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ROUND SALT SPRING

Sailing race one for the record books

Wild wind provides
'big blow'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For a moment it appeared the Round Salt Spring Race's 33rd edition would be called off.

Not for a lack of wind as in past years, but, rather, for gusts reaching upwards of 30 and 40 knots, according to some participants.

So mighty were the winds, Jim Ballantyne, the race's official starter, could barely hold up the start flag for the required four minutes.

"It was a big blow," said Roger Kibble, a Round Salt Spring race veteran. "In the 30 years I've raced, I can't remember all the boats making it back before midnight. It was a very challenging race because the wind was constantly moving around."

The Round Salt Spring Race's 42-mile course means sailors are bound to come across still conditions at some point. Not this year.

Kibble said steady breezes meant crews aboard the 108 boats had their hands full.

"When the winds get that high, there are many other challenges and many sailors can get caught off guard," he said.

Boats only slowed as they fought their way back towards Ganges against a strong current through Captain Passage.

Ole Anderson's Caliente, skippered by Alex Fox, took home top honours from Division A, while Ian Collombin aboard Slipper was declared the event's overall winner.

"For conservative sailors, it would have been time to find a safe harbour, but apparently this edition of the race had no timid crews," said sailor Scott Simmons.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Light Scout battles wind and waves off Fulford Harbour as the Round Salt Spring race gets into full swing last Saturday. The photo was shot from the bow of the Skeena Queen, which had to navigate through the racers.

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OUTSTANDING ISLANDERS

Commitment to humanity honoured

Award recognizes pair's
work in Africa

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Looking over Anna Callegari and Beth Gessinger's journal entries from a recent trip to Africa, it's no wonder the British Columbia Pharmacy Association (BCPA) is giving them a prestigious award of excellence at a gala ceremony in Kelowna Friday night.

"The morning began early with hospital

rounds at 7 a.m. A typical morning, seven babies born, two die of malaria, five more admitted to the nutrition unit for starving children. Spent the morning doing menial chores in the pharmacy . . ."

So begins the February 5, 2007 diary entry recounting the pair's six-week journey to hospitals, schools and orphanages in Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland and Lesotho.

A month after their return to Salt Spring Island, the pair are still in the disquieting transition phase that follows a trip into a world few can

even fathom. February 5 was a day so much like every other on the pair's emotionally charged journey through Africa. No amount of support ever felt like it was enough.

"We really did invite some of the most medically horrific experiences I've ever seen," said Callegari. "Driving through the country, it just hit me that in every little collection of huts along the way, there were probably so many other people who weren't getting help."

To consider the situation desperate is an understatement. **JOURNEY TO AFRICA** continued on 2

FIRE

Family fights blaze on island

Lessons learned from jurisdictional conundrum

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Owners of a small island in Ganges Harbour have some burning questions after getting called into action to extinguish a fire threatening their 60-year-old family getaway.

"We were lucky. If this had happened in July, it would have been a disaster," said Stephen Best from Vancouver. "In many ways this is a blessing in disguise."

Best is concerned with the degree of confusion after a passerby first reported the Goat Island blaze on Saturday afternoon. He believes the blaze was set by a group of careless campers on Saturday morning.

A boater checking her crab traps noticed the blaze had grown to roughly seven metres (25 feet) across by 9 p.m. on Saturday.

"There were about three areas of flame and some trees were involved," said Sandy Rowley. "I just didn't want to see the island destroyed."

When Rowley dialled 9-1-1 from her boat, the operator assured her the Ganges Coast Guard had already been notified.

But coast guard personnel say their priority is maritime rescues, not putting out fires.

"You don't send an ambulance to put out a fire," said Ian Kyle, local officer-in-charge. "There is a common misunderstanding that we are the local garbage collectors too."

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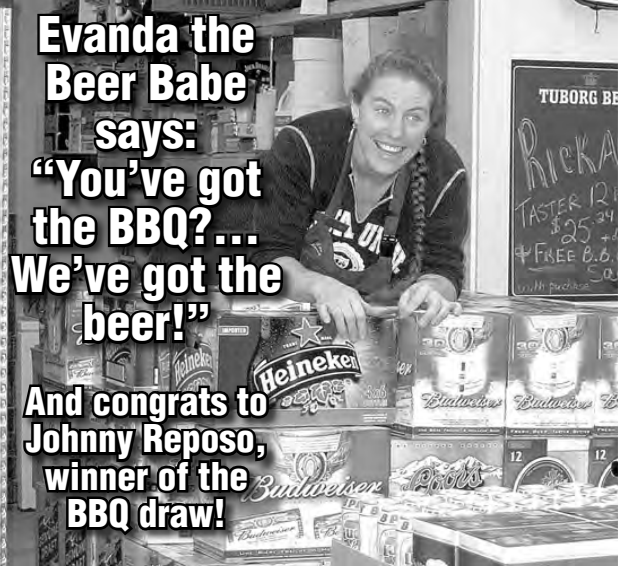
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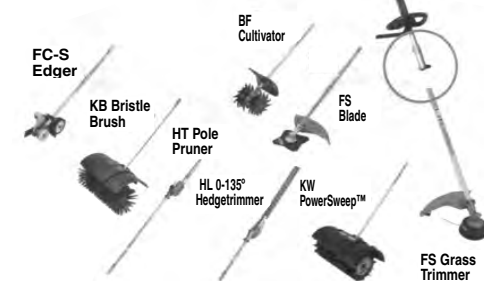
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NEWSBEAT

Pair honoured for work in Africa

JOURNEY TO AFRICA

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understatement. In Swaziland, a small landlocked country of one million located northeast of South Africa, the average life expectancy is 37.5, according to statistics from the World Health Organization. The estimated 38 per cent of HIV-positive adults, including 56 per cent of all women in their late 20s, give the nation the world's highest infection rate.

Then there are the workers at a Malawian clinic who relied on a crudely fashioned bow and arrow to ward off thieves until it too was stolen.

"An awful infection which necessitated surgery followed a visit to a traditional healer, who scarred her leg with a razor to ward off evil spirits, resulting in the worst infection I have ever witnessed," reads an entry Callegari penned at that same clinic.

The help Callegari and Gessinger provided included their respective medical experience as a pharmacist and retired nurse, along with the roughly \$50,000 raised on Salt Spring for the Sala Hantle project.

Sala Hantle, translated as Stay Well, is a part of the Salt



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Anna Callegari and Beth Gessinger in the field with HIV/AIDS orphans during a six-week African humanitarian mission.

Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development's (SOLID) ongoing community-to-community efforts to empower residents in a handful of African villages.

Funds help develop infrastructure and training for people working on the ground in rural areas overwhelmed by the scourge of HIV/AIDS, malaria, waterborne illnesses and chronic malnutrition.

"We were very pleased that we were able to give them this award," said Marnie Mitchell, CEO of the BCPA. "The award is not some-

thing we give out every year, but we felt the nature of the work they were doing was very significant, considering the extreme need found in those communities."

The association first presented the award to the B.C. Centre for Disease Control in 2003 in recognition of its members' work in managing and containing SARS in the province.

Callegari and Gessinger will attend the Kelowna conference as an example of what can be done in light of seemingly insurmountable odds facing people in a continent devastated by illness

and poverty.

"Many people in our community may not have any interest about HIV or AIDS in Africa, but there is malaria, nutritional deficiencies and so on," said Callegari. "You just can't make a parallel between our world and the African world."

In many clinics, staff struggle to provide palliative care patients with blankets in their final hours of life.

"The amount of assistance people can give with only a small donation is incredible," said Gessinger. "If we can just provide a little bit of hope, they will cling to anything. Anything can help them get through this horrific situation."

The team has dedicated the award to the efforts of all their colleagues who remain in Africa working to ease the suffering of so many.

"We are receiving the award, but all those people are still there right now, persevering under desperate conditions," Callegari said.

For more information on Sala Hantle and SOLID, visit www.solidsaltspring.com, or attend the organization's May 27 AGM where Callegari and Gessinger will speak of their trip. The AGM starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by presentations at 4.

Jurisdiction questioned in Goat Island blaze

FIRE

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Many smaller islands in the area have developed amateur fire brigades to improve response times for brush fires, he said.

If transportation is requested from other island-based emergency services, the Ganges Coast Guard is mandated to become involved, Kyle added.

"We were ready to take them over if there was the need, but we never got that call," he said.

Decisions to dispatch crews in such situations fall to the Coastal Fire Service (CFS) based in Parksville.

According to CFS spokesperson Sue Croft, the province is responsible for fires on Crown and private lands outside the jurisdiction of community fire departments.

Small islands scattered through the region and the south-western side of Salt Spring Island near Musgrave Landing fall under the province's jurisdiction, she said.

During the Goat Island fire, Croft said, the department remained in close contact with property owners in the event one of the region's 15 three-member initial-attack helicopter crews was needed. Crews were stood down after Best's cousin, island resident Mike Best, spent the better part of Saturday night hauling five-gallon pails of water the six metres (20 feet) from the sea to the fire to contain the blaze.

"I must have carried about 100 buckets," he said. "I was beat."

At 8 a.m. on Sunday, Mike Best borrowed a portable pump from the Salt Spring Fire Department. He

spent the rest of the day soaking the ground with help from friends Tim and Joe Curtis.

"Fire chief Dave Enfield was very nice," Best said. "You could tell he wanted to help but couldn't."

Workers Compensation Board regulations preclude firefighters from attending fires outside their jurisdictions.

Since few Ganges Harbour islands are permanently settled, Best suggests the local fire department and coast guard develop a contact list so property owners may be reached during the next emergency.

"We are not trying to point the finger and say 'you messed up,'" Best said. "We only want to make sure owners can be contacted."

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HEDGEROW PRESERVATION

Destructive hedgerow trimming breaks rules

Over-trimming of roadside vegetation bad for island's viability

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island-based Hedgerow Preservation Society is fighting against over-zealous tree-clearing on island roads, a practice they say is too common and goes against the island's roadside maintenance agreements.

Last week, the Driftwood reported Mobrae resident Ruth Burstahler had 27 trees "either severely delimbed or removed" from her property.

This prompted Trincomali Heights resident Joe Clark, who experienced a similar scenario in November, to come forward once again.

"I'm still upset and I'm upset for poor Ruth," he said last week.

The trees around Clark's property were trimmed to a height of approximately 25 feet, leaving much of his property and home exposed.

Clark was publicly critical of the clearing by local maintenance provider Mainroad South Island Contracting. He participated in a Driftwood letters pages showdown with Robert Langevin, general contractor of the new subdivision going in at the end of Trincomali. Mainroad remained publicly silent.

The Hedgerow Preservation Society was formed in response to similar situations.

"One of the reasons I bought my house was because it allowed me to drive down a beautiful road with hedgerows down either side," said society member Maureen Moore of her Beddis Road property.

Moore was horrified in 2002 when she discovered the hedgerows had been trimmed back six metres on each side of Beddis starting at Fulford-Ganges Road.

The society has been working to ensure the island's trees and bushes are not butchered.

However, they are clear that safety always comes first.

Special agreements between the Islands Trust and Ministry of Transportation pertaining to island road designations and maintenance have not been upheld, the society points out.

The first agreement, signed in 1992, recognizes "road standards in the Islands Trust Area have been lowered in response to the Trust objective to maintain the rural character of the islands and in recognition of the size of the islands and their unique character and the need for a gentler approach in harmony with the land... However, the standards must recognize a requirement for safe transportation facilities."

The agreement states the brushing width after the gravel shoulder is 2.75 metres (nine feet) with utility poles, and two

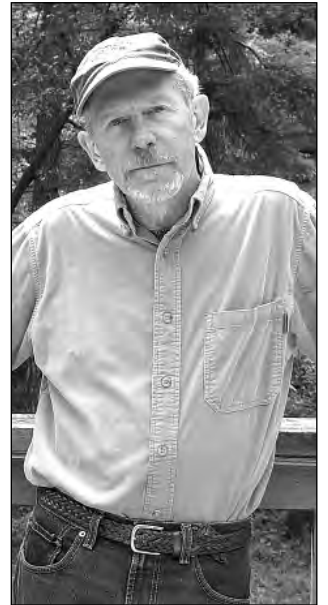


PHOTO AT LEFT BY DERRICK LUNDY/
ABOVE, BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH

Above, Trincomali resident Joe Clark. At left, Ruth Burstahler with de-limbed trees. Mainroad has agreed to replace an arbutus tree on her property.

metres (6.5 feet) without for all road designations.

An amended document, signed in 1996, recognizes the public will be given "appropriate opportunities to provide input..."

The society has an open dialogue with Mainroad, MOT and the Islands Trust, said Moore. Representatives from all groups, except for MOT, met May 8 and discussed hedgerow trimming and safety issues.

Islands Trust is currently renegotiating with MOT to have some items clarified in the agreements.

Mainroad's Gulf Islands roads manager Larry Floer refused to comment.

A representative from MOT was unavailable by press time.

Moore suggests the over-clearing problem continues because much of the work is subcontracted out by Mainroad.

"If the subcontractor comes from elsewhere, he doesn't really realize there are scenic heritage roads that have been designated," Moore said.

She suggests further education and supervision is required to ensure effective trimming.

There are further reasons why trimming should be kept to a minimum.

"When they expose bare earth it allows noxious weeds like broom to grow," Moore said.

When large plants and trees are improperly removed, they take a long time to grow back, she added.

Moore is currently preparing a report of plants, like the sword fern, which do not need to be removed as they do not surpass height restrictions when fully grown.

In addition, the Cusheon Lake Watershed Management Plan recommended gentler standards for roadside vegetation trimming to prevent run-off of silt into drinking water, Moore said.

Esthetics also come into play: "The beauty of the island is one of the reasons people live here and one of the reasons that we have tourism, but that beauty can be destroyed by [excessive hedgerow trimming]," said Moore.

News briefs

RCMP probe accidents

The May long weekend meant some busy shifts for emergency workers responding to numerous Salt Spring vehicle accidents.

Just after 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18, emergency crews were called to extract the occupant of a vehicle in a ditch near the intersection of Musgrave and Isabella Point roads. The driver is recovering from minor injuries.

Then on Saturday at 7 a.m., rescue personnel attended an accident involving a vehicle and a hydro pole near 700 Beaver Point Road.

The accident destroyed the hydro pole and the RCMP subsequently took the driver into custody.

Later that day, RCMP closed Vesuvius Bay Road in both directions as emergency crews attended the scene of a two-scooter crash.

The incident occurred when the drivers of two rental scooters ran into one

another on a sharp turn on their way towards Vesuvius. The victims are recovering from their injuries.

Trust Council on Pender

The quarterly meeting of Islands Trust Council runs June 13-15 on North Pender Island at the community hall.

Topping the agenda is a report from the Governance Task Force and a decision on whether or not to request a change to the Islands Trust Act allowing for more

elected trustees, and more coordination between the Capital Regional District and Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Delegations and a town hall session run from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, June 14. To address council as a delegation, e-mail information@islandstrust.bc.ca, or fax to 250-405-5155.

The governance report follows at 2:15 p.m.

The business meeting, when decisions are actually made, is on Friday, June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Address of the Pender

Islands Community Hall is 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road.

Aboriginal education bolstered

About 100 guests are expected today (Wednesday) when the School District 64 Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement is signed and celebrated at Drummond Park.

The culmination of three years of work, the agreement marks a new beginning in the school district

for the purposes of enhancing aboriginal education for all students.

It includes goals to promote academic excellence for aboriginal students; to improve their sense of belonging; and to acknowledge the traditional teachings of elders and the wisdom of aboriginal culture.

Tsartlip, Tseycum, W'Ilkseum and the Penulikut territories all fall within the Gulf Islands School District.

Events run at Drummond Park from 1 to 2:45 p.m.



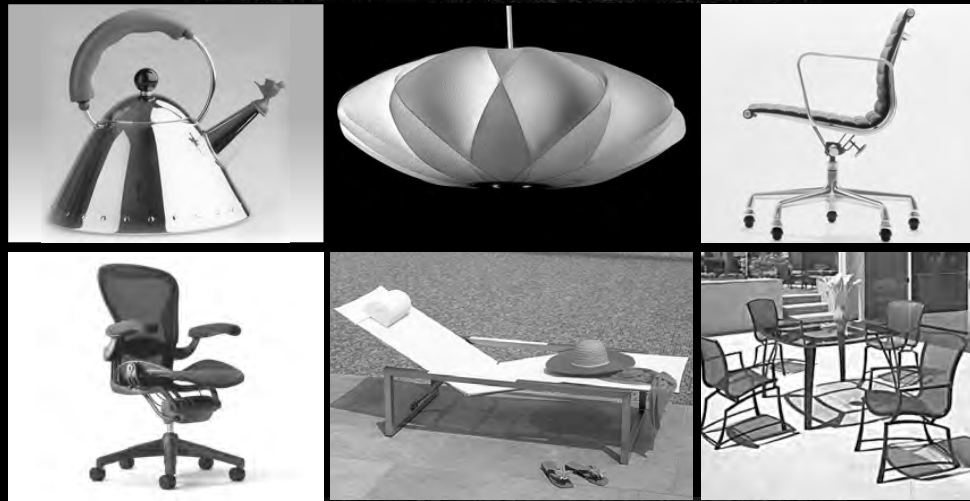
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NEWSBEAT

ANTIQUES AND ART

Moore sculpture among treasures

Piece described as 'hole-in-one on a 300-foot hole'

BY STACY
CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mahon Hall's weekend Mayfair proved successful, not only offering a show and sale of antiques and collectibles, but also a place to stay dry.

More than 500 people came through the doors, said co-organizer Nicholas Hunt.

The event was a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Council's Mahon Hall fund.

Islander Gillean Proctor rented two tables where he sold various antiques, including furniture and toys, collected over 40 years.

"I'm not a dealer, I'm just selling stuff out of my house because we're moving to a smaller house," he said.

Although he said there were more lookers than buyers, he made about \$1,000.

"Most people had really high-quality things," he said of the collections for sale.

The most expensive item Proctor had up for grabs was an English mahogany cabinet for \$495. Although it did not sell at the fair, Proctor



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Appraiser Diane McLean eyes an antique perfume bottle.

was pretty sure he'd found a buyer Tuesday morning.

One of the favourite events was the Antiques Roadshow-style appraisals.

Tom Stark, a native art specialist, worked as an appraiser.

"It was pretty good, actually. There was some interesting stuff," he said of the items brought in.

By far the most valuable piece was a nine-inch-tall

Henry Moore sculpture.

Stark refused to say the sculpture's value during a phone interview Monday, but said it was one of the most valuable pieces he had ever seen.

