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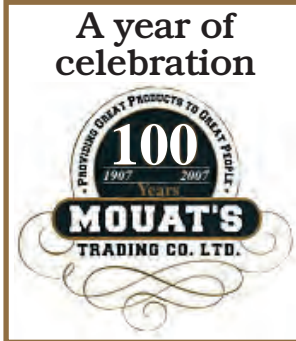


## Weather

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# Gas prices over the top

No rhyme or reason for exorbitant costs

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

At \$1.36 a litre, Salt Spring is at the top of the charts for gas prices in Canada, if not North America.

"It sucks. It really sucks," said Pierre St. Pierre as he filled up his Econoline 150 van on Tuesday afternoon at Save-on-Gas. "I miss my motorbike."

But before islanders place the blame on local stations, Shell station owner Blaine Johnson said his cost is directly determined by his suppliers.

Both Shell and Payless are supplied by Shell Canada but are independently owned and operated. Both had prices at or close to \$1.36 per litre Tuesday afternoon. Save-on-Gas has a different supplier, but was also sitting at \$1.36.

Johnson said he pays more per litre and doesn't make as much per litre as stations on Vancouver Island. As of 8 a.m. Tuesday, most Lady-smith locations were charging \$1.19.9 per litre. (For more gas prices, see accompanying table.)

This difference can add up for islanders.

"When I go off [island], I fill up," St. Pierre said. "I take all my jerricans and I fill up [because B.C. Ferries doesn't charge by weight]."

Jana Saunderson, spokesperson for Shell Canada, would not say how much Shell Canada charges gas station operators per litre on Salt Spring or Vancouver Island.

As both the Shell Canada-supplied stations on-island are independent, she said, Shell plays no role in deter-

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?: Fulford valley beekeeper Dave Harris is not yet worried about stories of declining honeybee populations, while others in southern B.C. have sounded an alarm about serious colony decline.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Trouble in the honey hive

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island beekeepers may be among the final holdouts as a mysterious bee-killing illness continues to spread across the North American continent.

"It's kind of scary," said Darren Farias. "Then again you don't know if it's just talk or reality."

For three years, Farias has tended a small apiary of roughly 10 hives in

the Fulford Valley. His family's modest organic honey operation is more of a hobby than anything else, though the family sells its surplus at a roadside stall and the Saturday market.

So far, Farias has yet to experience anything resembling losses felt by beekeepers elsewhere in North America, but the events have certainly piqued his interest.

For decades, beekeepers across North America have adapted to an

endless parade of viruses and mites. Once critters are dealt with, apiarists can only hope the weather will cooperate.

In recent months, however, yet another problem has beset the beekeepers, baffling amateurs, commercial producers, hobbyists and researchers alike.

Scientists call the phenomenon

BEE DEATHS 2

# Design charette: visions of what could be

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Imagine a community of 5,000 where the arts and culture are celebrated alongside a thriving local economy. Small-town sprawl is replaced by a well-planned village core, a place where "downtown" residents can spark the barbecue on their second and third floor balconies as they watch visitors and islanders mingle among shops, restaurants and galleries on Lower Ganges Road.

After dinner, residents can walk through Grace Point, reclaimed as public space, or along a completed boardwalk overlooking house

boats where islanders can finally enjoy affordable seaside living.

Even the once uninspiring parking lots are cobbled, beautifully landscaped and pedestrian-friendly walking areas.

"Cars are still around, but they're not the focus. Attention is on the people in the cars instead," said Graham Smith, a participant in last week's design charette workshops. "We're striving to create a more piazza-like atmosphere, a place where people want to be."

And that is exactly what a group of 35 students and professional architects, plan-

ners, artists and designers accomplished during the Institute for Sustainability Education & Action (I-SEA) four-day charette project.

The inspiration for the charette exercise, organizers explained, is to "paint a picture of the possible" based on the hundreds of pages of Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) recommendations developed by focus group members currently working alongside the Islands Trust.

Results from groups examining the Ganges core, greater Ganges and Fulford villages were presented to a lively and inquisitive audi-

ence at the Farmers Institute during a three-hour meeting Friday evening.

"What you may see may seem like a Jules Verne novel," Smith told the crowd. "In some places we may have gone over the edge and in others we may not have gone far enough."

In Fulford, plans call for underground water cisterns for every new home and extensive grey and black water management to alleviate potential growth on a limited sewer system.

Back in Ganges, implementing renewable power

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# Re-designed Driftwood debuts May 16

Driftwood readers should be prepared for a new look to their community newspaper when it hits the streets next Wednesday.

While it will still be immediately recognizable as the Gulf Islands Driftwood, the paper joins the 21st century when it comes to modern design standards.

New content accompanies the visual changes, with a weekly web poll ques-

tion, quote of the week, historical photo and a "you asked us" column, where editorial staff dig up the answers to readers' burning questions.

After receiving input from Driftwood staff, award-winning Gibsons-based designer Shelley Ackerman brought back proposals for consideration, with the final version the one set to run May 16.

Except for a front-page makeover instituted eight years ago and refinements made since, the Driftwood has maintained the same editorial look since July of 1994.

Coinciding with that change, the Driftwood said it would receive letters to the editor electronically on a trial basis via the community bulletin board service called Raven Net.

## BEE DEATHS

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Dave Harris and his bees.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

responsible for the deaths of thousands of colonies in 22 states Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

In Canada, researchers suspect CCD for what the Ontario Beekeepers Association estimates has been an 18 per cent annual decline in bee populations over the past decade.

CCD is the latest headache for North American apiarists and, while it now has a name, researchers are still at a loss to explain its cause.

John Simpson and his wife used to tend around 25 hives in Langley. Last year he lost 75 per cent of his operation to CCD and things don't look any more promising this time around.

"Everyone is going through this with their blinders on. For some reason, these things always seem to start here," he said. "You guys [on Salt Spring] are lucky because you're isolated on an island."

Just last week, a Saanich beeper discovered he'd lost a colony of roughly 20,000 bees. Like everyone else, he's trying to figure out what's happening as the illness makes itself more visible closer to home.

Global warming, chemical pesticides on neighbouring crops, severe winter storms and even cell phone radiation

have been forwarded as possible explanations to the mystery.

"It's classic," said Simpson. "Put 10 beekeepers in a room and you'll end up with 15 different opinions."

In the 30 years he's tended bees, Fulford's Dave Harris has lived through his share of ups and downs.

Beekeeping, he said, is not a venture without risk and Salt Spring proves a challenging place to raise bees at the best of times. Sometimes a long and wet winter is enough to devastate an entire colony. Organic operations, he added, barely stand a chance.

At this point of the year, he said, it is difficult to say why the bees are slow to return, though he isn't shy to call the prospect of widespread bee deaths sensationalist. Of more immediate concern, Harris said, are the vandals who knock down his hives for late-night kicks.

"All is not doom and gloom," Harris said. "So far everything seems fine. There's been some hives lost, but no more than usual."

Harris expects the roar of the honey bees to return as temperatures rise. If they don't, maybe then he'll start worrying. For now, he points out, there's still plenty of honey for people passing by his Fulford-Ganges Road apiary.

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sources and an arts corridor featuring several outdoor stages around a compact village core were a few ideas one group forwarded as a method to turn a "series of pockets without a recognizable streetscape" into a vibrant and livable town.

Many of the sketches and ideas presented will only become priorities when the island's population and climate conspire to make change an inevitability, but that isn't stopping some from making a plan.

One hundred years ago, the City of Vancouver was little more than a mill town located near the end of a rail

**"What you may see may seem like a Jules Verne novel."**  
— **Graham Smith**

line, said Sebastian Moffatt, an international researcher and energy efficiency consultant based on Salt Spring. In 1907, Ganges remained part of the sea and the island was largely unsettled woodlands crawling with cougars and bears.

Change may happen whether we like it or not, but developing solutions and

adapting to growth is entirely within our control, said Moffatt.

"If you don't start agreeing on where you want to go in the long term, it is a lot more difficult to make those short-term policy decision," he told the crowd. "We are an island with such good people, yet there is so much controversy and a failure to develop a long-term plan."

The crowd's reaction spanned the spectrum from shock to awe as team leaders presented the results of their findings. The mention of five-storey buildings lining the sun-drenched northern side of Rainbow Road was enough

to send an audible gasp echoing through the room.

"They're partially buried and very unobtrusive," reassured one of the presenters.

Throughout the event, charette members drew on experience and knowledge gathered from provincial and local government representatives, engineers, ferry representatives and other groups.

Organizers hope to compile data and materials produced by each group into a CD or booklet for distribution to interested parties later this year.

For more information, contact I-SEA at 537-4400 or visit [www.i-sea.org](http://www.i-sea.org).

## Loosening truck tire bolts 'senseless'

A ferry worker who watched the wheel of his truck bounce down Long Harbour Road ahead of him has a warning for people parking their vehicles at the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal.

Steve Summers, who commutes from Vancouver Island and leaves his vehicle at Vesuvius, says it's lucky nobody was hurt or killed as a result of the front wheel of his truck coming off on

Saturday morning.

He believes the wheel bolts were loosened while the vehicle was parked at Vesuvius between Wednesday night and Saturday morning.

"It's just the most senseless prank possible," he said.

If the tire had come off during heavy traffic or with other people in the vicinity, the incident could have been much more serious, he said.

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**AN UNHAPPY TALE:** Despite the smile, Shell gas station owner Blaine Johnson has felt the crunch from increasing prices at the pumps. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Prices compared

Gas station employees are instructed not to give out gas prices over the phone. The following rates are from [www.gastips.com](http://www.gastips.com), a website that allows people to post gasoline prices in their community.

- As of 8 a.m. Tuesday, most Ladysmith locations were charging \$1.19.9 per litre and most Nanaimo locations \$1.20.9.
- As of Saturday at 1 p.m., prices ranged between \$1.22.5 and \$1.22.9 per litre in Victoria.
- At Tuesday at 9 a.m., prices ranged from \$1.23.9 to \$1.29.9 per litre in Langley.
- In Kamloops, many of the stations were at \$1.12.9 per litre, with about one half of pumps at \$1.11.4, as of Monday at 11 a.m.
- In Edmonton, Alberta, prices ranged from \$1.01.4 per litre to \$1.08.4 as of Monday morning.
- In Oakville, Ontario, prices were steady at \$1.02.2 on Tuesday morning.

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mining their prices.

She added Shell Canada makes sure they provide a "competitive selling price."

At present, Johnson said, he is barely making enough money to cover his overhead.

He is unable to offer self-serve as his pump quality is not high enough and he must therefore employ a gas pumper.

When asked about the increased costs to supply fuel to Salt Spring, Saunderson said, "obviously, there are increased transportation costs."

But transportation costs alone don't explain the disparity between prices on Salt Spring and those on Vancouver Island as even Mayne Island gas is less expensive than Salt Spring's.

A manager at Mayne

Island's Active Pass Auto and Marine Ltd., who requested her name not be used, said gas cost \$1.32.9 per litre on Tuesday morning.

Saunderson also said the amount of fuel a station can sell, local competition, taxes in a region, and whether the station has other means of making money, such as a convenience store or car wash, can all affect the price of gas.

For his part, Johnson is largely unsure of why costs vary so much across the province and country as "we all buy our gas from the same place."

There seems to be no relief in the near future, he added.

"It only seems to be climbing here . . . The barrel prices seem to be going down. There's no rhyme or reason to it."

## Salt Spring trustees quash Northview subdivision plan

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island trustees have turned down an applicant's request to subdivide a seven-hectare (18-acre) north-island property on grounds the project's four homes would endanger the area's water supply and tarnish the neighbourhood's rural feel.

"I want to bring some closure to this," said local trustee Peter Lamb. "Looking to increase the development potential in that area is not something I'm convinced is worthwhile."

As part of his application, John Macpherson requested three additional densities be located on a property at the end of Northview Place.

The latest application follows a request Macpherson submitted last year, calling for a six-home subdivision on the site.

The redrawn proposal, he

said, made every effort to reach a compromise with the Islands Trust's vision to preserve rural areas and foster environmentally-friendly building technologies.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind could accuse us of ignoring the environment," he told trustees. "If any development is a green development, this is a green development."

The proposal included a parkland dedication, buffer zones along property lines and development plans based on "the principle of sustainable living within a rural environment."

A hydrology report contracted by the applicant found that while drawdown effect on wells in the subdivision or on neighbouring wells is of concern, tests reveal "no significant impacts will occur because of this small development."

Trustees dismissed the

report based on prior information identifying properties in the area as having water quality and quantity issues.

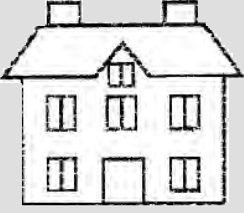
Trustees further pointed out adding additional densities in what remains a largely rural area contravenes the Islands Trust's long-term vision of clustering "new densities" in areas with existing infrastructure and services such as in Ganges, Vesuvius Bay and Fulford.

Neighbours speaking against the proposal at the meeting said they feel the time has come to limit further subdivision of rural areas.

"We have not voiced concerns about prior subdivisions, however, at this point this feels absolutely wrong," said Paul Burke, a Northview Place resident. "Transferring densities to rural areas is just wrong and we don't want it to continue into the future."


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# Salt Spring takes leadership role in climate change action planning

By ELIZABETH NOLAN  
Driftwood Staff

With global climate change becoming a major issue in the news these days, it's not often that we find reasons to celebrate a future beset with species loss, drought and flooding, and extreme famine and disease.

Marion Pape sees things differently, however. A flurry of grassroots activity and two major cash grants for Salt Spring have left the energy specialist feeling downright optimistic.

Pape, who along with Elizabeth White co-directs Salt Spring's Energy Strategy Task Force, sees the recent events as exciting proof that Salt Spring is poised to become a leader in battling climate change.

"I know there's a climate change consciousness that's developing [elsewhere], but I feel that Salt Spring already has a fairly well-developed consciousness," Pape explained. "We do have a fairly well-informed population about what we can do to make a difference, and it's growing."

That potential has been recognized at the institutional level with two recent

grants from B.C.'s Community Action on Energy Efficiency (CAEE) initiative, a program that "provides financial and research support to 15 B.C. local governments to advance energy efficiency through local government policy instruments," according to the group's website.

Through an application made by Pape on behalf of the Islands Trust, Salt Spring was a co-winner of the CAEE's Community Challenge last month, for communities that best engaged the CAEE's Energy Savings Plan. Salt Spring's application to retrofit Murakami Affordable Housing complex garnered a tie with the City of Vancouver, and \$15,000 prize money.

Pape says that Salt Spring won the prize for three reasons: local government support, excellent grassroots involvement by a diverse section of the community, and the project itself (involving affordable housing and local development).

A second and even larger "CAEE Gold" grant of \$50,000 has also been recently announced, which is directed at helping the Trust and OCP review committees research the practicalities

of requiring green building codes for all new houses on Salt Spring.

"We're looking at the legal, financial and various implications of what we'd have to do to make this happen," Pape said. "As part of the OCP process, we'll ask what it is we can do to build an environment that is more energy efficient."

Some questions that need answering are what are the best options for the community, and what regulatory powers are available to the Trust.

"We're prepared to be innovative," she promised.

Perhaps even more exciting to Pape than the official recognition and funding is the amount of local initiatives springing up all over the island.

"Whenever there's an issue on this island, it's amazing how people are prepared to come together to support it, especially if it's something that resonates with the community."

Pape pointed to a recent meeting about potential solar hot water as one example where an entire room was filled by interested participants.

Pape is particularly enthu-

siastic about the "Energy Circles" project recently initiated by Andrew Haigh at Salt Spring Books. In an open letter published in the Driftwood earlier this spring, Haigh called for volunteers to measure their home power use and to reduce that use by 20 per cent in the next year. His call was so successful he had over 50 volunteers in a matter of 10 days. The first groups are now working on their own homes, and will go out into the community at large later this year.

Other groups that will contribute to increased energy efficiency include those working on affordable housing, community gardens and local food production, and public transit. Pape urges all to attend the upcoming transportation fair, Getting Around Salt Spring (GASS), set for June 16. The Salt Spring Island Conservancy's extremely popular Eco Home Tour follows the next day.

With all this local action, it's no wonder Pape is able to look at the bright side. "All of us are deepening our understanding of the energy we consume," she observed. "And once you do that, you'll never be the same."

## Rescue crews ready for the big one

Members of the island's Emergency Preparedness Committee may not be hoping for a major disaster, but are ready for action following a dramatic south-end evacuation exercise conducted Monday.

"We'll never be 100 per cent, but we're much more ready now," said Salt Spring RCMP Corporal Kerry Howse.

"We've ironed out many of the kinks."

Aside from spending 10 to 20 minutes working out

glitches in their communications system, Howse said, the exercise went off without a hitch.

"That's what we do this for," he said. "Now we're ready."

The day-long exercise involved 35 rescue workers from Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue the RCMP, Search and Rescue and the ambulance service.

So convincing was the exercise, Howse said, that a Victoria-based television station dispatched a news

crew to the island in search of the disaster.

The scenario involved the evacuation of 220 households based on a mock wildfire located at the south end of Mount Tuam.

The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated and an Emergency Social Services reception centre was opened at Fulford School.

More than 100 residents of Isabella Point POD registered with Emergency Social Services at the EOC.

## Equine disease talk runs Tuesday

Horse owners are invited to a presentation on infectious diseases of horses and equine respiratory disease on Tuesday night.

Taking place at Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre at 7:30 p.m., the speaker will be Dr. Doug Myers from Cochrane, Alberta.

According to information from event sponsor Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic (GIVC), Myers has been a technical services veterinarian for the Boehringer pharmaceutical company for the past 14 years.

"This company manufactures Calvenza, which is the influenza and rhinopneumonitis vaccine we recommend to our clients," states a clinic release. "Dr. Myers' talk will be very informative and scientific. He will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding infectious and respiratory diseases of horses."

Coffee and treats will be provided.

For more information, contact GIVC at 537-5334.

## Islanders invited to Dion BBQ May 21

Liberal Party of Canada leader Stéphane Dion is making a visit to Saanich on Victoria Day, as part of a "tri-riding" family fun barbecue event.

Salt Spring Liberals are sending out invitations for

people to join the party at the Saanich fairgrounds on Stelly's Cross Road in Victoria from 2:30-5:30 p.m. on May 21.

The Liberals' three south island federal election candidates will also be there.

They are Briony Penn for Saanich-Gulf Islands, Anne Park Shannon for Victoria and Dr. Keith Martin for Esquimalt Juan de Fuca.

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# Moth ground spray May 15

Preparations are now underway for ground spraying for the gypsy moth in the Lee's Hill area by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

"Ground spraying is one component of the alternate gypsy moth control program developed by Salt Springers in 2006 and adopted by the Ministry of Forests to replace overhead pesticide spraying of the island's south end," explained islander Leslie Wallace, coordinator of the alternate program.

Spraying will take place in the area bounded by 104 Lee Road and 1803 Fulford-Ganges Road in the south and by 1747 and 1710 Fulford-Ganges Road in the north. The product used, Dipel 2XDF, is a bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) formulation that is approved for use on organic farms, said Wallace. "The overhead pesticide spraying program would have employed Foray 48B, which would have resulted in organic farmers in the spray zone and drift zones losing their organic certification."

Written notices with recommended precautions to follow to minimize exposure to the spray will be delivered to property owners and their tenants in advance of the first spray, which is tentatively scheduled for May 15.

Property owners whose properties are scheduled to be sprayed have already been notified by phone by Wallace. Three sprays will take place, with nine to 10 days between each spray cycle.

Spray dates are based on weather modelling and weather conditions and can change at the last minute.

Anyone who is concerned about the spray is advised to sign up for e-mail notification of the spray dates so that they can take whatever precautions they think are advisable to reduce their exposure. The link is <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/List-serv/GypsyMoth.htm>.

"I'm really hoping that this will be the last year of ground spraying," said Wallace, "and that the public education and awareness program that is being developed in concert with the ministry will make future 'treatment' programs unnecessary."

