despite liberal dispensations of cash in recent weeks, aren't about to make any changes that challenge the big oil or auto companies, or the U.S. government. A substantial portion of the Conservative Party do not believe climate change is human-caused, but Harper knows that holding power depends on changing

### IN RESPONSE

his party's anti-environment image.

Our delight that Briony might be able to advance the Green agenda within the Liberal Party is tempered by a clear memory of the Liberal record on the environment. Stéphane Dion seems to be sincere in his desire to take real steps to deal with climate change — why he even named his dog "Kyoto" — but as federal-provincial minister he campaigned against meeting Kyoto targets and he is up against powerful forces within his own party who are not nearly so committed. The Liberal Party is in disarray; it will

eventually come together as a more coherent force, but in the meantime it struggles to find unity and credibility.

We're flattered that the Liberals are looking to the Greens for some desperately needed credibility on the environment, and Briony might be able to help them with that. It's difficult to forget, however, that this is the party that allowed greenhouse gas emissions to rise 30 per cent over 1990 levels, gave \$1.5 billion in corporate subsidies to the oil and gas industry, gave Ford over \$80 million to build an SUV plant in Oakville, promoted asbestos exports to developing countries, and got us into our current mess in Afghanistan.

We understand the fear that drove Briony to the Liberals,

but believe that she could have fought back against the destructive policies of the Conservative government much more effectively as a Green, and would have been more electable as a Green. We hope she hasn't traded her own credibility to buy the Liberals a green T-shirt.

Some people have been disappointed that we have not formed an alliance with the Liberals to defeat the Conservatives, but many of our members and supporters have come to us because they are tired of politicians who will do or say anything to get elected. Unlike the Liberals, the Green Party has principles: protection of the environment, non-violence and social justice are at the core of our policies. Politics may be the art of

compromise, but just as the PCs were smothered by the Alliance in the Conservative Party, the GP will be smothered by an alliance with the Liberals.

An important goal of the Green Party is electoral reform. With the current concern about the environment and under the leadership of Elizabeth May the Green Party is enjoying strong support across the country. But we also know that many, many Canadians vote strategically; not for the person or party they want or the one that reflects their values, but for the candidate that has the best chance of defeating the party they hate. This has led to a state of affairs where a huge proportion of the population is so cynical about the system that they don't even

bother to vote. And who can blame them?

The Liberal Party is the only national party that does not support electoral reform — even the Conservatives have said they support it. So we'll be happily surprised if Briony is able to bring that change to the party. If the Liberals really are sincere in reaching out to the Greens, we'll know it when they make electoral reform part of their election platform. When that comes, Briony won't have to run to the Liberals in desperation, your vote will count no matter who you vote for, and the voices of all Canadians will be heard.

*The writer is secretary of the local Green Party of Canada riding association.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

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**Lind-e Hoban**

*The sun. I don't know where it is right now but I know it's coming.*



**David Jennings**

*I work on the Queen of Nanaimo ferry and I can now stand out on the deck and watch the sunset.*



**Dianne Mede**

*Picking up the dog poop in the backyard.*



**Jim Warren**

*I look for drier weather and am getting prepared to garden. So far I've been staying in the greenhouse.*



**Jennifer Kelsick**

*Pink blossoms in Victoria and trilliums in my garden.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Freaking Fritz

I am aware Salt Spring is a small community and the Driftwood will have small community-oriented stories that reflect this.

However, I am consistently bewildered as to how many news "stories" the life and death of one cat can possibly merit. For example, a 500-word article to document the "cat-napping" on August 1, 2005 appeared as a major story; tribute was paid to Fritz in another article in the September 13, 2006 issue; Fritz the Cat Takes His Final Bow appeared as a front-page story on February 28 of this year accompanied by "Remember Fritz," encouraging people to write letters of remembrance, while a cartoon was also thrown in for good measure. The final straw was more paper wasted by recent editorials, photos and letters.

The passionate quotes in these articles also sur-

prised me.

I'm sure readers were captivated by the cat-napping saga that was ironically motivated by some naive outsider trying to save Fritz from being hit by a car at the busy intersection.

However, RCMP time was wasted to determine that cat was comfortable, "car smart" and the constable was ready to get "the dog man out to track him" if the cat was not returned. The constable also noted that several islanders came to the police detachment to file complaints on Fritz's behaviour!

A book has been published with a sequel planned. The CBC broadcast the story of the famous cat-napping. Arthur Black attended the funeral to recite this broadcast!

I think cats should be treated with respect, but I'm going to say it anyway — it was just a freaking cat! I'm looking forward to finally reading some rants along

with the roses!

**PAUL HANNAH,**  
Salt Spring Island

### Tennis review coming

In response to Mike Best's unnecessarily antagonistic opinion piece last week and the advertisement by the Salt Spring Ratepayers Group (SSRG) requesting a public accounting of the Cover-All tennis project, the short answer is that a review will be undertaken as promised.

The delay has been partly due to legal action, but also because the tennis project itself has taken several turns in terms of location and scale.

As for my salary reduction, my primary intent is not, as Mr. Best suggests, to repay taxpayers for the Cover-All losses, it is simply to acknowledge in a meaningful way, ultimate responsibility for the project as the elected CRD director.

As I've indicated in my budget summary for 2007, PARC's requisition increase for this year will be zero. In fact, with the exception of increases for the indoor swimming pool, PARC has not had a requisition increase during my tenure. It does not make sense to me to compound the consequences of the tennis project by further reducing PARC's ability to undertake good works in the community.

Perhaps in his search for a pound of flesh, Mr. Best could also consider the consequences of his own court action for taxpayers — tens of thousands in legal fees that had no effect on the decisions made by PARC or myself. This is not to say that SSRG and Mr. Best don't have valid concerns, but they have chosen a course that added substantially to taxpayer costs and delayed a public accounting of the tennis project, thereby exacerbating precisely the situation

they are complaining about.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
CRD director, Salt Spring

### Get out the paint

I applaud Deborah Lewis' letter in last week's paper about the condition of road lines on Salt Spring.

Starting in 2005 I have had numerous conversations with Bob Webb of the Ministry of Transportation and on June 9, 2005 sent the following letter to the maintenance contractor:

"The condition of the yellow lines on Salt Spring has deteriorated to the point where the roads have become dangerous.

"They were bad last year (2004), they are dreadful this year. In many places the lines have disappeared altogether, especially on curves where these lines are needed the most. This is hazardous in the summer, but becomes even more dangerous in the

rainy winter season.

"Without the lines it is much more difficult to tell when you are far enough over on the right side of the road, especially at night or in fog. Those of us who are familiar with the island find it dangerous, let alone tourists who are new to the island's windy roads. Without the lines as guides, more and more drivers are in the centre of the road, which is dangerous on the tight curves.

"We are asking you to please prioritize the painting of the yellow lines on Salt Spring Island so that it is completed before fall to prevent accidents and injuries."

This letter obviously did no good. If the powers that be don't feel this is a critical issue, do we need to get out our own brushes and paint the lines ourselves?

**NORAH LLOYD,**  
Vesuvius Bay

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## Premature death of a brilliant man bares the stark human condition

My friend France Munnik died at approximately 8:20 p.m. on March 13 in Room A8-106 of the Palliative Care Ward in the St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Room A8-106 is a lovely room, with views to the Red River Valley, with recessed lighting and dark muted colours. It is quiet — the only sounds are the white noise hissing of the air conditioner and the occasional painful gasp, as another stabbing pain washed through France's body. All in all, a nice place to die. He was 57 years old.

He died an agonizing death, alone, heavily sedated, with enough morphine coursing through his body to kill a horse. Despite the opiates, the pain was remorseless and unbearable. There was nothing heroic or dignified in his death.

France was not ordinary. His I.Q. was in the stratosphere. He and I used to play a game. I would name a city — any city on the planet — and he would give me the longitude and latitude off the top of his head. He liked geography.

He liked classical music, and studied the lives of the great composers to the point where he would often make corrections in

### HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



record album liner notes, minutiae like a date, or a misspelled middle name.

He liked art history, and received an honours degree at the University of Victoria, based on countless hours spent archiving much of Emily Maltwood's art collection and knocking off flawless term papers the night before they were due.

Like most brilliant eccentrics, France did not thrive in polite society. He dressed haphazardly, usually shoeless, and had an inordinately large head, with a tooth that jutted out at right angles to the side of his mouth. (He had a pathological fear of dentists.)

Despite his dubious corporate potential, he was offered a career in Canada's foreign service, likely based on his analytical skills and near fluency in eight languages. He was one of a handful cherry picked by the federal agency from thousands of applicants across Canada. France declined the job.

Instead, he chose to work alone at a fire lookout in a remote region

of the eastern Rocky Mountains, where it was not uncommon to go a month or more without seeing another human being. He liked that. He liked it so much

he stayed 24 years.

During those years, he transformed a ramshackle old cabin into a wilderness Camelot, with a summer "victory garden," cedar hedges and finely groomed walking trails through the forest. France and his fire lookout became the stuff of local legend. When the Alberta forest service feted foreign forestry delegations, they would invariably parade them through France's fire tower. France wasn't so keen on visitors, dignitaries or no. He would padlock the outhouse and hide in the cupola perched on top of his 100-foot tower until they all gave up and went away.

He would wile away most of the off-season winter months in Malindi, a decaying colonial tourist town on the east coast of Africa, dividing his time there between chess games with like-minded European ex-pats and the baser pleasures of the neighbourhood brothels. He would have been well advised to stick to the

former, as the latter ultimately proved his undoing.

Two years ago he returned to his fire tower sporting a small, angry bump on his head. Given the remote location and his preternatural fear of hospitals, he ignored the bump. When it appeared to be growing larger and uglier, he threw his mirrors away.

The angry little bump flourished, reaching the size of a hockey puck. When the one became two, it was time to see a doctor. The lab results weren't so good. The hockey pucks proved to be a very nasty, very virulent form of cancer that had worked its way into his brain. The lab tests also showed he was HIV positive, doubtless from the many forays to the aforementioned brothels. Inoperable brain cancer and a shredded immune system. His fate was sealed.

The final months of his life were chilling — shunted from one hospital to another, the endless paperwork, the waiting around in cheap Edmonton hotel rooms, not daring to leave lest the specialist phone, the trips to emergency when the pain was unbearable, the looks from other patients, the nurse who refused to treat him because of the HIV, the relapses, the procedures, the

despair, the death. Such a waste. Such a waste.

There will be no memorial service at The Fritz theatre for France, no life celebration at the Harbour House, no sports tournaments in his name. He died in Room A8-106. The remarkable nurses that work that floor, that see death as a matter of routine, said this death was a tough one for them. His brother John was there shortly after France's heart had stopped. He remarked that France had a look of relief. The House of Hesus, a hospice for HIV/AIDS patients in downtown Winnipeg, optimistically kept his room open for him. The faint hope clause. They have gathered up his things and swept the room.

There is no moral to this story about chosen paths, no cautionary tale about the ravages of HIV and the dangers of unprotected sex. It is simply the human condition. As my all-knowing 15-year-old niece says, "It is what it is." My friend France is dead.

The next day was a brilliant blue-sky day on Salt Spring Island. I sat down at the beach where France used to spend hours walking my dogs, and pondered how this special, brilliant man could be so, so foolish.

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**Strange bedfellows**

A healthy and sustainable future for Canada depends on addressing social and environmental issues as well as economic factors.

The Green Party's clear message resonates with many concerned Canadians and appears to have recently penetrated the Liberal consciousness.

Their strategy to remedy a notable lack of credible Green talent within the Liberal fraternity? They've begun courting Green Party members to run as Liberal candidates. One might question whether they are in a position to deliver on any promises they might make.

Although local Green activist Briony Penn has

likely based her recent political move on a genuine desire to serve humanity, many friends question her decision to contest the Liberal candidacy.

Historically, Liberal policy demonstrates neither compassion nor concern for the environment. Business is business, and the party machine will say or do whatever it must to obtain and maintain power.

As Briony tentatively steps into the Liberal embrace, she faces an uncertain future. She may be successful in delivering some Green votes to a party in desperate pursuit of a shifting electorate, but can she affect some much-needed structural changes in Liberal policy?