"Let's put it this way — that's a hole-in-one on a 300-foot hole," he said.

Other fair attendees said the sculpture was appraised at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The sculpture was a gift from the famed British sculptor Moore and had been kept inside the owner's family, Stark said.

Other interesting items he saw included an Indian trade tomahawk, dolls, jewellery, books and porcelain plates.

Proctor had a few of his own items appraised. Although he already knew the approximate values of his treasures, he said the experience was fun.

His most expensive item was an Inuit sculpture of a woman and a child valued at \$2,500.

Proctor purchased the piece at a garage sale a few years back for \$10.

"It may be standard for a small community," Starksaid of the items he appraised, adding he expected to see more Native American art.

FERRIES AND CRD

Increased ferry funding requested

Salt Spring director makes motion

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District (CRD) will officially request the province increase funding to B.C. Ferries to offset the cost for minor routes.

On May 16 the CRD board passed a motion introduced by Salt Spring director Gary Holman asking the province "to increase the service fee paid to B.C. Ferries in order to mitigate ferry fare increases in the next contract period."

The request comes in "recognition that ferries rep-

resent the highway system for coastal communities."

The resolution asks for increased government support, but does not quantify that support.

Holman referred to the request as a "sort of statement of principle."

"I felt as our regulatory government body, and because the Gulf Islands are within that, it would be important to have a statement from the regulatory body," he said last week.

Islands Trust has made similar statements, including a position paper published last November.

Local ferry advisory com-

mittees have also been vocal.

The provincial government will decide how much funding it will provide for the minor routes in the next week or two.

Initial reports by the B.C. Ferry Commission will see fares increase by an average of 85 per cent over 2003 levels by 2011 if the provincial government's financial contribution or "service fee" is not increased.

The Coastal Ferry Act requires the government to reduce these fees, but local groups fear increased costs could hurt coastal communities.

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OUT WITH THE OLD: Construction work on the Murakami Gardens Community Housing project on Rainbow Road is well on its way, with the gutting of the former fish plant building on the site. A project update meeting is set for tonight (Wednesday) in the high school multi-purpose room from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ISLANDS TRUST

Stewardship nominees named

Annual awards program attracts 12 nominations

Twelve individuals and groups have been nominated for the sixth annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Nominees' projects include invasive plant removal, a village-themed shopping centre, a marine species photo database, ground water management, land conservation, community education and outreach, promoting locally grown food and an alternative gypsy moth control program.

"The award program provides an opportunity to honour dedicated individuals and groups who have donated countless hours to the stewardship of the islands in the Trust Area," said Kim Benson, chair of Islands Trust Council.

"This year, the diverse nature of the work of the nominees and the quality of the projects in which they have been involved is outstanding," she added.

"The nominations reflect the contributions of groups and individuals to improve the community, culture or sustainability of one or more of the Trust Area islands."

Nominees for the individual awards are:

- Jenny Brown McLeod, of Gabriola, for her work on groundwater management and protection on Gabriola Island;
- Karl Hamson, of North Pender, for his community service and commitment to sustainability;
- Derek Holzapfel, of South Pender, for establishing a photo database of Gulf Island marine species as a public education tool;
- Ursula Poepel, of North Pender, for her work in removing invasive plants and her donation of land to the Pender Island Parks Commission;
- David Rae, of North Pender, for the development of a village-themed shopping centre on North Pender Island;
- Sara Steil, of North Pender, for her work in helping to implement community preserve and protect programs; and,

• Beverley Vreeswijk, of Thetis Island, for her work in removing scotch broom.

Group nominations are:

- Gambier Island Conservancy, for its fundraising to acquire and protect Mount Artaban as a nature reserve;
- Pender Islands Conservancy Association for its Community Outreach Program to provide information to islanders;
- Salt Spring Natureworks, for its promotion and support of locally grown and produced organic products;
- Salt Spring Island Alternative Gypsy Moth Control Program, for implementing an ecologically-friendly program to control the outbreak of gypsy moths; and,
- The Pender Post, a non-profit publication dedicated to building the Pender Islands community.

Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting June 13-15 on North Pender Island.

Recipients will then be notified and their awards will be presented at local trust committee meetings later this year.

FARMING

Fence funds offered

Farmers wanting assistance must apply soon

Farmers who are considering installing fencing to protect crops from deer will need to get their applications for funding assistance in as soon as possible.

The deer fencing component of the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program is expected to be discontinued next year, said Sheri Nielson of the Island Farmers' Alliance.

All projects will need to be completed before the end of 2007.

"Any farm, large or small, that has farm tax status is eligible to participate in the Canada-British Columbia EFP program," explains Nielson. "The program provides farmers with the framework and resource materials to conduct an assessment of how their own farm practices impact the environment."

The program provides funding assistance for farmers who want to make environmentally beneficial improvements.

For example, producers have installed composting and manure storage facilities, enviro-tanks for fuel storage, off-stream watering systems and repaired wells under the program.

EFP program funds come through the National Farm Stewardship Program. There is no cost to the farmer for program materials or the EFP advisor's services.

The Island Farmers' Alliance is responsible for delivering the EFP program to producers on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Anyone interested in learning more can contact Sheri Nielson at 537-1883.

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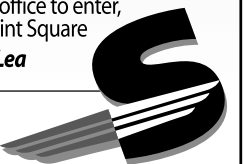
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Consultant presentations take place at 4PM and 5PM. Public comments are invited.

NEWSBEAT

CRIME AND POLICING

Cracking crime: Preserving and protecting Ganges' public spaces

In 2003, the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association initiated a series of mini-audits to improve the safety of women and children in and around Ganges. Those studies resulted in improved lighting, increased sight-lines, more accessible public telephones and a more livable downtown core.

With reports of questionable behaviour on the minds of Ganges business owners and residents, the Crime Prevention Association (CPA) is dusting off its auditing tools and looking for volunteers.

For a closer look at what's involved, Driftwood reporter **Sean McIntyre** spoke with some of the main players trying to save Ganges' public spaces.

Just as members of the Crime Prevention Association (CPA) are preparing to discuss where to focus efforts this year, it turns out Ganges residents and business owners already have plenty of suggestions.

"Addressing crime in the downtown core seemed like the perfect fit," said Kimberly Lineger, one of the association's founding members.

The CPA helped restore pride in the downtown core before and, by the sound of things, is pointing in that direction again as members prepare for a three-week community safety audit begin on Monday, June 4.

The audit is a two-pronged approach to determine the physical and social causes of crime in the core.

Teams of between three and eight residents will be tasked with one of 26 zones in central Ganges.

Between June 4 and 18, teams will complete morning, afternoon and night audits to collect comments, observations and recommendations for their assigned area.

Participants will conduct interviews with people on the street and record any observed "questionable behaviour."

Organizers and team leaders will compile the results during a day-long workshop on June 23.

"This is not about targetting a group of people, it's about seeing how Ganges is being used," Lineger said.

She hopes business owners will provide additional audit information based on happenings in and around their businesses.

The CPA will then share results with the Salt Spring RCMP, Salt Spring Community Services and local government officials.

Organizers said they hope the information will help planners chart the core's future and, in the shorter term, increase the community's link to the area.

"Every time you ignore it, you're giving it up," said Jamie Alexander, a CPA board member and resource counsellor with Salt Spring Community Services.

Solving the problem can be as simple as not crossing the street to ignore known trouble spots or taking a seat on a bench in Centennial Park, he said.

The audit, Alexander added, will encourage the community to interact in the downtown core for the duration of the project.

A decision to bolster the CPA's profile comes after business owners, employees and residents voiced the need to deal with a rising threat of criminal activity in Ganges during a series of public meetings earlier in the spring.

Participants spoke of witnessing drug deals and drug use, prostitution and lewd



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Sgt. Danny Willis is looking forward to hearing the public's concerns when the Community Safety Audit begins in June.

behaviour on a regular basis.

Incidents appear to have dropped after police increased their presence in the area, but, Alexander said, more efforts like the safety audit are needed.

The CPA publishes a quarterly newsletter in which island residents can keep abreast of new and ongoing public safety initiatives.

Based on his experience as both a father and counsellor, Alexander said a solution requires more recreation programs and parental cooperation.

Part of that means getting wide-scale buy-in from various segments of the community.

"Kids getting hooked on drugs doesn't happen automatically," he said. "This is systematic stuff requiring a big change."

Ganges Core Action Plan

- Restore and Renew Community Policing Action Teams

Volunteer teams of two act as extra "eyes and ears for the RCMP" on the streets of Ganges. Active recruitment is underway now.

- Increased Police Presence

RCMP officers and business owners have already noticed the impact of increased foot patrols and a higher presence in the core.

- Prevention Consultation Sessions

Corp. Kerry Howse is available to discuss

strategies to help business owners deal with difficult people and make their businesses less of a target.

- Target Drug Use

The RCMP is currently developing a drug enforcement plan to help reduce the number of drug-related cases in the area.

- Salt Spring Pride

A work-for-food program designed to get people actively involved in their community.

- Community Safety Audit

Develop a crime prevention strategy with help from the Crime Prevention Association based on information collected by volunteers.

Get Involved

- All volunteer auditors must register at the RCMP station at 401 Lower Ganges Road between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, June 4. Volunteers without a team will be assigned to a group.

- If you have any questions or require further information about the Crime Prevention Association or would like to receive the newsletter, contact Kimberly Lineger at 537-5555 or e-mail ssircmp@saltspring.com.

- To learn more about the RCMP's action plan, contact Corp. Kerry Howse at the Salt Spring Island RCMP, 537-5555.

RCMP unveils core cleanup action plan

Based on comments from people who live and work in Ganges every day, the RCMP's new action plan to help clean up the core is coming just in time.

"This is an issue requiring the awareness of the entire island," said realtor Donna Regan, during an interview from her office overlooking a large section of the downtown core. "This is the thin edge of the wedge and things aren't getting any easier."

Regan shares her feelings with a large number of Ganges business owners fed up with the growing criminal element in Ganges.

They've dubbed it the "problem" and it has them questioning who's in charge of restoring order.

Based on those concerns, RCMP Corp. Kerry Howse has dedicated the past several months to a "made in Ganges" action plan.

"Each city has different problems and every community has a different response," Howse said last week.

In addition to facilitating next month's community safety audit, the Salt Spring solution involves increasing the number of community patrol volunteers from five to 26 members, stepping up enforcement and police visibility and beginning the Salt Spring Pride project.

During the past two weeks, Howse said, a stream of volunteers has come forward to join the community patrol.

"These are just a lot of different community people who have shown an interest and want to help out," Howse said. "They are the eyes and ears of the community. They will be out and about, taking notes on any questionable behaviour that needs to be reported."

Because most of the "questionable behaviour" observed in the core includes non-Criminal Code of Canada violations like drinking in the park or urinating on storefront windows, Howse said, police have a limited role to play.

"Anti-social behaviour or mental health conditions are not necessarily criminal code matters," he said. "Hanging around in the park is not a crime."

Most of the objectionable behaviour, he added, usually falls under a community's municipal bylaws.

An increased police presence in the core, along with more community-based patrols, he said, will hopefully personalize the problem.

"If you know people in the community and you've got a bond, then people can start working together."

KERRY HOWSE
Salt Spring RCMP corporal

place within the community.

Howse is unsure how the project will turn out, but said he believes it will attract a number of willing participants

And that's good enough to start, he added.

"A lot of the people who are on the streets aren't all that bad," Howse said. "If you know people in the community and you've got a bond, then people can start working together."

What's next?

What happens next all depends on the information collected by the Community Safety Audit.

Crime prevention volunteers, local government officials and Salt Spring RCMP members will discuss their findings at a full-day workshop set for June 23.

Participants will receive a brief background covering trends facing smaller Canadian communities and receive updated statistics for Ganges and the island as a whole.

"Results of the safety audit invariably include issues that can be dealt with immediately and other issues that need a bit more time and effort," said Kimberly Lineger, one of the event's organizers.

Based on information collected, auditors will categorize the issues and identify what actions are needed and who is responsible for ensuring targets are met.

Lineger said the audit's timing could not be better as many of the recommendations can be integrated into the Islands Trust's current review of the official community plan.

A portion of the meeting will address the role urban planning, design and landscaping play in deterring criminal behaviour.

NEWSBEAT

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Strike won't impede essential road services

BCGEU members at Mainroad walk out over wages and working conditions

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island roads maintenance workers went on strike Tuesday morning, but residents don't need to worry about unfilled killer potholes or rotting roadkill.

"It shouldn't mean anything direct in terms of Salt Spring [essential service]," said Mainroad's president and CEO David Zerr Tuesday morning.

"The safety of our drivers is of the utmost concern."

Islanders should, however, expect delays in road clean-up and other such work.

"The remediation and other work that happens in the spring and summer . . . will continue to pile up [while the strike is happening]," said George Heyman, president of B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), of which local workers are members.

During a strike, BCGEU is committed to maintaining essential services and safe driving conditions.

Eighty-eight employees at Mainroad South Island Contracting, a division of Mainroad, are on strike.

Issues include wages and working conditions.

Heyman referred to Mainroad's alleged offer of a .27 per cent increase in wages and benefits per year as "insulting." BCGEU's last tabled proposal was six per cent annually.

According to Mainroad's website, Mainroad is aiming to "tie the wage adjustment to the Ministry [of Transportation's (MOT)] annual labour price adjustment" in the contract.

The company is currently waiting for MOT to come back with the inflation-based adjustment, Zerr said.

Mainroad states on its website that the company "at no time" offered 0.27 per cent for the first year.

Bargaining is scheduled to start again May 29, Zerr said.

ENVIRONMENT

Province turned on to 'Turn it Off'

Conservation recorded province-wide

By turning off and unplugging unnecessary lights and appliances during last week's "Turn it Off" power conservation event, British Columbians saved roughly 70 megawatts of electricity.

That's the equivalent of turning off 1.2 million incandescent light bulbs for the entire evening.

Results came from a B.C. Hydro campaign asking people to limit their energy use between 7 and 9 p.m. on May 16.

Getting in the habit of turning off appliances during those hours would provide

enough electricity to power 8,000 homes for an entire year, according to a BC Hydro press release.

Elizabeth White, the event's Salt Spring coordinator, said local results were not yet available.

More than 150 businesses and 10 provincial landmarks participated in the event.

BC Hydro held the event to encourage home and business owners to think about their energy use and make an effort to reduce energy consumption throughout the day.

"Turn it Off" is part of the company's 30 Days of Sustainability Program, an annual celebration to promote sustainable living in Western Canada.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

The *Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee* is holding a meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend. If you have any questions you wish to raise with the Committee or with BC Ferries, please bring these to the attention of a Committee member prior to the meeting. If you wish to address the Committee, please provide advance notice to a member of the Committee, noted below.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Operations Report
- Performance Term II Update
- Two-Port Trial Schedule Update

Minutes of committee meetings are available on BC Ferries' website www.bcferrries.com.

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EDITORIAL

High cost of ferry fare silence

The high-priced future of ferry travel may have struck some islanders' consciousness, but for most it seems a difficult vision to grasp and act on.

When it comes to ever-rising ferry fares, island dwellers are like lobsters plopped in a pot of gradually heating water, heading for the boiling point. We seem able and willing to accept ever-increasing tariffs, just like we keep buying gasoline for our cars.

Clearly there's nothing wrong with balancing taxpayer support with a user-pay system when it comes to a province's basic transportation infrastructure.

It's done with public buses and light rapid transit, for instance.

THE ISSUE:

Proposed ferry fare hikes

WE SAY:

Fare caps too high

According to Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) chair Tony Law in a recent e-mail to other FAC members, "Coastal ferry users pay 84.2 per cent of the costs of operating the [ferry] system, a much higher proportion than is paid by users of Translink, B.C. Transit or provincial highways."

In contrast, inland ferries operated by the transportation ministry are free — considered part of the provincial road network.

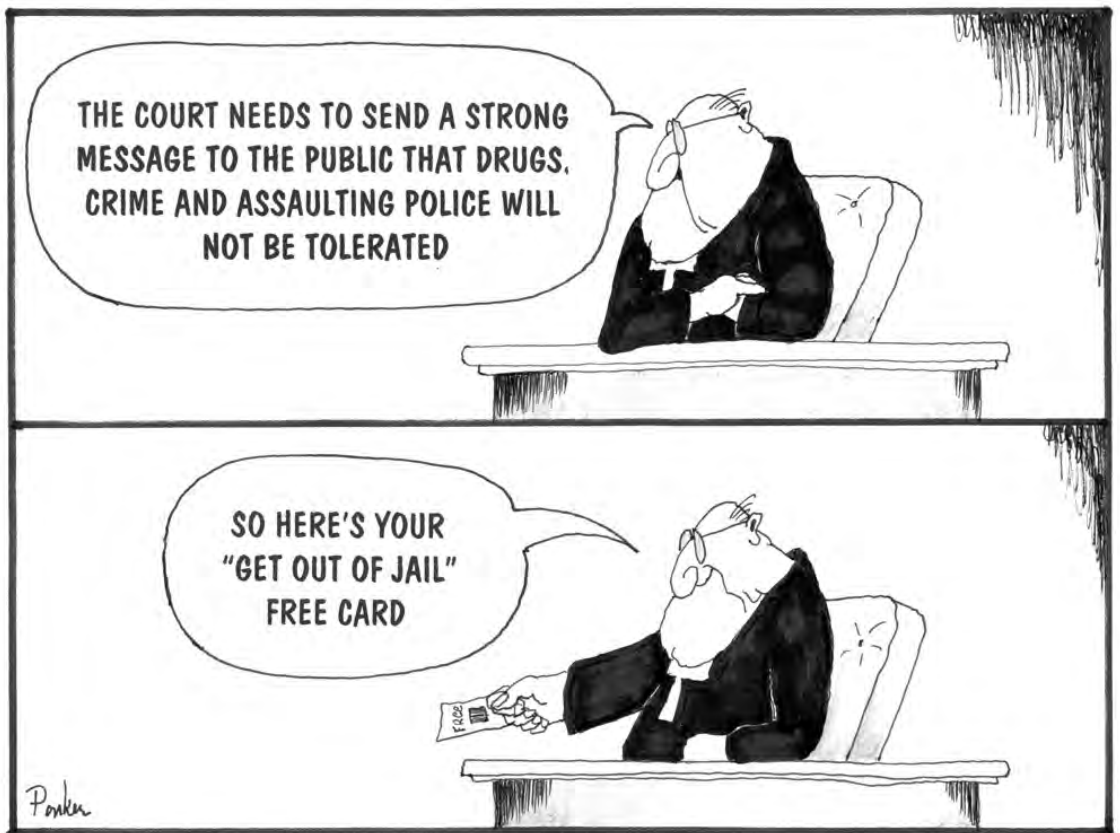
Why coastal island residents are treated so differently when it comes subsidizing the B.C. Ferry Services Inc.-operated system is a mystery that has never been explained satisfactorily, if at all.