An egg mass search of selected properties took place last week, with Salt Spring's John "Eagle Eyes" Wilcox on hand to help government officials with the search. The results — discovery of only two egg masses — one old and one new that appears to be unfertilized, suggests that the mass trapping program is working to reduce the number of moths on the island, said Wallace.

This year volunteers will be needed to hang approximately 1,000 traps, down from last year's 2,300.

Salt Spring's gypsy moth control program was recently nominated for an Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award by Island Natural Growers.



**POINTING THE WAY:** Joseph Budimcic installs a new high-up sign for the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop last week. Auxiliary members hope the big sign, visible from Lower Ganges Road, will remind islanders to shop at the store whose proceeds fund equipment and other purchases for the hospital, Greenwood and new Greenwood assisted living complex.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

## Islanders urged to join 'Turn it Off' electricity program

How little electricity can you use in one evening? Salt Springers, along with the rest of B.C., have an opportunity to demonstrate their serious commitment to combatting climate change by reducing electricity use on the evening of Wednesday, May 16.

"Turn It Off! B.C." is a new partnership initiative with BC Hydro.

"This is a way we can join global leaders like Paris and Sydney in using designated 'lights-out' times as a way of bringing attention to citizens' commitment to reducing energy use," states a press release from the Salt Spring Energy Strategy (SSES).

In addition to turning off lights and turning down thermostats, home energy advisor Elizabeth White of SSES suggests people consider throwing the breaker to the hot water tank for the evening, and eat salad or sandwiches rather than a hot meal.

Unplug devices such as computers and TV sets that draw a few watts even when switched off.

To have fun saving energy throughout the year, people are invited to come to the I-SEA office (124 Lower Ganges Road) on Wednesday, May 16 for the official launch of the Salt Spring Energy Circles.

Energy circles are buzzing on Salt Spring. Several friends get together on a monthly basis to figure out ways to reduce energy use and to help each other kick bad energy habits. Energy circles were initiated by Andrew Haigh of Salt Spring Books.

Information sessions with Haigh and White start at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Energy checklists will be available at I-SEA and at Salt Spring Books, and plug-in meters are available on-loan to check the power consumption of 110-volt appliances.

For more information on Salt Spring Energy Circles, call Haigh at 537-2812.

For more information about the Turn it Off program, see [www.30daysofsustainability.com/turn-it-british-columbia](http://www.30daysofsustainability.com/turn-it-british-columbia).

## Locals can vote to save islands in CBC contest

Gulf Islanders know they live in one of Canada's most beautiful places, but some residents hope an official nod in CBC's Seven Wonders of Canada contest will help safeguard the islands.

"Tell CBC that the Gulf Islands are one of Canada's [great wonders] and that we need to keep preserving and protecting the wonder that they are and not let developers get a hold of them," wrote Jean Gelwicks, Salt Spring Island Conservancy treasurer and Island Pathways board member, in an e-mail.

Any physical feature can be nominated, whether natural or man-made. CBC is accepting nominations until May 11. Nominations will then be shortlisted by a panel of judges. Online voting begins May 14.

Winners will be featured on The National and Sounds Like Canada.

If the islands were to win, "The province might think twice about doing anything to hurt our preserve and protect mandate," Gelwicks wrote. "Simple to do and much to gain."

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# CREST solution to cost \$10 million, says report

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

The Capital Regional District (CRD) may have to spend upwards of \$10 million to fix a beleaguered emergency communications system once and for all, according to a report released last week.

"Where before there was a lot of speculation about the problem, we now have a full technical assessment outlining what to do," said Gord Horth, general manager of the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST) system.

"The system remains the right choice for us. This is sort of like building a soccer field, then realizing you can light it up at night."

Immediate plans call for increasing the number of CREST towers, augmenting existing stations, adding satellite receiver sites, passing local bylaws promoting safer public radio communication requirements and providing more training to operators.

The CRD implemented the CREST system in 2003 as

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—Gord Horth

a way to develop an "interoperable" communications service allowing emergency personnel of all stripes to communicate with each other.

During a 2006 forest fire on Galiano Island, the system permitted Gulf Islands fire crews and emergency responders to communicate, for example.

Despite the hype, operators soon noticed cracks in the system.

Last week's report, conducted by New Jersey-based RCC Incorporated, found CREST's main problems include poor coverage in

remote areas such as the Gulf Islands, inconsistent coverage in some buildings and underground parking facilities and high levels of interference at some sites.

"We have coverage gaps," said Dave Enfield, Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue chief. "The concept is great, as long as it works."

To compensate, most Salt Spring emergency workers use a combination of traditional frequencies along with the CREST system.

Training sessions and improved maintenance, he added, sound like a good place to start, though nobody is holding their breath just yet.

Study results will be presented to users for feedback and input before the 20-member CREST board presents its final recommendations.

"It would have been quite nice to have tackled these problems at the outset, but that isn't how things worked out," Horth said. "No one wants to spend more money, but now at least we know what to fix."

## Salt Spring farmers feast on mobile abattoir proposal

Salt Spring's red meat producers are licking their chops at the prospect a mobile abattoir could soon serve the island.

"We all recognize that this may not be an ideal long-term solution and that some people will find it very inconvenient, but it might help us to survive until we can do something better," said farmer Margaret Thomson.

The meeting came less than a week after Lars Jorgenson's Gate to Plate mobile meat machine visited the island. The mobile abattoir is carried in a semi-trailer, enabling it to travel between communities without adequate meat-processing facilities.

New provincial regulations outlining where and how animals are slaughtered go into effect on October 1, 2007. The changes follow multiple Canadian outbreaks of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as mad-cow disease.

Meat producers in isolated rural areas such as Salt Spring Island have expressed concern over requirements to slaughter island-bred animals on Vancouver Island.

Stress and costs associated with transporting the animals over long distances will put island-based producers at a disadvantage, Thomson said.

She urged farmers to work together to get all necessary

information before making a decision on the facility.

More details, she said, will be available when the province releases its revised regulations governing offal disposal within the next few weeks.

The next meat producers' meeting is on Sunday, May 27. A location has not yet been set. For more information, contact Thomson at 537-4669.

Cynthia Tupholme is compiling records in response to questions about numbers of livestock on the island. Anyone requiring slaughter for sheep, cattle, goats or pigs is invited to contact Tupholme at cerdinen4stock@yahoo.ca.

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**TAKING NOTE:** Chelsea Baldwinson records her observations during a Stewards in Training wetlands study session at Ford Lake put on by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. The program sees grades 6-7 students spend a day in the field with leaders and naturalists.

Photo by Karen Hudson

## Farmland proposal unearths heritage vs. agriculture debate

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Ongoing talks about Three Point Properties' Fulford Farms application have developed into a debate over saving a neighbourhood's heritage character and the potential of securing the island's food supply for years to come.

"The majority of residents who live south of the property are not in favour of the changes, therefore you cannot, in clean conscience, approve the application," said Nell Bushby, an Isabella Point Road resident, during the town hall session at last week's local trust committee meeting.

Opposition to Three Point's plan to construct three homes on a nine-hectare (22-acre) property located between Musgrave and Isabella Point Roads stems largely from a push to preserve a 200-metre (650-foot) stretch of historic road and fears the construction of two waterfront homes will forever mar the Fulford Harbour shoreline.

"The imposition of two oceanfront homes along Fulford Harbour is a totally unsuitable housing situation," said Lee's Hill resident Harry Warner during the meeting.

Despite vocal opposition to the project, many members of the farming community from across the island view Three Point Properties' willingness to donate 25 hectares (63 acres) of farmland as an opportunity to plant the seed for an island-wide food production cooperative to help feed and teach islanders.

As transportation costs and climate change create a more unstable international

food supply, the island inevitably needs to produce more of its own food, said John Wilcox, an organic farmer and director of Island Natural Growers, during an April meeting of the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee voted to forward a set of Three Point Properties applications for the subdivision of and non-farm use of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to the Advisory Agricultural Committee for further consideration.

Trustees emphasized the applications do not involve taking any land out of the ALR at this point.

Though part of the Isabella Point Road property is within the ALR, farmers, agricultural surveys and the developer agree the land is of minimal agricultural significance, especially when compared to the Fulford Valley property.

Before further discussing the Fulford Farms application, details on how and who will use the land must be compiled, said trustee Peter Lamb.

"I'm not sure anybody has got to the point of deciding how the land will actually be farmed," Lamb said.

According to Mark Wyatt, Fulford Farms' project coordinator, the Island Farmers Institute has expressed interest in the project and is developing a plan.

The institute would receive the donated land in accordance with provisions of the island's official community plan.

## GISS dry safe-grad group requests gifts

By STACY  
CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

While students spend 12 years preparing for their high school graduation, the parents of Gulf Islands Secondary School's class of 2007 have spent almost a year prepping for a party to end the students' high school careers with a safe and alcohol-free bang.

The June 9 party, which is open to all 126 GISS grads and their dates, provides a safe venue for students to gather and celebrate under supervision.

This year, despite no alcohol on the premises, students will request their mocktails shaken, not stirred as the party's theme is James Bond 007.

The event runs from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Students are checked for drugs and alcohol before entering the premises, and are unable to return if they leave. It is held at the Farmers Institute.

Various events run throughout the evening with prizes given away.

Although parent committee member Brenda Akerman said details of this year's party are under wraps, past prizes have included TVs, laptops, barbecues and even cars.

Akerman is thankful for the community's generous support, but said more is needed.

Fundraising kicked off in September with the fall fair, which raised \$4,000.

From February 26 to March 31, B.C. Liquor Store customers province-wide were asked to donate \$1 to support their local school's dry grad. GISS will receive a total of \$8,081, \$6,404 from the Salt Spring branch and \$1,677 from the Pender branch.

The Fritz Cinema also helped out, donating \$1 from the sale of each ticket to the new 007 movie during "James Bond week."

Thrifty Foods' Smile Cards and Ganges Village Market's Save-a-Tape program have also contributed, and countless other community members have donated gift certificates, cash and prizes.

Anyone wanting to make a donation in support of GISS grads can call Brenda Akerman at 653-4352, or e-mail [brendaakerman@telus.net](mailto:brendaakerman@telus.net).

Akerman estimated the event's bill will ring in at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. She said upwards of 40 parent volunteers will ensure the evening runs smoothly.

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## OCP feedback time

If anyone has a hankering for wading through a fascinating sea of concepts, they should be sure to get copies of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) Review focus groups reports through the Islands Trust.

For months, small collections of islanders with an interest in future management of a certain area of island life — from water potability to agriculture to job creation — gathered to hash out visions of a sustainable Salt Spring and policies that could become part of a revised OCP.

Unfortunately, the time to give input to the focus groups themselves was extremely short, quickly following two open house events where the relevant information was displayed.

As one islander complained, open houses are more conducive to socializing than information absorption, and people were expected to give almost immediate feedback. Having knowledgeable individuals walk meeting attendees through the proposals, including the rationale for changes, amid a dynamic flow of information arising from questions and answers is far more effective for achieving true public understanding.

Some radical things are being proposed, such as 20 per cent downzoning of large parcels of land, and limiting of future house sizes, so people may want to take heed of this process.

It's not that dramatic change shouldn't be contemplated for any reason, and just because a focus group made a recommendation doesn't mean it will become part of the new OCP. There's also still plenty of time before anything becomes part of a new proposed OCP bylaw and a public hearing will also be held in the fall before a bylaw is passed.

But a public hearing is not the best stage at which to halt a runaway wagon. That means islanders concerned about Salt Spring's future must do their homework now and be prepared to ask questions and put in their two cents' worth on paper or in person.

Input can always be given to the two trustees between now and the next public event — an in-depth Salt Spring Local Trust Committee session slated for early June — which we hope will allow for on-the-floor discussion of what's really on the table.

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## Transportation plans: island wheelchair-accessible?

By GARY GIBSON

As described by Gary Holman in recent Driftwood issues, he and others have succeeded in putting together an agreement for a made-on-Salt Spring transportation plan that would be directed by a Salt Spring transportation commission but would be largely funded by "others."

The initial service proposed would be on two scheduled bus routes but perhaps with specific pick-ups along the way for special services such as HandyDart for the mobility challenged. The proposed transportation commission would have a variety of additional functions, including the development of paths and sidewalks and the regulation of parking. The potential to expand/modify/integrate or fine tune the transportation services on the island to best meet our needs is excellent with

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this initial model.

I have been asked to sit on the CRD Getting Around Salt Spring (GASS) Committee which has just been established to assist with the initial public information process. I happen to be disabled and can speak as a member of the Brain Injury, Disease and Stroke (BIDS) support group on the island which I helped start shortly after I had a stroke five years ago.

What follows is my take on the need for public transportation from that perspective, but we ask that you make your own list of desired transportation services and the potential benefits from your own perspective for you and Salt Spring — we'll be asking

for your input as the process proceeds.

- Islanders who require motorized wheelchairs or scooters to get around have no means of public transit for anything but medical appointments (contrary to the common belief, the Lions Club service is strictly for medical appointments, not social or recreational outings such as yoga classes or shopping. It is the only service that is equipped with a lift — Greenwood's service is available only to their clients).

- Anyone using a manual wheelchair or requiring assistance with ambulation must rely on friends/family, or paid personal drivers, or cab drivers who are willing and able to provide the needed assistance. Seniors for Seniors has a limited number of drivers willing and/or physically able to safely provide this service, plus they

require 48 hours advance booking and even then may not be able to provide the requested ride.

- If you become disabled on Salt Spring and expect to have a life outside your house, be sure you have enough money to buy a lift-equipped van and pay for a personal driver, or move away, which was the solution suggested to us by a Vancouver Island Health Authority official.

- If you expect to get around Ganges in a wheelchair, you'll need to find the handful of curb cuts and sidewalks that don't require the physique of Arnold Schwarzenegger to navigate, quite apart from the other accessibility issues for us and visitors, like accessible washrooms and businesses and ways to enjoy the outdoor beauties of our island.

- It is the hope and dream of our BIDS group to eventually make

all of Salt Spring accessible for disabled residents and visitors to benefit us as well as the tourist-based businesses. A transportation system that could eventually include a HandyDart service would be another great first step, as well as sidewalks and paths that are wheelchair/scooter-friendly.

- As mentioned above, the proposed transportation commission would be able to integrate and coordinate many of these mobility and other general transportation services, both public and private, on Salt Spring Island. And perhaps even stimulate a move to make it possible to advertise Salt Spring as a fully wheelchair-accessible destination some day.

This is great news, but will our transit service be known as GASSI?

*The writer is a retired doctor.*

## Two extra trustees will not solve governance challenges

By DUART CAMPBELL

I joined Denman Islanders gathering last week to hear their Islands Trust governance presentation from Kim Benson and Linda Adams. The core message I heard in response to the Trust presentation will no doubt flow from other meetings around the islands.

- They value the Trust as a "federation of equals" under the Trust Act.

- They sympathize with our needs for more tools to deal with the challenging governance issues arising from Salt Spring Island's greater land size and population.

- They encourage us to use all the tools available under the Trust Act to solve our own problems.

- They do not want us mucking around with the Trust Act, thereby affecting

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all the other islands in our effort to solve the made-on-Salt Spring issues.

They also asked if adding two trustees would solve our governance issues. I have now heard Kim Benson's response to this question twice. She refers to the added benefit to the Trust Council in getting the extra help other Trust committees need since our own Salt Spring trustees are too busy. While I appreciate her perspective, we need solutions to our day-to-day issues and it is hard to see the proposals meeting our local needs.

Denman Islanders believe the Trust works and are very reluctant to lose the concept

of a "federation of equals." The Trust consultant report also highlighted this and I am sure we will hear similar concerns raised from other islands. The simple math shows that the addition of two Salt Spring trustees will not allow us to rule the council, yet they wonder why we cannot be content as equals in the Trust and find other ways to solve our own problems.

The consultant's report clarified for me the provincial government's thinking in addressing the needs of growing communities. The Trust Act was set up to address preserve and protect issues for the land — it was not conceived to deal with the people's needs for local governance. In their wisdom the government addressed this potential by saying that larger islands should form

municipalities under the Trust Act, thus giving those islands the tools to deal with the many issues of a growing island and yet maintaining the preserve and protect mandate.

Many seem to view this with fear — that if we choose to be a municipality we will lose all the Trust stands for in some rush to pave over the island. I think reality will be far different. We ultimately get what we elect — and any developer type would not get my vote and I doubt they would get yours. We value our island and want to protect it and will elect those individuals with integrity who share our vision.

Guy Dauncey and other presenters at the Imagine Salt Spring series this spring showed us the creative things being done to

deal with the challenges of becoming more sustainable. I was struck by the fact that all of these creative initiatives were being done by other "towns and cities" using the tools available to them by those forms of local government. We will always have the added benefit of the Trust plus a population of enlightened and committed islanders. I don't believe we have anything to fear but a great deal to gain.

Having two additional trustees will certainly not hurt Salt Spring, but we would be naive to think it will solve our problems. We need greater local control that allows a council to understand the day to day issues of our community and make decisions in a timely fashion. Having municipal status is a natural step laid

out in the Trust and it seems to be our best tool to help us resolve our own island governance needs without negatively impacting our neighbouring islands.

I also share the concern of many that are seeing our taxes increase at a far faster pace than other communities. We do not have bottomless pockets from which to fund endless studies and reports. We need to live within our means and be wary of bureaucrats telling us that they know best. Please attend the meetings (I know they seem endless), read some of the studies yourself and support the course of action you feel is in the island's best interests.

*The writer operates Solescence Publishing and Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What do you have planned for Mother's Day?*



**Dionne Bemis**

*I will be hoping for breakfast in bed and then maybe play a little softball in the afternoon.*



**Debbie St. Laurent**

*I've got a Mother's Day lunch and am hoping my husband is planning something special, something really special.*



**Jeff Markus**

*I'll call my mom and tell her that I miss her and love her.*



**Dustin McRobb**

*I will probably help my mom in the garden and then my whole family will go out for dinner.*



**Tasha Chidley**

*I want to go out for a nice breakfast with my mom.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Support transit

We were delighted to read your April 11 article about the opportunity that has been created for basic public transit on Salt Spring Island.

The outside financial support and proposed modest initial routes make this initiative seem realistic compared with earlier attempts at transit that we've witnessed during our 20-plus years on Salt Spring. The proposed transportation commission would also fill a much-needed role in the development of walking and cycling alternatives on Salt Spring.

We urge locals to support a small tax contribution to enable the creation of alternatives to our reliance on individual car travel, as well as to foster walking and cycling routes on the island. Congratulations to Gary Holman for his efforts.

**SUSAN EVANS,**  
**TED HARRISON,**  
Beaver Point Road

### Our present, their future

There is hope when our young people, like Grade 10 GISS student Kelsey Mech, can both analyze and give practical solutions to our global climate change situation. (View Points in last two weeks' Driftwood issues.)

I also felt hopeful when I gave a young teenager a ride into town who was knowledgeable about energy issues. He thanked me both for the ride and for driving a hybrid car.

Our present is very much tied to their future.

Let's live more simply and sustainably so they and their children may have a decent life.

**EILEEN WTEWAALL,**  
Salt Spring

### Car courtesy

So the crosswalk issues are being dealt with and our community is making a plan for the Ganges core — wonderful! I'm all for it.

I would like, however,

to mention something I remember from driver training that would help all of us make our left-hand turns while pedestrians are crossing. When you are stopping at either McPhillips or Rainbow roads, please don't block the intersection. Stop at the corner, not in front of the stripes.

We can all be more courteous with our cars and we'll all get around faster and easier with less anger and frustration. Thanks.

**JAMES WOOD,**  
Upper Ganges Road

### Reclaim Ganges?

I must say I'm appalled at the attitude presented by Gary Kahne in the May 2 issue of the Driftwood.

I currently reside in Manitoba but on three occasions have spent time camping/tenting/homeless on Salt Spring in the past three years. Each time I camped for between three weeks and five months.

Specifically, the comment "To accept anti-social behaviour not only sends a mixed message, it condones criminal activity. This is not the time for understanding" is ridiculous.