Time will tell.  
**CHRIS DIXON,**  
Mansell Road

**No pothole rationale**

Please — would some people stop recommending potholes as a solution to speeding traffic. (Safer, People-Friendly Streets Wanted, March 14 Driftwood.)

Potholes are a car-destroying hazard. Some people speed up to jump over them, some drive all over the road to avoid them, speeding up and down uses more fuel and, as for cycling on those broken-down edges, well, don't. Potholes are a sign of slovenly road maintenance and there is no justification for them on this highly taxed island. Slow down traffic at busy intersections with roundabouts.

**J. MORGAN,**  
Salt Spring

**RANTS & ROSES**

**RANTS**

Grunts to the nincompoops who continue to remove senior-related posters. Why the aversion to truth, transparency, and the people's right to know? Does it impede their schemes, scams and flimflams? After our "grunt" of August 2006 we hoped some feedback to the psychiatric assessment of the perpetrators might follow. Ronald Milton (Young at Heart Seniors OAPO)

I guess there is a first for everything. A. Stokely

A half-acre of fragrant non-invasive yellow roses to Michael Jason, the one-man Broom Demolition Dynamo of Channel Ridge. Toby

A big, sunny bouquet of pink and yellow roses to Imani's mom Shannon, who organized our swimming class at the Commonwealth Pool. Splashes, kicks and bubbles from all the other Starfish and their moms.

A huge bouquet of fragrant red roses to everyone at Salt Spring Drycleaners from all of us at Island Comfort Quilts for pre-washing all the flannels we used in making our quilts at the 3rd Annual Community Quilting Bee March 11th. A "printers' devil" dropped the name from the story. We very much appreciate your contribution to our success!

A dozen grateful green roses to Oona McQuat and her Dancing Fairies for entertaining those attending a St. Patrick's Day Tea at the United Church. You were all charmers!

A dozen long-lasting, beautifully formed roses (any colour you choose) to each of the following: Darlene, Jane, Sue, Pat, Janice, Wendy and Connie for having the courage, determination, and all-around community spirit to ignite Friends Fitness from the ashes of Curves. One of your many grateful admirers

Roses to all the wonderful people who gave money to the local BCSPCA in memory and honour of our most-beloved Fritz. Fritz was and remains a symbol of community spirit. Thank you to all the wonderful souls who helped make his life and death so meaningful. Salt Spring BCSPCA

**ROSES**

To whomever was responsible for getting a crossing light at Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads — it seemed one minute it was mentioned and the next it was happening. Who would have ever thought anything could happen so fast on Salt Spring?

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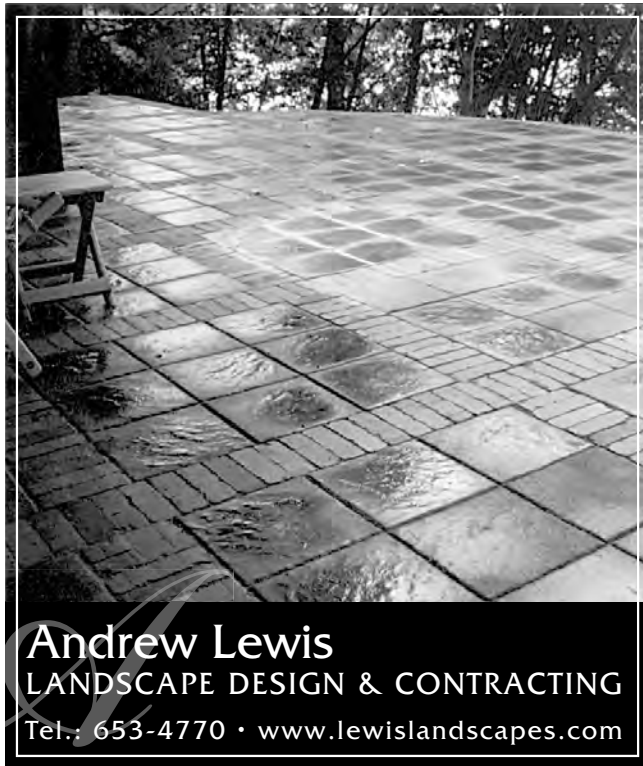
The Camera can locate blockages, crushed/broken pipes and joints separated and out of line.

We can locate problems and recommend repairs or whom to contact for specific requirements, i.e. certified septic field installers or septic tank cleaning.

*Thanks, Rick Traer*



*We are presently working for our certification for septic field inspections and repairs.*



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## More letters

### No pro yet

In last week's motorcycle racing article about me there was a factual error that gives me great concern.

I want to thank Sean McIntyre for writing such a hopeful article, but wanted to make some corrections.

I was inaccurately represented as being a top-level provincial professional. Though it would be nice, I am, simply put, still aspiring to be a professional. This season I hope to be a top competitor in the amateur class. I do have an "expert" licence in the U.S., which is pretty exciting, but I don't get paid . . . and so I am not a professional. Also, the

way the article came across sounded a bit arrogant, which certainly is not how I feel, especially at the track.

It is not an easy thing to break into this expensive sport and I hugely appreciate every dollar of help I receive. The bikes are valued at \$15,000, but with the help from Suzuki Canada I will likely get it for less — even less per year if I race the same bike for two years. It could cost me a total of \$30,000 to compete in the Canadian amateur nationals. As I am paying my own way so far, I can't yet afford this — which is why I'm seeking help. Local club racing in the Pacific Northwest comes in close to \$20,000 for the

entire season.

Lastly, what I do is the motorcycle equivalent of Formula 1 racing. We do not race in a circle, but on a road course.

Hopefully this clarifies things for those people who are helping me based on my amateur status.

**ANDREW MCKEACHIE,**  
Salt Spring

### Home-made dioxins

Salt Spring has a great reputation for things home-made and home-grown. But it's time to bring an end to our home-made dioxin business. Huh? Yep, burning garbage, even leaves and paper,

can produce dioxins. Plastic, especially vinyl, is deadly and is banned as a construction material in some places.

According to a February 16 Globe and Mail article, the EPA says backyard trash fires are now the biggest source of dioxins. (See [www.dioxinfacts.org/sources\\_trends/trash\\_burning.html](http://www.dioxinfacts.org/sources_trends/trash_burning.html))

The wood waste we need to tidy up to lessen the summer wildfire danger is biomass that should be allowed to decompose so it can be returned to the earth in a useful way, rather than as air pollution.

For people who don't want to create berms to compost their wood waste, there will hopefully soon be another option. The CRD is hoping to save the approximately \$100,000 it spends each year to ship sewage septage off-island. This waste could be turned into usable compost if it was mixed with chipped wood waste or other fibrous material.

In the meantime, let's make sure we don't burn banned substances (anything other than dry, untreated wood) and let's keep our fires (in woodstoves too) from smoldering. Fresh air, richer soils and less cancer sound good to me.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
Salt Spring

### The other

#### Mark Wyatt

I have had a number of inquiries over the last few weeks about my relationship with Three Point Properties.

For the record, I am not the Mark Wyatt from Three Point Properties. I have never met him (although I'm sure he's a nice enough guy) and have never been associated with the company.

**MARK WYATT,**  
President, SSI Volunteer Firefighters Association; Trustee, SSI Fire Protection District

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### Water guzzlers

We need to think of water as being far more precious than petroleum, over which war is now being waged.

A recent report on the supply capacities of St. Mary and Maxwell lakes projects that they store up to 450 million gallons, suggesting that their customers should have no fears of future shortage.

The North Salt Spring Water District supplies its 1,700 customers with 300 million gallons per year, which equates to an average daily rate of 483 gallons per customer. Even taking into account several large institutions and commercial operations, this seems like a phenomenally high rate of water consumption.

Perhaps the Islands Trust, Water Council, NSSWD, and all stakeholders should be framing sensible water conservation bylaws.

**DENIS HODDINOTT,**  
Isabella Point Road

### Unaffordable living

Last summer it was Dagwoods that closed on Sundays because of staff unavailability.

On Sunday, March 18, Patterson's store in Fulford was closed for the same reason.

When are we going to wake up to the fact that this is a dying community unless we find a way to keep our young people on the island?

While our senior citizens are busily forging a new OCP destined to protect everything except affordable housing, our young people are being forced to flee by exorbitant rents. I heard recently of a young couple with three teenage children who are paying \$1,700 (yes — \$1,700!) per month for house rental.

**HARRY J. WARNER,**  
Lee Road

### Sign of the times

Let's get our priorities straight.

The highways maintenance group has the money to put "No Parking" signs on Bonnet Avenue, yet the road to Bonnet Avenue (Drake Road) is worse than a minefield to drive. If you don't knock your alignment out of whack in the potholes you stand a good chance of going in the ditch trying to avoid another car.

What gives?  
**A.K. BARNES,**  
Salt Spring

### No phosphate detergents

Leaching of phosphorus and nitrogen into our drinking water is the primary reason the health of our lakes and ourselves is endangered. In Ganges Village Market recently I surveyed the following phosphate-free laundry detergents.

VIP, phosphate free, nitrate free, no NTA, hypoallergenic, ultra-concentrated. Made in Mission, B.C. www.vipsoap.com

Seventh Generation: non-toxic, biodegradable, hypoallergenic, no phosphates, no chlorine, no petroleum-based cleaners, no dyes, no artifi-

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"If every household in the U.S. replaced just one box of 42-load petroleum-based powder laundry detergent with our vegetable-based product, we could save 217,000 barrels of oil, enough to heat and cool 12,500 U.S. homes per year," states Seventh Generation.

Nature Clean: no phosphates, no dye, no chlorine, no whitening agents, no perfume, hypoallergenic, ultra-concentrated. Made in Toronto. www.franktross.com

Buffalo Recycled Laundry Soap: no phosphates, no nitrates, no bleach, no NTA, no biocides, no excessive packaging, contains 50% recycled and re-processed soaps discarded from hotel rooms. Made in Saanich. www.buffalorecycled.com

Granny's Laundry Detergent: biodegradable. Made by VIP Soap Products, Mission, B.C. www.vipsoap.com

"In our deliberations we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations" —from the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy.

**RON HAWKINS,**  
Water Preservation Society

### Wrong thug

Regarding Michael Friedman's letter about Hugo Chavez in last week's paper, I respond, Chavez without worthwhile accomplishments, Mr. Friedman? I ask you — what media do you read?

Hugo Chavez is nationalizing (basically de-privatizing) oil resources in Venezuela. As the world's fifth largest crude oil exporter, this is big news. He was democratically elected by Venezuelans on the platform that he recoup control of the country's assets; recent acquisitions have been telecommunications and electricity companies. Imagine that—a politician actually fulfilling his mandate! Boo hoo for the multinationals, who would love to see Venezuela turn into yet another corporate brothel.

Another recent move has been to provide heating oil to poorer communities in over half a dozen U.S. states, at discounts of up to 60 per cent. One could argue Chavez is buying PR, but I doubt it, and I don't think the disadvantaged citizens in those towns are complaining, either.

I'll quote Noam Chomsky for the next one: "Venezuela bought almost a third of Argentina's debt issued in 2005, one element of a region-wide effort to free the countries from the controls of the International Monetary Fund after two decades of disastrous conformity to the rules imposed by the U.S.-dominated international financial institutions."

Chavez a military thug? How about the U.S.A. and Israel? Now we're talking. George W. Bush was "appointed" president in the last two fraudulent elections thanks to the easily hacked electronic voting machines, and has since allowed the looting of that country's

entire social treasury to pay for its illegal conquest in Iraq, with another soon to follow in Iran. The 9/11 event stinks to high heavens and resulted in the passing of the "Bill of Rights-busting" U.S. Patriot act. Untold numbers of foreign nationals have ended up in detention indefinitely without even being actually charged for any crime. I know what their crime was. Their ethnicity. Land of the free? Not anymore.

Israel? Look no further than the illegal occupation of Palestine, which they're squeezing to death. Last summer's bombing of Leba-

non adds to their increasingly long list of international war crimes, a record surpassed possibly only by the U.S.A.