The province has also not provided any assurance that the effects of basically doubling fares on island communities have been studied or even considered.

They appear content to keep repeating that the coastal ferry system is expensive to operate and already receives enough provincial government support.

Islanders have only a week to make their feelings known to MLA Murray Coell and Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon.

The Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and FAC groups have already done their part. But if the province doesn't believe ferry fares will become a serious election issue amongst voters, they'll likely just keep turning up the heat.



Farmland needs residents too

BY JAN STEINMAN

The biggest problem with the proposed Fulford Valley land swap is not a matter of "heritage vs agriculture," as headlined in the May 9 Driftwood.

There is already agricultural land available aplenty on Salt Spring. Just a short distance from the proposed "free" farmland site is a huge plywood sign that boasts "Farmland For Rent." It's been there a while, through this year's entire planting season.

The problem is more fundamental: what does it mean to be a farmer these days? In most cases, it means intensive capital investment in equipment and infrastructure (even if the land itself is "free"), expensive labour, and personal commitment way beyond a job and a paycheque.

Small agriculture requires heavy commitments: to observe the land and crops over many seasons to see what works and what doesn't, to be there at 5 a.m. to milk the goats and at 9 p.m. to put away the chickens, to plant trees that may take 70 years to mature, to invest time, energy and money into earthworks and water catchment, and many more commitments.

How do you get such commitment from people? Is turning the land over to some society, new or existing, going to do the trick? I don't think so. I've seen and experienced "society burn-out" over and over. You end up churning through a series of small groups of well-intentioned people who work themselves ragged only to discover they have no right to the fruits of their labours. Crucial historical data is lost. Mistakes are repeated.

No, this sort of commitment comes from equity, not so much from ownership of a piece of land that can be bought and sold like a commodity, but from the life-long right to inhabit and steward that precious space.

The Three Point Properties proposal effectively strips the land of habitation rights. That sounds great to well-intentioned people who want to restrict development to clusters around the three existing villages. But uninhabitable farm land does nothing to reduce energy use or reduce traffic — in fact,

VIEWPOINT

it does quite the opposite, creating "commuter farmers."

Uninhabitable farm land is a serious de-motivator. Who will have the commitment to become familiar with the land to make it work to the benefit of all? Not someone whose only right is to raise a crop and eat it — those practices lead to exploitation: soil loss, growing "cash crops" rather than the "right" crops, worn-out soil and people who farm for a while and move on. We don't need more hayfields and vineyards — Salt Spring needs to feed itself, as it must someday, as ferry traffic becomes prohibitively expensive.

Now imagine a new zoning category: let's call it "E-1" (for "Ecological"). Imagine that land being inhabited by perhaps 10 or more families, with their common habitation site restricted to a contiguous one or two-acre area. Imagine them having inheritable 99-year leases for \$1 a year plus a minimum of 20 hours/week of work on the land. Imagine "lease buy-out" value restricted and divorced from market-driven property values so that land remains more valuable from living on it rather than selling out. Imagine tightly clustered dwellings sharing common resources, such as commercial kitchens and recreational facilities. Imagine them supplying the rest of the island with sustainably produced organic food, without the huge petroleum input from "commuter farming."

As fossil fuel goes into decline, this sort of settlement will become increasingly necessary. Salt Spring could be a leader. Or it could endure another "Bishop's fiasco" on Isabella Point, bought off for a series of transient farmers who can't afford to pay rent in Ganges nor to buy gas for commuting to the Fulford Valley.

It's great to cluster non-agricultural development in the three existing villages. But in a low-energy future, agriculture will no longer happen without habitation. Plan for the long term, and include high-density, multi-family habitation in any acceptable proposal from Three Point Properties.

The writer is a Salt Spring eco-village proponent.

"Uninhabitable farm land does nothing to reduce energy use or reduce traffic..."

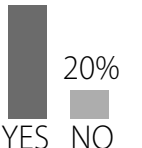
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"There is a common misunderstanding that we are the local garbage collectors too."

IAN KYLE, GANGES COAST GUARD, ON A MISDIRECTED FIRE CALL

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How are you reacting to BC Ferries' plans to raise fares yet again?

ELIZABETH GARDINER

I think the ferries should be treated like highways. The livelihoods of island families are at stake.


SPENCER HULL

It's pretty ridiculous when we are already paying so much. This is a nice place to visit, but \$46 is too much for a 20-minute ride.


IRENE CURRIE

I guess we should write letters to the ferry people and the government. It's our highway.


ROSS ATKINSON

It's the little guy fighting the big corporations. I've written letters, but how often do corporations with a monopoly listen to their consumers?


BRANDI MACKINNON

I think people who live here should get residency permits for lower rates since we all depend on the ferries.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

Outraged by sentence

I've been intrigued by how the prospects of living in a concrete 8X6-foot prison cell change one's life just before a date in court. ("Assault, drugs net six months in jail," May 16 Driftwood.)

I have often thought one should build replicas of prison cells and place them at strategic locations in the community so that those aspiring to be the criminal class could see into the future.

A couple of weeks ago I sat with other concerned citizens at the Harbour House and heard of how the community was feeling threatened. We heard about the owners of Radio Shack being sworn at and jostled by ne'er-do-wells in front of their store. We heard about the friendly life at Island

Star Video being disrupted by "hang abouts" angry that there was no free popcorn when they wanted it. We heard about a business lady so rattled by the people loitering outside her business that she called for an escort to her car.

I'm pleased to hear that the Community Policing Action Team (CPAT) group is energizing and will be out and about in the community acting as additional eyes and ears for our police. While I'm pleased to see the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association is organizing a community safety audit, it is not enough.

If there is an ounce of truth in the reported comments in last week's front-page article, then this community should be concerned. The judge simply doesn't get it. The community gets it. The community does not want drunks driving cars. The community does not want drug dealers

selling to the kids.

The injuries to the arresting and assaulted officer I dare say are career threatening. Can you imagine giving chase to a suspect over hill and dale on a leg with nine bolts in it?

The police detachment on the island has been short staffed since last year because of this incident. If we had a municipal government, our local councillors could have had a replacement officer on the beat in short order. Under the present dysfunctional layers of governing we, the taxpayers, seem content to have Sgt. Willis with tin cup in hand begging for that replacement.

I'm bloody outraged. I invite like-minded people to write MLA Murray Coell and Attorney General Wally Oppal, and tell them the thugs are winning (six months!) and ask what the hell are they going to do about it. And what else can

you do? Visit <http://www.islandgov.org>.

BLAIR HOWARD,
SALT SPRING

Thrilled

We are very happy to hear of the upcoming demise of the SD64 business company. ("Business company snuffed," May 16 Driftwood.) It is long overdue.

Many thanks to those that called for the provincial inquiry into school business companies and wrote letters to the Ministry of Education.

Many thanks to the Hibbins Report, which netted tougher school business company guidelines, which in turn will net the demise of SD64's unsuccessful corporation. And many thanks to Douglas Hibbins for meeting privately with those of us who have been concerned for a long time about the accountability of the SD64 business company. Three cheers.

It just goes to show you that sometimes there is a light at the end of the tunnel, often produced by the unseen work and concerns of many. Maybe one day our public education warnings will be heeded again and the five-day school week reinstated, finally putting to rest the SD64 experiment in mis-education, burying it beside the school business company in the field of half-baked judgement and muddy vision.

MONA FERTIG,
PETER HAASE,
GANGES HILL

Glued to the rock

At supper last night, my eight-year-old son shared a story of a classmate who was born on Salt Spring Island and has never left. We were really surprised.

I got us wondering: how many other people are out

there who have never left (short of a few newborn babies)?

Also, what's the record for staying on the island? (I think I made it four months once.)

AMEI MAI,
BEAVER POINT

Editor's note: Send or bring your contributions to the Driftwood office; news@gulfislands.net; 537-9933.

Deer care

It's the time of year when a deer crossing the road is likely to be followed, sometimes a little way behind, by one and quite possibly two infants. We need to be extra cautious and alert to avoid killing, maiming or orphaning these creatures. Whether we love them or curse them, they are Salt Spring residents just as we are.

ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
BRINKWORTHY

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Climate change action needs strong federal rules

BY BRIONY PENN

Two weeks ago, Gary Lunn, Saanich Gulf Islands MP and Minister of Natural Resources, wrote a column in this newspaper suggesting how his government is going to provide "strong environmental stewardship" to Gulf Islands' residents. Mr. Lunn is trying to pull the wool over our eyes, and islanders know wool when they see it.

As the federal Liberal candidate, I suggest that the latest Conservative climate plan fails us and our children who will live with the consequences of that failure. The Conservative plan permits large polluters to greatly increase massively the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions they emit until 2020 and it fails to set absolute targets for GHG emissions. No wonder Al Gore called it "a complete and total fraud, designed to mislead." No wonder David Suzuki described it as "a national embarrassment, a sham and a terrible disappointment." No wonder Terry Tamminen, environmental advisor to California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, says Canada's federal government is "asleep at the switch."

As Gulf Islanders, we pride ourselves on researching best practices of other communities around the world and trying every approach to get them implemented. From water quality to affordable housing, no one can accuse us of not doing our homework. This means there are many islanders watching what is going on with the water, the weather, the wildlife, the health of their children, their

GUEST COLUMN

food and the local economy. We know precisely what our responsibilities are as individuals and what has to happen at the local, provincial and federal levels.

The first step toward doing what we can to save this planet is a small easy one — the step outside to see the evidence of climate change. And I'm inviting Mr. Lunn to take a walk outside with me. Let me show him the changes and convince him that we need a climate change plan that our grandchildren will remember us for, not a gutless squandering of the future for the status quo. It is witnessing these changes first hand that prompts us, as islanders, to take bigger steps, whether that is to walk more, retrofit our homes, preserve forests, enact local plans or even join the political forum. We have observed the impacts of increased winter storm events, the rising oceanic temperatures, the changing plankton communities, the shifts and declines in fish, bird and marine mammal populations, the dying off of western red cedars, the increasing summer droughts, the rise in pathogens.

However, we can only do so much at the local level before we need support from strong federal ground rules to stop the worst polluters and reward the conservers. That means, very simply, setting absolute caps on emissions. The latest installment of the

Inter-governmental Panel of Climate Change states that we must establish emission caps immediately or we are in big trouble. If the earth warms above two degrees, the climate modellers forecast a chaotic system with catastrophic impacts.

The first step to rectify the problem is to pass the amended Bill C-30, the Clean Air and Climate Change Act. It incorporates Stéphane Dion's five-point plan. First, an absolute emissions cap on our largest emitters of GHGs, effective in 2008 at the Kyoto commitment level. Second, an annual carbon budget for all these large industrial emitters. Third, a price on excess carbon emissions. Fourth, a Green Investment Account to direct the price paid for excess emissions to projects which will cut GHGs throughout the country. Fifth, a Canadian carbon trading system. Bill C-30 increases Canada's competitive advantage as a source of green technology and has received widespread support.

The second step is to fully reinstate the EnerGuide program, which provided grants to homeowners to help cut GHGs by retrofitting their homes. Better yet, improve it! Our Minister of Natural Resources kicked off his term by eliminating the program. After a year of protest, he reinstated it under a different name, but with only 20 per cent of the original budget and no provision for low-income families who incur the greatest energy costs through substandard housing. The IPCC report on mitigation identifies improvements

in the energy efficiency of buildings as one of the key steps in the fight against climate change. It's a fight in which our MP is on the wrong side.

Next step is to reinstate the moratorium on oil tanker traffic that was breached last year by Gary Lunn's government through our rugged west coast. The wrong steps, proposed by our MP, are ramping up the production of the tar sands and bringing in nuclear power to do it.

A positive step is to demonstrate support of municipalities across Canada to reduce emissions through improving public transit infrastructure. What about the revitalization of E&N light rapid transit, right in Mr. Lunn's own backyard? Finally, we should be asking for ideas from the world's experts, some of whom actually live in this riding, such as climatologist, Dr. Andrew Weaver, and climate change policy analyst, Guy Dauncey. Unfortunately, they are not the people invited to address our MP's riding association. That honour falls to climate change deniers funded by the oil patch, like Timothy Ball, who will go down in history for helping stall policy for 17 years.

So I ask you to join me in taking those first steps toward protecting this very precious planet from further damage, and to encourage politicians at every level to understand how we can accomplish this. Together, we can make a difference.

The writer is Liberal candidate for the Saanich-Gulf Islands federal riding.



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Patience

It's not easy being green! In these days of ridiculous gas prices, I have unplugged my car a few days a week to plug in my fully electric scooter. This is the first full electric, non-pedal-assist bike on the island and I am very proud to ride it. Not a drop of gas, oil or one puff of exhaust and it is zippy too!

I understand my idea of zippy may not be the same as the guy driving behind me. He sees the sign saying 60kph and drives 80! We all do that.

With this mutual understanding, I assume I will have a few people driving behind my little green machine wishing I could just go a little bit faster. Truth be told, so do I. Scooters, gas-powered or electric, don't go fast. Mine is not designed for speed. It is designed to do no environmental harm as I make that second trip to Ganges to get my forgotten item from the morning.

The bike uses 30 cents of hydro to every \$10 of gas.

I am riding a licensed vehicle on the road, so give me the courtesy that I give in return. I am only asking for a little patience.

I do and can go at the speed limit on Lower Ganges Road, which is my usual route home.

However, some of you feel so inconvenienced by my scooter and feel it necessary to pass me on blind corners, crossing the double yellow lines and at break-neck

speeds. Twice in the last few days, this has happened when all you had to do was wait (and drive the speed limit) 30 seconds until the visibility was clear, and I had room to let you go by.

I will not take responsibility for your impatience or unsafe driving skills. Slow down . . . it saves gas!

DAVID BARNES,
WALKER'S HOOK ROAD

Still failing

The "environmentally challenged" Campbell government is doing some laudible things to cut B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions. But in other ways, it remains an environmental failure.

It slipped some clauses into the middle of Bill 11, which enables it to over-ride the wishes of local people in the Kootenays to Revelstoke area who are opposed to the Jumbo Creek glacier ski development. We should all oppose the Jumbo project. It would enable the jet set to go skiing year round on a glacier, right in grizzly bear territory!

The Campbell government also passed Bill 30, which allows it to override local municipalities in zoning decisions which affect independent power projects, this despite earlier promises to respect municipal decision-making authority.

If we are serious about protecting the earth, local communities need the ability to say "no" to destructive, wasteful developments. We can see that right here on Salt Spring Island.

JAN SLAKOV,
DEER PARK ROAD



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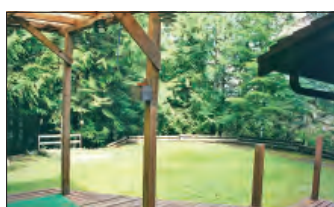


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OPINION

Climate change: Spin or action?

BY DOROTHY CUTTING

Regarding Gary Lunn's opinion piece in the May 9 Driftwood headlined "Environment plan delivers while letting economy prosper," he's indeed correct when he says that "Canadians deserve straight talk on targets . . ."

This article represents an attempt to straighten out some of the confusion surrounding the Conservatives' new version of the Clean Air Act.

The former Clean Air Act was announced last October by Environment Minister Rona Ambrose and called for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions of 45 to 65 per cent from 2003 levels by the year 2050. This was soundly criticized by reputable scientists and the environmental community as being significantly inadequate. Now, in the new version, leaked on May 9, Harper has chosen a different base from which to begin reductions: GHG emissions will still be cut by 45 to 65 per cent, but from the year 2006.

GHG emissions are rising at the rate of about two parts per million (ppm) a year. Do the Conservatives really believe that global warming isn't the threat it was a year ago? Violent storms have become more frequent, drought is devastating huge areas of Africa, Australia and China, and the price of rice, wheat, corn, barley, cattle and pork are all up by more than 30 per cent since March 2005, causing Merrill Lynch to coin a new word: agflation.

Glaciers on the Alps and Andes are fast melting, as are those on Greenland, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research at the

INDEPTH

University of Colorado predicts that the summer ice in the Arctic could be gone as early as 2020, three decades sooner than predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The disappearance of this reflective ice surface may cause what Robert Hunter termed in his book "2030" a "heat explosion" that will trigger a global calamity.

Millions of people across our planet are suffering from the effects of an escalating climate crisis, though of course not the oil industry. Not surprisingly, shares of energy stocks shot up after Environment Minister John Baird announced Harper's new "green" plan. Industry leaders said they "could live with this plan." I suggest that any plan we can afford to live with is one that will save the living species on our planet.

A few days prior to the release of the Conservatives' latest version of the Clean Air Act, the IPCC produced the third segment of its Fourth Assessment Report, Mitigation of Climate Change. This sets a goal of reducing CO2 emissions by between 50 and 85 per cent by 2050, far more than the plan announced by Baird. The ultimate goal set by the IPCC is that of preventing more than two degrees of warming, though even the reductions the IPCC proposes would only give us a 50 per cent chance of doing this.

As for a planet two degrees hotter than it is now, no one who loves his or her children and grandchildren would want them to live in such a

world. All the negative effects of global warming we see today would be greatly exacerbated. We would find ourselves on the verge of a runaway climate crisis, which, like a chaotic system, would be impossible to control or predict. To understand more about what our planet will look like as the temperature increases, read the informative and well-researched new book by Mark Lynas: *Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet*.

With the exception of Norway, no world government has honestly faced the issue of setting realistic targets — realistic not in political terms, but in terms of what is needed for the survival of life on our planet. In this, the "new" government of Canada has failed more miserably than most developed countries.

The Conservatives need to scrap their ineffective version of the Clean Air Act and adopt the far more forceful Clean Air and Climate Change Act agreed to in committee this spring. We have less than a decade to act, or it will be too late.

The writer has followed climate change issues for several years.



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HOUSING MATTERS



OPINION

LETTERS continued from 11 Thursdays

ICBC has informed us that, in 2005, the most pedestrian-related traffic fatalities took place in the month of November — not during the weekends nor in the twilight hours — but on Thursdays between 12:01 and 3 p.m.

Perhaps some of your readers will be able to suggest why the early afternoons on Thursdays would be so dangerous.