People of all sorts and types use drugs, off islanders and on-islanders. There is a large "anti-social" movement brewing in all of Canada because many of the youth of today do not buy into the dream of a past generation. Many youth feel that they cannot make it in today's world, and thus they "drop out," find a comfortable location (of which we all know Salt Spring is a great choice) and restart whatever life they're leaving behind. The students of the school are no different. Many do and will use drugs, drop out from their parents' beliefs and values, but not because of "transients" but because the truth of society is being realized.

Salt Spring is a part of Canada. As much as many well-heeled islanders would

like to see people's account balances before admittance to the island they should remember that this is a free country and simply being homeless does not exclude them from visiting the island. Instead they should embrace the lower class of visitors because last I checked the well-heeled retirees of the island do not want to fill the service jobs that those same well-heeled individuals expect service from.

A bit of irony is sewn through the fact that former slaves and children of slaves were some of the originals on the island, yet if those same people were to come off the ferry today, I believe they would not be welcomed by much if not most of the island population.

Be careful residents of Salt Spring, the "slaves" used to be allowed on the beach in Fulford, but they were "relocated." Now you want them out of town and likely off the island. If history is indicative of the

future, moving them off the beach and into town means the "vigilantism" may be just beginning.

**CHRISTOPHER MARTENS,**  
Winnipeg

### Child-friendly park

I am a mom of an 11-month-old baby, and I have to say that every time I take my daughter to Centennial Park to play, I only stay for a couple of minutes.

Centennial Park does not display a child-friendly environment. There are cigarette butts scattered all over the ground. There are people hanging around on the benches swearing, drinking, smoking pot and even making drug deals. This is not acceptable.

Let's work together as a community to make Centennial Park child-friendly.

**CHRISTA ROGERS,**  
Salt Spring

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## Environment plan delivers while letting economy prosper

By **GARY LUNN**

Living in one of the most beautiful places in the world, it is not surprising that Gulf Islands residents have a particular interest in strong environmental stewardship. The Conservative government shares this goal, and our recently announced environmental regulations make this clear.

After many years of inaction, we are determined to get Canada back on track. We have focussed on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing air pollution and doing both in a way that is responsible to future generations, both environmentally and economically. Our regulations will impose mandatory emissions and air pollution reduction targets on industry, and will reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions 20 per cent by 2020 and cut air pollution in half by 2015.

To achieve these goals the government has introduced a robust regulatory regime. This regime will be based on stringent targets that we will tighten every year. This will place us on the path to achieving sustained absolute reductions in industrial greenhouse gas emissions. Indeed, tar-

### GUEST COLUMN

gets are ambitious enough that we will see reductions in emissions as early as 2010.

Regulations will also place national fixed caps on total industrial emissions of four acid rain and smog-causing air pollutants: nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulphur oxides (SOx), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and particulate matter (PM). In addition, emission reductions targets will specify the maximum level of air pollutants that can be emitted from a given industrial sector in a given year.

Having said this, Canadians deserve straight talk on targets if we are to make a difference. Critics who demand we meet Kyoto's targets at the 11th hour are playing politics, knowing full well the costs to achieve these targets would actually hurt our efforts to respond in future.

A recently published study supported by leading independent Canadian economists found that to meet Kyoto timelines would result in devastating impacts for

Canadian families, jobs and the economy, including the loss of 275,000 jobs, 50 per cent increase to electrical bills, 60 per cent increase to gas prices and an economic recession as deep as any since the Second World War. These are not "scare tactics," these are the realities of trying to meet Kyoto emissions targets after over 13 years of inaction.

Instead, the government's plan is firm on targets, but flexible enough to limit the economic impact. Industry will be required to get significantly more efficient — 18 per cent more efficient by 2010 and two per cent more efficient each year thereafter. Some of the ways in which industry can meet these targets include: making reductions in their own facilities, investing in emission-reducing technologies and taking advantage of emissions trading to deliver reductions in Canada now.

But our plan is not just about industry emissions. The transportation sector is also an important source of air pollution. We will require reductions in air emissions from this sector by regulating cars and light trucks to make sure they use fuel more efficiently.

In addition, we are committed to strengthening energy efficiency standards for a number of energy-using products such as light bulbs, dishwashers, refrigerators, air conditioners, commercial boilers and thermostats. For the first time ever, the government has also implemented measures that take action to improve indoor air quality.

We also unveiled many other environmental programs and initiatives since October 2006 worth over \$9 billion. These include the ecoENERGY Initiatives, the ecoTransport Strategy, the eco-AUTO Program to encourage Canadians to buy fuel-efficient vehicles, support for public transit, action on renewable fuels and new investments that total \$4.5 billion in Budget 2007.

Amazingly, critics have decided to take particular issue with light bulb efficiency standards. This is not simply a choice between incandescent and fluorescent bulbs — it is about having basic standards for lighting to reduce the energy we waste. In fact, major manufacturers are anticipating the release of incandescent bulbs by 2010 that will meet these new standards — two years before

the 2012 deadline. Technological advances have already reduced mercury content in fluorescent bulbs from 1990-2003 by 73.5 per cent with more to come.

Some have even suggested that because most power in British Columbia is hydro-electric, it isn't worth saving the energy. Others say inefficient incandescent bulbs help heat the home — so does leaving the oven door open, but it isn't responsible. Such spurious side arguments show a lack of understanding of the serious need for energy efficiency. This small change will save energy equivalent to taking 1.4 million vehicles off the road — we should be supporting it, not playing politics.

Our actions will have real, tangible health and environmental benefits for everyone, as well as positive economic effects. Although climate change and air pollution are serious problems requiring federal and provincial leadership, we are making real progress and doing so in a way that ensures our economy can continue to grow and prosper.

*The writer is the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP and Minister of Natural Resources.*

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### More on CFLs

Sally John raises some interesting questions about compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in her letter of April 18.

CFLs do indeed contain mercury and must be properly recycled. Because the Salt Spring Recycling Depot does not yet accept CFLs, that means taking them to the BC Hydro collection box at Capital Iron in Sidney or Victoria, or to Canadian Tire in Nanaimo.

Conventional fluorescent tubes can be taken to the household hazardous waste area at Hartland landfill. CFLs are shipped to The Lamp Recycler, which recovers the mercury and recycles the materials.

On the heating question, in theory the heat given off by incandescent lamps reduces a home's space heating loads.

For example, 10 light bulbs, each 100 watts, would displace a one-kilowatt electric baseboard heater. Unfortunately, light bulbs are usually installed near the ceiling, or worse, in recessed pot lights, where the heat is largely wasted.

If we installed our light bulbs at floor level, they

would provide much more useful heat, although they would leave something to be desired in the lighting department.

The Salt Spring Energy Strategy encourages everyone to eliminate unnecessary lamps, switch off lights when rooms are not in use, change as many bulbs as possible to compact fluorescent, and to recycle the CFLs at the end of their life.

CFLs last much longer than incandescent bulbs, so recycling is a relatively rare chore. Mercury-free LED lamps are just coming onto the market and are more efficient than CFLs, but more expensive at present.

**ELIZABETH WHITE,**  
Salt Spring Energy Strategy

### Essay topics

Following Violence Prevention Week, April 23-28, readers might be interested to know that four essay topics for one of the new GISS Lambda Foundation Human Rights Awards are: Violence Against Women; Sexism; Creating a Positive Attitude to Feminism; and Homophobia.

The four topics for the other award are: Racism; Ageism; Acceptance of Two-

Spirited First Nations Persons; and Creating a Positive Attitude to Liberal Believers, Humanists, Agnostics and Atheists.

The two human rights awards will now be given annually by the Lambda Foundation.

**JACK HALLAM,**  
North End Road

### Process doomed

The framework of the Islands Trust is being reviewed in an attempt to rectify inequities.

I am sure that once this process is "complete" there will be a call for another review and after that yet another. This will be a process without end, a dog chasing its tail.

The reason this process is doomed to continue in perpetuity is that the framework of the Islands Trust is not sound. It shifts, it bends, it breaks. It will ultimately fail because it sits on a flawed foundation; a foundation of unworkable principles.

The goal of "preserving" a geographical area is not attainable. Regardless of how many Islands Trust regulations to the contrary, the mountains will come to the sea.

The Gulf Islands are changing. The goal of maintaining the status quo isn't attainable. We need to use our limited resources to strive for goals that are attainable.

The Gulf Islands area is unique, as is Alert Bay and Squamish and Vancouver and the Okanagan and Detroit and Budapest. To believe that our area is "more special" is arrogant and short-sighted.

The formation of the Islands Trust was a knee-jerk reaction to complex problems other government agencies seemed unwilling or unable to solve at the time.

The establishment of an additional level of government to oversee the Gulf Islands is a classic example of duplication of services and has led to the legislative nightmare we find ourselves in.

I call on the Islands Trust to conduct an "official review" of its mandate and to make recommendations to the appropriate government agencies regarding an orderly transition when the Trust is ultimately dissolved.

**DON NEMETH,**  
Salt Spring

### Dead roses

Many thanks to the people who donate their gently used and reusable household items to the weekly Salt Spring Island Lions Garage Sale. The money raised helps our community.

But I send \$1,400 worth of dead roses to those who bring items that are nothing but garbage, because that's what it cost the Lions this month to get rid of it.

That's \$1,400 gone to waste that can't be used to help our community. Every computer, TV or couch that can't be used can cost the Lions \$25 to \$100 to dispose of.

Before you surreptitiously drop off items outside regular drop-off times, ask your-

self, "Would I want this if someone offered it to me?" or "Would I offer this to my friends or family?"

If the answer is "no," then save the volunteers the work and money by taking it to the dump yourself.

**EVELYN SMITH,**  
Salt Spring

### UV funds

Splash is very grateful to the soccer community that supported Café Ssplash at the recent youth soccer tournament, helping us to raise funds towards the cost of the second ultra-violet disinfection system at the new indoor pool.

Splash has previously committed funds for the primary UV system for the main tank. This second system is for the hot tub.

There are lots of islanders who will now be able to enjoy this long-awaited recreational facility because UV systems will allow pool operators to use less chlorine.

There is considerable scientific evidence that chlorine by-products in indoor pools can have a serious negative impact on human respiratory health, and especially on the respiratory health of young children and competitive swimmers.

The culprit is chiefly chloramines which are formed through the reaction of chlorine on perspiration and urine.

These substances are absorbed dermally and also inhaled as they vaporize from the water. UV disinfection systems have been shown to substantially reduce chloramines levels in water.

Splash was thrilled to receive a generous donation recently from an anonymous group of islanders. They wanted to express their appreciation for the advocacy work Ssplash has undertaken over the past two years promoting the merits of UV secondary treatment systems.

With the success of Café Ssplash at the soccer tournament as well as this donation, the organization has made some significant progress of late, but we need to get the message out asking others to come forward now and contribute to this important addition to a healthy aquatic centre.

Café Ssplash thanks the tremendous team of volunteers who staffed the concession for two great days and sold nearly 300 hot dogs, along with coffee, pop and snacks.

Led by Rita Sagness and Irene Gibbs, the team included Brenda Akerman, Heather Biver, Barry Dunster, Barbara Federici, Ann and John Fischer, Edna Gatt, Merilyn Hanks, Mary and Alan Hughes, Eileen Hunter, Ann Leigh-Spencer, Verity Mackenzie, Maureen McEachren, Donna Mort, Kay Mowbray, Mary Neil, Margaretha Nordine, Lorraine and Terry Norfolk, Bob Sagness, Dawn Shaak, Randy and Trudy Sloan, Lois Sprague, Helen Tara, Rita Tweddle, Jennifer and Jean Williams.

**WENDY ROSIER,**  
Ssplash president



### Rental Assistance Program

## "It's made a world of difference"

Thanks to the Rental Assistance Program, Cathy doesn't worry about having enough money to cover household expenses. The Province has recently raised the maximum household income ceiling for the Rental Assistance Program, meaning more working families with a combined gross household income of **less than \$28,000** are eligible.

B.C. families who rent in the private market, like Cathy's, may be eligible to receive direct cash assistance for their monthly rent payments.

Families must have at least one child under the age of 19, lived in B.C. for the past 12 months and been employed at some point during the past year.

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

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# More letters

## Low-hanging fruit

Projects that are very easy to do, yet provide substantial and multiple benefits, are sometimes referred to as “low-hanging fruit” projects. They are highly sought after as they are the easiest to justify and most likely to be successful.

Calgary just recently completed a retrofit replacement of its 37,000 residential street lights (a project similar to using compact fluorescent bulbs in your home, but on a much larger scale). It has scored big time in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to the tune of 16,000 tons a year, winning awards and, the big bonus, it lowered their annual electric bill by \$1,700,000.

My quick calculation equates to an ongoing cost savings of approximately \$460 per bulb per year (at current consumption rates — which are likely to rise over time). I have seen the new bulbs in operation and they are almost indistinguishable from the old bulbs.

Calgary was driven to the change through a variety of issues, such as light pollution — due to the abundance of inexpensive energy, Calgary had turned into a very

bright city — energy and cost savings.

I decided to take the initiative to do my own informal count on Salt Spring Island. I drove around the island and documented every light I thought was equivalent to a Calgary residential street light.

I did not count those on the B.C. Ferries dock or parking areas, or on what appeared to be private property. The results were: Ganges, 54; Vesuvius, 11; Fulford, 8; Fernwood, 0; other, 12, for a total of 85.

Without considering the other benefits, the ongoing overall annual cost savings would be in the order of  $\$460 \times 85 = \$39,100$  per year (assuming Calgary’s old lights are of very similar energy efficiency to our current units). This definitely falls in the category of low-hanging fruit.

Should the “powers that be” on Salt Spring Island that have jurisdiction over these bulbs consider a similar upgrade? I would suggest it is a no-brainer as the potential payback on this project is very short (3.5 years for Calgary’s project) and the benefits will be achieved forever.

More information on the Calgary project is available

on the web by performing a Google search on “Calgary EnviroSmart Street Light Retrofit.”

**JIM STANDEN,**  
Salt Spring

## Cricket cup

No doubt most Canadians are not aware or are even interested to know that a very exciting world sporting event took place last month in the West Indies.

Teams from all over the world, including Canada, competed in one-day cricket matches. These games are fast and volatile, not resembling the dreary slow displays often seen in the traditional five-day international games.

Having recently returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand where people are glued to TV and radio following this World Cup, I am unfortunately on withdrawal — like many ex-Brits, South Africans, Auss-

ies, Kiwis, Asians, etc., and dare I say Canadians.

This is due to complete lack of coverage by the media.

While fully recognizing the fact that cricket is not a popular sport in North America, it would have provided an interesting spectacle of a truly world competition, in contrast to the so-called baseball “World Series,” and even a temporary diversion from the saturation with hockey — which I enjoy.

But at least thank goodness for information on the internet. I guess I’ll have to consider emigration to Aussie or New Zealand.

P.S. The coach of the Pakistan team was found dead in his hotel room after their defeat by Ireland (apparently murdered).

**PETER ROWELL,**  
South Bank Drive

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## Right step

In the Second World War Great Britain was faced by the threat of Nazi Germany. Part of their response was to form a government of the best people available without regard for political party.

Today we are faced with the threat of global warming and the Conservative response to it. This, to me, is a greater threat to the future of this country than was the Nazi threat of 1939.

I know it is a radical thought to many but perhaps we too could make an effort to set aside the sometimes petty bonds of political loy-

alty and try and select the best people available.

With that in mind may I suggest the following procedures:

1. The opposition parties agree to support the election of Elizabeth May of the "Greens" in Nova Scotia.

2. The opposition parties agree to support the re-election of all sitting members of the opposition.

3. The opposition parties agree to support the election of that candidate most likely to defeat the sitting Conservative member.

4. The resulting Liberal majority or minority gov-

ernment agrees that the first order of business of the new government shall be the passing of an agreed proportional representation law, to apply to all federal ridings except Quebec — Quebec having different political parties may want to enact their own law.

With that sort of approach, just think, the next parliament might well include Elizabeth May of the Greens elected in Nova Scotia, Jean Crowder of the NDP elected in Cowichan and Briony Penn of the Liberals elected in Saanich and the Islands.

**ART MORTON,**  
Park Drive

# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

To the person who anonymously posted a very specific complaint on our community mailbox: If you need to air a beef, please sign your name to it — unless, of course, you think that knowing the messenger would discredit the message even more than a missing signature! U. Livingston

A rant to all those who spread malicious gossip without the intelligence to check the source. Gossip serves no one and causes pain and loss. Gossip can cause its victims to lose work, home and loved ones and is based on no fact. No one is immune and if you think you are better than the victim of your gossip think again. Those who started one rumour can easily start one about you. Don't participate. Check your facts. Go straight to the source. S. Hunter

Rants and more rants to the roads crew who came onto my property and felled three trees on May 2. They then proceeded to cut every tree branch facing the road to a height of seven feet, at the front of my property. Use some common sense, fellas, as there is a difference between road safety and wanton destruction of trees. In total you cut branches off 27 trees — quite unsightly. You would be great at clear-cut logging. I shudder at the thought of what they will cut when the crew comes back to cut the tops off the trees. Ruth Burstahler

## ROSES

We wish to send a great big colourful bouquet of spring roses for Tanya Akerman. Thank you Tanya, for

your tireless effort in organizing and running the second annual Fulford Elementary School Talent Show. The show was again a wonderful and educational experience for all participants and community. You are an inspiration to us all. Fulford Elementary PAC

Bunches of "Turkish Delight-ful" roses to the fabulous cast of Narnia! What talented and passionate actors — Wow! We are very lucky to have Stagecoach on Salt Spring for kids to continue to have incredible experiences on stage. Congratulations! Erin Porter on behalf of the Salt Spring Centre School staff

A huge bouquet of colourful roses to the kind lady who rounded up our escaped Bernese on Elizabeth Drive and made sure he got back to me safely. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Roses of gratitude to all those responsible for bringing us a pool that will use less chlorine. Tiffany Wightman

Roses to Mike and Marjorie Lane for the great job they do farming at Ruckle Park and for so graciously hosting the family farm day and plowing demonstration once again. Power to the farmers!

Sparkling roses, many bravoos and standing ovations to the Salt Spring Singers for a wonderful weekend of music. When I left the choir at the end of February to take care of my son after his surgery I wondered how you would learn all that difficult music in so many languages. I sat in the audience Saturday and Sunday filled with pride for the way you mastered each piece. Your

concern for my son, support for me and your beautiful music was food for my soul. This will make the next few months easier for me till I can return home to sing with you all once again. You are the best example of a true community choir. Lillian


A perfect rose to each of the exercise and aqua-fit ladies who donated goods, time and hard work to the garage sale to benefit the indoor pool. A huge bouquet to Bob and Helen Tara for hosting this event for the third time! Thanks to everyone who came and shopped too. We made \$876. RT

Three dozen long-stemmed roses to the new owners of Beddis Road Garage — Eric and Nick and staff, for the fabulous service and the red carpet treatment. I'll be back! SS

To the soccer tournament clean-up crew — way to go! At 8 a.m. on Monday the field looked immaculate. Deb Hagarty

Roses and many thanks to Christine Salyn, Mira Warrington and Pearl for such a big effort to give all of us at Ruckle Farm Day such a great show with your plowing demo. Pearl was a real gem for only her second day on the plow. Ray Fraser and his restored tractor helped take us another step toward sowing the ground Pearl turned. Thank you! M&M Lane

Many roses to all who participated in Ruckle Farm Day. While there are too many involved to mention, we must thank Sydney Brannan, the 4-H Club and Lions Club for all you do. Roses as well to all those who turned out on a less-than-sunny day. Thank you to everyone who made it happen! M&M Lane




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The Annual General Meeting of the Beddis Water Service committee will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fulford Hall.

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### Avoid poisons

One of my outstanding memories from when I came back to Salt Spring after 25 years away was of goldfinches, flocks of these beautiful "wild canaries" feeding on dandelions and other weed seeds by the roadside.

That was 25 years ago. Since that time the use of garden and lawn chemicals to kill weeds and insects has greatly increased. Now it is a rare treat to see even one goldfinch or hear its beautiful song.