Hugo Chavez operates in a completely different arena. He's offering an alternative to the usual plundering. Why should foreign corporations own everything of value? Yet this seems to be the norm.

Private interests are what motivate too many of the news stories we see in our mainstream media. Of course Chavez is going to be demonized. I'll ask again, Mr. Friedman... what media do you read?

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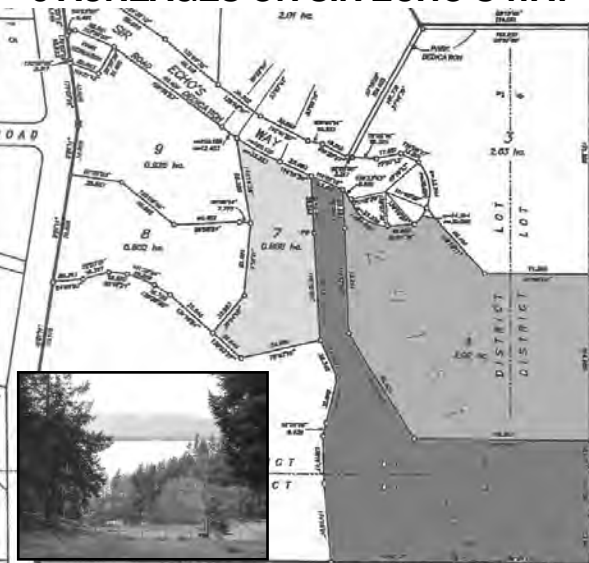
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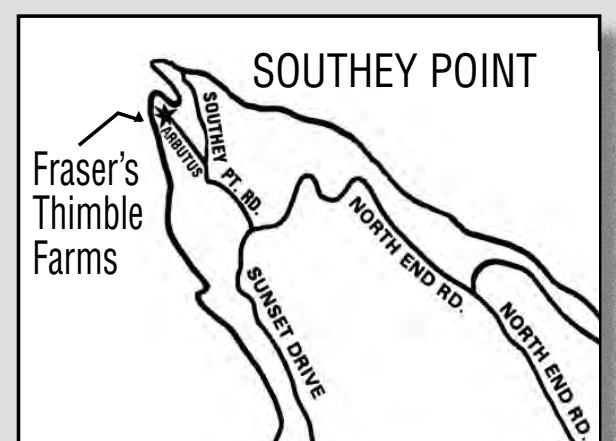
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27	520	DISC	Daily Planet		Futureweapons	Futureweapons		Myth Busters	Daily Planet	Myth Busters	Futureweapons	Futureweapons							
29	324	EA1	Movie	40 The Fisher King (1991)	Robin Williams.		The Bridges of Madison County	15 Midnight Express (1978)	Brad Davis.	15 Spike of Love									
61	615	A&E	American Justice		Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos		15 Intervention								
69	557	FAM	15 Proud	40 Recess	05 Kim P.	Suite Life	L.Time	Darcy	So Raven	Smart G.	Suite Life	Derek	8 Rules	Sinbad	Popular	8 Rules	Derek		
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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie Breakout for Mar 21, 2007 to Mar 27, 2007

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:15 PM  
**12** ★★ ★★ **The Saint Strikes Back (1939, Mystery)** A British detective helps a woman trap the robbers who framed her policeman father. *Wendy Barrie, George Sanders (1h15)*
- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★★ ★★ **The Bridges of Madison County (1995, Romance)** A freelance photographer and a housewife have a life-altering affair. *Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep (2h15)*
- 7:30 PM  
**42** ★★ ★★ **The Saint in London (1939, Mystery)** The Saint travels to England in pursuit of a counterfeiting gang and gets unwanted help. *David Burns, George Sanders (1h15)*
- 8:45 PM  
**42** ★★ ★★ **The Saint Takes Over (1940, Mystery)** An inspector is accused of accepting bribes from a ring of gamblers. *Jonathan Hale, Wendy Barrie (1h15)*

- 9:00 PM  
**6** **To Be Announced (2h)**
- 12** **Perpetrators of the Crime (1999, Comedy)** College kids plot to kidnap a millionaire's daughter but instead nab her best friend. *William B. Davis, Tori Spelling (2h)*
- 13** ★★ **The Rundown (2003, Adventure)** A bounty hunter teams up with a mob boss's son in order to retrieve a legendary artefact. *Seann William Scott, The Rock (2h)*
- 9:15 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)*
- 10:00 PM  
**42** ★★ **The Gay Falcon (1941, Mystery)** A suave amateur sleuth looks into a case involving jewel thieves and unlucky socialites. *Wendy Barrie, George Sanders (1h15)*

- 11:15 PM  
**29** ★★ **Spike of Love (1994, Comedy)** A dominatrix lures a businessman back to her apartment where he encounters her crazy beau. *Dyanne DiMarco, Ron Lea (1h30)*
- 42** ★★ ★★ **A Date With the Falcon (1941, Mystery)** A detective postpones his wedding plans to investigate the kidnapping of a scientist. *James Gleason, George Sanders (1h15)*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★★ ★★ **Fistfull of Dollars (1964, Western)** A man schemes to play the two sides of a town war off each other, making himself rich. *Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch (1h45)*
- 42** ★★ **Island in the Sky (1953, Adventure)** A pilot tries keep his passengers alive when their plane crashes in a frozen climate. *John Wayne, Lloyd Nolan (2h)*
- 8:45 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)*
- 9:00 PM  
**12** **Spring Break Shark Attack (2005, Thriller)** A group of killer sharks invades the coast of Florida as co-eds enjoy their spring break. *Bryan Brown, Kathy Baker (2h)*
- 42** ★★ ★★ **Le Jour Se Lève (1939, Drama)** A factory worker barricades himself in his apartment after killing his rival. *Jean Gabin, Arletty (1h45)*

- 10:45 PM  
**29** ★★ ★★ **Poltergeist (1982, Horror)** Menacing spirits abduct a family's young daughter through their television screen. *Heather O'Rourke, JoBeth Williams (2h)*
- 42** ★★ ★★ **The Killing (1956, Crime Story)** A veteran criminal plans one last big heist, a racetrack robbery, before getting married. *Coleen Gray, Sterling Hayden (1h45)*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★ **Absolute Power (1996, Suspense)** An aging master thief witnesses an assault and murder linked to the American President. *Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman (2h15)*
- 42** ★★ **Run Silent, Run Deep (1958, War)** Officers aboard an American submarine clash during a perilous tour in the Pacific. *Burt Lancaster, Clark Gable (1h45)*
- 7:30 PM  
**69** ★ **Snow Dogs (2002, Comedy)** A dentist living in Florida relocates to Alaska after he inherits a pack of sled dogs. *Cuba Gooding Jr., James Coburn (1h35)*
- 8:00 PM  
**3** **Une action au civil (1998, Action)** Deux corporations versent des produits chimiques dans le réservoir d'eau d'une ville. *John Travolta, Robert Duvall (2h)*
- 9** **Shades of Black (2006, True Story)** The story of business tycoon Conrad Black who was charged with fraud. *Albert Schultz, Lara Flynn Boyle (2h)*
- 8:45 PM  
**42** ★★ ★★ **Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (1957, Western)** Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday try to stop the Clanton Gang in a gunfight at the O.K. Corral. *Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas (2h15)*



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251	336	GBLBC	6:00 News		100 Huntley Street		World Vision	Judy	House	News	As the World Turns	Passions	Young & Restless						
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14		KSTW	The Daily Buzz		The 700 Club		Divorce	Brown	Brown	The People's Court	Alex	Alex	The People's Court	Like You	Like You				
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22	552	YTV	Pokémon	Various	George	L.Town	Jane	Pippi	Various	Jacob 2.2	Various	Various	George	Various	L.Town	Winx	Martin		
23	407	RSP	SN Connected		SN Connected		Connected/ Baseball	SN Connected	Various	Untrack.	Various	Various	B.D. Sports Show	Prime Time/ Pratt					
27	520	DISC	Various	M.H.Made	DailyPlanet/ MegaWild		Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	H.Made	Various	H.Made			
29	324	EA1	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various		
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9:00 PM
[2] ★ Harvard Man (2001, Comedy) A student athlete strikes a deal with the mob to fix the outcome of a basketball game.
9:05 PM
[6] Class President (2002) After being backed by bullies, new kid Tyler reluctantly runs for class president.

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Friday Evening March 23. Includes programs like 'Frasier', 'The National', 'Sportscentre', and 'The Hour'.

9:00 PM
[6] To Be Announced (2h)
[12] ★★ Coyote Ugly (2000, Comedy/Drama) A shy aspiring songwriter comes out of her shell while working at a popular New York bar.
[13] ★★ Touching Wild Horses (2002, Drama) A young man is sent to live with his reclusive aunt on a wild horse preserve.

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Saturday Daytime March 24. Includes programs like 'Mr. Meaty', 'Skiing World Championships', and 'A Dog of Flanders'.

6:00 PM
[2] ★★ Ella Enchanted (2004, Fantasy) A young woman who has been cursed with the gift of obedience falls for a prince.
7:00 PM
[2] ★★ Any Which Way You Can (1978, Comedy) A fighter thinks about heading back to the ring for one last lucrative bare-knuckle fight.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Saturday Evening March 24. Includes programs like 'Hockey NHL Buffalo Sabres vs. Toronto Maple Leafs', 'The Nutty Professor', and 'The Bridges of Madison County'.

10:30 PM
[2] ★ Faithful (1996, Comedy) A woman develops a very personal relationship with the hitman her husband has hired.
10:45 PM
[6] ★★ Honey, I Shrank the Kids (1989, Comedy) An inventor's new creation accidentally shrinks both his and the neighbour's children.

# Island Wheels

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## 1956 Mercury and Monarch convertibles restored

Classic car enthusiasts celebrated vehicles' 50th anniversary

By ALYN EDWARDS

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Fifty-one years ago — in the spring of 1956 — the McIntosh family of south Vancouver got something very special: a beautiful boulevard cruiser in the form of a brand new two-tone blue 1956 Monarch Richelieu convertible.

Barry McIntosh was a teenager when his uncle travelled to the Ford plant in Oakville, Ontario to drive the stunning convertible back to Vancouver just in time for spring cruising. Barry was determined to own this car from the first moment he saw it.

Some years later, the car was acquired by Barry's father and was finally passed down to him. Ten years ago, that very same car was purchased by Ray Bayles of Victoria.

Ray Bayles is one of a half dozen British Columbia car enthusiasts who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Mercury and Monarch convertibles last year by bringing them back to life in their colourful splendor.

Although there were 7,762 of the 1956 Mercury convertibles built in the fancy Montclair model and 2,311 of the slightly downscale Custom model, only 179 of the dis-



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tinctive Monarch convertibles were built in Canada. The Monarch convertible was only available in the deluxe model called the Richelieu.

Monarchs were really "badge

engineered" Mercury convertibles. The Canadian-only Monarch used the same body as the Mercury. But the front bumper and grille was distinctively different, as was

the hood and trunk ornamentation along with the treatment of the stainless trim on the sides. The low number built makes Ray Bayles' car extremely rare, with only about

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Burnaby's Arnold Efting with the 1956 Mercury Custom convertible after three years of work.

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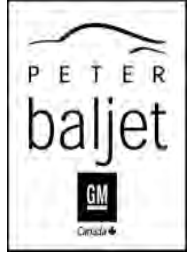
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Article contributed by Nissan Canada Inc.

## Young drivers study finds parents main influence on kids' road habits

The B.C. Automobile Association (BCAA) Traffic Safety Foundation has released results of its Young Drivers Study, which indicates kids drive like their parents.

Commissioned by BCAA and managed by the Applied Research and Evaluation Services Department of the University of B.C., the key study result is the influence of parental role modelling. Young drivers cited their parents, especially fathers, as the primary influence when it came to their own driving.

"Parents should understand that their driving practices are likely shaping the driving practices of their children and should ensure that they are good role models behind the wheel," stated Allan Lamb, executive director of the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation, in a press release.

Further details from the Young Drivers Study are available on the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation's website at [www.teen-drivers.ca](http://www.teen-drivers.ca).