In the meantime, and if you cannot arrange to stay home all Thursdays, especially in November, come

to the transportation open house this Thursday, May 24, between 3 and 6 p.m. at Meaden Hall, and support enhancement of pedestrian safety by building sidewalks and controlled crossings on Lower Ganges Road and elsewhere.

**A. JEAN ELDER,
ISABELLE RICHARDSON,
LOWER GANGES ROAD**

Actions speak

This letter concerns the actions of Eugene Marcano, featured in a May 16 Driftwood story.

When a police officer is assaulted, it offends me and it offends the community.

I have not had to suffer the same consequences as

the constable, nor do I share his partial nerve loss to that leg, nor have I been unable to work as a result for the past six months.

While I am disturbed by this, I and the community have been offended with an escalating police services deficit because we lost the services of one of our peace officers.

In my opinion, Mr. Marcano was very fortunate only to receive a sentence of six months in jail for his offence, one day for each day his victims have had to suffer so far.

However, there is no real rehabilitation necessarily in an "eye for an eye" response. True rehabilita-

tion begins within, with acceptance of responsibility and caring by oneself, a freely-chosen desire to be peaceful.

Since actions speak louder than words, I hope Marcano will consider during the coming six months what he can do, what voluntary ongoing service he can perform for the community later, to show that indeed he is as sorry as he said he was to the magistrate.

One thought comes to mind: go to the police and ask how to support them in their work or in youth education services.

**RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING**

RANTS and Roses

Roses

Lots of roses, lilies, daffodils and many thanks to Josip Budimcic (also known as Joe Somebody) for putting up our new Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop sign and to Ken Marr of Windsor Plywood for supplying the wood for the strapping of the sign. Your kind donation of time and labour is much appreciated. We hope it will attract more people to come and shop.
Dorothy Kyle

A truck load of flowers to all of the volunteers and players who attended the fundraising event for the Howe Court last Saturday afternoon at GISS. Most of those flowers should go to Jeremy Byron, and Lyall and Perry Ruehlen.
BH

One million roses to the kind soul who has, once again, given so generously to ease my financial burden of living with Huntington's Disease. I feel very blessed to be living in such a loving and supportive community. Thanks to all who leave their GVM tapes — every little bit makes a difference.
Lorna & Sable

B.C. and Newfoundland bunches of beautiful roses to Bev and Gord Cartwright. The wonderful work they do on the grounds of Burgoyne United Church is a gift to us all.
Burgoyne UCW.

Antique roses to the couple who not only gave me but also delivered the Electrolux "leaf blower." Works like a charm!

Dozens of Just Joey roses to Dawn and Bob, Mary and Alan, Marion and Ken, Barbara and Peggy for chauffeuring me while I was grounded. I am blessed to have such good friends.
Myrtle

To Farmer Bill and his sidekick Colin: future-dated, old-fashioned roses for your gifts of equipment, time and enthusiasm.
Copper Kettle Community Partnership

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- Pre-heat oven to 350°

Prepare 6-8 Lasagne noodles as per package instructions, drain & let cool. Mix together **1/2 cup ricotta cheese, 1 can crab or shrimp, 1 clove garlic minced, 2 tablespoons lemon zest, 1 egg, 2 sliced green onions, 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, 1/2 teaspoon dill, salt & pepper** to taste. Spread mixture evenly on each noodle. Roll up each noodle, place in an oiled baking pan & top with **1/2 jar of alfredo sauce & 1/2 cup grated smoked cheese or mozzarella cheese.** Bake for 30 minutes. Serve with the Ganges Village Market bakery's fresh garlic bread. Enjoy!

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Safe Boating Week

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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Friends and neighbours save lives on the water

Auxiliary members gear up for Safe Boating Day

BY KEN G. MORISSETTE
CCGA UNIT 25

The motto of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, "Volunteers Saving Lives at Sea", certainly rings true.

Last year, auxiliary members throughout B.C. were called out by the rescue centre on 834 missions; they assisted 652 boaters in trouble, and saved 237 lives. They also saved \$22 million worth of boats.

Salt Spring Islanders can be very proud of their neighbours who are members of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 25 here in Ganges. Last year they were tasked on 33 missions (seven of them last December), assisted 30 boaters and saved boats valued at \$1.33 million.

So, are they really up to the task? You bet they are — because they never stop training and practising. In the last 12 months they participated in 154 training exercises, 42 of them at night, and 20 during restricted visibility: fog, heavy rain or snow.

Every member has their Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate, Advanced Marine First Aid, Marine Radio Operator Licence, and many, many hours of training in Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) and boating safety. Some of them — those who coxswain the rescue boats — have been through the Coast Guard's famous fast-response vessel operator-training course held every winter at Bamfield on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Throughout B.C. during every hour of every day there are at least 90 Coast Guard auxiliary volunteers standing by 30 fast response rescue boats ready to go at a moment's notice. Every Thursday here on Salt Spring, local auxiliary members meet to plan out their crew scheduling 'round the clock for the coming week. Then they conduct classroom and on-the-water training exercises.

A number of local members have taken special training and are Transport Canada-certified boat safety "courtesy checkers." They offer boaters free, educational safety checks of their boat and its equipment.

You can meet these fine people during Safe Boating Day,



Coast guard personnel head out of Ganges Harbour.

Saturday, May 26, in Ganges at the "breakwater dock." Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. they will show off their brand new rescue crew training and boating safety vessel, which will be dedicated in a ceremony at 1 p.m.

There will be free coffee and goodies, prizes for the heaving line contest and a safe boating quiz. You can get a tour of

the Coast Guard cutter Cape Kuper, and you may even get a ride on the new boat.

Bring your own life jackets/PFDs and they will check them for condition and size.

Ken G. Morissette is Unit 25's pleasure craft courtesy check training co-ordinator.

RESCUE

Boat rescue: learning experience for all

The strength of Salt Spring's boating community was demonstrated recently as a local fisherman, the Ganges Coast Guard and Unit 25 of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) worked together to rescue a stranded boat.

The accident occurred on a recent afternoon when a 50-foot yacht grounded on Money Maker Reef near the entrance to Ganges Harbour, explained CCGA member Ken Morissette.

CCGA crew member Ellen Reid and coxswain Patrick Wolfe-Milner responded to the pager call, which read Code 2 — vessel in trouble but not in immediate danger.

After gearing up in their floater suits, equipment vests, and helmets, the two set off

on the short run to Money Maker Reef.

A local commercial crab boat, Welbury Bay II, had heard the initial distress call and also responded to the incident.

Once on scene, they determined the two persons on the stranded boat sustained no injuries.

The vessel was not holed or taking on water. Fortunately, the incident occurred during a rising tide.

The Welbury Bay II, being larger and more powerful than the CCGA's small rescue boat, put a line on the stern of the stricken vessel and managed to pull it free.

At this time, the Ganges Coast Guard motor lifeboat Cape Kuper arrived on scene.

To make sure the vessel hadn't suffered further damage and sprung a leak from being pulled off the rocks, a careful inspection was required.

The twin-engine, \$600,000 vessel suffered damage to its starboard propeller and drive shaft.

The skipper decided to take the boat to Sidney under its own power for repair.

The Welbury Bay II, also Sidney bound, acted as an escort.

The stricken vessel was extremely well-equipped with charts, compass, global positioning system, radar and chart plotter.

The two people on this yacht were very lucky, said Morissette. The boat could

have sunk and they could have been seriously injured — or worse.

While the boat was not severely damaged, the repair bill will cost thousands of dollars.

"Was it a moment's lack of attention?" asks Morissette.

"An error in reading the navigation equipment? Failure to check the paper chart? It doesn't take much. Mother Nature is very unforgiving — time and tide wait for no man."

Problems at sea can be minimized by taking a good boating course through the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, or an accredited commercial boating school.

After all, one little rock can ruin your whole day.

Safety tips

Some quick reminders compliments of Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society:

- Check the Safe Boating Guide. Know what safety equipment your boat needs to be in compliance with the law.
- Always have an approved lifejacket/PFD that properly fits each person on board.
- Everyone born after April 1, 1983 operating a pleasure craft fitted with a motor must have a Pleasure Craft Operators Competency (PCOC) card.
- All operators of boats fitted with a motor and less than four metres long must have a PCOC.
- Don't cruise with booze or under the influence of drugs. It is a danger to everyone and against the law.
- Keep clear of swimmers, divers and other vessels.
- Learn to navigate safely; know where the rocks are!
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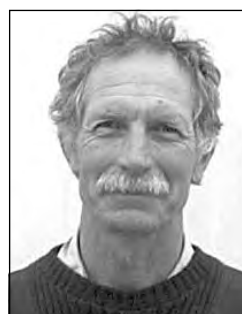

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NEWSBEAT



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, a skipper stands on the bow of his boat; Tony, Heather and Graham Meek on the Minke; and vessels racing through local waters in last weekend's annual Round Salt Spring race.



Round the rock

SAILING RACE
continued from 1

"With the thought of glory and prizes dancing in their heads, everyone bashed on and the wind bashed back. The end result is that it will be a busy week for the sail-makers in Sidney."

"At one point, we had two boats so close to our starboard side, we could have passed them an 'All Aboard Breakfast.'"

AARON SIGURGEIRSON,
Skeena Queen mate

Solid sea water could be seen flowing over the decks of smaller boats as waves rolled over them, Simmons said.

Passengers and crew aboard B.C. Ferries' Skeena Queen on Saturday morning were among those with

the closest view of the race as the ship's Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour route cut directly through the race.

"At one point we had two boats so close to our starboard side we could have passed them an 'All Aboard Breakfast,'" said B.C. Ferries mate Aaron Sigurgeirson, who offered his sailing knowledge to help the Skeena navigate the armada-ridden waters.

"The trouble with trying to get through with so many sailboats going so fast is that when you change course to go around one, you get in the way of three or four other ones."

ROUND SALT SPRING 2007 RESULTS

- Overall Winner: Slipper, skippered by Ian Collombin
- Division A: Caliente, skippered by Ole Anderson
- Division B: Slippery When Wet, skippered by Brian Spencer
- Division C: Wits End, skippered by Larry Nohr
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Donald Napier is pleased that one flag only is now flying at the Chamber of Commerce.

GANGES VILLAGE

Single flag per pole, please

Resident urges respect for tradition

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders can thank local resident Donald Napier for helping keep Salt Spring's flags flying with pride while following the "unofficial rules."

A few weeks back, Napier noticed the Tourist Information Centre/Chamber of Commerce was flying two flags — the Canadian flag and the Tourism B.C. flag — from a single pole.

"It's very bad etiquette," Napier said. "Americans do it, but they're different."

A stickler for tradition, Napier contacted the info centre to request they fly one flag per pole.

Chamber executive director Perry Ruehlen was unaware of any rule pertaining to

the number of flags per pole.

However, Napier, who served briefly in the army, was adamant about the tradition.

"Anybody my age knows these things."

Some further digging discovered he was correct.

"The protocol for flying a flag is one flag per pole. It's a protocol, not a rule," said Len Westerberg, Canadian Heritage media relations officer.

The Canadian flag always takes centre stage, he added.

Napier was delighted on Friday to see the chamber is now following policy, flying only one flag on the pole.

Unfortunately, as a Tourism B.C. member, the info centre is required to fly the Tourism B.C. flag. As a result, the Canadian flag was moved.

As a not for profit, the chamber is not currently able to erect another pole.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Present education system produces "spineless adults"

John Abbott talks about future of education in the Gulf Islands

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

John Abbott's recent visit to Salt Spring served its purpose of rallying support for a new educational theory and system that School District 64 is in the initial stages of implementing.

Abbott, who refers to himself as an "intellectual refugee" from Britain and represents the Canada-based 21st Century Learning Initiative, was on-island May 7-9.

He worked with teachers, students and community members to educate them on what kind of education is necessary for our changing world.

Approximately 70 people, mostly teachers and parents, attended the Tuesday night public discussion which lasted almost three hours. Although initially timid, the crowd was full of questions and comments by the end of the evening. They appeared eager to spread the words and goals of both Abbott and 21st Century.

Abbott was joined by

Heather MacTaggart, executive director of Classroom Connections, an organization that works closely with 21st Century. MacTaggart will now work with SD64 to implement some of the theories presented by Abbott.

In his presentation, Abbott argued we've become more technologically competent than wise. If our children are to stop the disastrous direction the planet is heading they must learn adaptability, something our current system does not teach.

"The reason we have such, dare I say, spineless adults, is because they've never taken risks. They've never had to," Abbott said.

He argued adolescents are biologically programmed to break away from their parents, to be independent and to learn things for themselves.

Our system does not facilitate this natural drive, he said. Furthermore, schools presently discount the importance of family and community in education.

Abbott and MacTaggart argued education is like a three-legged stool, which includes the home for emotional support, the community for inspiration and the school for intellectual support.

Abbott said the current system, where students attend classes until they are roughly 18 years old, is "upside down and inside out."

He argued this system has never been accepted as the most beneficial way of educating youth, but rather was deemed necessary during the Depression when Franklin D. Roosevelt made it illegal for youth under 18 years old to work.

Education should be like scaffolding, inasmuch as it can be removed as it becomes unnecessary, he said.

The older a student gets, the less time they should spend in the classroom. Instead, they should be out in the world, working with people they find interesting and inspiring.

Alternately, these connections can be found through the internet.

"Schools are not about places for students to be taught in but are about places to learn in," he said.

This is the idea behind Abbott's cognitive apprenticeship approach and is only one of the ideas SD64 is currently exploring.

New Brunswick is adopting the practices province-wide.

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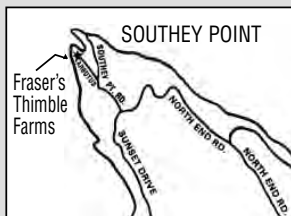
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WEDNESDAY MAY 23

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Ottawa vs. Buffalo (if necessary) (Live)	(4:30) Urgences (N) Rumeurs	George Shrinks Arthur	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 1 - Teams TBA (Live)	CH News	Happy Days Full House	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Seattle vs. Tampa Bay (Live)	King of the Hill King of Hill [Part 1 of 2]	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Zoomafoof Horses Nightly Business	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Fairly Odd Parents Naruto	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Baltimore (Live)
6:00	Le Téléjournal Y parait que	Popular Mechanics Kratts' Creatures			News	Full House Malcolm in the Middle	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Island Report	CityCooks	CityNews International	The Simpsons Malcolm in the Middle	News	News	News	News	News	Being Ian Piano Man	Amazing Adrenalini
7:00	CBC News: Canada Now Just for Laughs: Gags	Des squelettes L'Epicierie	Meerkat Manor Wild at Heart (N)	Sportscentre	Vanity Insanity	Reba Van's Agent According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Lost Through the Looking Glass (SF) (N) [Part 1 of 2]	The South Shaolin Pure in Heart	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Star! Daily Friends	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Europe Seasoned Traveler (N)	Entertainment Tonight Access Hollywood	Sabrina Teen Witch Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected	
8:00	To Be Announced	La petite séduction (N)	Galileo's Sons		"The Bodyguard" ★★ (Susp. '92) Kevin Costner.	Friends Home Improvement	1 vs. 100 American Idol Winner Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Salamati Va Zendeji Iranian Pop	The Dead Zone Vortex	"The Count of Monte Cristo" ★★ (Adv. '02) Guy Pearce.	One Tree Hill Prom Night at Hater High	Winner Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Lost: The Answers	Saturday Night Live in the '90s: Pop Culture	Slanted Screen	NCIS Probie	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	ChL Hockey Memorial Cup - Medicine Hat vs. Vancouver (Live)	
9:00		SMASH François et les apparences (N)	Strange Days Troubled Waters	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights - Holm vs. Hallback	The Standard	Crossing Jordan Retribution		Sabor Latino	"Marion Bridge" ★★★ (Dra. '02) Molly Parker.	One Tree Hill You Call It Madness, But I Call It Love	Seinfeld The Money Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Dateline NBC	The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam	Criminal Minds Distress	Mystery Hunters Ghost Trackers			
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Human Nature The Anatomy of Pleasure		Religions of the World	Friday Night Lights Homecoming	Lost Through the Looking Glass (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	La Momposina		Seinfeld					CSI: NY Obsession	Prank Patrol Bad Boyfriend	Spy Academy	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	A Scattering of Seeds Dotto Tech	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	Teledarvo	News	RAW	Frasier Decoys	The Simpsons	News	News	Pink Floyd: Pulse	News	Bob and Margaret		
12:00 MID	Arrested Development Just for Laughs: Gags	Des kiwis et des hommes	Off Air	Off the Record Moting 2007	That '70s Show	Coach PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) The Daily Show (:35) Colbert Report	Jai Fiji	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Damien	M*A*S*H The Moose	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	With Jay Leno	(:35) Conan O'Brien	You On a Diet	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Pratt & Taylor	

THURSDAY MAY 24

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	(4:30) Urgences (N) Rumeurs Un peu de fatigue	George Shrinks Arthur	(4:30) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Anaheim vs. Detroit (if necessary) (Live)	CH News	Happy Days The Evil Eye	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Wife & Kids [Part 2 of 3]	King of the Hill King of Hill [Part 2 of 2]	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Zoomafoof Bathtime Nightly Business	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Fairly Odd Parents Naruto	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Baltimore (Live)
6:00	News	Le Téléjournal A la carte	Spellz! (:15) Spellz	Reach for the Top	News	Full House Working Girl	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Island Report	CityCooks	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	News	News	News	News	Being Ian	Erky Perky
7:00	This Hour Has 22 Minutes Just for Laughs: Gags	Des squelettes Fric Show La peur	Profiles of Nature The Wild Pacific Northwest	Sportscentre	Vanity Insanity	Reba Surprise According to Jim The Race	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin Pure in Heart	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Star! Daily Friends	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	KCTS Connects	Entertainment Tonight Access Hollywood	Sabrina Teen Witch Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected	
8:00	"Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion"	Perdus Sacrifices (N)	With Glowing Hearts Bollywood Bound	Off the Record	Saved (N)	Friends Home Improvement	My Name Is Earl Mailbox The Office	So You Think You Can Dance (SP) (N)	What's in Vancouver? Ago Bahen Chugli Karen	Smallville Zod	Ugly Betty	Smallville Zod	So You Think You Can Dance (SP) (N)	Ugly Betty Pilot	My Name Is Earl Mailbox	Travels to the Edge	The King of Queens China Syndrome Part 1 and 2	Fatherhood Family Table	San Diego (Live)
9:00	★★★ (True, '03) Graham Greene. [Part 2 of 2]	René (N)	Gourmet China: A Living Legacy	World's Best 10K	Psych Weekend Warriors	The Standard Muslim Faith	My Name Is Earl	(:25) On the Lot Auditions #2 (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Sadabahr Naghmae	Supernatural In My Time of Dying	Supernatural In My Time of Dying	(:25) On the Lot Auditions #2 (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Grey's Anatomy Six Days [Part 1 of 2]	30 Rock Black Tie	The Blair Decade (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Happenstance	Mystery Hunters Ghost Trackers		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart Industry	Poker Tournament of Champions	Painkiller Jane Nothing to Fear But Fear Itself (N)	Religions of the World Buddhism	Shark Starlet Fever	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Happenstance	Main Goongi Nahi Desi Rhythms	Godiva's The Tempting Spice	Seinfeld The Stakeout	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Grey's Anatomy Six Days [Part 2 of 2]	Studio 60 The Disaster Show (N)	Shark Starlet Fever	Prank Patrol	Spy Academy	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	With Glowing Hearts Never Give Up Your Dreams	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Realty Television	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News	Allo! Allo!	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
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FRIDAY MAY 25