Unfortunately the ads or fliers advertising these deadly chemicals arrive just at the time the little songbirds are migrating, coming in weary and hungry to land unsuspecting in a poisoned environment, all the way from Mexico to die on Salt Spring. Also, the birds that nest here feed their babies on the soft unripe seeds of dandelion, chickweed, wild cress and other nutritious plants we call weeds. The birds also feed on a multitude of insect pests that are essential protein for their babies. They keep our gardens healthy.

I love my own garden, and it's nice to have a lovely green lawn, but not at the expense of the birds, bees, butterflies, ladybugs, frogs, etc. who also call this place home. Please read the labels of what you buy. Lawn fertilizer often comes with or without added weed killers.

Choose the one without — the chemicals that kill weeds and insects are also poisonous to pets and people. The residue can come into your home on pets' fur and children's clothing and skin. Rainwater can leach these poisons into streams,

water supplies and lakes. The recent scare pet owners experienced because of contaminated pet food should be a warning. In China the patients (200 of them) in a hospital were poisoned when their porridge was made with water contaminated with chemicals intended to kill pests. You don't know where these poisons end up.

So please, please avoid using poisons. On this island where so many of us are environmentally conscious or try to farm or garden organically, what our neighbours do in their gardens can affect us too. The natural world is such a treasure, so please keep it as chemical and poison-free as possible.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fernwood Road

### Sad joke

"This prestigious real estate project is the last of its kind to be allowed on the island and is the result of a true collaboration between local authorities and the developer . . . Bishops Walk has been carefully master planned to complement its spectacular setting, unobtrusively perched upon the gentle slopes above Ganges, almost hidden by mature evergreen and maple trees."

This is the advertising spiel on Three Point Properties website for Bishops Walk and Bishops Green, branded with pretty tree images on handmade paper. Just take a walk on the weekend and check it out. This is where the Ganges by-pass may eventually go. Just off Charlesworth and down Bonnet.

The Three Point Properties development of Bishops Walk on the slope of Mount Belcher presently looks like

"Bishop's hell." There is a tree covenant on this large former Catholic acreage, that applies only to the few trees that have been left standing. This is a sad joke as Three Point Properties clear-cut the land in 2005, mulching hundreds of trees and burying the mulch. The old and productive apple orchard was obliterated (yet on their website they boast about all the organic farms on Salt Spring).

Large buffer trees and bushes bordering Bishops Walk and neighbours' land have been cut down with little or no consultation. They say they intend to replant, but we all know how long trees take to grow.

The runoff and the drainage issue on this very unstable hill, once the houses/hardtop areas are built, will most likely cause neighbours below and the harbour increased runoff problems, even with plans for a pond. It is already causing quite a few homeowners new mold, runoff and saturation issues.

But what is most interesting to note is that despite the loud blasting, chainsaws and constant truck traffic, the last two years has proved amazingly silent on the community communication front.

Finally the neighbours called a meeting with Three Point Properties to raise concerns and answer questions. The developers at the meeting unapologetically justified their silence by saying that the former Islands Trust had approved their geo-tech specifics and therefore it was unnecessary for them to consult with the community. All this is quite a contrast to another statement on their website: "No other development in the Gulf Islands

demonstrates such extraordinary sensitivity to its surroundings, integrating its homes into the surrounding environment."

Is this subdivision really the last of its kind? Does the Islands Trust have teeth? We certainly hope so, as the gentle slopes of Ganges are

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# Galloping Goose on Salt Spring?

By JOHN A. HEDDLE  
Special to the Driftwood

At Bevan's these days, you get more than a haircut; you get the vision that Bevan Wrate described recently to the Trail and Nature Club.

Wrate imagines Salt Spring's own network of interconnecting Galloping Goose trails running from Fernwood to Ganges, Fulford to Beddis Beach, Fernwood to Vesuvius, and all points in between. If you have ridden the Galloping Goose Trail in Victoria or walked beside English Bay in Vancouver, where a trail runs from UBC to False Creek via Stanley Park, you know what he is thinking. In fact, it was a family outing there that sparked this idea.

This being Salt Spring, naysayers are expected but Wrate has yet to encounter anyone who disagrees! Of course, the first few hundred folk heard about it with scissors snapping by their earlobes.

Whatever their reasons, enough landowners were interested that several short and one lengthy segment of potential trail are on Wrate's map. When combined with existing trails, it looks as if cyclists and hikers and the concept itself might actually get somewhere.

The audience was very encouraging but had trouble envisaging Vancouver's trailway with its motorized wheel chairs, sauntering couples, and whizzing spandex-encapsulated cyclists co-existing on a lot of Salt Spring's terrain. Nevertheless, as *the Driftwood*

reported last week, Island Pathways and the T&N Club are creating just such a trailway from Wildwood to Blain Road.

Wrate concedes that not all sections of the trail would be paved, wheelchair-accessible routes, but neither would there be any black diamond bits. All trails would be surfaced to prevent erosion and be usable year round. Imagine commuting from Vesuvius to Ganges by bike and not having to contend with the ferry traffic! Or walking safely from Ganges to Beddis Beach. Or being able to circumnavigate the island on two feet or two wheels.

Wrate insists that everyone would benefit from such a trail.

Bikers and hikers could avoid the hazardous main roads, which would be better for both themselves and the traffic. Businesses could expect more ecotourists and studio visits in rural areas. Even non-perambulating property owners would benefit if Victoria's Galloping Goose Trail is anything to go by. Property on that trail commands a higher price because of easy access to the trail.

Trails have a cost but you can help by sending a postcard to the Parks and Recreation Commission, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road; Salt Spring Island, V8K 1K3 supporting more trails on Salt Spring or by sending a charitable donation to the T&N Club. The horsey crowd, Wrate reports, are both rich enough and enthusiastic enough to offer money, too.



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**HOWARD PERFORMANCE:** An animated Mitch Howard closes the Gulf Islands School District retirement lunch, held Friday.  
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## Sharp-tailed snakes slither to Long Harbour location

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**  
Driftwood Staff

A new population of the endangered sharp-tailed snake recently discovered in the Long Harbour area is exciting island residents and Salt Spring Island Conservancy members.

The snake, which is small (20.5 to 45.5 cm in length) and has a thorn-like scute at the tip of the tail, is only found in Victoria and on Salt Spring and Pender islands. Exact population numbers are unavailable.

Prior to the discovery of the snake in the Long Harbour area, sharp-tailed snakes were found only west of St. Mary Lake. The new location is more than five kilometres away from previous locations.

Jane and Lyle Petch discovered a sharp-tailed snake hiding under a rock at their new home on Old Scott Road in early April. The couple photographed the snake and then left it alone.

A few weeks later, they discovered another snake, this time hiding under a concrete slab. Unfortunately, when the slab was lifted up a short time later, they found the snake had been squished. However, the dead snake is hard evidence the breed does live in the area, and was col-



**Sharp-tailed snake**

lected by the conservancy.

An additional dead sharp-tailed snake was discovered by a neighbour, Lyle Petch said. He also spied another while walking his dog near the Long Harbour ferry terminal.

Discovering the snakes in the area is proof not only of more snakes, but of further populations, said conservancy executive director Karen Hudson.

Eight sites and four or five populations of the snake have now been confirmed on island, she said.

The new area is both far away from the others, and in a different geo-climatic zone, proving it's a new population, Hudson said.

The conservancy now believes sharp-tailed snakes could live anywhere on the northern tip of the island above Vesuvius and near Long Harbour.

If enough snakes are discovered, the snake could be

de-listed from the national Species at Risk program, Hudson said.

Sharp-tailed snakes live underground and like to hide under rocks. They are extremely shy and will likely freeze if discovered. It is suspected the snake hibernates in both the winter and summer, so the best time to see one is between February and June.

They are frequently found in gardens. People who discover a sharp-tailed snake in their yard are advised to leave the area alone as much as possible.

"It's better not to move the snake and not to move the habitat . . . and work around it," said Hudson.

The Petchs were able to identify the species thanks to attending the conservancy's Hidden Snakes in Your Backyard workshop last fall.

Since kicking off their Species at Risk program in 2004, the conservancy has held neighbourhood meetings in Vesuvius, Channel Ridge and Eagle Ridge Drive.

Hudson said they will now organize a workshop in the Long Harbour area.

Anyone spotting a sharp-tailed snake should take a digital photo of it and e-mail it to [ssconservancy@salt-spring.com](mailto:ssconservancy@salt-spring.com), or phone 538-0318.

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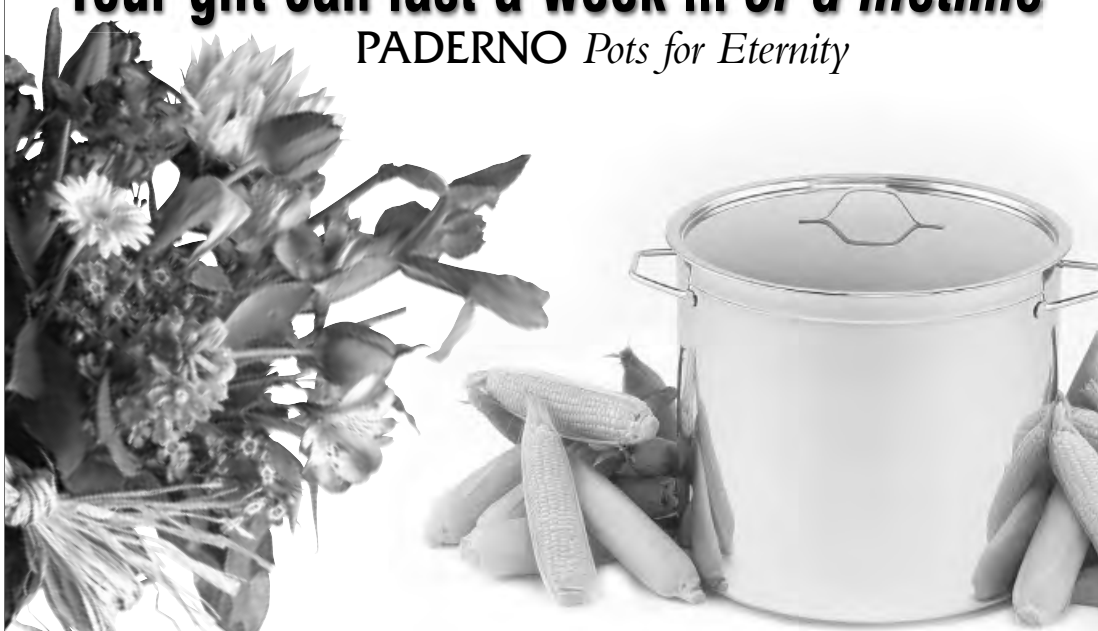
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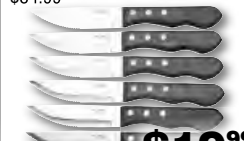
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**UPBEAT TEMPO:** Musician Joyce Beaton turns up the sound as she plays at the Celtic Music Festival held Saturday and Sunday at Fulford Hall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Manx and Breit ready for 'a really great Harry show'

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

Harry Manx has been busy these past few years. The Indian folk and blues musician has put out six albums in as many years and collaborated and played on many albums with other artists.

The guitar player and vocalist has received honours that include a 2005 Maple Blues Award for Acoustic Act of the Year and a 2005 Canadian Folk Music Award for Best Solo Artist. He has also been nominated for many Junos and Western Canada Music Awards.

On his newest album, *In Good We Trust*, Manx again comes together with guitar player Kevin Breit, offering "sensuality, dark blues, playful humour and instrumental virtuosity."

Breit also has a long history of collaborating with musicians such as Holly Cole, Norah Jones and The Guess Who.

Manx and Breit first played together on Manx's 2003 album *Jubilee*, which was nominated for a Juno. The pair play at Fulford Hall on Tuesday, May 15.

"The magic we have on stage is really great for me," Manx said of Breit.

The twosome will tour throughout the summer, playing shows of all sizes. But whether large or small, Manx said all concerts are similar: "You're still playing for the people and you still have to move them."

Manx's website makes reference to fans entering "The Harry Zone" while listening to his music. He likens this to the vibe created by fans, much like The Grateful Dead's Dead Heads.

In North America, music is projected onto people. Manx instead aims to draw people in.

"I think that's what people are talking about . . . I'm deep into it and they come towards it."

At 52, Manx is a music veteran, having joined his first band at 15.

Despite 37 years as a musician, he is "always on the musical path to learning and growing."

He kicked off his record company, Dog My Cat, in 2004. The non-genre-based label is a joint effort between Manx and long-time record

producer and friend Jordy Sharp.

"We don't care what kind of music it is, so long as it's good," Manx said.

The label's musicians include Jaime RT, Sarah Noni Metzner and Manx.

"The common theme is that it's all based in some roots music, meaning music that has been around for a while . . . We just stay out of the popular thing — I'm too old for that."

Despite labels getting smaller, MySpace and YouTube are allowing more people to access different types of music from around the world.

"The world gets smaller as a result of the Internet."

For example, Manx recently discovered he has a following in Poland.

Manx's May 15 show should give fans a good jolt of what they've been craving.

"If people want to see a really great Harry show, this is the one."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Salt Spring Books, Acoustic Planet, and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

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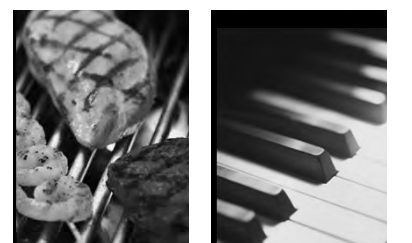
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# Acclaimed photographer Eric Klemm brings collection home for exhibit

A recent photography exhibition at ArtSpring gave islanders a rare chance to see their landscape as presented by an internationally acclaimed artist, when Eric Klemm's *Metamorphosis* show opened last week.

The title collection has toured Europe and North America and was the subject of a short film for BRAVO, but resonated with local viewers for its loving depiction of a collection of junk cars peacefully rusting out in the Salt Spring bush.

In these large-scale photographs (48 x 64 inches), Klemm joins a modern movement that celebrates industrial decay in the manner that former artists and poets celebrated the ruins of antiquity. A furry layer of moss and ferns covers and softens the cars' steel hulks, while their curvy 1950s design furthers their appearance as totally organic beings.

The works' large size serves to draw the viewer into contemplation of an enchanted, peaceful alder forest, but the variety of viewpoints and range create movement, forcing the viewer to adjust perception with each piece. Some cars are seen from very close up, while some appear in the mid ground of a larger landscape. In all, the forest can be seen to be rapidly taking over, and its youth only underlines its regenerative power.

In *Metamorphosis* and other new works shown, Klemm can be understood as simultaneously interacting with his adopted landscape and with the currents of contemporary photography. Three very different collections of Klemm's work clearly show that the artist continues to combine what is personally meaningful with a global sensibility.

Two of the collections



Eric Klemm's photography is on show at ArtSpring until Thursday.

were recently awarded at Prix de la Photographie in Paris: one a prize for his project *Silent*

*Warriors*, *Portraits of North American Indians* (1st place, *Professional Portraiture*, culture), and another the series called *Shavings* (3rd place, *Fine Art Pro*, abstract). This is the first time the *Shavings* photos have been exhibited in Canada.

Three groupings of carefully arranged pencil shavings reveal Klemm's gift for composition and his ability to create art through photography. Using different coloured backgrounds and shavings, Klemm evokes more classically beautiful items. For me, the different arrangements spoke of dried flowers and leaves; delicate fairy mushroom caps; and colourful shells and stones.

*Back Alleys* reveals another facet of Klemm's oeuvre. The photos of Vancouver uniformly emphasize extreme verticality, in the lines of

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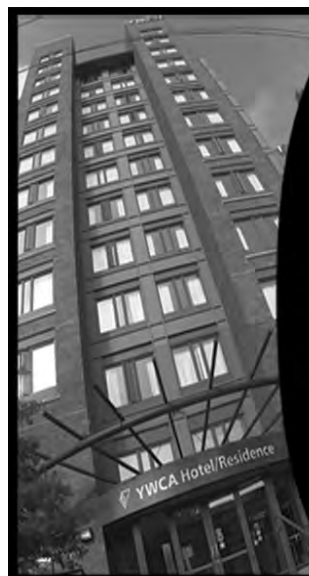
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Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie Breakout for May 9, 2007 to May 15, 2007

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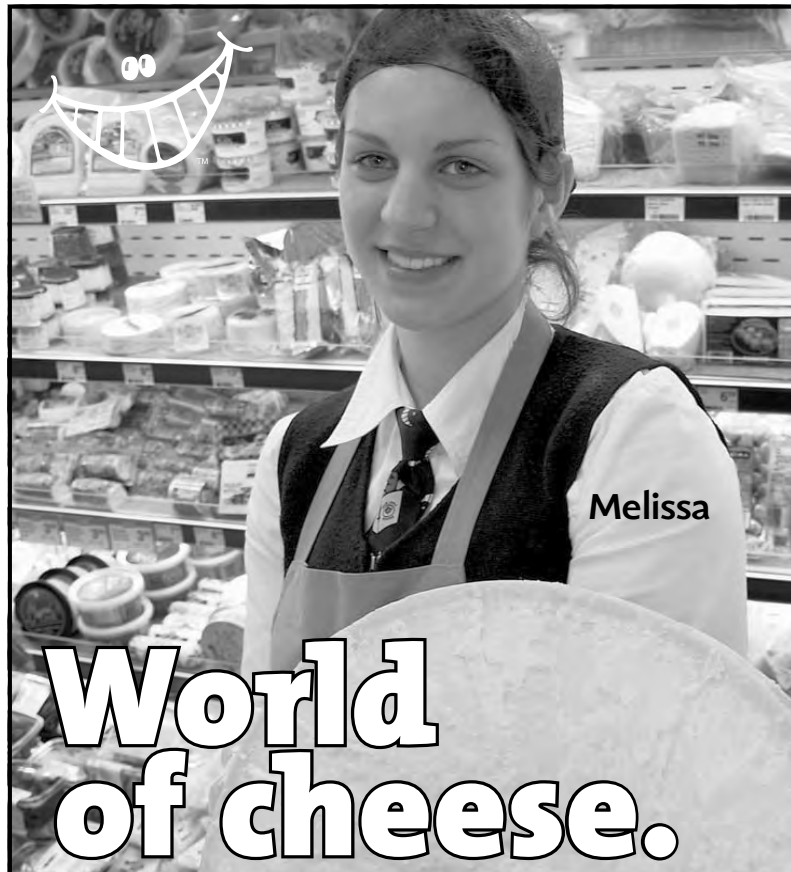
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**29 ★★ Welcome to Sarajevo (1997, Drama)** A journalist, wrapped in the horrors of war-torn Sarajevo, tries to take an orphan home. *Stephen Dillane, Woody Harrelson (1h45)*
- 42 ★★★★★ Bringing Up Baby (1938, Comedy)** An heiress and her pet leopard, Baby, continually cross paths with a palaeontologist. *Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn (2h)*
- 8:00 PM  
**6 ★★ Conspiracy Theory (1997, Action)** A New York taxi driver convinces a hesitant woman to expose a secret government operation. *Julia Roberts, Mel Gibson (3h)*
- 8:45 PM  
**29 ★★ Money Talks (1997, Comedy)** A news anchor must pretend that a con man is an old friend to his fiancée and her parents. *Charlie Sheen, Chris Tucker (1h45)*
- 9:00 PM  
**12 ★★ Bollywood/ Hollywood (2002, Comedy)** A man hires an escort to pose as his fiancée when his family interferes in his love life. *Rahul Khanna, Lisa Ray (2h)*
- 13 ★★ Timeline (2003, Fantasy)** Students become trapped in 14th-century France when they try to retrieve their professor. *Frances O'Connor, Paul Walker (2h35)*
- 10:15 PM  
**42 ★★★★★ Holiday (1938, Romance)** A rebellious young socialite finds a kindred spirit in her sister's fiancé. *Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn (1h45)*
- 10:30 PM  
**29 ★★ House Party 2: The Pajama Jam (1991, Comedy)** A young man throws a house party in an effort to raise tuition money for university. *Christopher Martin, Christopher Reid (1h35)*

