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ISLAND TRAFFIC

Transit counter petitions all set

Sign only if you do not want the bylaw to pass

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents opposed to establishing community transit and a transportation authority to oversee local traffic issues can now pick up an elector response form if they want to stop the required bylaw from passing.

The counter-petition system was put forward by Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman to speed up the approval process. A more expensive and time consuming referendum was the other possible choice.

To stop the bylaw, 10 per cent of Salt Spring's electors, or 837 people, must sign an elector response form by July 9.

Early last month, the government announced it will provide Salt Spring with approximately half the annual operating subsidy for a public transit system. The Union of B.C. Municipalities also announced it will fund two small buses for the island. The transit service will consist of the two buses, one running between Fulford/Ganges/Vesuvius, and one in and around Ganges. This system is expected to cost property owners of an average-assessed property an additional \$11.47 annually.

Fares will also be charged to users.

The transportation authority, which will run the bus service, is set to be established next month.

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SPRING TOUCH-UP: Joshua Beckett adds a coat of white paint to a railing at Mahon Hall. Previously grey, the entire heritage building is getting new paint — and a new colour. The job is one of many upgrades to the 105-year-old building undertaken by the Salt Spring Arts Council.

TENNIS BUBBLE

PARC holds court over latest tennis plan

Two one-hour meetings offered to public in June as PARC collects input from the community

BY GAIL SJURBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring's indoor tennis marathon is going the extra mile with town hall meetings set to gather public input in June.

At Monday's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting, the group decided it will hold one-hour sessions beginning at 6 p.m. before regularly scheduled June 11 and 25 PARC meetings at the Portlock Park portable.

Holding meetings should not be viewed as "stalling," said PARC chair Rosemary Trump when questioned by a colleague about the idea.

"I think it's our responsibility to provide public

input to this process."

At issue is whether PARC should install a new one-court winter tennis bubble, for an estimated \$246,000, including \$140,000 currently held in trust by the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA). The \$140,000 represents net revenue collected from indoor bubble rental over the years and earmarked to purchase a new seasonal structure.

A tennis association presentation to the meeting urged PARC to move forward with the straightforward bubble replacement.

"Let us create something useful by learning from past experience and move forward," said

SSTA member Mike Leedham reading from a presentation signed by SSTA president Erica Ross. "After 15 seasons of use, this fall our old bubble will not be raised — it has reached the end of its life. This past season more of the anchors failed and overall the structure has lost its integrity. We had planned for this and knew years ago replacement was inevitable — as a result the bubble replacement fund exists."

Ross' statement also clarified a number of points raised in a written submission made to PARC two weeks earlier by tennis coach and PARC-plan critic Mike Best. The SSTA has 161 members, up 27 per cent in the past two years, Ross noted, and more than 50 people use the bubble regularly.

PARC's new tennis plan follows two years of **TENNIS BUBBLE** continued on 2

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vice and take responsibility for local sidewalks and bike paths, parking spaces, traffic calming facilities and pedestrian safety, is expected to cost an additional \$6.39 annually.

The bylaw will pass unless 837 qualified voters sign the elector response forms. If the bylaw is struck down, a referendum will occur in the fall.

To obtain an elector response form, go to the CRD Salt Spring Building Inspection Office located at #206-118 Fulford Ganges Road, or log onto www.crd.bc.ca/election/.

FOR THE RECORD

A May 16 Driftwood article incorrectly stated that Sharla Pelter was convicted of operating a motor vehicle while impaired. Pelter was handed a lesser charge of driving a vehicle without due care and attention under the province's Motor Vehicle Act and fined \$600. She retains all driving privileges. The presiding judge issued a stay of proceedings on the impaired driving charge.

• Aaron Sigurgeirson was also described as a "mate" on the Skeena Queen in last week's Round Salt Spring Race story, when in fact he was the deckhand.

• Volunteer firefighter Rob Grossman was incorrectly identified as Dave Bartle in a photo last week.

• Finally, a Christmas Sugar Plums recipe in the May 9 Community Cookbook was missing an ingredient.

One cup of ground almonds should be included in the ingredients list.

WHAT'S ON This Week?

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TRANSPORTATION

'Bike to Work Week' set to get lots of people pedaling

Event kicks off month of transportation awareness

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's not only the weather that's got people leaving their cars at home in exchange for their bikes this week.

On Monday morning, thousands of commuters across the province did something different to start off the day: they left their car keys at home.

Between May 28 and June 3, cyclists are taking to the streets to mark Bike to Work Week, an annual event aimed at getting people on their bikes.

And with the public's attention focussed on climate change, this year's event is especially significant.

"People realize this is so much more than a healthy way to get around," said Margery Moore, co-founder of the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action on Salt Spring Island. "Eliminating just one trip into town every week can make a big difference."

If that isn't enough, record gas prices make Bike to Work Week easier on the

pocketbook too.

Moore said she'll be using her bike to get around town whenever she gets the opportunity. She may still be driving her vehicle, but at least the mindset of jumping in the car is changing.

Because it only takes Marion Pape a few minutes to get into town from her Rainbow Road home, she uses her bike on a daily basis.