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	(4:30) Urgences (N) Rumeurs Convergence	George Shrinks Arthur	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Wife & Kids [Part 3 of 3] My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill King of Hill	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Zoomafoof Jumpers Nightly Business	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	(4:00) "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" ★★	CHL Hockey Memorial Cup - Semifinal - Teams TBA (Live)
6:00	News	Le Téléjournal Pour l'amour du country	Serious Jungle Backyard Science	Conference Final Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	News	Full House Malcolm in the Middle	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Island Report	CityCooks	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	News	News	News	News	Odd Parents / Robotboy	SpongeBob/50 Robotboy
7:00	This Hour Has 22 Minutes Just for Laughs: Gags	Mr. Bean	Canadian Waterways Rugged Coasts (N)	Sportscentre	Vanity Insanity	Reba According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin Pure in Heart	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Star! Daily Friends	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Europe	Entertainment Tonight Access Hollywood	Sabrina Teen Witch Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected	
8:00	"Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion"	★★★ (True, '03) Graham Greene. [Part 2 of 2]	"North and South" ★★ (Rom. '04) Daniela Denby-Ashe. [Part 1 of 2]	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Thompson vs. Castillo	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card (N)	The Standard Insights into Sikhism	Without a Trace Check Your Head	Sassy Girl Chun-Hyang	"Not Another Teen Movie" ★★ (Com. '01) Chyler Leigh.	Stargate Atlantis Coup D'état	Seinfeld The Robbery	Q-13 Fox News at Ten IQ Weekly	20/20	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Tru Love	Bill Moyers Journal	Close to Home Legacy	Inu Yasha	Countdown to UFC 71	
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SATURDAY MAY 26

5:00 PM	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Beautés désespérées Confessions	George Shrinks Zoboofafo	(4:30) Boxing HBO Championship	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons	Twice in a Lifetime	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Hollywood Countdown	Best of MuchOnDem and	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Seattle vs. Kansas City (Live)	M*A*S*H	GMC NBA Countdown	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Boom Boom Sabot..."	Countdown to UFC 71
6:00		Le Téléjournal	Meerkat Manor	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	Room to Grow	Home Improvement	News	News	Xin Tang Ren Weekly News	Fact Presents Roxana	Speaker's Corner	Raymond The Breakup Tape	NBA Basketball	News	The Lawrence Welk Show	News	Prank Patrol	MLB Baseball - Colorado vs. San Francisco (Live)	
7:00		Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart	Conference Final Game 3 - Teams TBA (Live)	Whose Design (N)	Raymond The Conister	News	News	KCTV This Week	The Word This Week	Fashion Television	Raymond The Family Bed	Playoffs - Western Conference Final Game 3 - Teams TBA (Live)	KING 5 News	Salute to the Armed Forces	News	Prank Patrol	MLB Baseball - Colorado vs. San Francisco (Live)	
8:00	MLS Soccer - Toronto vs. Columbus	"Le manoir hanté" (Com, '03) Eddie Murphy.	Heartbeat The End of the Road	Sportscentre	Canadian Case Files (N)	Ustat	Global Currents (N)	W-FIVE Presents (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It	The King of Queens	American Idol Rewind	NW Backroads Inside Edition	Nature Diamonds	Entertainment This Week	Mystery Hunters		
9:00		Inspector Morse Who Killed Harry Field?			Dateline NBC	Voices of Hinduism	Andromeda Harper/ Delete	Cold Squad The Filth [Part 1 of 2]	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Missing Anything for the Baby [Part 2 of 2]	The Collector The Miniaturist	That '70s Show	Cops Coast to Coast	Wheel of Fortune	"Chicago" ★★★ (Mus, '02) Catherine Zeta-Jones.	Antiques Rd. HMS Victory As Time Goes By	Num3rs Scorched	Mystery Hunters	
10:00		Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart	Sportscentre	Mad TV (N)	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	The Story Of... Jennifer Lopez	Ed and Red's Night Party	Without a Trace Safe	Mad TV (N)	News	News	Globe Trekker Greece	News	Weird Years	Poker Aussie Millions
11:00	"To Be Announced"	Perdus Sacrifices	Wild at Heart	Sportscentre	Mad TV (N)	It's a New Day	News	News	Sabor Musical	Ed and Red's Night Party	Without a Trace Safe	Mad TV (N)	(35) Sports	Saturday Night Live	(35) Insider Weekend	Bob and Margaret			
12:00 MID	"To Be Announced"	"Les Cendres d'Angela" (Dra, '99)	Off Air	NASCAR Auto Racing Busch Series	Spike Feresten (N) JR Digs (N)	Jack Van Impe PR Maxx		(:05) Taquita & Kauli (:35) Real World	"Kaamchor" ★★★ (Dra, '82) Pinchoo Kapoor.	Professional Poker Tour	"The Man Who Cried" ★★ (Dra, '00)	24 Day 4: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Spike Feresten (N) M*A*S*H Cowboy	(:05) Sports	(:35) Girls B.Badly	Austin City Limits John Prime/ Amos Lee	(:05) Paid Program	"Parenthood" ★★★ (Com, '89) Steve Martin.	The Ultimate Fighter 3

SUNDAY MAY 27

5:00 PM	"The Road to El Dorado" ★ (Ani, '00) Kevin Kline.	Un dimanche au marché	George Shrinks Zoboofafo	(2:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Nextel Cup - Coca-Cola 600 (Live)	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons	Instant Star	Spazio Libero	Hollywood Countdown	(4:00) World Poker Tour Grand Prix de Paris	All Of Us	(2:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Nextel Cup - Coca-Cola 600 (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	This Old House	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Drake and Josh Go Hollywood" ★★ (06)	MLB Baseball - Cleveland vs. Detroit (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal	Serious Jungle		Whose Design (N)	Home Improvement	News	News	"Kaamchor" ★★★ (Dra, '82) Pinchoo Kapoor.	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The Game		News	News	Antiques Rd. Omaha (Hour One) [Part 1 of 2]	News	"Are We There Yet?" ★ (Com, '05) Ice Cube.	
7:00	The Nature of Things	Le Gala Les Olivier (N)	National Geographic Emperors of the Ice	Sportscentre	Doc	Diya	King of the Hill	Degrassi: Next Gen.		7th Heaven Small Miracles	America's Funniest Home Videos	7th Heaven Turn, Turn, Turn	Funnist Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	Dateline NBC	Antiques Rd. Omaha (Hour Two) [Part 2 of 3]	60 Minutes		
8:00	Miss Marple 4:50 From Paddington	The Amazing Mrs. Pritchard (N)	CHAMPS Golf Senior PGA Championship - Final Round	Sportscentre	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Pauni Family	3D Dialogue	The Simpsons	Corner Gas		7th Heaven Turn, Turn, Turn	Making It	Smallville Phantom	American Idol Rewind	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Pauni Family	National Memorial Day Concert (N)	Cold Case Detention		Game Gurus	Sportsnet Connected
9:00		A Most Mysterious Murder (N)			Vanity Insanity	Sikh Virsa	Family Guy	Cold Case The Key	"Asta Seara Dansam in Familie" ★★★ (Com, '72) Sebastian Papaiani.	"Bruce Almighty" ★★ (Com/Dra, '03) Jim Carrey.	"The Italian Job" ★★ (Act, '03) Mark Wahlberg.	Supernatural All Hell Breaks Loose [Part 1 of 2]	Friends	Housewives Listen to the Rain on the Roof	Friday Night Lights	Cold Case The Key	Prank Patrol	The Ultimate Fighter 3	
10:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	Le Téléjournal Zone doc Le dernier	Canadian Waterways Rugged Coasts	Sportscentre (Live)	One Tree Hill Nothing Left to Say But Goodbye	The Voices of Religion Leprosy Mission	Without a Trace All for One	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Recall		The Story Of... Jane's Addiction	Pink Planet	CSI: Miami Payback	Q-13 Fox News at Ten (35) Q It Up Sports	Brothers & Sisters Patriarchy	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Recall	Without a Trace All for One	Falcon Beach Pilot	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	CBC News: the fifth estate	voyage de l'Empress (N) "Tirez sur le pianiste"	Water Under Fire	Sportscentre (Live)	Driving Television (N)		(:35) House & Home	CTV News	News Watch Now	Pass Da Mic		The Shield Strays	News	News	Independent Lens	News	Madison Twister	Poker European Tour	
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections	Off Air	Off Air	TSN the Reporters	Technical Knockout	PR Maxx	(:05) Paid Program	(:05) CSI: Miami Urban Hellraisers	"Asta Seara Dansam in Familie" ★★★	Inside Edition	World Poker Tour Grand Prix de Paris	Without a Trace	Stargate Atlantis Inferno	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Paid Program	In the Life My Life's Work	Weekend	"Are We There Yet?" ★ (Com, '05) Ice Cube.	Jays Connected This Week in Baseball

MONDAY MAY 28

5:00 PM	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Rumeurs Douche froide	Arthur	(4:30) Poker	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboofafo Funny Faces	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Are We There Yet?" ★ (Com, '05)	(4:00) MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western Conference Finals - Teams TBA	News	Full House Fuller House	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	Being Ian	
7:00		Des squelettes	Water Under Fire The North		Vanity Insanity (N)	Reba	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	British Antiques Roadshow	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	CBC News: Canada Now	Que le meilleur gagne	Beyond Memory	Sportscentre (Live)	How I Met Your Mother Old Christine	Friends	Wedding Crasher Denise and Steve (N)	On the Lot 18 Directors Compete (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	The Collector The Farmer	Stargate: SG-1 Tailon	Everybody Hates Chris	On the Lot 18 Directors Compete (N)	Wife Swap Silver/Pitney (N)	Wedding Crasher Denise and Steve (N)	Antiques Rd. Omaha (Hour Three) [Part 3 of 3]	How I Met Your Mother Old Christine	Fresh Prince Nice Lady	WBC Boxing World Featherweight Championship - Mirdjenovich vs. Raika
9:00	To Be Announced	Les Bougon Prétraite (N)	Perspectives Spellbound	Poker Legends Cup	Two and a Half Men	The King of Queens	The Office		Maggpakailanman	Monk Mr. Monk and the Big Game	Miss Universe Pageant (N)	Girlfriends	The Ex-Wives Club (P) (N)	Miss Universe Pageant (N)	American Experience The Berlin Airlift	Two and a Half Men	Mystery Hunters		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal			Janice Dickinson (N)	Before You Die	Without a Trace Candy	CSI: Miami Fade Out	Pinoy Pop Superstar	Supernanny	Seinfeld The Nap	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Supernanny Cantoni Family (N)		Secrets of the Dead Dogfight Over Guadalcanal	CSI: Miami Fade Out	Prank Patrol Spy Kid	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	(:05) Glowing Hearts Bollybound	Sportscentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Speaker's Corner	Frasier Dinner Party	The Simpsons	News	News	Allo! Allo!	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	Arrested Development Into the West	Des kiwis et des hommes	Off Air	Off the Record	(:05) That '70s Show	Coach	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	Cheaters	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	Charlie Rose	David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY MAY 29

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	(4:30) Urgences (N)	George Shrinks	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboofafo	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	CG Kids	Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	News	Full House [Part 1 of 2]	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	Being Ian The Kelleys	
7:00	This Hour Has 22 Minutes	Des squelettes	Working Animals		Vanity Insanity (N)	Reba All Fore One	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	"Men With Brooms" ★★ (Com, '02) Paul Gross.	Beautés désespérées Bang (N)	The Art of Conducting		NCIS Twisted Sister	Home Improvement	Very Bad Men	On the Lot (N)	Filo Diretto	"The Mask of Zorro" ★★ (Adv, '98) Antonio Banderas.	Stargate Atlantis Michael	Gilmore Girls The Long Morrow	On the Lot (N)	George Lopez	Law & Order Avatar	Nova Volcano Above the Clouds	NCIS Twisted Sister	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Fatherhood
9:00		Suspect no 1 (N)	In This Corner	The Unit Bait	The Standard	Messages	House Human Error (SF) (N)	Criminal Minds Ashes and Dust	Made in Germany euromaxx	"Moulin Rouge!" ★★ (Mus, '01) Nicole Kidman.	Veronica Mars Welcome Wagon	House Human Error (SF) (N)	According to Jim	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Maltese Cross	1421: The Year China Discovered America?	The Unit Bait	Mystery Hunters		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Art of Conducting 2 (N)	Poker 2006 Tournament of Champions	The Shield (N)	Promised Land King of the Road	The Best Years Notorious (N)	Traveler Pilot	Schauplatz Europa	Good to Go	Seinfeld The Yada Yada	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal Trial of the Century (SF) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Burned	Flashpoint (N)	Prank Patrol Game Show	Sportsnet Connected		
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ENTRY-LEVEL CARS

Pontiac Wave helps funky 49-er get back on track

Affordable car scores big on 'cool factor'

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

I recently turned 49. I've always found that the nines suck: 29 was traumatic, 39 disastrous and 49 nervous breakdown central.

Thirty and 40 were fabulous, as I'm sure 50 will be. The anticipation of reaching another decade and not having achieved what I've wanted to, or taken the challenges that may have presented themselves to me, has usually left me a sappy rag of anxiety and angst.

Who knew that a test drive in a Pontiac Wave would kick-start me into the possibilities of a few more decades of enjoyable discovery?

"Pontiac Wave — Feel Playful" was humming through my head as I entered Dave Wheaton Pontiac Buick GMC in Victoria, hoping that test-driving and writing about a fun entry-level car might be just the thing to uplift my "glass half-empty" attitude.

Having already picked up my wet suit, helmet, Crocs, shirt and PDF from Pacifica Paddle Sports on Government and Pembroke, and heard Marianne Rose's tales from her recent white-water canoeing trip down the Fraser River, I was inspired to consider a new pastime.

Donning my gear, helmet safely ensconced in the back seat, I jumped into the Wave and



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Driftwood car reviewer Andrea rabinovitch warms up with a Wave.

headed to the gas station. Here was the first surprise: the Wave gets 5.9L/100km on the highway and 8.9/100km km in the city, leaving you enough money in your pocket to buy a wet suit.

Many entry-level cars feel like a tin square box with a squirrel running on a wheel for the engine, and a steering wheel and floor-

boards as your only amenity. Not so the Wave. Great design features on the interior and exterior support "the cool factor," warranting the buyer to exclaim, "Cool."

First thing I always do when entering a new vehicle is turn on the radio. OK, it's a tad superficial, but I know nothing of engines so lifting up the hood is irrelevant. An iPod

audio input jack and a six-speaker sound system with a CD player are de rigeur.

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ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Taking time to enjoy the ride with EVRiders

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BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
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GM: a deal for students

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Zippering around Victoria, the Wave felt safe, solid and handled well. It's gotten a five-star rating for driver and passenger frontal collision by the U.S National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the highest a vehicle can achieve. General Motors also stands by its products with a five-year, 160,000-km warranty on all main working components, and the bumper to bumper warranty for three years and 60,000 km.

The demographic of who buys the Wave is broad indeed: from seniors downsizing who want great fuel efficiency, to families

needing a second vehicle, to students buying their first car.

GM has an awesome deal for students: if you're enrolled in high school or post secondary, your first two payments will be paid up to \$600, so not only do you get a new car, rendering unreliable beaters obsolete, you also get a financial break.

The best part of the Wave, besides the possibility of actually enjoying life instead of surviving it — glass half empty, remember? — is that the base model starts at just under \$14,000.

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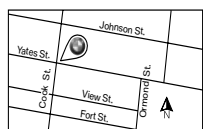


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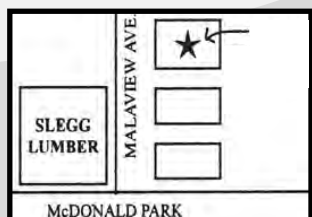
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• **What do you like best about your job?**

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Erik Lundstrom is seen working under a car at Beddis Road Garage.

CAR SAFETY

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efore hitting the road with a trailer that has been sitting idle for a long time, have the bearings checked and repacked with grease, or changed if they are rusted. A

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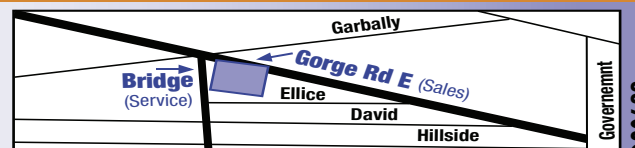
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VEHICLE SAFETY

Checked that spare tire lately?

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While most people will suggest that you check your tire pressure regularly, very few will think about the spare tire. Obviously, the era of the completely maintenance-free tire has yet to occur, and the totally flat-proof tire is far from being a reality.

Therefore, a spare tire is still needed in all vehicles except those equipped with so-called "run-flat" tires. Unfortunately, most car owners tend to ignore the spare tire, thinking it will be there when it's needed. A

most valuable piece of advice is to regularly check the pressure of your spare tire, even on a mini-spare.

Flats may have become more rare, but they still occur.

Would you know how to jack up your car if necessary?

Have you read your owner's manual lately to see how to change a flat tire on your specific vehicle? If not, you should become a member of a major car club that could help you in such a situation.

By the way, would you know how to place your full-size flat tire where a mini-spare was?

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WRITERS' DAY



Salt Spring library volunteers Oliver Cannon and Nicole Oakley take out books written by local authors in preparation for this weekend's Writers' Day celebration.

Celebrating 120 island authors

Annual Writers' Day event takes place Sunday

BY TANYA LESTER
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring's 120 published authors will be honoured at the library's annual Writers' Day this Sunday, May 27.