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- 7:00 PM  
**29 ★★ Striptease (1995, Comedy)** A Miami strip club dancer struggles to regain custody of her daughter from her ex-husband. *Burt Reynolds, Demi Moore (2h)*
- 42 ★★★★★ Keeper of the Flame (1942, Drama)** A war correspondent investigates the secret life of a recently deceased political hero. *Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy (2h)*
- 9:00 PM  
**12 ★★ Changing Lanes (2002, Drama)** A car accident triggers a fierce war of rage and revenge between two New Yorkers. *Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson (2h)*
- 29 ★★ Suspect (1987, Mystery)** A lawyer is assigned to defend a drifter charged with murdering a congressional aide. *Cher, Dennis Quaid (2h5)*
- 10:15 PM  
**42 ★★ Without Love (1945, Comedy)** An inventor and a widow enter into a marriage of convenience, only to fall in love. *Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy (2h)*
- 11:05 PM  
**29 ★ House Party 3 (1993, Comedy)** After a man becomes engaged to a beautiful girl, he begins to anxiously fear matrimony. *Christopher Martin, Christopher Reid (1h40)*

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- 7:00 PM  
**3 Un homme d'exception (2001, Drame psychologique)** Un mathématicien de génie se retrouve mêlé à une mystérieuse conspiration. *Jennifer Connelly, Russell Crowe (3h)*
- 29 ★★ I Know What You Did Last Summer (1997, Horror)** A group of teenagers are terrorized by a stranger they thought they had killed. *Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar (1h45)*
- 42 ★★ Suddenly, Last Summer (1959, Drama)** A brain surgeon must confront a matron about a bizarre death which haunts her niece. *Elizabeth Taylor, Katharine Hepburn (2h)*
- 7:30 PM  
**69 ★★ The Lizzie McGuire Movie (2003, Comedy)** A high school student is mistaken for an Italian pop star during a trip to Italy. *Halle Berry, Hilary Duff (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**4 ★★★★★ The Tenant of Wildfell Hall (1996, Drama)** A woman escapes with her young son from her unscrupulous husband to Wildfell Hall. *Rupert Graves, Tara Fitzgerald (2h15)*
- 8:45 PM  
**29 ★★ A Time to Kill (1996, Drama)** A lawyer defends a factory worker accused of killing the men who assaulted his daughter. *Matthew McConaughey, Samuel L. Jackson (2h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**12 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Comedy)** A designer's plans to remarry are threatened when her first husband refuses to divorce her. *Candice Bergen, Reese Witherspoon (2h)*
- 13 ★★ Analyze That (2002, Comedy)** A mobster is released from prison and turns to his stressed-out analyst for help. *Billy Crystal, Robert De Niro (2h)*
- 69 ★★ Ernest Goes to Jail (1990, Comedy)** After Ernest is called for jury duty, he ends up switching places with an evil crime boss. *Gailard Sartain, Jim Varney (1h30)*
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**UNDERWATER MAGIC:** Cast members of Salt Spring Centre School's annual theatre production try on their creative costumes at rehearsal Monday. The Sign of the Seahorse runs at Mahon Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday-Saturday, May 11-12.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Artsongs and Musicycle tour up next via Mercer

Now that the Mercer Performance Gallery has been officially opened, its schedule of events and shows is growing.

Currently the gallery is displaying original and limited-edition works by a variety of artists and photographers, with the show running until May 10.

Friday, May 11 is the opening reception of a 10-day showing of Rachel Page's Visible Songs, described in press material as a "solo show of artsongs on canvas." The reception runs from 5 to 8 p.m. with Page's original recordings providing a musical backdrop for the show.

Mercer owners Donn and Maddy Tarris have known the singer/songwriter/artist since their days in Maple Ridge where they shared many stages, and invite folks to meet one of the island's more recent creative forces.

Up next on the gallery's list is a Thursday, May 17 Musicycle tour stop by Johnny Eden and Derek Olive.

As the gallery has not yet been cleared by authorities for musical and theatrical performances, the concert is at Steffich Fine Art in Grace Point Square, Ganges.

Eden and Olive began their cross-Canada Musicycle tour in Powell River, B.C., in an effort to undertake music touring in an environmentally friendly way.

"The tour aims to highlight the possibilities for merging music touring with sustainable transportation as well as to encourage healthy living. The tour will conclude in Halifax, Nova Scotia in September 2007, having passed through numerous small towns and major cities along the way."

Musicycle begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at Acoustic Planet music store, Steffich Fine Art and the Mercer Performance Gallery for \$15, or at the door.

"At first glance, Johnny and Derek might seem like an unlikely pair," notes press

material.

"Musically they share few similarities, and their approaches towards life are quite different. Johnny feels that leading by example will set the world right; Derek, on the other hand, believes that more drastic measures must be taken in order to save ourselves and the planet we live on. So why in the world do they think that doing a tour by bicycle together is a good idea? Because stronger than their differences is their desire to change the way we treat ourselves, each other, and our planet. With conviction and guitars in tow, they will cycle 6000 km, play some music together, and try to positively influence the world—one pedal-stroke at a time."

The CBC is rumoured to be doing a story on them, as well as Penguin Eggs and possibly CYCLE Magazine and Rogers Television.

For more information, check out [www.mercergallery.ca](http://www.mercergallery.ca) or call 537-4492.

## Salt Spring-grown actress hits the stage as Gypsy Rose Lee



Lauren Bowler

Islanders won't want to miss seeing former Salt Spring Islander Lauren Bowler in the role of Gypsy Rose Lee in the Vancouver Arts Club production of the famous Broadway show Gypsy.

It opens May 16.

Bowler is Sue Newman's elder daughter and granddaughter of Virginia Newman, both of whom plan on seeing this long-running play.

It was written by Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents with well-loved music by Jule Styne.

Tickets are available at [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com) or by phone at 1-604-687-1644.

Gypsy closes on July 8.

## Books, art and antiques on tap

May long weekend on Salt Spring will be more active than ever with the Salt Spring Arts Council's new Mayfair event.

A sale of books, art, antiques and collectibles, it runs Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20 from 10-4 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Mayfair will include recognized antiques and collectibles dealers and several well-known and much anticipated private special collections. Fair entry is by donation of \$1 to the Mahon Hall fund.

The event also offers book and antique appraisals on the Sunday.

Tom Stark, with 17 years experience managing the Northwest and native collections of Out of the Mist Gallery in Victoria, and Diane McLean of the Canadian Antiques Roadshow, specializing in dolls, teddy bears, samplers, antique jewellery, and interesting smalls, have offered their expertise.

Don Stewart from the famed McLeod's Bookstore in Vancouver will provide book appraisals.

The public is invited to bring treasures and books for evaluation: \$10 per person for up to five items, with half of the proceeds from the appraisals going to the Mahon Hall fund.

Refreshments will also be available.

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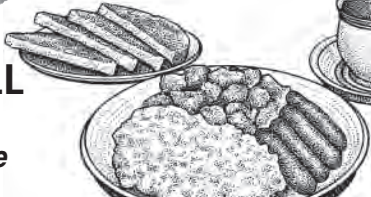
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**MAY FLOWERS:** May 1 brought out the flowers, fancy clothes and maypole dancing at an annual May Day celebration at Salt Spring Centre School. Seen here, from left, are Ruby Egger, Oliver Roveda and Lyyli Kennedy.  
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## Mother's Day Sunday May 13th

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# Restaurateurs and musicians join to help War Child with Kidstock

Move over golfers, it's time to share your space. This Saturday, the Falconshead Grill, located at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, along with the Raven Street Market Cafe, is hosting more than a dozen bands in support of War Child Canada.

The event is being billed as Kidstock.

Visitors will enjoy a full day of food and music for a donation of \$20 per person.

All proceeds go to War Child Canada ([www.warchild.ca](http://www.warchild.ca)), an organization working to assist children affected by war while raising awareness for children's rights everywhere.

"We are always supporting [chari-

ties]," said Falconshead head chef Shinobu Verhagen.

"This year we're supporting War Child because [it is] focussing on war zone kids' education [and in turn helping to stop the cycle of violence]."

Musicians hail from Salt Spring, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and include: First Time Victor, Ruby K., Malonie Langthorne, Swing Shift, Stacy Burke, Paint, Hailey Morgan, The Destructions, David Blair, Lotus, Liz and Luke, Michelle DeYoung and many more.

The event will kick off around 2 p.m. and run until midnight.

Each ticket gets a full day of music and a single meal. The menu will fea-

ture mostly barbecue fare.

Attendees will be welcome to mingle both inside and outdoors.

War Child garb will also be available for purchase.

The event is also supported by local food suppliers and beer companies, Verhagen said. Kidstock has been in the works since January, she added.

The Falconshead has a capacity of 200, but slightly more tickets are being sold as people can come and go all day. Links to both musicians and restaurants are at [www.ravenstreet.ca/warchild.html](http://www.ravenstreet.ca/warchild.html).

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# SS Singers' wild romp thrills weekend audiences

By EMMA YARDLEY  
Driftwood Staff

Hi. My name is Emma and I'm a recovering Salt Spring Singer.

It's been a year since I last held a black binder and donned a sparkly scarf. When I saw the choir file onto the ArtSpring stage this past Sunday, it all rushed back to me: the fun, the friends, of course, the music. Oh, the music!

Director Mitch Howard created a concert lineup for *Besame Mucho: Kissing, Drinking and Insect Songs* that took both singer and audience on a wild romp from the bar to the bedroom, to the field and back to the bar again.

The concert opened with an aperitif from the ever-inspiring Salt Spring Honour Choir singing an angelic love song, *Dirait-on*.

The girls moved to the surly streets of New York in Rent's *Seasons of Love*, urged on by Rebecca Hylands' smooth beat-boxing and Robyn Millerd and Shannon Davenport's soulful solos.

They closed with *Ach! Synku Synku*, a Czech folk song, which they made both powerful and playful with studied skill and Howard's careful conducting.

The Salt Spring Singers warmed their pipes with a pastoral 16<sup>th</sup>-century love song, moving swiftly onto *El Grillo* (The Cricket), which Howard sighted as the first secular music known to be put to paper.

The choir effectively recreated layers of sound to resemble the cricket's call and moved effortlessly from tempo to tempo.

The tenors and basses stepped up to the bar and ordered the strongest drink in the house: the powerful and extremely difficult *In Taverna* from Camina Burana. Based on an ancient drinking song, they took a minute to find their footing, but with Jennifer Howard's brilliant accompaniment they masterfully worked the *taverna* into a frenzy.

Changing tempo, the men's smooth notes in the Mexican rumba *Besame Mucho* (Kiss me a lot) swept the women across the proverbial dance floor and Robyn Millerd and Camille Drummond's jazzy sopranos spun up and down the octave.

After intermission the tenors and basses emerged on stage with boater hats and beer mugs as Al Robertson soared into *My Lodging is the Cellar Here*. Robertson's deep resonating voice sang the words, "I never feel my heart so good as when I'm drinking, drinking, drinking!" enticing his bar mates to gulp down their 'beer' with enthusiasm . . . so much enthusiasm that one drunkard dropped her mug, prompting an audience member to yell, "Lay off the sauce!"

Milking the mood for young revelry they continued with *The Whiffenpoof Song*, a traditional Yale song, masterfully blending into four barbershop parts by tenor Beth Ranney.

With the altos and sopranos joining in, Carol Eyles

" . . .  
tambourines  
banged,  
rattles shook,  
Robyn Millerd  
and Camille  
Drummond  
playfully soloed,  
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gumboot  
stomped, and the  
audience clapped  
with unexpected  
gusto . . ."

led the choir with her strong and moody solo in the Connie Kaldor Canadian classic *Wood River*.

Every pair of eyes was on Howard as he guided them through Eric Whitacre's *A Boy and a Girl*, set to the sad words of poet Octavio Paz about a 1968 massacre of Mexican university students.

With a volley of whistles and a bit of blushing, Howard dedicated *Amor de me Alma* (Love of my Soul) to his wife and talented accompanist Jennifer Howard because it was their wedding anniversary. And with words like, "Your very image was written on my soul," he couldn't have picked a better song.

*Kalinka*, a Russian folk song, was a boisterous finale in which tambourines banged, rattles shook, Robyn Millerd and Camille Drummond playfully soloed, Jean Brouard gumboot stomped, and the audience clapped with unexpected gusto for a Sunday afternoon. I heard a man behind me say, "Well, that was a bit rousing!"

And there you have it: drinking, passion, bugs, music and fun, and I have officially just fallen off the wagon. Hi. My name is Emma and I'm a Salt Spring Singer. Well, at least, I will be next season.

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**PARK SHOW:** Members of the SIMS jazz band, clockwise from left, Becky Edwards, Alex Crandall and Liz Fennell are among some 100 young musicians from various island schools who performed at the Canada-wide Music Monday in Centennial Park.  
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Outdoor music back in Ganges

The heart of Ganges in Mouat's Landing will once again be filled with the rhythms and beats of Salt Spring's finest musical talent next week as the Tree House Cafe kicks off the ninth annual season of Music Under the Stars.

The summer season will feature live musical entertainment every evening of the summer — 111 consecutive nights of live talent, beginning on Tuesday May 15. The Open Stage night marks the opening of the Tree House Cafe for dinner every night on the fully licensed patio and the open stage tradition that will follow every Tuesday of the summer.

# Choir-Bill Henderson team visits new musical ground

**By GAIL SJUBERG**  
 Driftwood Editor

Acclaimed musician Bill Henderson is always up for something new, which makes collaboration with Bruce Ruddell a natural.

About five years ago he started lending his songwriting skills to the adventurous Tuned Air choir director and composer for a musical theatre piece and they've been collaborating on other projects ever since.

Merging Tuned Air choir and Henderson's talents was only a matter of time.

"Bruce and I have talked about this for a number of years," said Henderson. "I met him five or six years ago and at a certain point he said, 'We should get you to do something with the choir.' I really like his choir."

The results will be heard this week when the Early Morning Rain concert runs at ArtSpring. Preview night

is Thursday, with shows also on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m.

In exploring what material to bring to the evening, Henderson revisited songs from the '60s and '70s that employed a choral sound.

He notes that his bands — Chilliwack and especially the Collectors — sometimes used that style.

"We would just do it ourselves using studio techniques and multi-tracking to create these vocal textures — it's nothing new — but to actually do it with a choir is a different sound when you use two or three voices. It has its own kind of texture."

He's excited to present his arrangement of the Flamingos' "totally hypnotic" doo-wop version of the classic I Only Have Eyes For You, as one example.

Although Henderson's band will perform with him, people shouldn't expect a

blast-from-the-past Chilliwack concert. They will play a couple of their old hits, but also brand new material, and ideally do some improvising.

For Henderson, improvising can lead to the ultimate musical experience.

"The real joy of making music is communicating with the people in the room at the time . . . If you pick up on what is in the room and have a free enough structure musically to express it, the audience basically recognizes it themselves and it's an exciting thing. They send out their energy, and you send it back to them."

Tickets for Early Morning Rain, featuring Tuned Air Choir, with Henderson, Jerry Adolphe, Doug Edwards and Ed Henderson, are \$20 for the May 11-12 shows, and \$10 for the preview night on Thursday, May 10, and on sale at ArtSpring.

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253	359	CITY	CityLine	Cooks	Paid	Panjereha	Church	Living Together	Ethnosonic	969	Listed	INSIDE	Art Mind															
290	382	KSTW	Jack Holt	News	In Tune	Animals	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid												
288	380	KCPQ	FOX News Sunday	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid												
288	380	KOMO	KOMO 4 News	This Week	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid												
287	379	KING	KING 5 News	Poker National Heads-Up Championship	Golf The Players Championship	PGA																						
291	383	KCTS	Wishbone	Cyberch.	Dragon	D Squad	High Five	Foreign	McL'ghlin	Money	KCTS Connects	NOW	Building	China From Inside	China From Inside													
502	390	NEWS	News	OurWorld	News	Venture	News	Ab. Can.	Antiques Roadshow	News	One/One	News	AbCan	News	Business	News												
289	381	KIRO	7:Sunday	FaceNat.	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid												
552	543	YTV	Piñata	Amazing	Flamingo	Parents	Sponge	Neutron	Rugrats	Jetsons	Unfab..	Galaxy	Martin	Erk Perk	Gross.	Amazing												
407	419	RSP	7:Soccer FA EPL	Soccer	WorldSport	Baseball MLB Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs. Toronto Blue Jays	Baseball MLB New York Yankees vs. Seattle Mariners																					
520	505	DISC	7:00 Hindenburg	Funnies Animals	Surviving Disaster	Hindenburg: Titanic of the Skies	How Do It	How Do It	H.Made	H.Made	Myth Busters																	
324	632	EA1	7:35 Escape Velocity	15 The Last Boy Scout	Bruce Willis.	The Hunger	45 House Party	1990 Robin Harris.	Papillon	Steve McQueen.																		
615	520	A&E	Breakfast w/ Arts	Breakfast w/ Arts	Bridget Jones's Diary	Renée Zellweger.	City Confidential	City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files																		
557	541	FAM	15 SuiteL.	40 Zoey	10 Cory	40 Raven	10 Phil	Boy MW	05 Ned	Sinbad	Just Like Dad	Coyote Summer	SmartG.	50 SuiteL.														
539		TCM	Movie	Lady for a Day	May Robson.	15 Mildred Pierce (1945)	Joan Crawford.	15 A Raisin in the Sun (1961)	Claudia McNeil.	I Remember Mama																		

S - Salt Spring Island													ExpressVu			StarChoice			SUNDAY EVENING MAY 13									
S	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30												
257	308	CBC	Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL Teams	TBA		To Be Announced		Black Beauty (1994)	Guy A. Lepage.			CBC News: Sunday	the fifth estate														
120	702	SRC	Les Country Bears	Dimanche/ marché	Journal	Découverte		Laffaque	Camping sauvage	Guy A. Lepage.			Journal	Zone doc		Cinéma												
268	354	KNOW	Charlie	35 RolieP.	George	Zoboo	Jungle	R. Sci.	Spiders: Love	Mrs. Pritchard	Mysterious Murder		Hot Rocks: Geology	LeadEdge	Sportfish													
400	400	TSN	Boxing	Hockey RBC Royal Bank Cup					Sportscentre	Hockey World Championships	IHF Teams TBA		Sportscentre															
255	358	CH	CEO TV	Grow	CH Weekend News	Design	Driving		Zoe Busiek:W.Card	Makeover: Home	Makeover: Home		One Tree Hill	News	Driving													
251	336	OMNI	Robison	SaveBell	HappyD.	HappyD.	Home I.	Raymond	Diya	Sikhism	3D Dialogue		Sikh Virsa	Religion	Leprosy	It's a New Day												
254		GBLBC	70s	70s	Simpsons	National	News		Simpsons	FamilyG.	Survivor: Fiji (SF)		Survivor: Fiji	News	35 House													
502	390	NEWS	3:00 Hard to Forget	3:00 Doli Saj Ke Rakhna	Akshay Khana.	Punjabi Interactive	24		Mandarin Interactive	News	News		World Beats	Mandarin Magazine														
256	389	A-VIC	3:00 My Dog Skip	Count.	Careers	Fortune	Jeopardy!		Home Videos	7th Heaven			A Mighty Wind	Christopher Guest.	The Story Of...													
253	359	CITY	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Daily	Chris	Chris			Home Videos	Making It Movies	The Sum of All Fears (2002)	Ben Affleck.			Pink...													
290	382	KSTW	Girlfriend	Girlfriend	All Of Us	Chris	Girlfriends		7th Heaven	7th Heaven	America's Next		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	CSI: Miami													
288	380	KCPQ	2:30 Rain Man	American Idol	Friends	Friends			King Hill	King Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	FamilyG.	Amer D.	35 Q It Up	The Shield												
288	380	KOMO	Animal R.	Homes	KOMO 4 News	News	News		Home Videos	Makeover: Home	Housewives		Brothers & Sisters	News	35 Ebert													
287	379	KING	Jane	Jacob 2 2	News	News	News		Dateline NBC	Shrek (2001)	Voices of Mike Myers.		Thank God Here	News	Backroad													
291	383	KCTS	Independent Lens	O.House	HomeT.	Appear.	Appear.		Antiques Roadshow	Nature			Master. Theatre Pt. 6 of 6 from May 6	Independent Lens														
502	390	NEWS	the fifth estate	Chocolate Confid.	CBC News: Sunday	Show Cats	Breasts		Survivor: Fiji (SF)	Survivor: Fiji (SF)			CBC News: Sunday	Show Cats	Breasts													
289	381	KIRO	Insider	WildA.	News	News	News		60 Minutes	Survivor: Fiji (SF)			Survivor: Fiji	News	AccessH													
552	543	YTV	Rugrats	Jetsons	Ever After: A Cinderella Story	Drew Barrymore.	GameGuru	Prank	Weird	Falcon Beach	Madison	10 Best																
407	419	RSP	W. Baseb.	Jays	Baseball MLB Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins				SN Connected	Ultimate Fighter 3	SN Connected		Poker European Tour															
520	505	DISC	Daily Planet	Lusitania: Terror at Sea	Myth Busters				Daily Planet	Lusitania: Terror at Sea			Myth Busters															
324	632	EA1	2:30 Papillon	15 Escape Velocity	Peter Outerbridge.	True Believer (1989)	James Woods.		The Last Boy Scout	45 Papillon	Steve McQueen.																	
615	520	A&E	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline		Bounty	Bounty	Bounty		Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Mindfreak												
557	541	FAM	15 Proud	49Recess	05 Kim P.	Suite Life	L.Time	Sadie	So Raven	Smart G.	Suite Life	Derek	8 Rules	Sinbad	Popular	8 Rules												
539		TCM	3:30 Remember ...	The Mating Season	Thelma Ritter.	Stella Dallas (1937)	Barbara Stanwyck.		Piccadilly (1929)	Gilda Gray.			Ginger and Fred															