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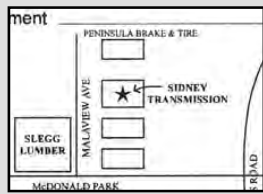
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**NO TIME FOR A NAP:** Kaye Sigurgeirson, left, and Emma Bishop show off a poster for the movie Garfield they scooped at a poster auction fundraiser and book exchange held Sunday at Central Hall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Sound of the Soul final flick of the season at local Film Festival Café

To follow the successful 2007 local film festival earlier this month, Film Festival Café will re-screen one of the festival's most popular and upbeat films, Sound of the Soul.

It runs Thursday, March 29 at Barb's Bakery and Bistro.

Doors open at 5:30, with Barb's dinners available for purchase, and the film begins at 7 p.m.

Entrance is by donation.

DVD notes describe the film as "a compelling portrait of an Arab country where Muslims, Christians and Jews have lived together in relative peace for centuries. Beautifully photographed during the Fez Festival of World Sacred Music, the film presents unforgettable performances from groups from Morocco, Ireland, Russia, Afghanistan, Mauritania, the U.S.A., Portugal and France, which carry viewers into what the film's Moroccan Sufi guide calls 'the hearing of the heart'— the essential oneness at the core of all religions and faiths."

The city of Fez, Morocco, presents this music festival annually and is renowned for "its history of tolerance."

Barry Cooke, a former United Church minister who lives on Salt Spring but works with interfaith groups

in Vancouver, will introduce the film and facilitate a discussion afterwards.

According to Film Festival Café organizer Carol Grier, "Music themes were very popular at the festival this year. Sound of the Soul is a visual as well as a musical treat. People raved about it! Tocar y Luchar, our opening-night film, showcased the youth orchestra movement in Venezuela and garnered the most votes as the audience's weekend favourite.

"Because we'd like to purchase these two films and others for the library, donations from Film Festival Café this month will support these efforts.

"Finding beautiful films like Sound of the Soul and Tocar that illuminate challenging times and issues has become a year 'round obsession culminating in the March festival. We love bringing these inspiring windows on the world to the community."

Sound of the Soul will be the last film of the 2006-2007 Film Festival Café season at Barb's. The new season will begin in October.

To help fund film acquisitions for the 2008 Our Island, Our World Film Festival, and to participate with the community on Earth

Day in its concern around issues of global warming, islanders are invited to mark the date for a film screening and fundraiser at ArtSpring on Sunday afternoon, April

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**COMING HOME:** Island-raised singer-songwriter Ora Cogan teams up with violist Anni Rossi for a show at Barb's Bakery & Bistro next Friday night as part of a continent-wide tour beginning in B.C. Photo contributed

## Barb's hosts Rossi-Cogan-Morris gig

Viola player Anni Rossi has been astonishing audiences all over the U.S., Europe and Japan, and next week she'll do it again at Barb's Bakery & Bistro with Ora Cogan and special guest Sarah Morris.

The Friday, March 30 Salt Spring stop is part of a 40-date North American tour for Rossi and Cogan. Music starts at 7 p.m.

"As a toddler in the snowy town of Scandia, Minnesota, Rossi's grandmother — a church organist — inspired her granddaughter to study the violin and piano," explains press material.

"After 15 years of classical violin

training, Anni traded an extra violin for a viola and began her departure from the traditional symphony to where her untamed song project is now cemented."

At the age of 21, she has toured with such acts as Constellation Records' Carla Bozulich, along with The Dead Science, Gang Wizard and the Gowns.

In addition, she released her debut album, Scandia, in summer of 2005 with Folktale Records.

Her next album, Afton, is due in spring 2007.

Cogan is a Salt Spring-raised woman who started writing songs at the age

of 12, influenced by the musical and creative home with parents Susan and Uri Cogan.

"She has picked up a few instruments along the way and has shared stages with many artists, including Po' Girl, C.R. Avery, Carolyn Mark, Alela Diane and The Be Good Tanyas," states her website.

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Morris is a well-known island singer who has performed with a variety of groups.

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The event was a benefit to raise funds for the Ha Makhata Schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse is a project at the Phelisanong disabled group run by Mamello Lehlotha, a guest at the SOLID-hosted 2006

Community to Community conference on Salt Spring Island.

The project's founder so inspired Zylbergold of Salt Spring that the Duelling Tubadours benefit event was born.

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*In any business, the name is what first greets you. I chose the name Thunderbird because it was the strongest of the Northwest Coast mythical creatures. When he blinked, lightning flashed, when he flapped his wings, thunder boomed. So, onto his back the gallery sat, and in 15 years he brought it to its present status.*

*The gallery has simply changed (there is that word again), and like my son's passage, the time has come for the gallery to do the same. On Saturday, March 31st, we extend an invitation to one and all (that includes the kids and the dogs) to drop in and share the day. It's not everyday you get to say goodbye to a Thunderbird. . .*

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## Laurin Kelsey 'designs' fun theatre career

By **DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

A Salt Spring grad is earning kudos and breaking new theatrical ground as she completes her fourth year at the University of Victoria. Laurin Kelsey is thriving in the Department of Theatre at UVic and looking forward to embarking on an exciting career at the end of this year.

"Victoria is a nice size of city to jump to after Salt Spring," she said. "The department of theatre at the university is fairly small with about 60 students in first year until graduation where there are about 20 students."

Kelsey is a theatre major with a specialization in set and costume design. Her interest in theatre developed early on Salt Spring through the guidance and mentorship of teacher Christine Pittman and the opportunity to participate in multiple theatrical productions in high school.

Over her four years at the university, Kelsey has had the opportunity to work on eight or nine different productions as assistant set designer and head Phoenix Theatre painter with Allan Stichbury, dean of the visual arts department, who has been a great mentor to Kelsey.

"He used to be president of

the association of set designers in Canada. He is an amazing person and I have been really lucky to work with him as my teacher, supervisor and to be his assistant on so many shows."

Last year she was assistant costume designer on *Metamorphoses* and worked on the set of *Tyrants*. Earlier in the school year she was assistant set designer on *Tartuffe* by Moliere and *Richard III*.

For her final UVic semester, Kelsey has been principal set designer for her own show, which is a tremendous honour.

"Undergrads or even grad students don't often get to do set designs," she explained. "There hasn't been an undergrad in at least five years. It's a real experiment. It will either go really well, or it will never happen again."

The Rachel Wyatt play is called *Crackpot*, based on an Adele Wiseman novel. As head set designer, Kelsey is responsible for the set's concept and appearance with choices dependent on the text and the director's interpretation of the play.

In addition, she has done all the mechanical drawings and the drafting, advising set builders on details like the doorway widths and the



One of Laurin Kelsey's (pictured right) set designs. In her final year of theatre at UVic, the island-raised woman is principal set designer for *Crackpot*, now running at UVic.



amount of trim around a window.

It's a big graduating project for Kelsey. Fortunately, she can focus most of her energy on the play as she needs only one other course to achieve her degree.

"It's a nice finale," she said. "It worked out really well."

*Crackpot* opened at Phoenix Theatre at UVic on March 15, and runs until March 24.

Kelsey hopes people from the film industry in Vancouver, likely art directors, will see the show in Victoria and check out her work, which could potentially open doors for industry employment next year.

She has already earned kudos from various organizations through scholarships

that helped her finance her way through university.

Kelsey received the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) award at the end of Grade 12 and an additional GICAC award at the end of her second year.

"People don't always realize this, but there is lots of support from Salt Spring that helps students long after graduation."

In addition, Kelsey was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Royal Canadian Legion Women's Division and also received the President's Award Scholarship at UVIC. The latter is based on grade point average and Kelsey ended her third year with all As.

She feels lucky to have grown up on Salt Spring.

"It's an artistic island and

so supportive of the arts. I never had the impression that going into the arts was a 'risky' career."

Kelsey is especially grateful to Barb Hicks of Island Fused Glass, who was a great mentor through high school.

"She was an inspiration and allowed me a great deal of artistic license while I worked on her glass designs at her studio."

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## Soulful world roots and loops performer hits Core Inn Sunday

Acoustic soulful roots and funky world R&B performer Mihirangi heads an all-ages dance at the Core Inn on Sunday, March 25.

"She creates her own band sound live in front of the audience," notes press material. "Using a loop pedal she layers her vocals into intricate harmonies with beat boxing and vocal bass lines, along with acoustic guitar and tribal rhythms to accompany her R & B-infused vocals."

The music begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door.

Currently based in Melbourne Australia, Aotearoa-born Mihirangi was brought up in a touring musical family. Paying homage to her New Zealand Maori roots, her music is a passionate internal journey: from danceable rhythms to lyrics evoking quiet reverie.

"This young woman is unlike anything

I've ever seen before," wrote Daniel Stapper of Cheap Thrills Magazine in Melbourne. "A very brave and unpretentious solo performer, I was utterly in awe of her originality and creativity."

Mihirangi's first solo full length album called *Kulcha Nation*, released in April 2006, expresses the warm vibes and sounds of her live concerts; her a cappella vocal strength being the highlight.

She also released a 2004 EP of contemporary Maori originals sung in the Maori language with traditional instrumentation and vocal arranging infused with world sounds, including flamenco guitar and African drums.

Mihirangi has performed at festivals around the world. The event is sponsored by SirBassa Sounds.

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**2** **The Walter Gretzky Story: Waking Up Wally (2005, Biography)** The touching story of Walter Gretzky's recovery after suffering a brain aneurysm in 1991. *Tom McCamus, Victoria Snow* (2h)  
**3** **Carte verte (1990, Drame de moeurs)** Pour obtenir la citoyennet e am ricaine, un Fran ais  pouse une Am ricaine. *Andie MacDowell, G rard Depardieu* (2h)  
**13** **★ ★ The Patriot (2000, Drama)** A pacifist is drawn into the American War of Independence against his will. *Heath Ledger, Mel Gibson* (3h)  
8:30 PM  
**23** **★ Crash (1996, Psycho-Drama)** Two accident victims begin an affair and fall in with a group of car crash fetishists. *Holly Hunter, James Spader* (1h45)  
9:30 PM  
**12** **40 Carats (Comedy)** A woman has a fling with a man half her age during a summer vacation in Greece. *Edward Albert, Gene Kelly* (2h)  
8:30 PM  
**23** **★ ★ Wolf (1994, Thriller)** A down-on-his-luck publisher develops werewolf tendencies after being bitten by a wolf. *Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer* (2h15)  
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**12** **★ ★ The Devil Makes Three (1952, Drama)** A U.S. soldier returns to post-war Germany and gets mixed up with the black market. *Gene Kelly, Pier Angeli* (1h45)

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**23** **★ ★ 12 Monkeys (1995, Sci-Fi)** A convict from the future is sent back in time to the 1990s to stop a devastating plague. *Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe* (2h15)  
**12** **★ ★ Marlowe (1969, Mystery)** A detective probes the seedy underworld of L.A. in search of a woman's missing sister. *Carroll O'Connor, James Garner* (2h)  
8:00 PM  
**12** **★ ★ The Perfect Storm (2000, Action)** A fisherman and his crew fight to stay alive when they are caught in a hurricane at sea. *George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg* (2h30)  
9:00 PM  
**12** **★ ★ Chinatown (1974, Mystery)** A private detective's investigation of an affair leads to murder and huge cover-ups. *Faye Dunaway, Jack Nicholson* (2h15)  
9:15 PM  
**23** **★ ★ Pale Saints (1996, Drama)** Two small-time con artists leave their ordinary world behind for a new life. *Saul Rubinek, Sean Patrick Flanery* (1h30)  
10:45 PM  
**23** **★ 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)  
11:15 PM  
**12** **★ ★ Shaft (1971, Crime Story)** A private eye becomes involved in a power struggle between the Mafia and black mobsters. *Moses Gunn, Richard Roundtree* (1h45)