Half a dozen years ago, when Elma Rubright came up with the idea for a special day focussed on local authors, she thought the total number was around a dozen.

To her surprise it added up to 80. Since then, the number has continued to grow. Teenage volunteers are pulling at least 150 books (many local

authors have published more than one book) off the library's shelves this week in preparation for the event, said Rubright. Early Sunday, the computers in the main foyer will be pushed back and covered to make room to display all these titles.

"Writers' Day is to honour the authors," Rubright said. "The library is doing this because we love the written word."

To her knowledge, no other small community boasts such a large number of writers.

The event's main focus will be a speech by Linda Kavelin Popov, who has authored several books connected to her Virtues Project and, most recent-

ly, A Pace of Grace.

Rubright said Popov was unanimously selected because everyone's face on the seven-member planning committee "lit up" when her name was mentioned.

The long-time library volunteer emphasizes the fact that the event is open to the entire public. If things go as in past years, it will be standing room only.

Rubright looks forward to the future when the celebration can occur in the proposed roomier new library.

The event, including home baking and coffee, is free of charge and runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library.

FUNDRAISERS

Benefit gathers funds for War Child Canada

Almost \$1,500 donated at event

Salt Spring's first kid-STOCK Benefit held at Falconshead Grill on May 12 raised almost \$1,500 for War Child Canada, which helps children around the world

deal with the trauma of war.

Hosted by Falconshead and the Raven Street Market Cafe, the event saw non-stop music and food served all day at the golf club restaurant for a \$20 donation.

"In addition to the money raised, the event generated a great deal of awareness

regarding the War Child cause within the Salt Spring community," said Raven Street co-owner Richard Verhagen in a thank-you message to participants. "In fact, I have probably received two dozen e-mails from people who could not actually attend the event, but who wanted to

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ISLAND WRITERS

The virtue of being a writer

Writers' Day guest speaker shares secrets to success

BY TANYA LESTER
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When Linda Kavelin Popov talks about how *The Virtues Guide* she and her partners self-published in 1991 and sold out of their Salt Spring garage inspires people to live a more virtuous life in 85 countries, it seems nothing short of a miracle.



Linda Kavelin Popov

Popov, who will speak at this year's Writers' Day at the library, is the first to admit her belief in angels.

In fact, she says, it is a whole team of angels, including their marketing director, that's behind the success of the guide and a number of related books, including her most recent, *A Pace of Grace*.

Of the many virtues listed in *The Virtues Guide*, the one that stands out as the motivator for the birth of this project is idealism. Popov explains she, her husband Dan and brother John wanted to make "a positive difference in the world" and to counter vio-

"People are people and the human heart is the human heart."

LINDA KAVELIN POPOV
Writers' Day speaker

lence when they put their heads together in Victoria and came up with the idea for the guide.

Other virtues Popov lists as associated with the project are grace, purposefulness and service.

But perhaps the most sur-

prising is prayerfulness. Certainly it was not a marketing concept that Penguin Books executives in New York City (now the publishers of Popov's books) had ever considered until meeting the Salt Spring author.

Popov said they expected to be told about an elaborate marketing plan when they asked how she and her partners had managed to sell 60,000 books out of their garage.

Her answer, instead, was to point upwards, indicated praying to God had made things happen.

What did happen, said Popov, is that people merely told other people about the guide and within two months an incredible number of books had sold. Its time had come.

Sixteen years later, Popov regularly shares *The Virtues Guide* concepts with people all over the world.

This includes working as part of a facilitation team, using healing circles, to help school communities heal after shootings occur.

Currently she uses her writing and communications skills to prepare community materials, write columns (including one for the

Driftwood's *Aqua* magazine) and to work towards a radio show pilot.

Sometime in the future she intends to write a book documenting the experiences of parents and children who have used *The Virtues Guide*.

Popov believes the Writers' Day event is an important celebration because Salt Spring Island has such an abundance of writers, artists and musicians who thrive on community support.

"It is very important that we hear each other's stories," she said.

She always enjoys doing public speaking, whether the audience is comprised of West Australian prisoners, CEOs in Korea or Salt Spring residents.

"People are people and the human heart is the human heart," she said.

For those who wish to hear more of Popov's inspiring stories, Writers' Day is on Sunday, May 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Salt Spring Library.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

For more information on the Virtues Project, go to www.virtuesproject.com.



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MUCH MARIMBA: Tara Hollingsworth bangs out the beat on the marimba as she and others entertain at Centennial Park.

LOCAL HISTORY

Island settlement history analyzed in Sandwell book

Highly readable academic work adds to local knowledge

People with an interest in Salt Spring history can dig a little deeper with a new book by historian Ruth W. Sandwell.

Contesting Rural Space — Land Policy and Practices of Resettlement on Saltspring Island, 1859-1891 will be launched at an ArtSpring event with the author in attendance on Saturday, May 26, from 1-3 p.m.

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The 384-page book, published by McGill-Queen's University Press, was Sandwell's doctoral dissertation. She has also lived on Salt Spring and conducted oral history interviews with several old-timers.

A B.C. Studies review by University of Ottawa professor Chad Gaffield concludes, "All readers . . . will enjoy this well-crafted and smoothly written study, which provide unmistakable evidence in favour of emphasizing land, families and an integrated socio-cultural approach to the great transformations of settler societies."

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Ensemble 'dream orchestra' performs

Salt Spring's Paula Kiffner among group's 15 members

BY DAWN HAGE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

One of Canada's most esteemed classical string ensembles will grace the stage of ArtSpring next weekend to provide a musical feast featuring works by Bach, Vivaldi and Handel.

The 15-member Galiano Ensemble of Victoria is dedicated to "performance of the highest level" and includes members of the Lafayette String Quartet, the Emily Carr String Quartet and local cellist Paula Kiffner, among others. The concert takes place at ArtSpring on Sunday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

Titled Virtuoso Strings, it features a program of concertos by the Baroque masters of the Concerto Grosso. Ensemble members perform as both soloists and orchestra in luscious pairings of violas, cellos and multiple combinations of sparkling violins. Musicians in the

ensemble are all respected and accomplished soloists in their own right.

The Galiano Ensemble performed its debut concert in May 2000 under the baton of founder and current music director Yariv Aloni. The group has attracted some of the most esteemed and accomplished string players on Vancouver Island. Although all have busy solo, chamber, orchestral and teaching careers, these sought-after musicians find the time to participate in the ensemble for reasons of mutual musical respect, affection, distinguished artistry and high enjoyment.

"The musicians regard the ensemble as a 'dream orchestra,'" notes a press release. "They are treated as equals. They have input. They perform at the highest of levels, thus assisting the growth of their fellows while catalyzing their own. While their financial rewards have been meagre in the extreme until this season, their artistic rewards are among the greatest they experience."

Audience members can look forward to a rare performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto # 6, featuring a duo of solo violins. The concert also includes three concerti by Vivaldi with two solo violins, a quartet of solo violins and a concerto for two solo cellos.

One of the solo cellists is Paula Kiffner, an islander well known to Salt Spring music lovers. A member of the Galiano Ensemble since its inception, Kiffner has nothing but the highest praise for the chamber group.

"It's incredibly fun," she said. "This is a blessed group — we really like and respect each other."

"We haven't done that many concerts outside of Victoria and this is our first appearance on Salt Spring, which is really exciting for me."

Kiffner had high praise for director Aloni, crediting him with much of the ensemble's musical success.

"He's wonderful," she said. "He is really the reason that the group is so much fun. He

hand-picked all the players and is a fabulous violist as well as a great conductor."

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PAULA KIFFNER
Cellist

In addition to the Galiano Ensemble, Aloni directs the Victoria Chamber Orchestra, is artistic director of the Comox Valley Youth Music Centre and associate director of the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra.

Kiffner was hard pressed to choose a favourite from the June 3 concert's banquet of pieces.

"I can't pick one thing out," she mused. "The music is all wonderful and full of great moments."

Concert tickets cost \$20 and are available at the ArtSpring box office.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

DANCE



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High school dancers prepare for their upcoming show — Fusion — which takes place this Thursday and Friday at ArtSpring.

Senior dance class stages Fusion

Final and best work shared by fourth-year dancers

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) dancers perform new works of choreography at their Fusion show at ArtSpring.

Grades 11-12 dance class members take the stage on Thursday-Friday, May 24-25 at 7:30.

Dance teacher Sonia Langer says Fusion consists of a diverse collection of dances, many choreographed and performed by fourth-year students, who are "dedicating much time and energy to showcase their best work" for the last

time at the arts centre.

Three soloists and new tap choreography are among the night's pieces.

"Students have taken on the creative and inspiring task of building their own pieces and all of the dancers will be demonstrating the skills and knowledge of dance that they have acquired over their years at GISS," said Langer.

A salsa casino round inspired by the GISS trip to Cuba in April 2006 will also be performed.

Tickets for Fusion are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students through the ArtSpring box office.

JAZZ AND BLUES

SaxSafari leads R&B, pop, jazz excursion

Fundraising concert features not-to-be-missed guests

Islanders should get on their camouflage gear and Tilley hat and shimmy down to Fulford Hall on Friday, June 1 with SaxSafari.

Presented by the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society, the event is a fundraiser in aid of the Salt Spring Jazz Fest 2007 and features blues man Paul Wainwright and his Victoria-based group SaxSafari.

Also on the bill is Swing Shift with Montreal pianist/composer Jan Jarczyk, and a silent auction.

Wainwright, born and raised in Victoria, toured with Brass Tower for five years. A large part of his career was spent as the bandleader for the well-known group The Big Band Trio.

In addition to a steady house gig at Pagliacci's, the group played for Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra.

Wainwright's current SaxSafari band features top performers Steve Duben on bass, Tom Lang on guitar and Damian Graham on drums. They serve up a mix of sax-driven R&B, pop faves and jazzy originals that just won't let up.

Opening the evening is Salt Spring's number one big band Swing Shift.

Working with Montreal artist Jarczyk and featuring a special surprise from Nanaimo on saxophone,

band leader Monik Nordine says, "This will be Swing Shift like you've never heard them before."

Repertoire includes a Nordine original and a Jarczyk shuffle, Blenda Lee, from the album Shark Bait. Sue Newman will also perform an up-tempo swing number to get toes tapping.

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This year's jazz fest is slightly expanded from last year with three free events at the Tree House and a ticketed show at Barb's Bistro. Greenlaw Ave. is this year's featured act, with Skyla J. and Ozzie, who have recently signed with Arista Records and are gaining an international following.

Big Band Blues and Boogie is part of ongoing fundraising efforts for these events. Shylo Zylbergold will be the MC, and silent auction items have been donated by businesses and people all over the island. Snacks and nibbles are provided by GVM and Thrifty's. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available.

Doors open at 7:30 for the auction, and music starts at 8 p.m.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FAMILY FUN

Carnival a treat for all

Preschool fundraiser ready to roll out action-packed day

Organizers of an annual family event is hoping for sunny skies on Sunday as the Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool Spring Carnival gets underway.

The carnival takes place at the Farmers' Institute grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salt Spring musicians extraordinaire Jaime RT and Valdy are headlining the entertainment roster that will be filled with a number of performers throughout the day.

An imagination station and a parade of prize-yielding games will keep kids of all ages busy.

Spring Carnival food is always a big treat, provided through Oystercatcher restaurant and others.

The May 27 event is a fundraiser for the Aldous Road preschool.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

HATS ON: Some of those affiliated with members of the FC alumni soccer team were spotted in town and at the soccer pitch during last weekend's soccer tourney.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Applied Skills Day provides insights into trades careers

Public invited to fiesta of demos and hands-on fun

BY LAURA STEWART
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is revving up for Friday's Annual Applied Skills Day on May 25, where students and community members alike will demonstrate their achievements and discover new career opportunities available in the trades.

Of Canadian students leaving high school, the majority no longer pursue university degrees. Applied Skills Day began as a GISS program to promote to students the possibilities for non-academic career paths.

Thanks to programs such as ACE-IT at GISS and YES 2 IT at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS), students have exposure to hands-on college-level programs and apprenticeships before graduating from high school.

Friday's Applied Skills Day will showcase students' accomplishments and introduce students to new trades opportunities in the school district.

Kicking off the afternoon, the Iron Chef Competition will demonstrate the culinary talents of senior GISS cafeteria students. Teams of competitors will be presented with a "black box"

of ingredients and a time restraint to successfully create a masterful meal. Accompanying the competition will be a barbecue for all GISS students at lunch time.

In the computer labs, teacher John Cameron and his visual arts class will demonstrate digital re-mastering, using Photoshop to edit pictures of all visitors to the Applied Skills Day.

Also on show will be a wide variety of dealership and student cars. Off-island companies such as Three Point Motors will present low-emission vehicles. As well, student cars will be judged, with prizes going to "best dressed," "loudest stereo" and "dirtiest" cars.

Later in the afternoon, GISS students in the tech shop will test their creations by racing CO2-powered cars and go-carts. Taking place on Kanaka Road, races are supervised by local RCMP and high speeds of all racers will be recorded.

As well as showcasing students' accomplishments, GISS will welcome masters from the Salt Spring and Vancouver Island communities.

Local entrepreneur Christopher Scott will introduce carpentry students to cutting-edge I-Beam technology, building a small structure over the course of the day. Using interlocking beams, I-Beam reduces the amount of lumber used in construc-

tion by two thirds.

Also in the woodworking shop, GISS graduate Morgan Cuddy will demonstrate his mastery in woodturning, making use of GISS' new lathe and helping carpentry students create wooden bowls.

GISS will welcome the Camosun College School of Hospitality and Tourism with a demonstration in auto mechanics. Students will be encouraged to enter their cars in a school-wide lottery. Winning cars will have their oil changed by local businessmen/automechanics and GISS students learning the basics.

Aveda School of Aesthetics will also make an appearance. Aveda instructors and graduates will give hair-styling and makeup demonstrations, and present the opportunities for careers in aesthetics.

Throughout the afternoon, students will be encouraged to participate in numerous hands-on demonstrations. Hangboard Snoflight will present its new product, a suspension-based snowboard, and Salt Spring Fire and Rescue will be on site with extinguishing and first aid demonstrations.

As careers in the trades increase in the Gulf Islands, so too do exciting opportunities for local students to try their hands at a variety of skill areas.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Global diversity celebrated as displays mark International Day

World comes to Centre School on International Day

The community is invited to take in creative displays as the Salt Spring Centre School celebrates global diversity next Wednesday, with International Day.

"With great originality

and creativity, our students are creating displays that will depict the traditional foods, dress, dance, history, modern life, climate and ecosystems of their chosen countries," said school principal Erin Porter.

"The presentations will include artifacts, costumes, foods to sample, pictures, maps, and more.

Though all the presentation materials will be created by the students, this a family project: adults are helping out with research, ideas, organization and presentation."

The public is invited to take in the displays and tour the school at 355B Blackburn Road on Wednesday, May 30 from 9 to 10 a.m.

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What's On This Week

Wed. May 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes. Moby's. 9 p.m.
Chamigos. Traditional & contemporary South American music at Tree House Cafe.
Open Stage. With Russ DiCaprio. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Yoga Classes. At The Gatehouse. 5:15-6:45 p.m. 537-9299.
Expressive Drawing. At the Core Inn, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-5833
Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Fun fundraiser and Lions BBQ at Centennial Park - all day.
Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement. Celebration of school-First Nations group agreement. Drummond Park. 1-2:45 p.m.
Garden With a View. Guest speaker Glen Patterson at SS Garden Club. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
Living Well, Driving Well. Mature drivers workshop sponsored by BCAA and government. SS Seniors. 1-3 p.m. Register: 537-4604.
Murakami Gardens Community Housing. Info meeting at GISS. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs. May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Stand with Matt & Tom. At Shipstones. 8 p.m.
Daryl Chonka. West Coast world folk music at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Fusion. GISS grades 11-12 dance class performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan. Community consultation at Meaden Hall. 3-6 p.m.

Fri. May 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fusion. GISS grades 11-12 dance class performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Synergy. Funky, folky & fun at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Dave Roland & Friends. Live band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Open Garden. Irises & rhodos at the Bakers'. 185 Furness Road. Open 10 a.m. til dusk.
Nurturing the Creative Self. Seminar with Tom Burton at Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m.
Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Library reading/craft program for 4-7-year olds runs Fridays, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Sat. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

House Party. With guest DJ at Moby's. 9 p.m.
Paul Bram & Ted Cook. Live music at Falconshead Grill.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Barley Brothers. New-grass music at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Ruth Sandwell Book Launch. Historical Salt Spring book event at ArtSpring. 1-3 p.m.
World Development Tea. Annual tri-church fundraiser. All Saints. 2-4 p.m. With Island Comfort Quilts display.
Safe Boating Day. Coast guard auxiliary safety vessel display, Cape Kuper tour, heaving line contest & safe boating quiz. 11-3. Vessel dedication at 1 p.m.
Open Garden. Irises & rhodos at the Bakers'. 185 Furness Road. Open 10 a.m. til dusk.
Fernwood Water Local Service Committee. AGM at the Baptist Church, lower hall. 2:30 p.m.

Sun. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ron Hadley & Kim Garland. Jazz at SS Inn. 6-9 p.m.
Sweetwater. Jazz & bossa nova at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Vietnam Tour of Peace. Presentation by Bruce Logan and Elaine Head at Fulford OAP. 7:30 p.m.
Writers' Day. Local authors' celebration at the library, with guest speaker Linda Kavelin Popov. 2-4 p.m.
Adventures in Self Publishing. Fine art photographers Russ & Wendy Kwan presentation/workshop. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Galleons Lap. Info: 538-0182.
Spring Carnival. Annual family fun with games, live entertainment, activity stations and food. Farmers Institute. 10-3. SS Co-op Pre-school fundraiser.

Mon. May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rebecca Nygard. Blues & rock roots at Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
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Kundalini Yoga. Mondays at All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. Hospital wish list to be approved at meeting. Lions Hall. 1:30 p.m.

Tues. May 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mixed Volleyball. At Fulford Elementary. 8 p.m.
Parenting From Your Heart. First session of 8-week parenting series begins. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Info: 653-9122; instinct@saltspring.com.