MONDAY, MAY 14									
S	8:00 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	10:30 PM	11:30 PM				
42	★ Angel Face (1953, Crime Story)	A young woman with a murderous heart becomes obsessed with killing her stepmother. Robert Mitchum, Jean Simmons (1h45)	29	★★ Misery Harbour (1999, Drama)	A writer's novel is inspired by his experience aboard a ship and his life in Newfoundland. Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Stuart Graham (1h45)				
42	★★★ Journey Into Fear (1942, Thriller)	A man targeted for extermination by the Gestapo secretly books passage on a steamer. Joseph Cotten, Dolores del Rio (1h45)	29	★★★ Heat (1995, Crime Story)	A detective becomes obsessed with nabbing a professional criminal and his daring crew. Al Pacino, Robert De Niro (3h)				
42	★★ The Immortal Story (1968, Drama)	A sailor bets he can seduce a merchant's wife, without knowing that she was hired to play the role. Jeanne Moreau, Orson Welles (1h)	29	★★★ Heat (1995, Crime Story)	A detective becomes obsessed with nabbing a professional criminal and his daring crew. Al Pacino, Robert De Niro (3h)				
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42	★★ Anywhere But Here (1999, Drama)	A mother's dreams conflict with those of her daughter when they relocate to Beverly Hills. Natalie Portman, Susan Sarandon (2h30)	29	★★★ It's My Party (1996, Drama)	A dying man throws a two-day farewell party for his friends before ending his life. Eric Roberts, Gregory Harrison (2h)				
42	★★ Solaris (2002, Sci-Fi)	A troubled psychologist investigates a research station and experiences strange events. George Clooney, Natascha McElhone (2h35)	29	★★★★ Sleuth (1972, Mystery)	An eminent mystery novelist engages in a cat and mouse game with his wife's lover. Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine (2h30)				
42	★★ Lord of Illusions (1995, Horror)	A private investigator enters the nightmare world of a powerful, evil sorcerer. Kevin O'Connor, Scott Bakula (2h)							

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257	308	CBC	Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL Teams	TBA		Can. Now	R.Green	To Be Announced				News: The National	The Hour														
120	702	SRC	3:30 La firme	4 et demi...	Rumeurs	Journal	Zigzag		Squelet.	Legendre	Que le meilleur		Bougon	Cover G.	Le Téléjournal	Journal												
268	354	KNOW	Dora	40 Bear	George	Arthur	CG Kids	Heads Up	WorkAnimal	Eden	Gourmet China		The Planets	Now	..Muse	ReachTop												
400	400	TSN	Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL Teams	TBA				Sportscentre	Corner	Boxing HBO Championship		Sportscentre															
255	358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	News				Vanity	Malcolm	NCIS		The Unit	Boston Legal	News													
251	336	OMNI	7th Heaven	HappyD.	F.House	F.House	Malcolm		Reba	Acc.Jim	Friends	Home I.	Standard	Message	Promised Land	It's a New Day												
250	321	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News			ET	ET Can.	Gilmore Girls		House	Risk Takers	News													
254		M	Chai	Extra	Law & Order: C.I.	Simpsons	King Hill		eTalk	Access	American Idol		Dancing Results	Law & Order: S.V.U.	News	News												
256	389	A-VIC	Daily	Inside Ed.	A-Channel News	Report	Fortune	Jeopardy	The Collector	Monk			Stargate: SG-1	News	35 Daily													
253	359	CITY	CityLine	Ellen DeGeneres	Cooks	CityNews	Daily	Friends	Stargate: SG-1	Rules	The Bachelor	Officer	Speakers	35J. Leno														
290	382	KSTW	Reba	Reba	WifeKids	WifeKids	70s	70s	Queens	Queens	Chris	All Of Us	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Frasier												
288	380	KCPQ	Judge Greg Mathis	King Hill	King Hill	Simpsons	Malcolm		Simpsons	Malcolm	House		Q-13 News	Simpsons	Scrubs													
288	380	KOMO	First News @ 4	News	News	News			Fortune	Jeopardy	Dancing With Stars		The Bachelor	Officer	News	35 News												
287	379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING 5 News	News	News	News		Magazine	Inside Ed.	Deal or No Deal		Heroes	Wedding Crashers	News	35J. Leno												
291	383	KCTS	Arthur	C.George	Zoboo	Business	News		Stevens'	Antiques	Antiques Roadshow		American Experience		Allo! Allo!	News												
502	390	NEWS	World	News	The Hour	News: The National	News: The National		News: The National	News: The National	News: The National		Earth Report	News: The National														
289	381	KIRO	Judy	Judy	News	News	News		ET	Access	Mother	Half Men	The King of Queens	CSI: Miami (SF)	News	LateShow												
552	543	YTV	Phantom	Robotboy	Parents	Sponge	Being Ian	R. Gloom	Sabrina	Malcolm	Fresh P.	Weird	Hunters	Ghosts	Prank	Spy												
407	419	RSP	Baseball MLB Baltimore Orioles vs. Toronto Blue Jays						Connect.	Basketball	Playoffs NBA Teams	TBA	SN Connected	SN Connected														
520	505	DISC	Daily Planet	Myth Busters	American Chopper	Worst Handyman	Daily Planet		Worst Handyman	Daily Planet	American Chopper		Myth Busters															
324	632	EA1	2:15 Heat Al Pacino.	15 Bad Money (1999)	Graham Greene.	Dinner Rush	Danny Aiello.	45 Misery Harbour					Heat (1995)	Al Pacino.														
615	520	A&E	City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos		Bounty															
557	541	FAM	15 Proud	40Recess	05 Kim P.	Suite Life	L.Time	Sadie	So Raven	Smart G.	Suite Life	Derek	8 Rules	Sinbad	Popular	8 Rules												
539		TCM	3:The World of He...	The Killing	Sterling Hayden.	Act of Violence	Van Heflin.		Angel Face	Jean Simmons.	45 Journey Into Fear	Joseph Cotten.	Movie															

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# What's On This Week

wed. may 9	thur. may 10	fri. may 11	sat. may 12	sun. may 13	mon. may 14	tues. may 15
<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> All Saints. 10:10 a.m. <b>Open Stage.</b> Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Bessie Dane Foundation &amp; Hospice.</b> AGM, SS Seniors. 7:30 p.m. <b>Beauty Quest DVD.</b> Shown as part of GISS PAC meeting. Special invitation to mothers &amp; daughters. 7:30 p.m. <b>Canadian Mental Health Association.</b> Presentation focussing on peer and family support for those affected by mental illness. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 6:30-8 p.m. <b>Free Yoga.</b> Free flow yoga. North End Fitness, 6 a.m. <b>Kundalini Yoga Classes.</b> The Gatehouse. 5:15-6:45 p.m. Info: 537-9299. <b>Relay for Life.</b> Team captains' meeting. Portlock Park portable. 6 p.m. <b>SSI Historical Society Meeting AGM.</b> Capitaine Paul Bion presentation by Chris Arnett. Central Hall. 2 p.m. <b>School District 64.</b> Public trustees meeting, school board office. 1 p.m. <b>SAORI Peace Banner Weaving.</b> Wednesdays in May at I-SEA office. 10-2. Info: Terri, 537-8813; <a href="mailto:terri@saltspringweaving.com">terri@saltspringweaving.com</a></p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Early Morning Rain.</b> Tuned Air choir and Bill Henderson, with Jerry Adophe, Doug Edwards and Ed Henderson. Preview night at ArtSpring. 8 p.m. <b>One Night Stand with Matt &amp; Tom.</b> Shipstones. 8 p.m. <b>Paul Verville Piano Recital.</b> Beethoven Sonata Opus 111. Cameo appearance by Arthur Ozolins. All Saints. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Conversations.</b> Forum for parents, young drivers &amp; passengers. GISS, 7 p.m. <b>SSI Restorative Justice.</b> Information meeting for potential volunteers. United Church. 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Perfect Ground.</b> Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m. <b>Early Morning Rain.</b> Tuned Air choir and Bill Henderson. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. <b>The Sign of the Seahorse.</b> SS Centre School's annual theatre production. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. <b>Sunyata.</b> Barb's Buns</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>SSI Conservancy.</b> AGM with guest speaker Blair Hammond, speaking on eco-gifts. Lions Hall. 7 p.m. <b>Introduction to Sand Tray, World Play Therapy.</b> With Oni Freeman. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m. <b>Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!</b> Library reading/craft program for 4-7-year olds runs Fridays, 1:30-2:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Paul Verville Piano Recital.</b> Beethoven Sonata Opus 111. Cameo appearance by Arthur Ozolins. All Saints. 8 p.m. <b>Midnight Bridge.</b> Return engagement of poetry &amp; song with Phil Vernon and Murray Reiss. Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m. <b>The Sign of the Seahorse.</b> SS Centre School's annual theatre production. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. <b>Early Morning Rain.</b> Tuned Air choir and Bill Henderson. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. <b>House Party with DJ Matt J.</b> Moby's. 9 p.m. <b>Kidstock Food &amp; Music Festival.</b> Free food &amp; live music at Falconshead Grill for \$20 donation to War Child Canada. 2 p.m. to midnight. <b>Sunyata.</b> Barb's Buns</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Graffiti Theatre Auditions &amp; Interviews.</b> For actors, musicians, singers &amp; production positions. Info: <a href="mailto:spotyonsaltspring@shaw.ca">spotyonsaltspring@shaw.ca</a> <b>Mother's Day NDP Bazaar.</b> United Church hall. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Paul Verville Piano Recital.</b> Beethoven Sonata Opus 111. All Saints. 3 p.m. <b>Alma de Espana.</b> Familia Flamenca, music &amp; dance performance. Mother's Day show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. <b>Flora Scott Trio.</b> Jazz with Laurent Boucher, Ian Van Wyck and Derrick Milton at SS Inn. 6-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Graffiti Theatre Auditions &amp; Interviews.</b> For actors, musicians, singers &amp; production positions. Info: <a href="mailto:spotyonsaltspring@shaw.ca">spotyonsaltspring@shaw.ca</a> <b>Mother's Day Breakfast.</b> At Meaden Hall. 8:30-11 a.m. <b>SSI Restorative Justice.</b> Information meeting for potential volunteers. United Church. 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>activities</b></p> <p><b>Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.</b> Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799. <b>Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.</b> 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: 537-2799. <b>Life Drawing Group.</b> One- to 20-minute poses upstairs at the Core Inn every Monday. 1-3 p.m. <b>Salsa, Merengue, Rumba Dance Classes.</b> Latin dance classes taught by Cuban instructor Tanja. Lions Hall Mondays. 7-9 p.m. <b>Kundalini Yoga Classes.</b> Mondays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 537-9299. <b>Breast Cancer Awareness &amp; Prevention.</b> Free lecture with Dr. Teresa Strukoff, ND. 7-8:30 p.m. Reserve a seat through 537-3220. <b>SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group.</b> Discussion &amp; get-together at Farmers Institute. 1:30 p.m. <b>SSI Fire Protection District.</b> Monthly trustees meeting at Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Harry Manx.</b> Concert with Kevin Breit at Fulford Hall. 8 p.m. <b>Open Stage.</b> Tree House Cafe.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Swing Dance With Sue Newman.</b> Mahon Hall. Singles welcome. 7:30-9 p.m. <b>Mixed Volleyball.</b> At Fulford Elementary. 8 p.m. <b>Equine Disease Talk.</b> Infectious Disease of Horses &amp; Equine Respiratory Disease. With Dr. Doug Myers. Blennerhasset Equestrian Centre. 7:30 p.m. <b>Cedars of Tuam Water Service Committee.</b> AGM at Fulford Hall. 3 p.m. <b>Beddis Water Service Committee.</b> AGM at Fulford Hall. 6:30 p.m.</p>

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- Shrek the Third** opens at The Fritz on Friday, May 18!

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**exhibitions**

- Rachel Page** shows **Visible Songs**, a solo show of artsongs on canvas at **Mercer Performance Gallery**, 111 Robinson Road, from May 11-20. Opening reception on Fri., May 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. with Page's original recordings providing a musical backdrop. Gallery hours are Sat.-Sun., 11-5; closed Monday; Tues.-Fri., 10-6. Multi-artist show closes Thurs., May 10.
- Eric Klemm** — **Metamorphosis and Other New Work** of fine art photography, including large photos of **Bruce Smith's Salt Spring cars in the forest** is at **ArtSpring** only through Thurs., May 10. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Seth Berkowitz** has photographic images at **Moby's** and **Jana's Bake Shop**.
- Pegasus Gallery** holds a **Spring Show** of 20 new works by **W.J. Phillips, A.J. Casson, Luther Pokrant, Manly McDonald** and more.
- Stefanie Denz** has an exhibition of work in the **ArtSpring** lobby during May.
- Richard Krieger** exhibits photographs — **Images of the Galapagos** — at **Island Savings Credit Union** from now through July.
- Sav Boro** from Kenya is displaying environmental works at the **Roasting Co.** in Ganges 'til June 30.
- J. Mitchell Gallery's 2007 Spring Show** is an extensive collection of new work by 30-plus artists. Runs through May 23.
- Stephanie Denz** shows paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby through May.
- Steffich Fine Art** — the former Thunderbird Gallery — shows **A New Perspective** with work by 16 artists.
- Painted children's chairs** by **Alice Hinthner** are featured at **Waterfront Gallery** until May 21.

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**CLIMBING THE CHARTS:** Members of the Lost Chords Choir entertain residents on the staircase at Heritage Place in Ganges last Wednesday afternoon. The medley of classic and contemporary tunes left all on hand singing the praises of Salt Spring's seniors choir.  
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A Fat Planet World Music Promotions event, Rhythmantra features percussionist Joseph "Pepe" Danza and dancer/percussionist Navarro Franco.

Workshops begin with drumming at 5:30 p.m., integrating a dance class from 6-7:30 p.m.

The Cobkin kitchen will open for a family dinner at 7:30 p.m., with homemade pizza, salad, drinks, lots of desserts and other fabulous surprises. Then the evening performance will begin at 9 p.m., with Danza and Franco in a dynamic creation of live tribal music.

According to press material, Franco has studied, taught and performed African drumming and many forms of dance around the world for 24 years. She presently lives in Vancouver but has founded many community rhythm dance ensembles.

She spent three years performing with Marimba Muzuva, three years with Gordy Ryan's Island Rhythm, performing New Orleans funk, Olantunji West African music song, gumboot dancing, street samba, Japanese taiko and African drumming. She currently co-leads The Wave Collective with Danza.

"Her passion is to create 'the tribe' wherever she goes, making music to sweat your prayers by dance," states a press release. "An experi-

ence to ignite the mythical imagination."

Danza is described as "an electrifying percussionist and multi-instrumentalist." A native of Montevideo, Uruguay, he became naturally immersed in his native Candomble rhythms.

He has also studied around the world: Shakuhachi flute, Indian music, Afro-Brazilian, samba, bossa nova, Latin, jazz and contemporary music.

Once he moved to Canada in 1989, specializing in world music, he quickly established himself as one of the foremost drummers and band leaders on the west coast. He has also shared the stage with Ani DiFranco, Oscar Lopez, the Dalai

Lama, Jane Sibbery and David Lindley.

People should bring their drums at 5:30 p.m. for a drumming workshop with Danza. Then at 6 p.m. Franco will teach people hot dance floor moves, even if they have never danced before.

Workshops cost \$20, Cobkin Kitchen dinner is \$10 and performance tickets are sold at the door for \$15.

"Family combo" tickets are available in advance for \$50 for the whole event, which includes a family member workshop ticket, a family meal and evening performance for all. Advanced tickets are at The Golden Thread clothing store next to the library in Ganges, or contact Juliette at 537-5785.

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*Organized and Presented by  
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# Diminishing tea parties celebrate life

By **MARGARITE SANCHEZ**

**Special to the Driftwood**  
 Here's a heads-up for Salt Spring Islanders: in the next couple of months you're very likely to receive a phone call inviting you to a "Diminishing Tea Party." And what, pray tell, is that?

A Diminishing Tea Party is a fabulous fundraising idea (in this case, in support of two terrific local organizations committed to improving the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS: the Southern Gulf Islands AIDS Society and the Positive Women's Network). Our tea parties celebrate life; as such, they can involve jokes, crazy hats, poetry, dancing, picnics — whatever lets you share fun, strength and hope. And with a total outlay of just \$5 for each tea party participant, the project expects to raise \$20,000, to be split between the two HIV/AIDS groups.

The first of a projected six sets of tea parties was held on Salt Spring on Thursday, May 3. Twelve people (including the hostesses) enjoyed a choice of teas and goodies, met some old friends and some total strangers, laughed a good deal and learned a few things. Information about PWN and SGIAS was made available, and there was discussion about the myths, realities and current prospects for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

Each participant put \$5 into the collection basket (total take: \$60) and — here's the important part — committed to inviting five more people to a second-tier tea party. Twelve hostesses multiplied by five invitees multiplied by \$5 — and the second round tea parties will raise \$300.

Each of those people invited to the second-tier party then commits to inviting four people to a third-tier party — again, each invitee ponies up only \$5, and then each holds a tea party for three people. And so on, until the last round, to which each



**INVITED:** Participants in the first Diminishing Tea Party are, from left, top row, Tangachee Goebel, Margarite Sanchez, Peggy Frank, Tisha Boulter. From left, bottom row, Heather Martin-McNab, Susan Berlin, Catharine Marzalik and Sheri DeKoven.

Photo by Tangachee Goebel

hostess invites one person. The amazing thing is that, all in all, the six rounds of tea parties will raise just short of \$20,000! Do the math.

Plus, everyone involved will learn some of the realities of HIV/AIDS right here on our island. The media tends to give the impression that AIDS is a thing of the past in wealthy countries like ours. Because of the antiretroviral medications now available, many people — especially young people, unfortunately — think that HIV is a long-term manageable disease. Someday it may be, but unhappily, for many people that is not yet true: AIDS is still a life-threatening condition. Modern medicine is now able to prolong the immune system's ability to deal with the infection; the required medications are powerful, and tolerating toxic long-term chemotherapy is not easy. As well, many people are becoming

resistant to the drugs that are currently available.