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<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Pipe organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m. Followed by muffin and coffee.</p> <p><b>Karaoke.</b> Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Zen Meditation.</b> 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.</p> <p><b>Spring Break Story Time at the Library.</b> Adventures with Whales. Ages 7-9. 1:30-2:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Carpet Bowling.</b> Fulford OAP. 10:30-noon. If people want to play mahjong during this time slot, call 653-2344.</p> <p><b>One Universal Family.</b> An inspirational talk by Phillip du Preez. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Figure Drawing.</b> Painters Guild drawing sessions at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to noon. Info: Don: 537-9554.</p> <p><b>SSI Painters Guild Workshop.</b> Deborah Tilby - Watercolours. ArtSpring, 9 a.m. - noon. Info: 537-1528.</p> <p><b>Hands-on Canadian Art.</b> Spring Break at ArtSpring. Ages 13-18. 1:30-4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Watercolour with Hannah.</b> Fables Cottage workshop for 6+ years. 1-2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Open Mike.</b> Thursdays at Fulford Inn Pub.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Alice Hammett 30th Anniversary Lunch &amp; Bridge Tourney.</b> SS Golf Club. Noon. Info: 537-0897.</p> <p><b>Video/discussion of "A Common Soul: Connecting Faith and the Economy."</b> Salt Spring United Church. Noon.</p> <p><b>Protecting Our Water.</b> Presentation by Dr. John Sprague and Deb Epps. Cusheon Watershed Management Plan. Green Room - Harbour House Hotel. 1-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Explorations in Percussion.</b> Free workshop for kids aged 12-18. ArtSpring. 10-3.</p> <p><b>Music with Aaron.</b> Fables Cottage workshop for all ages. 1-2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Hey Boy Hey Girl.</b> Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Rollerblading.</b> At Fulford Hall on Fridays. 7:30-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Storytelling &amp; Visual Art with Aaron.</b> Fables Cottage workshop for all ages. 1-2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Animation with Christina.</b> Fables Cottage workshop for 8+ years. 2-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Storytime at the Library.</b> Whale Tales &amp; Other Big Fish is the theme for 4-7-year-olds. SS Library. 1:30-2:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>DJ Workshop for Island Youth.</b> Learn DJ skills with pro DJs. Vinyl, CDs, beat mixing, etc. Core Inn, noon-6 p.m. Info: sirbassa@sirbass.com; 653-9178.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>House Party with DJ Matt J.</b> Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>ESQ Jazz Quintet.</b> All Saints. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Flea Market.</b> At Royal Canadian Legion.</p> <p><b>Sounder Sleep Workshop.</b> With Anna Haltrecht. At Cats Pajamas, 1-4 p.m. Info: anna@bonesforever.com; 537-5681.</p> <p><b>Storycraft with Hannah.</b> Fables Cottage workshop for 5-8 years. 11-2.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Mihirangi.</b> Maori singer-songwriter/roots &amp; loops performer. All-ages event at the Core Inn. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bach-Pergolesi.</b> Chamber musicians and singers perform Brandenburg Concerto #5 and more. All Saints. 2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Gary Preston &amp; Anita Bonkowski.</b> Dinner jazz at Salt Spring Inn. 6-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>The Secret.</b> Introduction to seminar being offered April 1. Central Hall. 1-2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Peace it Together.</b> Screening of films made by Palestinian, Israeli and Canadian youth at GIFTS camp last summer. The Fritz movie theatre. 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Slow Movement - Kimberly Liniger.</b> Unitarian Fellowship of S.S.I. OAP Room at Fulford Hall. 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>activities</b></p> <p><b>Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.</b> Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p><b>Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.</b> 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p><b>SS Wrestling Club.</b> Monday night sessions for youth (Grade 6 &amp; up) at SIMS gym. 6-8 p.m. Info: Leon, 537-9907.</p> <p><b>Life Drawing Group.</b> One to 20 minute poses upstairs at the Core Inn every Monday. 1-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary.</b> AGM at Lions Hall. 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SS Parks and Recreation Commission.</b> Monthly public meeting at the Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Fire Protection District.</b> AGM at the Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Parenting From Your Heart.</b> 8-week workshop series begins at SS Centre School. Info: 653-9122.</p>	<p><b>activities</b></p> <p><b>Snugglers.</b> Group for parents &amp; babies meets at Family Place. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Live Raw Foods Boot Camp.</b> Make your Raw Food lifestyle work for you. Info: 537-0634.</p> <p><b>Fulford Community Hall Society.</b> AGM at the hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Live Raw Foods Boot Camp.</b> First of five-day camp. Info: 537-0634.</p>
<p><b>wed. march 28</b></p> <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes.</b> At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>SS Garden Club.</b> Guest speaker Terry Aitken of the American Iris Society. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SS Genealogy Group.</b> Meets at the Mormon church. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Painters Guild Workshop.</b> Studio Drop In Day. ArtSpring. 9 a.m. - noon. Info: 537-1528.</p>						

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• **Attention Shaw Cable TV viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. On Friday night see a feature on the Carolyn Hatch's young Salt Spring fiddlers. Also tune in for community messages, weather, B.C. Ferries and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

**exhibitions**

- **Painters Guild spring show** blooms in the ArtSpring lobby.
- **Michael Hames** shows new work at **Thunderbird Gallery** until March 24.
- **Chris Pearson** shows work at **Moby's Pub** during the month of March.
- **Margaret Threlfall** has watercolour paintings at **Island Savings** through May.
- **Mira Warrington** is the featured artist for March in the **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** Ganges cafe with a show theme of Horses.
- **Jana's Bake Shop** has **Day in the Life of Salt Spring 2006** photos gracing the walls.

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# SWOVA benefit concert features five-award nominee Andrea Smith

Islanders now have even more reasons to look forward to the SWOVA benefit concert titled R&B for R+R coming April 7 to Art-Spring.

One of the featured artists, Andrea Smith, has recently been nominated for five Vancouver Island Music Awards.

Smith was nominated for Female Songwriter of the Year, Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year (for Closest Thing to Maybe) and Artist of the Year. Pat Coleman and Rick Salt are nominated for Producer/Engineer of the Year for Smith's album Sweet Embrace.

"Andrea is gaining international interest and recognition, not only for her songwriting but for her skillful rendering of her material in performance," notes Smith's



Andrea Smith is one of the performers at an April 7 benefit for the Respectful Relationships program in School District 64.

bio. "Her latest release, Sweet Embrace, features players such as Miles Black, Pat Coleman, Pat Steward, Phil Dwyer, Ken Lister, Dave Gogo, Todd Sacerty and Rick Salt. With such a stellar lineup it's not surprising that Smith is receiving positive reviews from local,

provincial and international critics."

Vancouver Island Music Award winners will be announced on April 21.

Smith appears on Salt Spring April 7 as part of a concert of rhythm and blues along with headliners Jenica Rayne and Kendell.

The concert is a fundraiser for SWOVA's Respectful Relationships (R+R) program, an award-winning, schools-based, violence prevention program for adolescents.

The concert will include the Gulf Islands Secondary School jazz ensemble, local music instructors and recording artists Smith, Kendall and Rayne.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students.

While SWOVA heard last week the group had received a major provincial government grant, those funds are for a new R+R-related program, but not the existing one delivered to local youth.

Fundraising must continue to ensure R+R can be delivered to Gulf Islands students.

# Glorious Bach and Pergolesi sounds fill All Saints Sunday

By DAWN HAGE  
Driftwood Staff

The too-rarely heard music of Bach and Pergolesi will come alive this weekend as a group of chamber musicians and choristers performs a concert at All Saints By-the-Sea. Islanders will be treated to Bach's 5th Brandenburg Concerto and the Stabat Mater by Pergolesi on Sunday afternoon, March 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Well-known Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher, flautist, singer and sailor Bo Curtis will fulfill a lifetime dream when he performs the solo flute part in the Brandenburg Concerto #5, along with Adrian Dolan and Jean Knight, violins, Jaime Rokeby-Thomas, viola, Martin Thorn, cello, Evan Bates, contrabass, and Chris Kodaly, piano.

"Few musical works are as loved — and as often performed — as the six Brandenburg concertos by Johann Sebastian Bach and the Brandenburg concertos

are a highlight of one of the happiest and most productive periods in Bach's life," notes a Milestones of the Millennium website.

"Each of the six concertos requires a different combination of instruments, as well as some highly skilled soloists."

Not only is the flute part famous for its technical demands, the harpsichord solo is known as one of the most challenging works ever written for that instrument.

"Brandenburg #5 comes the closest to offering a real keyboard concerto — perhaps the first ever in the history of music," continues the website.

The amazing solo, including an astonishing cadenza of tremendous difficulty, will be ably performed on the piano by Salt Spring's own Chris Kodaly.

The concert will also feature Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, soprano, and Carol Brown, mezzo, accompanied by a

semi chorus and an instrumental sextet.

The well-loved setting of the Stabat Mater is associated with the Easter season.

Sunday's program is organized and inspired by Carol Brown, who is the driving force behind the three-year unveiling of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," which islanders have enjoyed for the past two seasons.

Brown continues to "gather musicians both from within the rich resources of this island and from the 'big' island to explore their shared love of music and to create opportunities for performance from the classical repertoire," notes a press release.

The musical afternoon at All Saints has a limited number of tickets at \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children.

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# Acting call goes out

An audition call has gone out for a production of Life Without Parole set for Salt Spring in late April.

Auditions run at Croftonbrook Friday, March 30, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, 4-7 p.m. Five women aged 18-80 and one man over 40 are needed.

For information, call Marit McBride at 537-1798.

The joint project of SWOVA and Salt Spring Community Theatre runs during B.C.'s Prevention of Violence Against Women Week and is a fundraiser for the Respectful Relationships program in SD64.

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**MIRACLE SPIRIT:** Rebecca Smith greets Chinook "the miracle foal," who was born more than a month premature last summer but has grown into a healthy, spunky Belgian-Paint cross at Smith's farm.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## 'Miracle foal' is growing up

By **DAWN HAGE**  
 Driftwood Staff

Chinook, the famous Salt Spring "miracle foal" that beat all odds and won the hearts of islanders and people beyond, has grown into a feisty, healthy and happy little horse.

A Paint-Belgian cross, Chinook was born on June 24, 2006, over one month before his scheduled birth date. With a survival rate of almost zero for foals born more than 20 days before their due date, Chinook was a medical miracle.

"He's a little monster who thinks he's a big stallion," said owner Rebecca Smith, fondly. "He thinks he's king of the world."

The foal that entered the world 33 days early and weighed 61 pounds is now a healthy 500 pounds. Chinook is extremely comfortable around people, probably due to the fact that he was

surrounded by helpers and well wishers from the minute he was born.

"Every time I handle him I think about the way that he came into the world," said Smith. "It was so cool."

The baby foal was discovered by Smith's husband Andrew Currie after their mare, Lucy, didn't come in for her 10 p.m. feeding that night.

The mare was not actually giving birth, she was aborting.

In order to survive, the foal required round-the-clock attention and medical intervention.

For the first four days, he couldn't walk, he couldn't nurse and his eyes were obscured by a cloud of blood vessels. He was getting fluid intravenously morning and night and was on antibiotics.

"We were in his face 24/7," reminisced Smith. "We slept outside beside

him for 40 days."

Smith said that they probably could have moved back inside after two weeks, but they were too worried and nervous to leave him at that point.

"The amazing thing was that on the day that he was supposed to have been born, everything came together and started functioning normally," said Smith.

"Women have told me that the same thing happens with premature babies."

When the story of Chinook's miraculous birth broke last June, islanders were intrigued and moved by the plucky little colt and the people who dropped everything to help him survive.

He received hundreds of visitors and many continue to drop by to check up on the miracle baby.

"We still have people coming to visit him to cheer themselves up," said Smith.

"It was such a happy story, I think it makes people feel good."

"Dave [MacDonald] at the vet office still talks about him as well. Shaw has been over twice to film him and whenever I take him to fairs people come up and say, 'I know you . . .'"

A generous islander anonymously paid all of Chinook's Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic bills, which also added to the whole event.

Chinook is still nursing and it will be three or four years before people can ride him. Smith hopes that perhaps mom and baby will be able to work together as a team.

"They both have an unusual pinto colouring called 'Medicine Hat' which is considered a spirit-horse colour," said Smith.

"They look amazing together. It's more of the magic of Chinook."

## Kids' fest seeks volunteers

With a theme of "An Island Experience," the first annual Salt Spring Island Children's Festival will be open to the public to enjoy on June 16-17 at Salt Spring Centre School and ArtSpring.