Wed. May 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Karaoke. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
High Mountain Honey. Tree House
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

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EXHIBITIONS

- J. Mitchell Gallery** presents **An Exhibition of Recent Work** by **Lea Mabblerley**, Sat., May 26-June 13. Artist in attendance at opening on May 26 from 1-3 p.m.
- Pegasus Gallery** holds a **Spring Show** of 20 new works by **W.J. Phillips, A.J. Casson, Luther Pokrant, Manly McDonald** and more.
- Island Comfort Quilts** display of finished **community quilting bee quilts** at the **World Development Tea** on Sat., May 26 at All Saints.
- Sav Boro** from Kenya is displaying environmental works at the **Roasting Co.** in Ganges 'til June 30.
- Seth Berkowitz** has photographic images hanging at **Moby's** and **Jana's Bake Shop**.
- 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.
- Birds of Salt Spring** watercolour paintings by **Salt Spring Centre School** students are showing at **Fables Cottage** through mid June.
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Jose Dias Gaspar is proud of the quince "plantation" on his Vesuvius acreage.

Mediterranean flavour in Vesuvius

Quince trees bear fruit unlike any other

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Every garden tells a story and Jose Dias Gaspar's five-acre property along Vesuvius Bay Road is no exception.

At the far edge of his land, Gaspar points to what he affectionately calls "the mother tree."

The gnarled and thickly barked specimen is a little worse for wear owing to having been uprooted from its native soils in southern Portugal when Gaspar moved to Canada 25 years ago.

Despite the 8,000-kilometre journey, the tree proved it can still put on a dazzling display of pink and white blossoms come spring.

The tree's legacy, however, stems not so much from what it is today, but rather from what it has created: 60 quince trees planted in rows extending

the length of Gaspar's backyard.

The orchard is the product of nearly three decades of turning specially selected branches from the mother tree into full-out trees.

Cydonia oblonga can grow up to eight metres high and is related to the apple tree. It produces a yellow, pear-shaped fruit roughly 10 centimetres long.

Standing amidst 20 young trees taking root in five-gallon buckets around his yard, it's clear Gaspar isn't ready to call it quits on the quince.

"I love working with trees because you can't tell them what to do," he said. "You can help them along the way, but in the end they make up their own minds."

Because the quince's root stock is a perfect fit for the moist soils in his neighbourhood, Gaspar has grafted countless other species onto established trees.

Between the figs, hazelnuts and

olives, one could easily take this for the Majorcan countryside rather than a modest hobby farm straddling the 48th parallel.

A prize nearly as rewarding as the spring blossoms, he said, arrives when the fruit ripens in the fall.

Before his wife passed away in 2004, autumn heralded the time for quince jams, jellies and puddings.

Gaspar still uses the fruit to make a refreshing cider-like wine every winter.

For each tree lining his backyard, Gaspar said, an untold number have been given away to friends, family and enterprising arborists on Salt Spring and beyond.

He can't imagine how many have developed a taste for the little-known fruit over the years.

"People come by because they are curious," he said. "They take a look, say 'What is this quince?' and then want to know more about them."

TOUR OF PEACE

Islanders report on second Vietnam trip

Local support given to war victims

Salt Spring residents Bruce Logan and Elaine Head are set to share photos and stories of their second "tour of reconciliation and hope" to Vietnam at a May 27 event.

In March of 2006, 40 years after his tour of duty as a platoon leader with the U.S.

Army, Logan returned to Vietnam with Tours of Peace, an organization dedicated to helping veterans heal from the trauma of their war experiences.

Logan and Head were so moved by the needs of the Vietnamese people, suffering still in the aftermath of war and the devastating toll of Agent Orange, that they

vowed to return this year to once again offer humanitarian aid to orphans, the disabled, people with leprosy and the elderly.

"Salt Spring sent us on our journey with many gifts, cash donations and good wishes. We touched many of the disadvantaged with our gifts and attention. We returned with empty suit-

cases but very full hearts," said Logan.

"The Vietnamese people are warm, welcoming and resilient . . . the country exquisitely beautiful."

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Workshop facilitator Jean-Claude Catry is a participant in the international Center for Nonviolent Communication's Parent Peer Leadership Program. He is also a parent of three children and a mentor, who leads nature awareness programs for children and adults.

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POOL TIME: Lifeguard Danielle Viozzi gets in the water with the kids as Shelby Pool re-opens for the summer months. The pool had its grand re-opening on Saturday.

GARDENING

May: incredible in the garden

BY PATTI BAUER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Traditionally, May long weekend is the time to plant your garden. We are blessed with such an extended season — flowers are blooming and our bodies can already be nourished from such an abundance of food and medicinal plants from the garden.

My father way up in northern Manitoba laughs as he tells me the “snow” worms are doing the work for him. Not anymore! Time to get digging.

There are some important seeds to scatter — calendula, borage and nasturtium. These plants produce edible flowers all summer long, are fantastic companion plants, are medicinal and excellent soil conditioners. They produce an extraordinary amount of biomass to use as mulch or chop into your garden beds as a green manure.

Chickens will work your garden for you and now is the time to get some chicks. Three to six chickens will do an incredible amount of work.

Once grown, chickens can be placed in a chicken tractor — a moveable pen — over your garden bed and they will weed for you, eat earwigs, slugs, cutworms, wireworms, sow bugs, and they will fertilize your beds. Three to four days later they are ready to move on and your garden bed is happily taken care of, and so is your back.

Remember to put the chickens in at night, since raccoons eat them.

As for infrastructure,

check your irrigation system for leaks and ensure optimal performance.

Clean and oil your tools. Check your fence and gates for repairs.

The season gets busy and you do not want to be tinkering with your infrastructure if your plants are in need of attention.

Community herbalist Saci Spindler tells us that this is a beautiful month to begin harvesting the aerial parts of plants for medicine. As the eye can see, the vital life force is moving upwards, unfurling new foliage.

This is the time to gather spring's tender leaves. Hawthorn leaves are unfolding, a wonderful herb for giving tone and strength to the heart. Energetically, hawthorn allows the heart to open, be healed and blossom.

While walking, we notice the wild roses budding. As we are gifted with some warm days this cool spring, these buds will begin to blossom. Harvest the rose petals as a lovely addition to salads, tea blends and herbal baths.

One thing to keep in mind, if harvesting any plant to dry for future use, it is important to gather them on a dry day. Drying wet material will compromise the quality.

In May you can sow many seeds — carrots, dill, cilantro, onion sets, radishes, beets, spinach, chard, beans — directly into the garden. Plant some more potatoes now too.

Allowing them to sprout slightly will get your spuds off to a good start, being careful not to break the ten-

der shoots. Potatoes like an acidic soil so if you have any woody berms, this is a great place to plant them.

Start corn, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash indoors.

Although they can be directly sown into your beds, cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts are much easier to transplant out later, saving much weeding.

The colours are

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earth's life force.

Preparing beds for the fall and winter garden can be achieved by planting summer cover crops that condition, add nutrients and attract beneficial insects. Buckwheat, berseem clover, bush beans, phacelia and calendula are all great cover crops.

For your winter garden, now is the time to sow celery, parsnip, turnips, carrots, beets and chard. Sow winter squash, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage under a cloche or indoors.

May is an incredible month in the garden. The colours are arriving day by day and activity is brimming with earth's life force.

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FIREFIGHTER FUNDRAISER: Nicolas Campbell puts \$5 in the helmet of firefighter A.J. George as Fiona Foster and Dave Bartle look on. Firefighters were out in force last weekend, collecting \$4,600 for Salt Spring's DARE program.

COOKING

Beef, rice noodles combine for Thai feast

Stir Fry Filet Mignon Thai Style

500-gram beef filet, sliced thinly
 4-6 cloves garlic, crushed
 2 Tbsp. oyster sauce
 1 Tbsp. soy sauce
 1/2 c. fish sauce
 3 small red chilis, chopped
 2 Tbsp. finely chopped lemongrass
 1/4 c. cilantro, chopped
 150 grams rice noodles (wide)



Linda Koroscil

LET'S EAT

2 tsp. peanut oil
 6 green onions, quartered
 150 grams snow peas
 1 bunch baby bok choy, chopped

2 tomatoes, chopped
 Combine beef, garlic, chili, lemongrass, sauces and cilantro. Cover and chill three hours or overnight. Cover noodles with boiling water, stand 20 mins. and drain.

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SOCCER

FC drops hold on Challenge Cup

Defeat ends
six-year reign

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There would be no glorious slides through the mud, no hoisting of the cup and no chance for Salt Spring FC to defend their title next year as the six-time champs failed to make the finals of this year's Challenge Cup.

Instead, a pair of off-island teams, the Athletic Club of British Columbia based in Vancouver, and 2006 runner-up Belmont, battled it out for top spot on Monday afternoon.

And with a simple 1-0 victory, history was made and the Challenge Cup earned a ticket aboard a Tsawwassen-bound ferry.

"We've got something to plan for next year," said Jordon Morrison, a Salt Spring FC player and spokesperson.

"I thought we played pretty well, but I guess that wasn't enough."

Salt Spring FC managed to draw both finalists during round-robin play, yet couldn't manage to get the points when it counted.

"It doesn't really matter where you place if you're not in the final," he said.

"Next year, we'll give it another shot."

For other players, including the Salt Spring Old Boys' Doug Pearson, defeat tasted much sweeter.

"I'm still in recovery," he said.

"I'm thankful we didn't make the finals because we had to run the beer gardens on Monday."

In the 18 years he's participated in the tournament, Pearson has won his share of trophies and titles. Now, he said, it's all about enjoying the game.

"The tournament is getting bigger and bigger, and better and better," he said.

Salt Spring FC's failure to hold on to the Division-1 title, Pearson said, is likely a good thing for the tournament as a whole, even if it's hard to swallow for Salt Spring fans.

"It's great that teams have something to take back and something to look forward to next year," he said.

Of the five division finals, three matches were settled by penalty kicks, a testament to the event's competitive nature, said Joanne O'Connor, the tournament's registrar and a player with the Salt Spring Dragons.

The Salt Spring FC alumni squad, playing in the men's over-35 final, came



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Salt Spring's only team to make it to the finals — the FC alumni squad — battles it out against the CV Old Rovers. The Rovers took the match in a shoot-out.

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DOUG PEARSON
Salt Spring Old Boys player

to within a single penalty shot of taking their division.

"With games like that, it sort of comes down to luck," O'Connor said.

Overall the three-day tournament attracted

more than 400 players on 32 teams from Vancouver Island and the Greater Vancouver area.

Rain and low cloud on Sunday prevented a group of Victoria sky-divers from dropping by the lower high school field on Sunday, and picking up plates for youth soccer fundraiser.

The call cancelling the "plate drop" came after name-bearing plates were laid out on the field. To determine the eight winners, youth players drop-kicked eight balls onto the field.

In spite of the Dragons' inability to reach the playoffs, O'Connor said, the tournament is still one of the season's major high-

lights. "Overall, it seemed to be a successful event," she said. "Even with the poor weather, there seemed to be a fairly good number of spectators at each game."

With nearly 100 matches, complete with food and entertainment for all, O'Connor said, the tournament's true stars are the scores of volunteers who devote their time and energy to the island tradition.

"They are the people who make the tournament what it is," she said.

"The highlight for me is to always have teams saying how much fun they had and how they can't wait to come back next year."

SPORTS & RECREATION

HOBBIES AND LEISURE

Model sailboat racers prepare for national championships

Big-time sailing in the palm of their hands

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When he was a child, Lawrie Neish's mother berated him for spending so much time messing about with boats.

No matter the size, Neish has had projects on the go since he began tinkering with boats in the early 1950s.

"And imagine, I'm still at it," he said during an interview on C dock of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

Neish and the small fleet of island hobbyists don't seem to mind that few people have heard about the model sailboat national championships, even if they're scheduled for Salt Spring next weekend.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Roger Kibble reclaims his remote-controlled model sailboat from the sea after a day spent preparing for the Canadian Radio Yachting Association's National Championships set for Salt Spring on June 1-3.

These "toys" are typically one-metre-long replicas of classic racing ships. Operators control the sails and rudder with remote-control handsets. Crafts cost upwards of \$6,000 and hold their own in a 30-knot wind.

"We were sailing last year in Vancouver during a storm and had to call off our regatta so that some of the guys could go out and rescue people stranded in the bigger boats," Neish recalled.

Most racers grew up around traditional sailboats, entering the hobby world because they loved the tactical emphasis and precision of the smaller models.

Neish began building model boat hulls from scratch as a teacher at Gulf Islands Secondary during the 1960s. Now he helps restore hulls for aspiring competitors.

pulleys and sails made of lightweight mylar fabric.

Salt Spring's Bevan Wrate began racing models a few weeks ago. He's keen to line up with some of North America's top racers, but doesn't have any illusions of taking the cup, yet.

"I had nine last-place finishes and one first," he said, following a trial run in Ganges Harbour a few weeks back.

"I'm not sure what happened when I won, but that's not likely to happen at the nationals."

For Wrate, entering the June 1-3 tournament caps off 18 months of hard work to refurbish and rebuild a dusty old hull he discovered in the corner of his shop.

An avid sailor for decades, Wrate said the small boats offer a chance for young and old to connect with the sea without getting their feet wet.

"The whole art of sailboat racing is here," he said. "It's just like big-boat racing, except it's small."

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"It's just like big-boat racing, except it's small."

BEVAN WRATE
Model yacht racer

Club members are far too busy ensuring their crafts are in good nick before some of the continent's finest small boat sailors arrive.

More than 20 racers have already registered for the three-day event, including several from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and even California.

Peter Van Rossen, the early favourite and reigning Canadian champion, hails from Kingston, Ontario.

In racing hotspots such as England and Scandinavia, New Zealand and South Africa, thousands of amateur racing skippers participate in full-fledged racing circuits.

GOLF

Iverson tops stroke-play charts with low gross 91

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The secret of good golf is to hit the ball straight, hard and not too often.

That is exactly what Melanie Iverson did in stroke play on May 8. With only 91 shots, Iverson took low gross. Her closest competitor was Lynda Joyce with a 104.

Low net of 80 was shared by Joanna Barrett, Karen Davies and Tricia Simpson. Joyce was runner-up once again, with an 81. She also took the KP when she landed just short of the pin on the second hole.

Grace Murchie was putting champ, limiting herself to only 28 shots on the green.

• On Saturday, April 28,

Salt Spring Golf and Country Club members played their second mixer of the year with a sell-out crowd.

The sun shone on 80 members and guests taking part in the nine-hole mixed scramble. After golf, the Falconshead Grill served a roast beef dinner.

Prizes were awarded to the winning team of Lorraine and Mel Topping, Marcie Hogan, Wes Akerman and Bill Haworth. Second-place prizes were awarded to Lonia and Don MacLeod, Bud Boves, Wally Stambuck and Bob Holt.

After many door prizes were handed out, the band's tunes brought the dancers to the floor.

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LASER RACING - prerequisite is White Sail III. This 1 week course, Aug. 20 to 24, is for Junior Members of the Salt Spring Sailing Club. Residents of Salt Spring between 12 and 18 years who have completed WS III and are Junior Members (or join the Sailing Club as Junior Members - cost is \$50 to join, then \$25 a year membership and includes use of dinghies and participation in the junior program which includes dinghy racing, competitions, etc.) Cost is \$75 (members) plus \$4.50 GST = \$79.50 or \$75 plus \$50 (membership) plus GST of \$7.50 = \$132.50

Registrations can also be made after May 27 by phoning Rob Irving (538-0992). Payment by cash or cheque only.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

Stars sweat for first point in Oak Bay tie

Island Star Video girls show defensive and offensive skills

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Island Star Video girls didn't quite taste victory on Saturday, but a hard-fought 14-14 tie was probably just as sweet.

The local softball team led their Oak Bay opponents at Fulford ball park through four innings — 5-0 after the first, 6-5 after two, 11-6 after three and 11-9 after four. But Oak Bay came alive in the top of the fifth inning and surged ahead 14-11. All of a sudden the pressure was on to score four for the win.

With the first two batters out, the Oak Bay dug-out started to get cocky. But then Chelsea Baldwinson got on base with a walk, and Jessica Hatchard outran the throw to first after a dropped-ball third strike. A Jody Pringle hit knocked in the first two runners, and then Chloe Sjuberg's double scored Pringle to tie the game.

Another hit from Sarah Robinson kept the momentum going, but Maddi McKay was called out at first — not without controversy from those watching from the first-base-line fence — to end the exciting game with a tie.

Sjuberg pitched four and a half innings and had eight strike-outs, including a dropped ball third strike where the runner made it to first base.

With only a few innings ever under her belt, Robinson came in to finish the fifth inning on the mound and showed some great stuff.

The defensive highlight of the game was catcher Liz Anderson's tag-out at home plate from a dead-on throw from Pringle.

Outfielders Una Conradi and Abby Rothwell also made good stops on the only Oak Bay hits escaping the infield, and third baseman Liz Fennell caught a fly ball, as usual. Robinson at shortstop and Fennell also teamed up to get a runner out trying to steal third.

First baseman Baldwinson got two outs from throws from Sjuberg and Hatchard. On the offensive side, hits came from Christine Villadsen, Robinson (two singles), Pringle (a single and double) and Sjuberg (single and two doubles).

Discipline at the plate — which led to walks from Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara, Baldwinson and Tilly Morgan — plus swift stealing and running like maniacs to first to take advantage of the dropped-ball third-strike rule, also boosted the run tally.

Lack of on-island umpires has proved a problem, though. The strategy of drafting the nearest available male willing to risk the wrath of packs of teenage girls hasn't worked out too badly for the Stars, except for the game-ending call mentioned above.

However, rumour has it that supreme umpire Jim Walsh, AKA "Bones," is considering stepping up to behind the plate again. With his and Shelly Johnson's new twins only six years away from T-ball, he may as well get back into the swing of things now. The Stars' last home games of the season are at Fulford on Saturday. See you there, Jim!

BOWLING

Special 'O' bowlers keep pace

High scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

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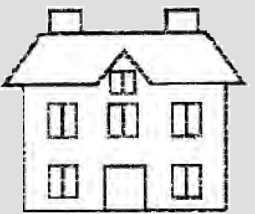
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NOTICES

5 BIRTHS

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6 DEATHS

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8 CARD OF THANKS

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10 CELEBRATIONS

Tara & Martin
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and go legal!



Wedding to take place
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August 18, 2007

10 CELEBRATIONS

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20 COMING EVENTS



**Sunday May 27
... 10 to 3**

at Farmers Institute
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Bring the whole family!
Enjoy the day.

20 COMING EVENTS

Adventures in Self Publishing

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Their book, *Chasing Light Stranger* won 3rd place in the 2007 Prix de la Photographie Paris Fine Art Book Category.

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26 LEGAL

Invitation to Tender Housekeeping services for Club House/Pool Complex



email royal@royalproperty.ca
for tender requirements

29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST, SILVER, wound wire ring. Thurs., May 10, could be anywhere. 537-9785.