HIV flourishes where poverty thrives; as well, HIV creates poverty for those living with the virus. And even here on the island we have poverty, gender inequality, ignorance, the threat of violence, stigma — all of which leave people vulnerable to HIV infection. And all of which, in particular, prevent women and their children from receiving the quality education and health-care that's so essential for both prevention and treatment.

So when a friend calls to invite you to a Diminishing Tea Party, take advantage of the opportunity to join in a little celebration of life to support those in your community who are living with this illness.

And along the way, learn how HIV is transmitted and how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

# Conservancy focus on frogs makes noise at Friday event

By **DAVID DENNING**

**Special to the Driftwood**  
 Gribbit. Gribbit. Most islanders live within earshot of noisy groups of our local Pacific tree frog. It's a wonderful, comforting music on spring nights that reminds us that life is again awakening after the winter slowdown. But have you ever wondered about the lives of these nocturnal chirrupers?

The Salt Spring Conservancy continues its exploration of our island's natural history on Friday, May 18 at Lions Hall with a talk about frogs and salamanders. Wildlife biologist Brent Matsuda will present: Amphibians of the Southern Gulf Islands: Who's At Risk, and How are they Studied?

The talk begins at 7 p.m.

Frogs are drawing the attention of conservationists and wildlife lovers around the world.

About 10 years ago, frogs in many areas began to suffer drastic population losses, including the complete extinction of some species and serious threats to others. For the amphibians of the world, something is very wrong.

Scientists now think that frog population crashes are not caused by any single factor but by a complex set of causes, including habitat loss, pollution, ozone layer depletion (increased UV) and disease.

Some species are threatened by introduced predators, including other frog species that feed on the tad-

poles and juveniles of their competitors.

What species of amphibians live on Salt Spring Island, and how are they surviving? To answer these questions, Brent Matsuda will focus on frogs and salamanders of the Gulf Islands, and share his extensive knowledge of B.C.'s amphibian fauna.

He will provide us with basic information about our local species, and he will also explain how scientists study amphibians.

He will also introduce people to a program whereby citizens can contribute data to scientific research on frogs.

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# Kids' reading program snags lions, tiger and bears

Terrific response for a pilot story-time program at the library has resulted in continuation of the popular event.

A trial six-week program for kids aged four to seven proved a successful first foray into event planning for the new children's programmer Claire Cullen. Cullen took on the volunteer position in January, after noticing an ad on the Volunteer Salt Spring website.

With an eight-year-old and a four-year-old of her own, Cullen

thought a creative story time would be a welcome addition to library offerings.

Participating children and parents have agreed, and will be happy to learn that the program will continue.

A new theme of Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! will bring kids into the land of Oz and other make-believe and magical places, and will also include factual information on real animals.

Cullen, who always brings her

four-year-old with her, varies short and long stories as well as periods of fact and fiction. After about 40 minutes of stories she finishes with 10-20 minutes of crafts -- an animal mobile is one possible idea for the upcoming session.

A visiting practicum student with drama experience is also expected to make things interesting for the kids.

With such good response to the four to seven group, Cullen is now busy developing programs for

other age groups, both younger and older.

"I'm going to be asking for feedback on all of this to make sure we're offering programs that people really want," she said.

An upcoming Harry Potter Reading Challenge is aimed at a wider age group, inviting kids ages six to 16 to read or reread all six previous Harry Potter books in advance of the release of the seventh and final book this July. A prize copy of the new book will be part of the fun.

Meanwhile, Cullen would like to get the word out about the Friday story-time, noting that in the previous session many families didn't realize the program was happening, but happened to be at the library.

"It's interesting how many people didn't know about it, but then continued to come," said Cullen. "I've been really happy with the response and with the support."

Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh My! runs every Friday in May from 1:30-2:15 p.m.



## Salt Spring FOCUS ON SENIORS

# Mature drivers workshop makes island stop

Victoria Day is the first long weekend of the season and B.C. drivers will be on the roads en masse.

Long weekends are very stressful for drivers and older drivers may feel especially nervous due to heavier traffic in their communities.

The B.C. Automobile Association Traffic Safety Foundation's

Living Well, Driving Well mature drivers workshops are designed to help mature drivers assess their own driving skills, habits and knowledge in a peer group environment while getting tips and strategies to help change and improve their driving. The idea is to promote self-awareness and end up protecting the population as a whole.

Salt Spring's mature drivers are encouraged to sharpen

their skills and gear up for summer long weekend driving by signing up for a Wednesday, May 23 workshop. It runs from 1-3 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors.

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The students from grades 2-4 helped remove invasive thistles and planted native shrubs, including wild roses, Saskatoon berries, maple trees, red osier dogwood and Indian plum.

Over the last 20 years, elementary school students have helped with many wetland restoration projects including sites on Cusheon and Bullocks creeks, and Ford Lake.

The Burgoyne Bay project is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Foundation, Fisheries and Oceans, the casino fund and the Pacific Salmon Foundation.



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For further information or to register, contact Saci Spindler at 653-0068.

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**IN MEMORY OF FRITZ:** David Holt is seen with a memorial house made for Fritz by the woman who accidentally hit him. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## House memorial honours Fritz

The woman who accidentally hit Fritz the cat with her car on February 21 has created a memorial for the cinema's former resident feline.

Central Community Hall Society board member David Holt said the house-shaped structure is made of stone, wood and copper, and is Fritz's fourth and final house.

"Hitting Fritz was tragic for her and will be an indelible part of her memory. To be sure it remains part of our memory, she built

a memorial in the shape of a house."

"Careful thought, craftsmanship and compassion are apparent in this house," said Holt. "The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but this community thanks her for taking the time to create this beautiful sculpture. It will be a valued treasure at Central Hall, much like Fritz was."

Fritz, who was 11 when he died, had lived at the Central Hall cinema for more than eight years.

## Auxiliary Day tallies local volunteers

With Auxiliary Day marked by the B.C. Association of Hospital Auxiliaries on May 10, it's time to acknowledge the 20,684 hours logged by the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society (LMHAS) during 2006.

LMHAS publicist Marjorie Nash reports that 51 members worked their regular shifts at the thrift shop, and 35 members assisted at the extended care unit in the hospital, Greenwoods and its assisted living complex,

while eight of those members also did their regular shift at the thrift shop.

Auxiliary knitters kept the showcase at the hospital supplied with their handiwork and the junior volunteers put in 135 hours helping at the hospital.

Two scholarships are also offered to high school graduates each year.

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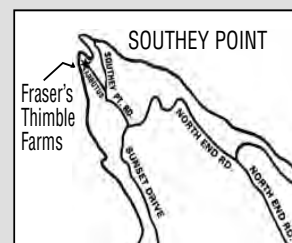
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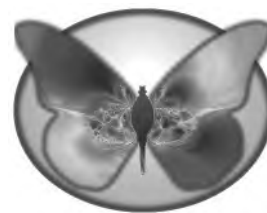
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**HEADS UP:** Keegan Pearson heads the ball during indoor soccer action at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week. Photo by John Cameron

## Two Salt Spring sides shine in mid-island soccer tourney

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Gulf Islands Secondary may have slid past Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) during a thrilling mid-Vancouver Island junior girls soccer consolation match in Mill Bay last week, but it turns out both sides have a reason to celebrate.

"I think we did much better than expected," said coach Bob Byron. "They played really well and have got some really great players."

After kicking off the tournament with a 4-0 win against Shawnigan Lake, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions fell 3-2 versus tournament champions Frances Kelsey with less than two minutes to play.

SIMS girls played Brentwood first, dominating 95 per cent of the play,

but couldn't get by the defence or the keeper.

Brentwood players managed three shots on net, scoring on one midway through the first half.

SIMS also controlled the play in the second game of the tournament against Quamichan. Sierra Lundy scored on a breakaway, then again from outside the 18-yard box when the keeper fumbled the ball.

With the stage set for an all-Salt Spring match-up for third and fourth place, many on the sidelines found it difficult to choose a side.

"I had no vested interest either way," said Doug Pearson, coach of the high school's senior girls team. "It was kind of a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Down by two goals at the half and

with four players forced to head back to Salt Spring with an injured player, SIMS made things interesting with goals by Kai Fishleigh and Liz Fennell.

In the end, however, GISS player Danielle Severn lifted her side to victory thanks to a two-goal performance.

The defeat was a sweet reward for a team still itching after feeling the sting of a young, talented and promising group of Grade 8 girls earlier this year.

In an exhibition game last month, the middle school squad trounced the Scorpions 7-0.

"They are an amazingly talented team," said Jude Shugar, who coached the Grade 8s along with Tom Langdon.

"I'm proud of their excellent sportsmanship, camaraderie and hard work this season."

## Grand slam, bruises and 'Wilson' mascot part of this year's softball season so far

Despite an unseasonably cold and wet spring, Salt Spring's two girls softball teams have gotten off to a flying start.

The Salt Spring Slegg Lumber Slivers won both their April 30 and May 5 games, sending the Duncan Discovery Honda team to the first-aid kit with a 15-8 loss in three innings of play, and beating the Duncan Stingrays by an 18-10 score.

Highlights of the May 5 game against the Stingrays included a grand slam home run by Carrysa Kinnear in the second inning, and a double by Kayla Pultke. Tala Small Wolf caught a low fly ball at shortstop and Cori-Lee Kitchen did a great job at backcatching for the first time.

When pitching, Kinnear

had two strike-outs and Pultke had four.

On April 30, Kinnear caught a tricky pop fly while on first base, Pultke had a triple and, according to reporting player Hari Brooks, "a beautiful hit into left field to bring in two other players."

The team of 11-12-year-olds also had a surprise when they arrived at the Crofton ferry dock, she said.

"After the 15-8 win an otter came to greet us at the ferry."

• Proudly inheriting Island Star Video sponsorship from the older squad who could not field a team this year, the 13-14-year-old group, with several new and younger players, are having fun on the field and in the dugout with their unique tennis ball mascot "Wilson."

On Saturday they played a

double-header in frigid temperatures and wind against Sidney 1 and 2 teams, unable to hold a lead into the final inning in the first game for a 10-8 score, and rebounding but unable to overtake the second team for a 13-10 final.

Alex Crandall had a home run in the first game, but then hit the bench as her knee started swelling after a bizarre fall. By the end of the day almost everyone was sporting an impressive bruise. The most controversial came when Sam Rowlandson was hit in the lower back by a misplayed ball as she ran from second to third base and was incorrectly called out for interference. Arguments by both team's coaches failed to reverse the call, however.

The girls also found ample

success in stealing bases and sliding home.

Sarah Robinson had a double play when she caught a pop fly and then smartly stepped on third base to force another runner out.

The Stars have so far played no games with a full roster, resulting in a lack of depth at key positions like catching and pitching, of particular concern since most of their matches are double headers.

But they've been able to score consistently, show adeptness in the field and have had numerous outs at first base.

In a May 2 game in Crofton against Duncan, Jessica Hatchard had two consecutive outs in the field, catching first a line drive and then a pop fly with an amazing backhanded catch.

## Salt Spring course sees record youth golf turnout

Last Friday's Junior Golf Day at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club saw a record turnout of almost 40 young players.

Following a rainy round

of golf the players enjoyed complimentary hot dogs, fries and a drink back at the clubhouse.

Prize winners included Dylan Hunsberger for longest

drive on Hole #3 (for players 13 years and over), Josh Brown for longest drive on Hole #8 (12 years and under), Christian Huser for longest drive on Hole #8 (13 years

and over), Kristi Reynolds for KP on Hole #2 (girls), Jack Wiltshire for KP on Hole #2 (12 years and under) and Steven Hardy for KP Hole #2 (13 years and over).

## Sports Schedule



Look ahead to the May long weekend  
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By Sandy Barclay

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**TENNIS TIME:** Players such as Erica Ross are back on the courts for various tennis activities and competitions. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Parachute plate fundraiser will help cover costs for off-island soccer kids

People are leaping out of the sky to help off-island soccer players fund program and transportation costs.

In what should be a visually dramatic event at Salt Spring's upcoming Challenge Cup soccer tournament, four parachuters from Victoria Skydiving Adventures will drop onto the high school field, which will be covered in name-bearing paper plates.

The skydivers will pick up two plates each, and the winning names will grab prizes ranging from cash to Salt Spring picnic baskets.

Off-island soccer players are selling the plates at Thrifty's, Ganges Village Market and Patterson's over the next two weeks. The plates will also be sold at the tournament.

Cost is \$2 each or three for \$5.

Special stamps on the plates will ensure that random plates are not eligible for prizes.

The fly-by and parachute drop takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 20 on the lower high school field.

Among the prizes are cash, two nights accommodation at Angel Cot-

tage B&B, dinner for two at Hastings House, a hand-crafted wooden bowl by Antonio Alonso and two coolers stuffed with Salt Spring Island goods.

The fundraiser is being organized by a core group of soccer players, who travel off-island for gold and metro/select programs during the soccer season. Most of these youths practise twice a week off-island and play games in Vancouver and/or Victoria.

Ferry travel adds substantial costs to the already-expensive programs, say event organizers.

## GISS tennis coach serves promising future

Playing in one of the province's most competitive leagues may be a foul experience, but a group of 12 Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) tennis players led by Jack Barclay still served up a volley of determination as their season wrapped up last week.

"We have a pretty good team for a public school and for players who don't all play all year," Barclay said.

Whereas students from private schools like Brentwood and Shawnigan Lake are involved in year-round tennis programs in state-of-the-art facilities, GISS play-

ers make do with Portlock Park.

"These schools have eight courts and an indoor bubble to play through the winter," he said.

It's no wonder the private schools cleaned up during a Brentwood tournament last week, though GISS placed third out of a field of five teams.

A combination of island-born players and international students led Salt Spring's tennis aspirations, he said. Players like Kristen Iverson, who is one of Canada's top female squash players, and international students Hide

Sawabe and Arne Sell are a few who helped raise the bar for GISS this year.

Barclay also received valuable coaching assistance from Marianne Banman and Mike Best.

"They helped bring all the players to a higher level," Barclay said. "We managed to hold our own in a very competitive league."

Fortunately, Barclay and his crew aren't ones to shy away from a little competition.

When Barclay returns to GISS as a full-time teacher this fall, he intends to begin work on a year-round ten-

nis program. Students are showing a greater interest in the sport and the Brentwood administration recently offered their school's facilities next winter.

Before the season is over, however, the GISS squad faces a final tournament against Ballenas Secondary in Parksville later in May.

"It's more of a friendly culmination tournament," he said. "We'll play one last tournament together and then likely head down to the beach."

After that Barclay will offer tennis clinics once or twice a week for all students

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## Golfers want shorts weather

By **MARCIE HOGAN**  
Driftwood Contributor

On April 24 the 18-hole ladies took a page from the Golf Instruction Book, "When to Implement Handicap Management."

With the rain threatening, the wind howling and Falconhead Grill beckoning, we called it quits after nine holes and headed to the 19th hole. The bad news is that at this time last year we were playing in shorts.

The low-gross winner was Tricia Simpson with a 51. Runners-up were Linda Woodley and Marcie Hogan with 56. Hogan took low net with a 42. Femmy Schuurmanns landed closest to the pin to pick up the KP. Four ladies shared low-putts fame at 15: Pearl Grey, Joanna Barrett, Woodley and Hogan.

• In stroke play on May 1

we began to see the scores fall below 100. Dora Reynolds took low gross with a 95, followed by Pearl Grey with 99. Net scores saw them switch places with Grey scoring 71 and Reynolds 74. Grey was also the putt-pot winner with 30 putts. April Wright stepped up and took KP.

• Monday is ladies night at the Salt Spring Golf Club. All lady golfers are welcome to come out for nine holes of golf and dinner. Despite the wet playing conditions and long grass some good scores were posted in April.

Dora Reynolds led the scoring with 16 points. Trudy Sloan was second, with 14 points and April Wright followed with 13.

Low gross winners for the month were Reynolds and Alice Richards with scores of 49. Runner-up was Pam

Ellacott with a 51. No one can beat Joanna Barrett's one putts. She carded only 11 putts in one round and was trailed by Mary Lou Bompas and Femmy Schuurmanns with 14 putts.

Four ladies had chip-ins while playing the back nine: Joan White, Reynolds, Darlene Wellington and Bompas.

It took four weeks for anyone to reach the green on Hole 2. The first KP of the month was taken by Julie Tyler on April 23 and followed by Richards on April 30.

• In off-island competition, Melanie Iverson's team won the Olympic View Field Day on March 24. Tricia Simpson and Linda Woodley took top honours in the Seniors Button Match at Royal Colwood against a team from Ardmore.

## 11-year-old Nick Boyd walks away with first junior tournament victory

Fun was the name of the game at the Spring Junior Open and Future Links Skills Competition at Blackburn Meadows on Friday.

Seventeen juniors tested their skills with four different challenges: putting, chipping, iron play and driving, before heading out on the course for a season warm-up nine-hole competition.

The tournament was a stroke-play event played by two age groups. The 12 and unders shot from the white tees and 13 and overs shot off the blues.

The low-gross winner, shooting a very impressive par 32, was 11-year-old Nick Boyd, who also claimed a reward for first low putts. Trailing very close behind was 13-year-old Mat-

thew Hollingsworth, who shot a one over par 33 and claimed third low putts in a tie with Gunnar Rasmussen.

Jyah Flam achieved second low putts and Adrian Alonso came in with the third low-gross score of 38.

Boyd shot the KP for the 12 and unders while Hollingsworth got it for the older crowd. Long drive for the younger group was Corey Cotteral, while Hollingsworth nailed a drive on #9 to secure long drive for the 13 and overs.

Most honest golfer award went to Callysta Boyd, the only girl in the competition.

Medals were awarded to juniors who scored the most points in their age group during the skills competition. Boyd was the overall

high points winner, racking up 112, followed not far behind in the 12-14 age group by Hollingsworth with 94. Nick Honour put up a very "honourable" score of 72 points in the 11-and-under age group and eight-year-old Thomas Weatherby scored 45.

Course manager Eric Beamish thanked all the staff and volunteers who made the event happen smoothly.

Junior nights are underway on Monday nights for all juniors and volunteer adults. The adult/junior tournament will be scheduled in mid June for anyone looking for a chance to team up and have fun. Call the Blackburn pro shop for info on all upcoming events at 537-1707.

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**EYE ON THE BALL:** Salt Spring's Stephen Greenwood, 16, is prepared to play with the province's best young golfers. Photo by Sean McIntyre

# Young golfer chases champ

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

What began only five years ago as a simple pastime with his grandfather has become an all-out passion for a Salt Spring Island golfer with his eye on the pin.

"I started practising on the driving range when I was 11 and haven't stopped since," said Stephen Greenwood. "My grandfather's shown me everything I know."

In a recent high school golf tournament at the Morningstar Country Club in Parksville, Greenwood finished second to British Columbia's defending provincial junior champion. Greenwood's score of 72 was only one stroke off the provincial champ's.

Greenwood's stellar performance helped Gulf Islands Secondary, led by coach Rob Griffiths, bring home a respectable third-place finish in the team category.

"It was a very good feeling to get that close," Greenwood said.

Results like that may soon be par for the course if everything goes according to

plan for the 16-year-old golf enthusiast.

"I'd like to get a scholarship to a university in the United States," he said.

"It feels like I'm close and I've been working really hard."

By the time the high school golf circuit wraps up later this month, Greenwood will already be driving for a coveted spot at the Ryder Cup, a September tournament involving the top five golfers from each of six zones across the province.

Greenwood finished sixth out of 30 golfers at last year's event, a result he believes he can improve on if he sticks to his game and remains focussed.

Golf, he said, is not only about going after the lowest score. Part of what attracted him to the sport is the relationship between competitors and teammates on and off the green.

"The sport teaches a lot about playing within the rules, about honesty and sportsmanship," he said.

With an attitude like that, it seems Greenwood's already got something to celebrate.

# Second-meet athlete proves a track force

Tilai Ellis-Stairs was the Salt Spring Track and Field Club's sole representative by himself this past weekend in Comox.

With the usual cast of characters left behind — one with a broken collarbone — Ellis-Stairs was a force to be reckoned with.