Three stages will provide entertainment, including main acts and various children's groups on the island that offer performances.

An open stage for kids will also let them show off their talents.

"There will be food booths

set up as well as booths to showcase all the remarkable island-made things for kids," explains a press release from organizer Morgaine Longpre.

"Face painting and other carnival type events will be included, with a rest area for the over-stimulated."

On June 16 the festival will be held at ArtSpring for matinee and evening performances. The following day it will be celebrated at Salt Spring Centre School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the festival can call Morgaine Longpre at 538-1358 or 537-7025 or send her an e-mail at s.morgaine@yahoo.com.

She is also looking for three other community members to join her to make a planning team.

"Being involved in the planning of the festival will be exciting and fun, and you can participate in whatever fashion works for you," she said.

## Second session set for 'The Secret'

The Secret has infiltrated Salt Spring and islanders are intrigued.

Island women Gail Glode and Deb Brockenshire offered an info session on the popular book and video at Central Hall March 11.

"Engaging and thought provoking" was the response from the audience to the session called Beyond the Secret, notes a press release.

"Glode clarified the 'law of attraction' and

offered new ideas on how deliberate manifestation and destiny are interwoven."

They offer another introductory by-donation session at Central Hall on Sunday, March 25 from 1-2 p.m.

A full-day seminar runs Sunday, April 1. Called Creating Your Heart's Desire, it includes interactive practical applications.

For more information and to register for the April 1 event, call Gail Glode at 653-2356.

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**THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE** by MICHAEL O'CONNOR

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** Spring is here and you can feel the power! A revolutionary spirit is welling up from within these days. You may not know exactly where you are going, what you want or your place in the world and that is part of the excitement. After all, you are here now and yours is the sign of 'the power of now'. You are inspired by the idea of adventure and feel bold enough to embark on a long journey. For fun, to escape and/or for the sake of gaining a clearer sense of self identity yonder horizons beckon.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)** Are you enjoying the magical mystery ride called your life? Building a solid foundation has many implications. While a secure home, job, relationship and money in the bank are all facets of security, there is yet another more important feature of it. Being centered within and at peace with change is true freedom because change is not simply a prospect, it is a law of life. The things of life are not security, they are the tools. The carpenter is not lost without tools, it only indicates a delay because there can be new tools.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** Your greatest achievement is the dual understanding of the power of imagination; it can work for or against. It works for us by way of creating pictures and images fully loaded with all our senses towards-co-creation. Imagination works against us by way of worry, negative thinking and focusing upon, doubt, bleak, limiting and painful outcomes. Control of the negative aspects of imagination and use of the positive is a cornerstone of personal power.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)** As former shores rapidly fade like a dream they are being replaced with other big thoughts, perceptions and feelings. As these activate your imagination there are indications that you are gaining rare and valuable glimpses of higher truths and realities. This may feel both inspiring and a little intimidating as prior security structures are blown away.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)** A purging of former emotions, dreams and security structures, like your Cancer friends, is drawing to a close. The time has come to more fully embark upon new adventures; these stand to have more depth than the former experiences yet will also entail, in the bigger picture of your life, a deeper and perhaps slower level of transformation.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)** A lot of activities on relationship fronts have been keeping you busy. Now, the focus is turning to your own process. This includes the quality of your thoughts, actions and contributions. You may feel the urge to go within and to explore uncharted territory.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** Making your dream your reality and vice versa continues. This implies that you need to have a dream to succeed. Letting go of prior structures and patterns is part of the deal. Many of these will be held together by your own beliefs and perceptions. Are you harbouring unresolved anger? If so, it is probably warranted, but is it worth it? Sometimes we need input from others to inspire a creative vision; this may be one of those times. Rewards from past efforts are coming your way now adding to the scope of possibilities.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** You are on the verge of an extra dynamic cycle. Your ambitions are running high these days, possibly too high. Anyway, you feel the desire and perhaps especially feel motivated by the desires of significant others or for the sake of larger visions and projects. Ideally you feel inspired and are prepared to focus and take initiative now. When we begin something, timing is important otherwise we miss the surge of the wave.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** Are you feeling inspired by the fire of the spring season? There are strong indications that your horizons are expanding and that you are exploring new territory. Sometimes the territory is literal and sometimes it is figurative as in new knowledge or experiences. In any case, it is likely that a lot is shaking close to home in the larger sweep of your life. You may feel tired and want to give up in certain respects but no sooner will you surrender than will a new surge of reason and/or inspiration grab hold of you.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** For one reason or another, the siren activating your hidden fighting spirit is soon to sound. You may feel the need for all the inspiration, faith, wisdom and confidence you can muster. This is a call to get your imagination working for you and not against just as your Gemini friends will ideally do. You are eager to build now and to succeed done and it may not be as forthcoming as you will want so get ready to multi-task. You will want to diversify anyway and may even give serious consideration to starting a side line business.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** If you have been able to enjoy a relatively smooth pace of late be grateful in preparation for some acceleration. Spring is here and it will spark your energies and you will take some deliberate actions. You may well want some assistance to get things done and it may not be as forthcoming as you will want so get ready to multi-task. You will want to diversify anyway and may even give serious consideration to starting a side line business.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** You have begun to create waves again and now you are about ready to build upon this momentum. Ideally you are aware of your energy expenditure and are balancing your efforts with rest and alternative activities. A healthy measure of diversification with activities generates and perpetuates a productive flow. Expansions in your public and professional life are likely and require calculated risks to achieve satisfying measures of success.

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**I-SEA seminars empower**

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Founders of the island's first-ever sustainability institute hope a series of workshops kicked off last week will provide some background to the world's latest buzz-word.

"Sustainability could be a fad, but the word has now been used widely for nearly two decades worldwide," said Mark Starik, co-founder of the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA).

"If we get tired of this term, we'll still need something that signifies keeping what we like and changing what we don't like about long-term quality of life."

The four-hour seminar-style class featuring home-cooked vegetarian fare is designed to inspire business leaders, educators, volunteers and everyone interested in greening up their organization, home or lifestyle.

From the global to the local, the philosophic to the economic, sustainability starts as a personal decision to ride a bike, try less harmful cleaning products, use less paper, eat organic and support local businesses.

"We are very eclectic about what sustainability means, since this, like all other human concepts, is socially constructed, that is, people make it what it is," he said.

Unlike participants representing private companies, the island's Chamber of Commerce and govern-



**MAKIN' A LIST:** Christine Atkinson of I-SEA keeps track of silent auction items at a Sunday afternoon fundraiser held at ArtSpring for the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action. An evening benefit concert by folksinger Ian Tamblyn rounded out the day's events.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

ment agencies, Jim Standen attended the meeting out of personal interest.

Though especially useful for leaders who could efficiently bring about change, he said, it can empower individuals as well.

"It was a good mixture of

views," he said.

"It's good to know [sustainability] isn't this overwhelming impossible mission. It shows there is more we can do other than change light bulbs."

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# SS Dollars puts money where mouth is

Making farming affordable has been a priority of John Wilcox since he began developing Duck Creek Farm 17 years ago.

An innovative initiative John has helped develop for Salt Spring's Island Monetary Foundation includes Jane Squier of the Islands Farmers Institute and Adam Gold of Island Natural Growers. It's the Small Farm Loan Program for New Entry and Existing Farmers using capital accumulated from Salt Spring's currency over the past five years.

Using Salt Spring Dollars, the project will provide low-interest "seed" funding in the form of small farm loans (at four per cent interest) of up to \$2,500 to entry-level farmers engaging in a lease/share farm operation with Salt Spring's

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established farmers.

Loans will be advanced based on the formalization of a land lease/share contract the entrant signs with an established farmer. The entrant will repay the loan incrementally throughout the growing season with the help of the established farmer.

To qualify, a farm must be a naturally managed or an organic operation. It must be operating on either freehold or secure tenured farmland. It must be a marketer of food or fibre products through the farmers markets, retail food outlets, a community-supported agriculture (CSA)

program, or other forms of island sales.

"The idea behind the initiative is to solve one of the small farmer's greatest dilemmas," says John. "The spring is when a farmer needs help to get his production underway. Spring is also when farm income is at its lowest. It's very hard for existing farmers to not only cover new input costs but also to engage a new entrant as a wage earner at this critical time of year."

"Cash from a small loan will help both the new and existing farmer meet these new input and cost of liv-

ing expenses before shared returns (rather than wage earnings) start flowing in from the market. When farm products do get to market by May or June, loan repayment cash can be set aside incrementally from the new entrants share of market returns."

"A program like this adds versatility, too," said Wilcox. "A new farmer may elect to grow his or her own specialty product as well as to assist the existing farmer with his regular production. With cost of living expenses covered this way it becomes possible to get a good start to the season as well as to "grow" production beyond just doubling it. When two people farm this way, the incentive it creates brings a kind of synergy to the farm — two people may work side

by side but their output is more than doubled. It may well be tripled or quadrupled by the incentive associated with the shared production method.

"There is a real need for a program like this," said Wilcox. "Today, farmers (even if they can get credit) can't borrow less than \$10,000 from conventional lending institutions. By using Salt Spring Dollars this way we solve that problem. We provide a community service and we get our island currency into circulation."

"The Kyoto Protocol calls for the re-localization of our food production. This use of our island currency, though small, begins to move us back into that right direction. Isn't that what we need for a food secure future here on Salt Spring?"



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# Iris expert takes the stage at garden club gathering

The immediate past president of the American Iris Society (AIS) is the Salt Spring Island Garden Club speaker on March 28.

"Plant breeding as an artistic expression coupled with an instinctive green thumb" is how Barbara Aitken describes her husband Terry Aitken, the current regional vice president of the AIS.

"Like many plantsmen, Aitken is an architect and he embraces the soft and the hard aspects of design," states a garden club press release. "He became entranced with irises when working on a project in Minnesota soon after receiving his degree and for more

than 25 years has cultivated and hybridized this fascinating plant."

He is also a keen photographer and his photographs will illustrate the range and beauty of the iris.

On Salt Spring people have a great opportunity to view Ted Baker's fabulous garden during the blooming period to enjoy and select varieties.

The garden club meets at Meaden Hall on Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

New members are welcome to join the club, while \$5 is the suggested donation for non-members.

# Hungry Rufous hummers back

Rufous hummingbird males are back on the island after a winter down south, and it's time to put out the welcoming feeders.

"They will be hungry after their trip and

would be glad to see feeders," said island birder John Sprague.

"Resident Anna's hummingbirds are nesting at this time," he added.

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### Grown-up Bond a winner in Casino Royale



Casino Royale, the 21st in the James Bond series, is very much a return to Ian Fleming's original vision. While taking place in the present day, the film starts with Bond's first escapades as the tuxedoed superspy.

The plot is fairly standard Bond material, but it begins with a short sequence in which James (Daniel Craig) makes his first two kills and is promoted to "00" status. His first real mission is then to ensure that international banker and terrorist financier "Le Chiffre" (creepy Mads Mikkelsen) is foiled in raising money by way of a high-stakes poker game in Montenegro.

Of course, there has to be a Bond girl along the way. In this case it's financial expert Vesper Lynd (Eva Green), sent to monitor Bond's progress but quite naturally falling for

him in a manner of days.

It's the relationship between the two that powers Casino Royale's more interesting storyline. While the action sequences in the film are well done and everything looks great, it's the tragic consequences of a spy's private life converging with his job that I found most interesting.

Most films in the series have portrayed 007 as somewhat of a robot. As played by Daniel Craig, this Bond is closer to rabid dog; asked whether he would like his martini shaken or stirred, he replies, "Does it look like I give a damn?"

As Casino Royale begins, Bond is all youthful bravado, but when things with Lynd become complicated we see the seeds of his later "issues" with women. Their chemistry is crucial to the film, especially when the producers have taken

steps to make Casino Royale more "mature." Gone are many of the cheesier elements of previous films. There are no silly names, few double entendres, and the flippancy is kept to a minimum.

That this installment did so well both critically and at the box office is a great sign. I've grown to love 007 over the years, but there was a sense that things were getting a little too ridiculous.