FOUND: OLD photograph from Dublin, 2 young boys, possibly Victorian era. Left with donation at Lady Minto Thrift Shop. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

Found after The Sign of the Seahorse at Mahon Hall, Saturday May 12th - silver pendant with stones. Call 537-8566.

FOUND: CHILD bicycle near Hospital. Call to identify 537-8449.

FOUND: DIGITAL camera on Portland Island on April 14. Call to identify 653-0055.

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26 LEGAL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET EMMA ADDISON, Deceased, formerly of 133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island B.C. V8K 1Z9

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of MARGARET EMMA ADDISON, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before June 19, 2007, after which date the executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executors then have notice.

James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of MARGARET EMMA ADDISON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: THE ESTATE OF DENNIS JOHN LESLIE O'CONNOR, Deceased, formerly of 102 Village Terrace, Salt Spring Island B.C. V8K 2V2

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of DENNIS JOHN LESLIE O'CONNOR, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before June 19, 2007, after which date the executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executors then have notice.

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Tickets available at the Artspring Box Office \$10 adults \$7 students

20 COMING EVENTS

YOGA WORKSHOP: with physiotherapist Brett Wearne. See www.spacetoremember.com for details. June 22 - 24. RMT's will receive 14 CEC's.

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

ECO-HOME TOUR:

Sunday, June 17th. Tickets on sale May 17th at Salt Spring Books, SSI Conservancy office, and website: www.saltspringconservancy.ca. Volunteers needed, free ticket for half day: call: 538-0318 or email ssiconservancy@saltspring.com.

BEDDIS & CUSHEON Lake Area Residents' Association AGM. May 30, 2007. Ganges Anglican Church, 7:00 pm. See www.cusheonlakestewardship.com for details.

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6 DEATHS

Barbara Ann Armstrong (Laney)

April 9, 1919 - May 12, 2007

Our mother, Barbara Ann Armstrong (Laney) passed away quietly in her sleep early in the morning of Saturday, May 12. She was 88.

Barbara was born in a schoolhouse on April 9, 1919, during a forest fire in Cloquet, Minnesota. Her mother Amelia died four days later of puerperal sepsis an Barbara was wrapped in a blanket, taken down to the train, and carried in the conductor's arms, 200 miles, to her aunt in Bemidji. She was raised at a TB sanatorium on Lake Julia where her adopted father was the resident doctor. Later, they moved to California where she lived on the campus of Pomona College and her father ran the infirmary. After graduating, she went to business college and stayed in the Los Angeles area. She worked for Coca Cola where she met her first husband, Jack Gibson, with whom she had her first daughter, Pam. The war came, they divorced and she worked at a variety of jobs including editing a small magazine as well as local newspaper. She also worked for Technicolor, Lockheed, and Reynolds Aluminum. Barbara was a liberal Democrat and a strong supporter of Roosevelt. She once had herself deputized and smuggled into a farmer's field to sign up migrant workers for the vote. During the war, she married again, briefly, to an Air Force pilot. After the war, in Bakersfield, California, she finally met Edward Armstrong on a hot afternoon in a cool bar. After two years of a tumultuous and passionate romance they married and moved to Eureka where they had three children, Edward Jr., Micheal and Milly. They moved around California but did not find any place comfortable enough to stay for more than a few years. In 1965, they moved the family north to Canada where they lived on Vancouver Island and in the Vancouver area until the children graduated and, in 1974, they moved permanently to Salt Spring Island. Barbara worked almost continuously all this time. Her last job was with the Gulf Islands School District. her Husband, Ed, passed suddenly in 1980. After several years, Barbara reunited with an old flame, George Manroe, and they lived together happily for four years until he also passed. Barbara volunteered for a number of years with Seniors for Seniors. She passed her last years at Greenwoods and in the Extended Care wing at Lady Minto where she caught up on some sleep. The wonderful, caring staff in both places were very kind to her. Barbara was an avid reader, a talented poet and a dedicated letter writer whose letters were cherished and saved by her correspondents. She was a romantic and passionate woman who inspired her children. She married a man with red tents and goes to join him now. He has been waiting. She is loved and she is missed.



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Closing Date: June 1, 2007 at 3:00 pm.

Submit applications to:
Joanne Van Pelt
268 Fulford Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
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Islands Trust

Planner 1 – Full Time – Temporary
2007-06-01 – 2007-12-31

**Planning Officer R21
Salt Spring Island
\$49,057.80 - \$55,964.94**

The Islands Trust is an independent local government agency with responsibility for land-use planning in the Georgia Basin and Howe Sound area of British Columbia.

The Planner 1 provides support to Local Trust Committees and community boards and committees within assigned regional areas of the Islands Trust. Acting under the regular supervision of a Regional Planning Manager (RPM) the Planner 1 is responsible for addressing a number of planning related duties including, research, responding to public enquiries, processing routine development applications including development permits, development variance permits and preparing amendments to an LTC Land Use Bylaw.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimally, a college program in community planning technology or an undergraduate degree in planning, geography or environmental science; at least one year experience in the planning field, with preferred experience with local government, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Ability to establish and maintain constructive working relationships with a wide range of public officials and managers, private executives and general public. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills; knowledge and understanding of the various provincial government Acts and regulations; an understanding of Legislative conventions; and common law principles.

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Qualifications, Experience – a mental health professional with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing or Social Work or equivalent combination of education and extensive direct experience working with the mentally ill both as in and out patients. Three years supervised outpatient psychiatric experience in community mental health and/or inpatient psychiatry is required. Eligibility for registration with appropriate governing body is required. Familiarity with hospital protocols and current familiarity with associated medications is desired.

Apply by June 8, 2007, 4:00 pm with resume and cover letter to:

**Paul Gregory
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RITCHIE BROTHERS AUCTIONEERS is conducting an unreserved business dispersal auction for Don Laing Trailers, Don Laing Tractor & Used Parts Ranch. Sale to take place at the junction of Hwy #2 & 53, Ponoka, Alberta on Monday, June 4 & Tuesday, June 5 at 8 a.m. Over 160 unused trailers, including CHARMAC gooseneck & bumper cargo, snowmobile, tri & snow sports, motorcycle & car haulers, NORBERT flatdecks, gooseneck, bumper, and pintle hitches. T/A, Tri/A & tandem dually, NORBERT gooseneck stocks, KIEFER built aluminum stock, stock combo, and horse trailers, SOUTHLAND 12 ft. dump trailer. Over 90 unused LANDPRIDE implements, including 3pt hitch tillers, finishing & rough cut mowers, discs, rakes, spreaders, rear blades, soil pulverizers, box scrapers, aerator, and post hole augers. LANDPRIDE zero turn mowers, P/T mowers & skid steer post hole augers. 2-PALAX firewood processors & log table. Over 60 unused WALLENSTEIN products including, 15 - 3 pt & skidsteer wood splitters, 26-Honda powered trailer wood splitters, 4 - 3 pt log grapples, one 12,000 lb. 3 pt log winch, 9 - 25 & 50 Bu Ground drive manure spreaders, 9-wood chipper-PTO & eng driven. 2 - used IHC 75 & 100 Bu Ground driven manure spreaders. Unused BAUMA LIGHT tree spades & spoons. 16 used 2WD & MFWD Tractors, 37 - 185 hp. 8 unused Deutz utility tractors, 7 - 07 - Agrokid 55 MFWD & 1 - '06 - Agrokid 40 MFWD. 5 Suzuki Quads. 10 used late model trucks, including, 4 - Chev 4X4 - 1/2 tons, 1-Chev C5500 Top Kick Durmax A/T 4X4, steel deck, 1-Chev K3500 Durmax A/T 4X4, steel deck, Ford 8000 T/A gravel truck, diesel, Ford F350 service truck, underhood compressor, new mechanics box, GMC sprayer nurse truck, w/chemical mix pot and Honda pump. Spray Coupe 4640, Perkins diesel, foam markers. BRUNS 450 Bu Grain wagons. Large quantity of unused POWDER RIVER livestock handling items, including two complete handling systems hyd & man squeeze chutes, gates, panels, & call tables. 120,000 used parts, 20,000 new parts, over 400 major pieces of shop equipment, and over 50 lots of light to heavy duty industrial racking. Over 1000 ft of custom built, tire, rim & rad racking. For more information please contact: Jim 403-783-8411 (for whole goods); RBA Manager: Simon Wallan 780-831-8529; Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers 1-800-491-4494 or visit our website www.rbauction.com.

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FAMILY HYMN

Oh Lord we lift our prayer to Thee for love within the family. Lord hear us as we pray. Help our fathers to fulfill their role. To lead, encourage, guide, console. Whether our dad is home by day, or working far away. Dear God, you know a mother's joy to teach and nurture girl or boy. To see their lessons learned. To watch as they mature with grace, to trust them with their private space. Let mother know her thanks is earned and see her trust returned. Our children face an ugly world, aggression's hostile flag unfurled, which gives us all concern. With moral standards in decay, at home, at school at work, in play. And our behavior shapes in turn the values children learn. Dear Lord, if family bonds are breached, and understanding can't be reached let reason rule the day. Let parents' first concern remain their children's welfare under strain. Help sons and daughters know that they are loved by those away. God, keep our families close and strong, a shield from harm, or hurt, or wrong, a bond that sets us free. A father's strength, a mother's care, unspoken love that children share. And heavenly Father, grant that we are join in love with thee. Written by Kenneth Samuel Gunning, April 6, 1930 - April 23, 2007. Dedicated by Amber Cab Co.

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GARAGE SALE

Mostly for men. Sat. May 26, 9 am - 1 pm. Contents of shed, radial arm saw, floor drill, grinder, shop tools, garden tools, shop supplies, etc. 108 Pine St. Brinkworthy Pl.

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MULTI GARAGE SALE

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- 2 MULTI-FAMILY yard sale. 10 am - 3 pm, Sunday, May 27. Interesting treasures, cool clothes, tools, household, books, music. 782 Beaver Point Rd. Weston Lake, rain or shine.
- 3 8 am - 2 pm, SATURDAY, MAY 26. 105 Barkers Place, household items, tables, chairs, wood stove, 12' aluminum boat.
- 4 199 NORTON ROAD, 8 am to 1 pm. Saturday, May 26.

- 5 SAT. MAY 26, 10 - 1. 300 Walkers Hook, near dip. Following Sat. if raining. Lots of goodies.
- 6 PORTABLE CD player, computer scanner, toaster oven, spin washer, new dlink filing cabinet, kids toys, fabric, etc. Everything priced to go! 225 Vesuvius Bay Rd. Sat., May 26, 9am to 3pm.
- 7 MOVING SALE. Saturday, May 26, 9-1. Rain or shine at 120 Mansell. Couch, chairs, electronics, clothing, books, and wonderful treasures!
- 8 YARD SALE, May 26 Operation Trackshoes Fundraiser at the G.I.F.T.S. building. 152 McPhillips Ave. 9am to 2pm.
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This Week's Horoscope

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The momentum is rising steadily and you can feel the full force of spring both within and without. There is more at play than just the fine weather why the whole solar system is working to see you soar. Ah weather to linger longer at home in the garden or venture out to embrace the sweet season - decisions, decisions. You may also feel the urge to cover a lot of ground.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

When it comes to fulfilling wants, needs and desires life gets busy. Toss in everyday responsibilities and the weekend arrives quickly. The question is are you enjoying the moment or are you over focused on outcomes? Whether you are aiming to earn extra cash by working more or tending to other means of bringing in more streams of income the key is to have fun all the while.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are in the mood to take a dynamic lead. Reclaiming any lost ground from a slow start this spring is high on the list. Woe to the one who challenges your charge. You would like to tip toe through the tulips but hey, sometimes you gotta march. Your sights are set on creating more comfort, security and affection too.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Ah the meditative moments available with the long warm days of spring. Even rainy days offer an excuse to rejoice in the flowers and fresh foliage. Flirting with possibilities meanwhile is a source of excitement. This may be especially evident in your professional sphere. You are in the mood to both learn and perhaps instruct as well. Experiential activity will probably prove most valuable.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Awakening to a host of inspiring opportunities is a source of inspiration. With new friends and places to explore you are on the go. Your mind is open to possibilities and you are eager to address all promising prospects. Deep feelings of love and the accompanying passion is filling your heart, body, mind and soul. Your willingness to change and try new things and angles of approach is ideal if not necessary.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

The spotlight is shining on your public and professional scene. This is a great time to

advance your position. Are there any favours or earned rewards you could request from authority figures at this time. If you work for yourself make the most of this dynamic 3-4 week period. Perhaps you are ready for a raise or a loan or anything to increase your power and earning potential.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

The urge to travel is big now. Whether in mind or body or both you are eager to expand your visions and horizons. Others may be pushing you to take initiative, perhaps even aggressively. Finding the words and the ways to communicate your truth and feelings is part of the plot. Aiming to create more harmony may require new tools and strategies. Everything may be moving fast right now and this will continue for at least another week.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You have entered a rather deep cycle of change. Your perceptions and traditional way of doing things may require re-assessment. Working to control your self, for one reason or another, is ideal now. There are indications that you are working diligently to break through to higher ground. Ironically, this may require that you dig a little deeper than you normally would.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The spotlight continues to shine on your relationships. Friends, lovers, ex-lovers and/or spouse and probably family relations are highlighted. You want certain things to deepen and

probably also certain things to end. How to communicate your feelings and be heard and respected is the trick.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

With the Sun in your house of health that is the call for you now for the next few weeks. Paying closer attention to the quality of your lifestyle may be a very good idea. If you are already pretty healthy, get healthier. It may be as much your mind and/or the quality of your perspectives, attitude or vision that needs a little work.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

The focus continues to be on creativity. You are feeling inspired and energetic to take on new projects and interests. This is a good time to break through to a new level somehow or at least set your intentions to do so. Attending to your health and the quality of your diet remains active as well and will continue for a few weeks.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

A good deal of activity close to home is keeping you busy. You feel creative and want to nurture yourself, your loved ones and your ambitions. You are eager to initiate actions that will increase your lot. Balancing your vision and your energies realistically is important. Your career and/or social reputation may need extra special attention.

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Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

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Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Operations Report
- Performance Term II Update
- Two-Port Trial Schedule Update

Minutes of committee meetings are available on BC Ferries' website www.bcferries.com.

Salt Spring Island
Harbour House Hotel, Blue Room
121 Upper Ganges Road

Wednesday, May 30th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The following persons may be contacted as members of your ferry advisory committee:

Chair, Bob Jones, Gary Holman, Janice Harkley, Bryan Denton, Lorne Bunyan, Bruce Patterson, Harold Swierenga and George Ehring

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ISLAND STARS: Alysha Collette is proud of her find as Fernwood school kids hit the beach by Fernwood dock.

PUTTING AROUND

Island golfers take top spot

Championship year isn't over yet

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Steep competition and windy weather was no match for a group of island golfers who clinched the exclusive and elusive Lower Island Nine Hole Golf Association Cup at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club Saturday afternoon.

"That's right, while everybody was out sailing we were on the course," said Richard Weatherall, one of the team's six competitors. "This year we just did really well."

On Saturday, the team did so well they took nine of the tournament's nine possible points during match play against some quite formidable opponents.

Association members include Prospect Lake, Royal Oak, Ardmore and Metchosin, the 2006 champions.

A trophy will be awarded to the Salt Spring Island Golf Club in Metchosin in early June.

"This isn't very common," Weatherall said. "We went into the match well ahead of the pack."

Weatherall hopes the stroke of luck will follow the team to the final match of the Bambrick Cup on Galiano Island on Thursday.

A win would give Salt Spring a stranglehold on a trophy island players have struggled to get their hands on in past years, said Weatherall.

"It's been dog years since we've won," he said.

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY

Salt Spring university women sponsor 25 girls overseas

Island generosity runs from Malawi to India

In a project dubbed HOPE, the Salt Spring branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has this year dramatically increased the number of young women sponsored for secondary education in less developed countries.

Starting with an initial two students in 2005, increased to seven in 2006, a total of 25 girls are sponsored this year—10 girls sponsored by the club and a further 15 taken up by individual club members.

"The young women are selected for outstanding academic achievement and financial need, and are recommended by their schools and screened by local representatives," notes a CFUW press release. "Without financial sponsorship to complete their high school educa-

tion, many would be urged into early marriage . . . Once selected, each girl writes an annual letter, which is accompanied by a report from the school along with grades. The letters are compelling, and reflect not only the hardships faced by these young women, but also their dreams of making a better life for themselves, their families, their countries."

Ella from Malawi writes that she and her sister live with aged grandparents, as both their parents died in the early 1990s. With no income in the family, although Ella wishes to go to university, she is handicapped by lack of school fees, uniform and shoes, boarding fees, supplies, and scant school library resources. She claims that hunger is ever present and she spends much time fetching food for the family. "Apart from this, my

grandparents are forcing me to get married, that is not good for a girl to get early married."

Tracey in the Solomon Islands says she can see there's a future awaiting her. ". . . girls have the ability to do whatever they want to do. I'm always hoping that one day I could show the world that we girls are full of talents that are never realized." Her goal is to become an air pilot.

Paramasware of Tamil Nadir in southern India was sponsored during the first year of the HOPE project. She matriculated, won a scholarship to university, and now studies engineering—a remarkable achievement for the daughter of stone quarry workers. While lack of school fees in poor countries prevents many youngsters from pursuing elementary and secondary school, universities are often free or offer scholarships and bur-

saries to deserving students.

The 25 sponsored girls live in The Cameroon, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, India, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. They are selected through the auspices of the volunteer-based Commonwealth Countries League's Education Fund. Funds are channelled through this organization, as are annual progress reports, and 100 per cent of funds raised on Salt Spring go directly to the scholarships. A total of \$11,118 has been forwarded overseas for the upcoming school year. Individual fees vary widely in amount, from \$150 to \$750 Canadian per year. A high proportion of the girls sponsored by CFUW have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS.

The major fundraiser for the HOPE Project is a hostess table

of home-made treats of food and gift items, and a silent and live auction held in early December at the club's annual Christmas luncheon. Club members and their guests look forward to shopping for Christmas at this event.

Besides sponsoring overseas students, Salt Spring Island CFUW has for many years sponsored two post-secondary scholarships for graduates of GISS. The club has charitable status for both scholarship funds and can issue receipts for individual donations.

The club meets on the last Saturday morning of the month; anyone interested in membership in CFUW or in the HOPE Project may contact president elect Ursula Livingston at 537-8561, treasurer Lyndsay Mundy at 537-5235, or HOPE chair Marilyn McDowell 538-1936.

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