In only his second meet Ellis-Stairs put in a strong showing, with 100m, sixth in 16.3 seconds.; 200m, seventh in 34.2; 400m, sixth in 1:14.3; 800m, third in 2:49.5.

The club's next meet is in Victoria on May 12 and 13.

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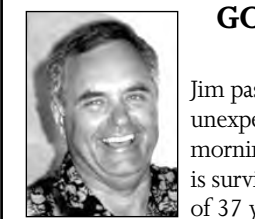
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Jim passed away suddenly and unexpectedly early Monday morning, April 30, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years Susan, brother Ian (Kathleen), daughter Sarah (Bill)

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A celebration of Jim's life will be held Sunday May 6 at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, 805 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island at 12:30 pm. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

### 8 CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO everyone who helped with the Ruckle Park Family Day. Art Falardeau, Henry Bade, all the 4-H kids, leaders and parents, Mike and Marjorie Lane, Colin Byron, Howard Hovel, Scott Newley, Harry Burton, Bill Simpson, Ann Royal, Ray Frazer, Ron & Nicki, Reisha, Mira Warrington & Christine Saly & Pearl, Rebecca & Andrew. For their generous donations thanks to Moonstruck Cheese, Windsor Plywood, the CRD, Parks & Recreation. Apologies to anyone missed, but still appreciated! And most of all, thanks to the Ruckle Family for gifting us with such a beautiful park. May it always remain so well cared for.

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**32 MEETINGS**



**Annual General Meeting May 11, 7pm**

Salt Spring Island Conservancy members are hereby notified of the AGM at the Lion's Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave, off Drake Rd, Ganges, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Members will elect new directors for two-year terms. Candidates include: Jean Brouard, Robin Ferry, Jean Gelwicks, Maxine Leichter, Steve Leichter, and Jane Petch.

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**Qualifications:**

- Grade 12 plus 2 years recent related experience or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
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**Qualifications:**

- Grade 10 or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
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- Ability to organize work.
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- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
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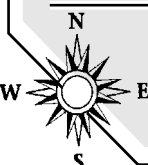
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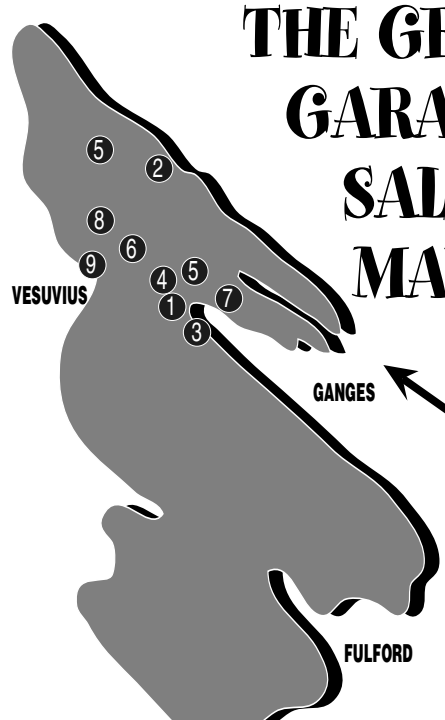
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# This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**

The sauntering pace of spring for you is beginning to develop into a trot. Before too long you will be galloping at a steady pace. Already you are reaching out to connect with others; but who to call? You may want to use your time wisely and so avoid frivolous encounters. This is a time of tilling the soil and planting seeds both figuratively and literally. With Mars, your sign ruler about to enter Aries you will feel the power. If you have not done your spring cleaning yet you may feel like it now. Creating a cosier atmosphere at home begins with simply clearing clutter and things you can trip over. Use this surge of energy to feel more grounded and secure. Charge!

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**

Whether in mind or deed, you have been taking some radical measures lately. Daring to dream, you have removed obstacles that were blocking your way. Perhaps these were outer blocks of some sort and perhaps they were inner. The inner blocks include fears and/or limiting perspectives and self concepts. As you allow yourself to dream and explore new possibilities you feel inspired. Sometimes, all it takes is entertaining possibilities to feel better about our seemingly unrelated aspects of your life. Consider what these inner blocks might be because you are about to bring your resolve to breakthrough to deeper levels.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**

You may have been feeling the urge to lay low lately, as much as a solar sign like Gemini can lay low. This can mean you feel quieter and more introspective. Feeling into who others are and what they need has been inspiring empathy and compassion and perhaps a deeper urge to share as well. You may feel the urge to contribute to a greater feeling of unity and community. Meanwhile, you also are reviewing your list of needs and wants to see if you have enough checks beside both. This may include the desire to know how others see you and receive you? For the sake of business expansion and/or relationship harmony you want a clearer glimpse. Ask for guidance and feedback.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**

Exploring new aspects of your individuality continues. This experiential and experimental urge may prove quite exciting, confusing or both. When it comes to our identity we tend to rely on memories and past experiences but they do not always serve us. In this case we have to explore new horizons. The inner quest is at least as important as the outer. This includes being your own best friend and listening to your heart about the voices in your head. At best you feel inventive and are willing to enter new territory. Perhaps reading a mind expanding book or one with spiritual illumination will spark a personal revolution.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)**

Staying on track on public and professional fronts is keeping you busy these days. Reality checks in from time to time to make sure you are attending to your most important duties and priorities. It is easy to get lost in creative projects and they are worthwhile yet must also meet with the practical and realistic sides. This is a good time to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Your responsibilities may also include meeting the needs of family members or donating to charities etcetera. All being well you have been tending to the nitty gritty details and are preparing to push for changes on other fronts.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)**

This time of seeds and buds may well find you digging in the dirt and turning the soil. You are preparing to plant and this can be a big job. In addition to preparing, you have to assess what you want and need. This is what Taurus is all about - priorities. As old methods and modes of perception steadily melt away you may be feeling the urge to lay claim to something that feels solid and dependable. This is bound to include both public and social connections as well as professional realities. Balancing the need for expansion with that of security may be a part of the deeper story. Want a clue? Use the past but do not depend upon it.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**

Attending to some of the deeper and more

sobering aspects of life has been keeping you busy lately. These may include joint resources, taxes, death and hopefully inheritances coming your way. In any case, clearing out the old to make way for the new is part of the plot. Gathering new tools, methods and recipes may also be on your mind. There are indications that you have been working hard. Others with passion, zeal, assertiveness and/or aggressive ideas will soon enter the stage so prepare. This is a time of returns so you can assess the quality of your sowing by what you are reaping. Aim to secure your position with variety and versatility.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You have been building your professional muscles over the past couple of years, perhaps slowly and hopefully surely. This climb to higher levels of professionalism will continue through to autumn especially. This is an important period to persevere. Like climbing a high mountain, the true glory comes only by reaching the top, what ever that means to you according to your reality. Beyond winning the esteem and confidence of your peers you may also be soul searching. Going out to expand your horizons, deepen your appreciation of art and culture and meet new people is all part of the social game.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

A time of pruning, refining and healing is a central theme these days. Life is like farming - seeds and harvest. Yet, in between these is cleaning, clearing, preparing, pruning, fertilizing and so on. Sometimes the action is literal and physical while at others more metaphorical and psychological. In other words, the farming process is reflected in most areas of life and we are the fruit of our labour as much as other end products. This implies learning, self cultivation, character building and integration of wisdom and knowledge. Sometimes, we have to work a different sector of our control and this extends to moving or new employment or a sustainable shift of attitude.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

Your leadership is shining a little brighter these days. Midst measurable inner changes, you are producing and directing and nurturing others. Your aim has been to get to the bottom of things in certain respects and this will continue for the next couple of months. Like a warrior you will move to remove any and all opposition. That it may be within you as well as without is worth considering so that your focus is whole and balanced. Handling the unexpected is important in life as well and you have been reminded about that lately. Not everything is in our control and we have to roll with and trust that when things go wrong they may do so for good reasons.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**

Building upon a more solid base in your world continues. You are playing with ideas about how you can feel more nurtured and secure on a day to day basis. Outer renovations are possible as is creative brain storming for choosing courses of action that will solidify your base. You may feel committed to long term change in your life and are still at foundational stages in this regard. Dream visions have presented themselves yet you may still feel a little uncertain about what to do. Continue to set your intentions, ask for guidance and be receptive to incoming messages and support. In any case, aim for a greater sense of secure and solidly balanced with flexibility.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**

Covering a lot of ground is keeping you busy these days. You have probably been more like an ox tilling the ground than a social butterfly. The change of guard is about to occur, however, and the butterfly is about to emerge from the cocoon. This will increase your scope of communications. Your focus will be upon initiating business opportunities or some other form of investment. Tending to new hobbies and other interests is also a possibility. Your ambitions will soar but to be really successful you may also have to confront some inner demons called limiting beliefs and perspectives.

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**LIFERS:** Megan Cameron and Bobby Byron are seen at a Relay for Life presentation, which took place last week at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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## Middle-aged islanders face employment challenges here

By **TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Contributor

Making a living on Salt Spring Island where employment is driven by only two industrial sectors can be challenging regardless of age, but has specific problems for the middle-aged and older.

According to Penn George at Beacon Community Services Employment Centre (BCSEC), the tourism and construction-based job market here frequently does not make room for older workers.

"Skills often don't match the entry-level and service-oriented positions that often come up as job vacancies," she said. "Many older workers appear over-qualified for these jobs as they have years of highly educated specific work skills. Some even 'downgrade' their skills to suit the lower skill set on a job posting. There are fewer and less varied high paying jobs that reflect their skills."

George said these challenges are linked with other island problems facing workers of all ages: lack of affordable rental and ownership housing, a high number of seasonal jobs, lack of public transportation; and roads not designed to safely include bikers and walkers.

Jacqueline Menard is only one of many islanders familiar with these challenges. She moved here last fall from Vancouver after years of visiting Salt Spring.

Well qualified with a Bachelor of Education degree, teaching experience and computer skills, Menard is also bilingual and creates unique photography collages. Still, she is aware of the lack of variety in job opportunities here as compared to Vancouver.

Menard finds public institutions here lacking in employment opportunities. Unlike in cities and towns elsewhere, places like ArtSpring and Mary Hawkins



**Andrea Rankin**

library are run mostly by volunteers. While ArtSpring has increased its paid staff over the years and the library now has a part-time paid librarian, Menard hopes this trend will continue.

"I hope there will be more work opportunities as well as the bigger library structure," said Menard in reference to CRD-supported plans to build a new library.

Menard is currently working as a part-time French immersion teacher but still needs to acquire more work to securely cover her living expenses.

"The challenge of finding work is the same as in the 1970s here, but what's changed is the price of housing," she said.

Fourteen years ago, Andrea Rankin left Vancouver where she worked in the acting and language interpretation fields to follow her dream of living on Salt Spring Island. Although she has worked as an interpreter at Ganges provincial court, these services are rarely needed here.

Instead, she fell back on waiting tables, something she had not done for many years. Rankin eventually taught French here and also continues to do house cleaning. But going back to the larger Canadian economy outside of this island has been the key to her financial security.

Travelling several days each month, Rankin works as a court interpreter in places like Duncan, Victoria, Vancouver, Prince George and Whitehorse. By doing this, she can couple her passion for languages with her love of travelling.

Rankin points out that going off island five days a week, like many commuters here do, would get tiring, but being a few days in the city each week is fine. At the end of those days, she looks forward to coming back to her house near St. Mary Lake.

An islander who travelled to a full-time job in Victoria for several years and asked to remain anonymous due to the personal nature of her comments, agrees that taking the 6:20 a.m. Fulford ferry five days a week left her "sick and tired all the time."

Often she would get out of bed minutes before leaving her home at 5:30 a.m. Being a single parent, she drove "half way up the island" to drop her daughter at a babysitter's before racing to the ferry. If she did not have time to park her vehicle and walk on, she had the added expense of driving onto the ferry.

Once on, she joined "a hard core group of 35 to 50" islanders who have commuted to work for many years. If she showered before leaving home, she would use the hand dryer in the washroom to dry her hair. Often she stuffed her office clothes into her jacket pockets and would change into them in the washroom.

Eventually, she persuaded her employer to allow her to work in her Salt Spring home for two to three days each week. The only way she could earn the same money as her Victoria job (and meet her monthly mortgage payments as well as help her daughter through university) is if more government jobs existed on Salt Spring

or by being self-employed and catering to the tourism industry.

Penn of BCSEC reminds potential island employers that older workers have developed many skills over the years in areas, including wisdom, interpersonal communication, supervising and time management. They often have fewer demands if their children have left home; and they know themselves and their limitations.

## PARC applies for beach access rights

Six Salt Spring beach-access areas should be improved for public use if a Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) plan comes to fruition.

Following a vote at last Monday's PARC meeting, a licence of occupation will be applied for from the Ministry of Transportation in the following areas:

- Quarry Road road end;
- Eagle Ridge Drive road end;
- Churchill Road road end;
- Bayside road edge (across from the Harbour House Hotel);
- Kingfisher Cove (new subdivision on Fraser Road);
- Fulford foreshore trail (Isabella Point Road road edge).

A licence of occupation is needed for PARC to improve or maintain those areas.

PARC chair Rosemary Trump was pleased to report that the expired joint-use agreement between PARC and School District 64 was renewed. At previous meetings commissioners expressed frustration with the amount of time that had passed since the agreement lapsed. It lays out responsibilities of both parties when PARC-sponsored functions take place on school property.

A bit of sunny weather is needed for the Rainbow Road pool construction. Commissioner Peter Lake reported roofing progress had been slow because a

### PARC BRIEFS

string of sunny weather was essential.

Otherwise, he said, "There are no immediate disasters to report, I'm happy to say."

Commission members pondered whether or not to accept a parkland dedication deal as offered by developer of a nine-lot Furness Road subdivision, or to suggest a more desirable alternative.

Commissioner Rob Wiltzen said Trails Advisory Group members felt an established right-of-way on the property in question between Burgoyne Bay trails and B.C. Parks land behind the subdivision was considered "a critical connector" to pursue. A trail on the northern boundary of the property offered by developer Gary Park is also desired, they felt, but not a 4.65 area to the south. PARC would rather have the southern area provided as cash instead.

Cash-in-lieu funds received through island subdivisions are accumulated in a separate account for purchase of other park lands.

What has been generally known as "the 80-acre park reserve" at the end of Sarah Way off Stewart Road will finally receive a name. As suggested by the Trails Advisory Group, PARC approved naming it Bryant Hill Park, after Colonel Jasper and Margaret Bryant, who lived there from the 1920s.



## Sidewalk Superintendent

### The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

## Island restaurant tables turn

Things are changing over at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club as Shinobu and Richard Verhagen sold the Falconshead Grill and Lounge to Jesse Blanchette recently.

Blanchette's commitment to the community is sincere and he will continue to provide quality service and value to the hundreds of islanders who visit the grill on a regular basis. Blanchette also brings some new ideas to the table: his seafood pasta and black widow martinis are to die for. Anyone who knows Jesse knows his warmth and humour make everyone who steps foot in the door feel uncommonly welcome.

The restaurant currently known as TLC Take-Out Comfort Food, parkside next to The Local, will be under new ownership as of May 11. It's been purchased by former Salt Spring resident Rick McConnell, who grew up with his family on Old Scott Road.

TLC will be operated by his two sons, Christopher and Duncan, and a long-time family friend, William Grant. TLC's current operator, Marnee Bellavance, will facilitate the

transition and continue to make her soups for now. The new owners thanked Marnee for her fantastic job over the last 18 months and wish her continued success in her next project.

Jamie Macdonnell is throwing his hat back into the Salt Spring restaurant ring as he opens Pomodoro in the spot formerly occupied by Luigi's. Macdonnell had previously partnered with Barry Edwards and crew at Moby's Marine Pub. Macdonnell will continue to serve up superb Italian food. Mmmmm. Pizza.

In the quaint village of Vesuvius, the local store has a new owner. Natsuko Inaba bought the Vesuvius Store in mid-April from long-time owner Brenda Thomas. Inaba worked at the store for over a year before the purchase. Check out the great coffee, wonderful sandwiches, home-baked treats and new ideas, whether you're waiting for the ferry or need something special for your dinner or picnic.

Colin Beamish opened Gulf Islands Spring Express recently, supplying Carley Spring Water to Salt Spring Islanders. Carley Spring is naturally purified at its

source on Mt. Baker through a volcanic aquifer. They said the aquifer then runs locally to Mt. Bruce where it is bottled. Water is released from the aquifer at .03 parts per million mineral salts. A young business owner, Beamish is interested in supplying reliable service and a top-notch product.

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### 2007 Pioneer Spirit 18CK Travel Trailer

Summer's coming! Snap up this amazing value, sleeps 6, center kitchen, full bath, microwave.



**\$237**  
#1 P/mo oac\*\*\*  
Stk #P07N269  
**MSRP \$21,256**

Open House Sale Price **\$15,990**

### 2006 Citation Supreme 29.5 RLS 5th Wheel

2 slides, central air and vacuum, aluminum fridge, residential home entertain. center w/h home theatre.



**\$575**  
#2 P/mo oac\*\*  
Stk 06N718  
**MSRP \$69,747**

Open House Sale Price **\$59,960**

### 2007 Mallard 20FKS Travel Trailer

Front kitchen layout, slide, upgrade stereo w/MP3 & DVD, double door fridge, hardwood cabinets.



**\$259**  
#3 P/mo oac\*  
Stk #P07N266  
**MSRP \$30,865**

Open House Sale Price **\$22,980**

### 2007 Nitrous Hyperlite 230FS Toybox Travel Trailer

Outdoor life! Wide-track tandem axle, 7'2" ramp door, generator with pump stn, on-board air comp.



**\$376**  
#4 P/mo oac\*\*  
Stk #07N812  
**MSRP \$50,548**

Open House Sale Price **\$38,600**

### 2007 Wave 25BH Travel Trailer

Rear corner bed with oh bunk, full kitchen, Value Package, 2 sink covers, 4 stab jacks.



**\$237**  
#5 P/mo oac\*  
Stk #07N844  
**MSRP \$23,196**

Open House Sale Price **\$20,990**

### 2007 Tioga 24D Class C Motorhome

Awesome value! Alum. frame side-walls, 4KW generator, ultra-leather, dual aux. batteries.



**\$669**  
#6 P/mo oac\*\*  
Stk #P07N207  
**MSRP \$75,325**

Open House Sale Price **\$69,900**

### 2006 Jazz 3110BH Travel Trailer

Roomy family bunkhouse, wide-body design, thermal panes, Vista View window, home theatre system.



**\$329**  
#7 P/mo oac\*\*  
Stk #06N691  
**MSRP \$44,210**

Open House Sale Price **\$33,960**

### 2006 Wilderness 2952BS 5th Wheel

Great family unit, slide-out, oversized oven, a/c, stacked bunks, sleeper sofa.



**\$336**  
#8 P/mo oac\*  
Stk #P06N150  
**MSRP \$40,528**

Open House Sale Price **\$29,990**

### 2007 Redline 300 FS Toybox Travel Trailer

Generator ready fuel stn, 2,500 lb rated ramp door, a/c, dual panes, flood lights, heavy duty walk-on roof.



**\$337**  
#9 P/mo oac\*\*  
Stk #07N836  
**MSRP \$41,808**

Open House Sale Price **\$34,860**

### 2006 Terry Dakota 280BH Travel Trailer

Sleeps up to 8! Laminated f/glass exterior, foam board insulation, a/c, TV cabinet, 18" awning.



**\$269**  
#10 P/mo oac\*  
Stk #06N700  
**MSRP \$32,089**

Open House Sale Price **\$23,860**

### 2007 Orbit 180FQ Travel Trailer

EZ Care f/glass sidewalks, light-weight, queen island bed w/lift-up base for storage.



**\$204**  
#11 P/mo oac\*  
Stk #S07N10711  
**MSRP \$21,598**

Open House Sale Price **\$17,990**

### 2007 Bounder 34G Class A

Workhorse chassis 8.1 L engine, dual a/c, generator, living & bed slides, dlx. electric awning.



**GREAT VALUE!**  
Stk #07N840  
**MSRP \$159,179**

Open House Sale Price **\$149,900**

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