Apparently the next in the series will be a companion piece to Casino Royale, developing its themes even more and establishing more of an overall storyline than the more episodic films previously made. I look forward to Bond #22 with great gusto: let the predictions for the next villain and "Bond girl" commence.

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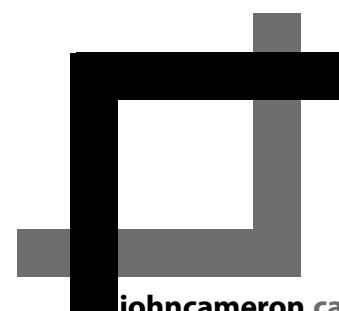
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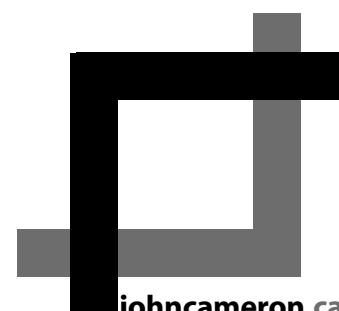
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**HAIR-RAISING KICK:** Callum Gunn gets a pass off to centre before being tripped up by a Cowichan defender in a 2-0 victory for the U-16 home team on Sunday.

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## U-18 boys head to soccer finals

Salt Spring's U-18 boys advanced to the District Cup finals after beating Cowichan 1-0 on Sunday at Portlock Park.

"The local squad kept Cowichan under high pressure from the beginning of the game, creating many offensive opportunities and constantly shooting on net," said team spokesperson Louise Doucet.

"The play occurred in the opponent's end for fully 70 per cent of the game and on those occasions when Cowichan managed to break through a tight midfield they were met with our strong defensive line of Isaac Raddysh, Gordon Havelaar and Liam Johnston."

Eland Bronstein and Tavis Morton maintained control as defensive centre midfielders, distributing the ball forward to Rusty Fedberg, David Nix and Jesson Motherwell as offensive midfielders.

"The team's two-way soccer strategy combined with controlled passes resulted in a goal when Julian Smith's hard-driven goal rebounded off the keeper to be picked up by DJ Lake, who then drove it into net," said Doucet.

The island boys compete in the District Cup finals in Oak Bay at the end of March.

### In other soccer news:

Salt Spring's U17 girls gold team ended the season on a high note, almost stealing a win from a high-ranking Juan de Fuca team in District Cup play on Sunday.

Starting the match with four significant

players on the bench due to injury (including keeper Olivia Morgan and back-up keeper Jess Harkema), the girls hit the field with just one sub.

Then Megan Robinson had to leave the game, and Kaeli Dragomir was forced out due to a foot injury.

Juan de Fuca scored in the first half, but had several shots blocked by substitute keeper Rosalie Baldwinson and stellar defensive work by Emily Rothwell, Monique Comeau, Erica Cronin and Elsbet Krayenhoff.

Pumped up for the second half, the team was back up to 10 players when Danica Lundy went back in and took a high, hard shot at net from outside the 18-yard box.

The Juan de Fuca keeper fumbled the ball and a quick-thinking Olivia Budd was in the right spot to ensure it went in.

Despite some good chances by both teams (including several great shots by Kirsty Girard), and hard work by Katelyn Girard and Natalia Alonso, regulation time ended in a 1-1 tie and the girls went into two 15-minute overtime halves.

Salt Spring got on the scoreboard once more with some beautiful passing that went from Comeau to Lundy to Kirsty Girard, who sent a rocket from the right side into the back of the net.

The final score was 4-2 for Juan de Fuca, but the girls and coach Dave Morgan were happy with their effort.

## Dragons stick to winning ways

The Salt Spring Dragons earned their third consecutive cup victory by defeating the Castaways 5-1 in Victoria last weekend.

Their latest victory places the women atop the hunt for top spot in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association's (LIWSA) Stephanie Shergold Cup tournament.

The team wasted little time getting on the board as Liz Wilson drove an 18-yard shot past the opposing keeper after connecting with a cross-field pass from Mardon Dary.

Despite a late first-half Castaway equalizer, the Dragons offence offered little chance to regain momentum as Sue-Anne Donaldson registered her second hat trick of the 2006-07 season.

"Sue-Anne's first goal was scored with a high corner ball from outside the 18-yard box and the next came when a series of beautiful passes in triangular formation resulted in a pass from Cheryle Johnson to Liz, who then crossed it to Mardon who laid it off for Sue-Anne," said Louise Doucet, the Dragons' team spokesperson.

With a commanding three-goal lead, Jeannie Gray successfully launched a shot from just inside the centre line to add an insurance goal in the game's dying moments.

"The whole team played very cohesively, repeatedly shooting on net and maintaining high pressure on the Castaways," Doucet said.

"The defensive end played most of the game at centre line, keeping the play well within the opponent's half for most of the game."

Doucet credited Stacey Anderson and Karla Copeland-Rice with invaluable performances as defensive and midfield wings.

"They continually fed the ball forward and thwarted any Castaway attempts to break through to our end," Doucet said.

"The few times they did, they were met with our excellent keeper of the day — Kym Sheppard Bellavance."

Updated schedule details are available on the revamped LIWSA website at [www.liwsa.com](http://www.liwsa.com).

## Bowling scores grant islanders bragging rights

High rollers in recent bowling league play are:

Circus League — February 12: Myles Wilson, 236, 215/624; Marina Roland, 204; Ken Strike, 213.

February 19: Harald Repen, 214; Anne Flieger, 233, 214.

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Circus League March 12: Myles Wilson, 241, 227/605; Mary Tanti, 218; Anne Flieger, 200.

Special Olympics — March 7: Mahjor Bains, 151; Gloria Dale, 152-172;

Terry Swing, 185; Jason Newport, 188.

And to wind up the bowling report:

March 14: Gloria Dale, 191-147;

Stuart Elliott, 194; Mahjor Bains, 158;

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**MAKING CONTACT:** Grade 9 student Kate Hosie whacks the ball during a dodgeball game.

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## Strawberry Express partner lands in water

By SCOTT SIMMONS  
Driftwood Contributor

With just the power of the wind as the driving force, six sail boats and crews competed in the annual Salt Spring Island Sailing Club Spring Regatta.

Polar fleece and wool topped with waterproof outer shell were the dress of the day. When a race is held it is not subject to weather conditions — a lack of wind is the only reason for cancellation. This is what makes racing so challenging. You sail on days when most reasonable people would be home in front of the stove with a good book, not bobbing around the harbour in a rain storm.

The regatta was a series of three short races. It sounds easy, but it is a lot of up, down, tack, jibe, tighten this, slack that off, sheet in, no out, etc. I have to say it's fun but a work-out. If you're not worn out by the end of it all you would have to be in great shape.

On a personal note, when your first mate is your partner ("wife" for non Salt Spring readers) and she says before the day begins, "I feel dizzy today and should not go on the foredeck" (front of boat), listen to her.

Let's just say she was right and fell overboard. June and I are still talking and laughing about it. She has a huge bruise and her cat-like foredeck skills are a little shaken. She was not technically fully overboard as she was still hanging on, so it was really not that bad.

Just one of those moments

when you wish you had the camera on.

I would like to publicly apologize to Peter Howell (who was on the helm) for yelling at him to "turn down wind." It was not a pretty spinnaker take down; kind of one of those "what can go wrong will go wrong" times you would like to forget about.

On a lighter note, Keith Simpson's Soul Dancer was in such fine form that it is rumoured an unknown America cup racing team has asked him and his well-oiled team to come over to Spain and teach them some of the finer points of racing. It may appear to a casual reader that I like to pick on Keith, but in my defence our boats are evenly matched and Keith declared a feud. It's the Simmons vs. the Simpsons.

The races seemed to break down into two groups: Imp in first place, Final Dash second and Caliente third in the front-running group, with Alacrity (fourth), Soul Dancer (fifth) and Strawberry Express following. From our position at the back of the fleet it seemed Final Dash, with the team of David, Josh and Dan Wood, had a great regatta.

It would be so much easier to report the races if we had a helicopter.

If anyone on the island would like to come out to the next race with their chopper, we'd appreciate it. It's the Walker Rock Race on Sunday, April 1.

For race information, check www.saltspringsailing.ca.

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**6 DEATHS**

**PAUL MacPHERSON RANNEY**  
April 16, 1925 - March 15, 2007

Paul was born in the farming community of Salford, Ontario, in Oxford county. The Ranney's were the first dairy farmers and cheesemakers in the area. Paul attended school in Ingersoll, Ontario and joined the navy in 1944 at the age of 18, serving aboard HMCS Uganda in the South Pacific. Paul worked for Northern Telecom until his retirement in 1986 when he and wife Letabeth moved to Salt Spring Island. Paul was an active and loved member of the community until his death. He belonged to the Trail & Nature Club Ramblers, the Canadian Legion, the SS Unitarian Fellowship and was an enthusiastic volunteer, especially with the Ometepe fair trade coffee organization. Paul is survived by his wife Letabeth, son John (and wife Louanna) of Kelowna, daughter Kathryn of Newcastle, Australia, and grandchildren Ceth, Sasha, Rowan, Aidan and Dylan. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, April 7th, 2:00pm at the Lion's Club Hall.

**6 DEATHS**

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June 24th 1916 - March 17th 2007



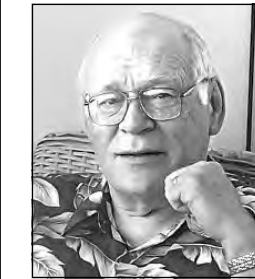
*'Then my heart with pleasure fills  
And dances with the daffodils.'*  
Roma passed away peacefully in the morning of St Patrick's Day at her Salt Spring home by the gardens she adored. She leaves her devoted husband and partner, Robert, after sixty-six years of marriage and a life filled with accomplishment, diligence, challenge, excitement and style. She is predeceased by her brother, Reginald.

She was born and raised in Great Malvern, Worcestershire, England and educated in Worcester. After graduation Roma was trained for a career in the fashion industry and she became head of fashion departments in both Cheltenham and London. She excelled in sports, particularly tennis and golf, and also embraced a lifelong love of gardening.

Roma and Robert immigrated to Canada in 1951 to continue Robert's engineering career. They lived in Quebec before moving to BC in 1956. Roma was also naturally able and astute in business affairs. She was an equal and hands on partner with Robert in the development of a significant hotel operation in BC and later for the Galiano Golf and Country Club on Galiano Island. They retired to their Salt Spring Island home on Douglas Road in 1975 where Roma created magnificent flower gardens. She also continued her long time involvement with the I.O.D.E., becoming Regent for three years.

Roma was a great beauty whose intelligence, wit and zest for life attracted many friends. Her single-minded determination to regain her ability to walk after a series of recent leg operations astounded us all.

A special thank you to Dr Robert Creighton and to her private home nurses for their devoted care, compassion and friendship during these last two years.  
A private memorial reception will be held at her home for close family and friends.



**HARVEY RICHARD GRAHAM SCRIVENER**  
31st January 1937 - 11th March 2007

On Sunday evening March 11th at home on Salt Spring Island, B.C. Harvey passed away.

Harvey is survived by his loving wife Carole, two sons: Glen and wife Kelly and grandson Sloane Scrivener; Colin and wife Rochelle and grandson Chase Scrivener, and daughter Kate and partner Rich and grandson Hudson Wong, his brother Bernard and wife Elaine, neices

Monica and Yvette Scrivener. He was predeceased by his parents Graham and Eleanor (Harvey) Scrivener

Harvey was extremely involved in the Winnipeg community through his business and volunteer associations with St. Georges Anglican Church (Crescentwood), Diocese of Rupertsland, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (Hall of Fame 2002), United Way, Winnipeg Stock Exchange, Winnipeg Commodity Exchange, Investment Dealers Association, Canada Saving Bonds, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission and Manitoba Club.

Harvey truly felt that he had the idyllic life splitting each year and the 4 seasons between the Lake of the Woods, Ontario and Salt Spring Island, B.C.

"Papa Woo Woo" as he was affectionately referred to by his grandson had a life long interest in Lionel trains, an interest which developed in his youth after being introduced to them by his father. The construction of his train display has developed into a year round planning process and will be a legacy for the next generation.

His interest in reading, particularly WWII history kept him in contact with a network of buddies who exchanged reading material.

Harvey's 48 years with RBC-DS (Dominion Securities) exemplified his devotion to his endeavors and to his family and friends.

He will be sadly missed by family, friends and business associates across the country. We will miss his humour and the security of his presence in our lives.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. Georges Memorial Fund, 168 Wilton St, Winnipeg, MB, R3M 3C3 or ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island 100 Jackson Ave, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V8.

A memorial service will take place at St. Georges Church (Crescentwood) 168 Wilton St, Winnipeg at 1pm Friday, March 16th, 2007.

Honourary pallbearers are Paul Robson, David Hawkey, Marsden Fenwick, Alan McLaughlin, Bernard Scrivener, Colin Scrivener & Glen Scrivener.

**6 DEATHS**

**DONNA RAE WOLFE-MILNER**

Passed away at home on 16 March, 2007 after a valiant struggle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 38 years Patrick, daughter Karen, son Michael, and very special granddaughter Michaela. She has also left her mother Gladys, and brothers Bob, Gordon (Joanne) and Doug, and a large extended family. Important in her life during the last few years were her "Sisters" Viv and Deb.

Donna was born in Saskatoon in 1946. While growing up, and later with her own family, she lived in a number of military communities. In 1992, as an elderly student at the University of Manitoba, she earned her Bachelor of Interior Design degree. In 1998 she and her husband moved to Salt Spring Island, which she treasured as her favourite place on earth.

Many thanks are due Dr Ron Reznick, Dr Mait McNeil, the staff at the Vancouver Island Cancer Clinic, and responders from the BC Ambulance Service and the SSI Fire Department. Professional performance with appropriate compassion was shown by all, and the family is most grateful.

It was Donna's wish that there be no service or flowers. Memorial donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or to the BC Cancer Foundation to support their very worthwhile programmes.

*I may grow old, but I won't grow up.*

**7 PET MEMORIAM**



The very much beloved 'Reynolds Road Bon Vivant' known as 'Dickens', also 'Mr. Dickens' and 'Little Woollyman', passed away sadly around the same time as 'Fritz' the cat. He was lion-hearted, a most decidedly independent fellow, always with a mission up the road, whether visiting Claire and 'Wrinkles', a stop at a catfood dish along the trail, or tolerating gracefully the Drummond girls dressing him in doll clothes and pulling him around in a wagon. (He was thrilled when 'Ivy' relieved him of these duties!). He loved Trish and Maggie too for his spot in their hearts.

Dickens was rescued in '92 on Christmas Eve from the downtown Vancouver pound and lived the ideal of finding his 'inner wild dog' here on Salt Spring.

He put in many hours of service as a 'therapy dog' for Bessie Dane Hospice and will be always remembered with great joy by K & V and multitudes of others...our fur people do indeed touch very deep places in our human souls.

**10 CELEBRATIONS**

**Agnes Huser**



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

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Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
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ARTSPRING VOLUNTEER opportunity: Want to see ArtSpring shows for free? Join our usher team and watch great performances for free while you volunteer. ArtSpring is offering an Usher Training Session on Thursday, March 22 from 5 to 6 pm. If you're interested in volunteering and are willing to commit, call 537-2125 or drop by ArtSpring a half hour early to complete a Volunteer Information Form.

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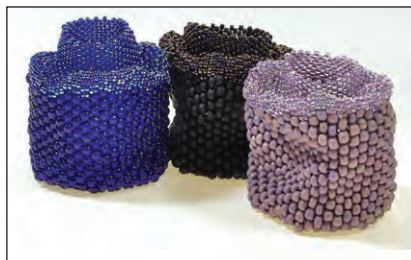
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## COURSE CALENDAR

### SPRING MINI-PROGRAM 2007



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#### SPR.07.01 Bead Weaving

Come and learn 2 of the many bead weaving stitches: Brick & Peyote, and make two bracelets. Bring a pair of small sharp scissors. Materials fee includes thread, 2 colours (40 grams each), needles and mat.

**Materials:** \$15, paid directly to the Instructor.

3 Thursdays Apr 12 to 26 7 to 9 pm Instructor's Home

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$65 **As of Apr 5: \$75**

**Instructor:** Carol Wagner began playing with beads in 1999 and then discovered bead weaving. Being very spatial, she was able to learn beading on her own. When asked to teach in 2001, she jumped at the chance to inspire others in a craft that can be creative and meditative. Her work can be seen at: [www.CraftedbyCarol.com](http://www.CraftedbyCarol.com)

#### SPR.07.02 Computers: WORD or EXEL Learn at Your Own Pace!

Rather than teaching to the class as a whole, Philip will teach to the individual; thus, the class size is small. He will provide one-on-one instruction to accommodate each learner's particular needs and level of experience. The "Word" course offers principles of word processing that are involved in creating, editing, printing and storing text, and more. And for "Excel" - family finances, bank accounts, investments, income tax returns, collections and ideas, all are daily facts of our lives that can be efficiently and easily tracked. You will learn to perform the basics of Excel, such as entering and editing information, performing basic calculations and functions, formatting spreadsheets and managing data. You will get plenty of practice and encouragement! Please note on your registration form whether WORD or EXCEL interests you. **Materials:** \$15, paid directly to the Instructor at the first class.

6 Mondays April 16 to May 21 7 to 9pm GISS S111

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$140 **As of Apr 5: \$150**

**Instructor:** Philip Benson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in both teaching and computer skills. He has taught various computer courses every term with Community Ed and has received superb evaluations from his students.

#### SPR.07.03 Digital Cameras 2.

So you have a new digital camera. Now what do you do with it? What can it do for you? This course is for beginners getting familiar with a digital camera. Included are: basic skills (eg. connecting to your computer) and techniques (eg. holding your camera), understanding the language (eg "flash"), and how to get the image out of the camera but, to where? You will learn technical and common sense tips and tricks with a knowledgeable instructor. **Materials:** \$10.00 paid directly to the Instructor.

4 Tuesdays April 10 to May 1 7 to 9pm SS Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$80 **As of Apr 5: \$90**

**Instructor:** Rod Hinks has taught students from Elementary School to Post-Grad University level. He has 30 years of experience in computing and digital systems as well as video and still photography.

#### SPR.07.04 Organic Gardening with Linda Gilkeson.

This is a hands-on workshop for beginners and for gardeners who are new to growing vegetables and fruit in our West Coast climate. We will cover compost and soil preparation; mulching and watering; starting seeds and transplanting; choosing vegetable and fruit varieties; planting for harvests 12 months of the year and dealing with common pests. The emphasis will be on how to grow the greatest amount of delicious, organic food in a small garden—for the least amount of work.

**Bring:** A bag lunch and if it is wet, wear boots.

**Materials:** \$15, paid directly to the Instructor for the manual: "Year Around Harvest: Winter Gardening on the Coast".

1 Sunday April 22 10 am to 4 pm Linda's Garden

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$65 **As of Apr 5: \$75**

**Instructor:** Linda Gilkeson has been an avid gardener all her life, earned her Ph.D. in entomology and worked for a company rearing beneficial insects. She developed the "Year Round Harvest" workshops to spread the word on simple ways to have fresh food all year. Currently Linda is the Past President of the SS Garden Club.



#### SPR.07.05 Photography: The Art and the Science

Frustrated with f-stops? Lummoxed by lighting? Mystified by motion control? In this class, you'll learn basic and intermediate ways of getting your camera to do what you want it to do, including control of: exposure, motion, depth-of-field, lighting, close-up, composition, and more. Each week, you'll learn a new technique, then shoot pictures using that technique. The following week, everyone's work will be reviewed and critiqued by the class. It is recommended that you have a camera capable of manual control of exposure and focus - digital or film.

Bring four of your pictures to the first class (2 that you are especially proud of and 2 that you think could use some help). **Materials:** \$10.00, paid directly to the Instructor at the first class. Students planning to use a film camera should contact Jan prior to the first class.

8 Thursdays April 12 to May 31 7 to 9 pm plus 1 Saturday Field Trip May 26

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$120 **As of Apr 5: \$130**

**Instructor:** Jan Steinman has been involved with photography since he was tall enough to get his hands in the stop bath in his father's home darkroom. A community education photography instructor since 1984, Jan currently is the Photo/Illustrations editor for *Communities Magazine*, does fine art reproductions and other services for artists, and sells his own photography at festivals and galleries throughout North America. His work can be seen at [www.Bytesmiths.com](http://www.Bytesmiths.com).

#### SPR.07.06 Weaving for Kids.

In three sessions, children, 8 to 12 years of age, will complete the steps to a finished scarf: planning, winding the warp, dressing the loom and weaving. Maximum 8 students. Looms, yarn and instructors supplied by the Weavers and Spinners Guild.

**Bring:** a water bottle and a snack

3 Fridays April 20, 27 and May 4 9:30 to 1:00 pm Salt Spring Elementary School, Community Room

Fees paid before Apr 5: \$15 **As of Apr 5: \$25**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### REGISTRATION DATES

Wednesday, March 21 to Thursday, April 5

#### HOW TO REGISTER

1. DRIFTWOOD REGISTRATION FORM: bottom of this page
2. ONLINE: [www.ssicommunityed.com](http://www.ssicommunityed.com) use Registration button to download form
3. BINDERS: Driftwood desk, SSI Library, PARC desk, School Board Office desk, and SSBooks (all binders contain: Course Calendars, registration forms, envelopes and instructions)

#### INFORMATION LOCATIONS

ONLINE: [www.ssicommunityed.com](http://www.ssicommunityed.com)  
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#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Is available to assist with course fees. For more information, please leave a message at 537-0037

**COURSE CONTENT, ADVICE AND OPINIONS** are those of the Instructors only and not the responsibility of the SSI Community Ed Society.

#### OTHER

Notebooks and pens are a good idea for most classes. GISS refers to the High School on Rainbow Road. We accept SS Dollars, Cash, or Cheques. In offering a Mini-Program, we recommend that you register early as these courses will fill up quickly. Reminder that fees increase by \$10.00 per course after April 5.

## Lifelong Learning on Salt Spring . . .

Do you consider yourself a lifelong learner? Would you be interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas about promoting lifelong learning on our island?

The board members of the Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education are in the process of reviewing policies, practices and programs. After 7 terms of offering courses to over 750 students, we believe it is important at this time to consult with our community for 3 reasons:

1. to gain *input* from our community to augment our understanding of what this community wants in terms of learning opportunities, so that we may adjust our program accordingly.
2. to develop *collaborative relationships* with other organizations, groups and individuals that might currently offer learning activities, or who might consider such.
3. to garner interest from individuals who would consider sitting periodically on our *advisory committee*, so that we can continue to expand our knowledge of the community on a regular basis.

#### We'd like to start right now by asking a few questions -

1. Do you or any friends have "unmet learning needs?" Or any courses you'd like us to offer on Salt Spring?

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2. What are some of the ways in which SSI-SCE can best help meet those needs?

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3. Do you have any other ideas for improving lifelong learning opportunities on Salt Spring?

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Input from every one is appreciated and we would be grateful for *your* participation. Please answer these questions and send your reply to us. Thank-you.

1. Mail: SSI Community Ed, Box 329, Ganges, V8K 2V9
2. Drop-box: School Board Office.
3. Email: [info@ssicommunityed.com](mailto:info@ssicommunityed.com)

## HAVE A BRIGHT IDEA?

**If you have an idea for a workshop, seminar, or course and/or are interested in teaching a workshop, seminar, or course - then let us know! Send your proposal to SSI Community Education, Box 329, Ganges, SSI, V8K 2V9 or Call us at 537-0037 and leave a message.**

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	COST:
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<b>TOTAL COST:</b>		

I would like to register for a Winter Mini-Program Course with SSI Community Education (537-0037).

Name (Last name first): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ V8K \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque out to: Community Education. THANKS!

Place this form together with a cheque for the total amount in a sealed envelope and either mail to Box 329, Ganges, SSI, V8K 2V9 or drop it into the Community Ed Drop box at the School Board office."