"It's easy for me, because I'm so close," she said. "It makes you think twice about taking that second trip. You make sure you haven't left anything behind."

It may not take Bike to Work Week to get Pape riding each day, but she hopes the event will inspire others to hit the streets on two wheels.

"Even if people only ride to work once a week," she said, "they will see it can be done and that's a start."

By biking to work once a week, a 12-kilometre round trip between Vesuvius and Ganges adds up to nearly 650 kilometres every year. The 20-minute ride is a great way to slot in morning and afternoon workouts and parking in town isn't a problem.

Leaving the car at home for just one day a week can eliminate up to 20 per cent of a vehicle's annual emissions.

While no formal events are commemorating Bike to Work Week on Salt Spring, residents keen on reassessing their modes of travel have much greater plans in store at the Getting Around Salt Spring (GASS) fair slated for Saturday, June 16.

"Even if people only ride to work once a week, they will see it can be done and that's a start."

MARION PAPE

The fair is an opportunity to see creative, cost-effective and environmentally friendly methods of getting around Salt Spring.

The day-long event kicks off with a rally in the Upper Ganges Centre parking lot on Lower Ganges Road at 10 a.m. For more information or to participate, contact Christine Atkinson at 537-4400 or e-mail atkinsonchristine@hotmail.com.

BC FERRIES

Skeena: noisy ride from Fulford

Skeena rust removal work 'deafening'

place during warm, sunny weather, said B.C. Ferries' director of media relations Deborah Marshall.

The work occurs when the boat is running between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay, and when it is docked, she said.

Customers on the boat will hear some noise, but there is no risk of auditory

injury, Marshall said.

However, Salt Spring resident Paul Minvielle disagrees, based on his experience on the vessel Monday morning.

He said the noise from the ongoing work was deafening.

"They should be issuing ear protection to the passengers," said Minvielle.

PARC bubble controversy continues

TENNIS BUBBLE

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controversy that began when the commission decided in the summer of 2005 to pursue a structure covering two Portlock Park tennis courts year-round at a budgetted cost of \$650,000.


An ad hoc group called the Salt Spring Ratepayers tried to stop the purchase with an unsuccessful appeal to the Capital Regional District Board, which approves

major PARC expenditures, and then a civil court action, which was later dropped when PARC changed its plans.

In a submission to the April 4 Driftwood, PARC stated it lost \$307,759 through the whole process.

That included the actual structure and associated costs after recovering \$95,000 from its subsequent sale, and \$60,562 in legal, staff and court fees.

The process has since been the subject of a B.C. Ombudsman's office investigation.



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CULTURAL MOSAIC

Ceremony celebrates aboriginal agreement

School document teaches acceptance and appreciation of all cultures

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

School District 64 stepped towards better supporting its aboriginal students with the signing of an Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement at a ceremony in Drummond Park last Wednesday.

In the works for three years, the agreement is already making headway in improving aboriginal students' well-being.

Nine years ago, not a single student within the district identified themselves as aboriginal. Last year, 40 students did. This year, that number jumped to 66.

"There's no way that we have had that many [new aboriginal students], so what it shows is a growing sense of pride," said Helen Mason, former chair of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council (AEAC), after Wednesday's signing.

Long-time Salt Spring resident Jim Spencer opened the ceremony by inviting the ancestors' spirits to join proceedings. This was done by offering the four sacred medicines to open each directional door: tobacco for the east, cedar for the north, sage for the west and sweetgrass for the south.

"It means so much to our ancestors what is happening today," said an emotional Spencer. "We've had a long journey to get where we are today."

Aboriginal students and AEAC members Solomon Reece and George Georgeson next laid down two paddles, the first representing the coastal people with the eagle and the second representing the other nations.

"We feel that we have to represent all aboriginal cultures because we're all represented in this district," Reece said.

The district operates within four aboriginal territories: Tsartlip, Tseycum, W'Ilkseum and Penaklut. It also includes students from other aboriginal and Metis communities.

Paddles were carved specifically for the ceremony by Reece's father, local artist Victor Reece.

Next, two aboriginal dancers, two men and a woman, performed three traditional dances in full uniform. They were accompanied by four women who played a large drum and sang. The ceremony continued with a number of speeches, including one by Eric McMahon, a representative of the Ministry of Education and former Gulf Islands Secondary principal. He congratulated the district, and specifically Reece and Georgeson, for completing the agreement.

Reece and Georgeson worked on the AEAC through the



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At right, Solomon Reece and George Georgeson, display paddles carved for the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement ceremony. Above, May McKenzie signs the agreement.



entire process, meaning the now 15 and 14-year-old students joined the group at ages 12 and 11, respectively.

A core group of 10 people worked on the agreement, but communities were constantly kept in the loop.

"It involves a lot of consultation and going back and forth and getting more information," Mason said.

"This is a symbol of the fact that we've realized we have a lot to learn from one another," district superintendent Jeff Hopkins said during another speech.

The report's goals were set in the areas of academics, culture, personal development and positive learning.

They include improving aboriginal students' academic success and excellence; sense of belonging and youth leadership; and cultural appreciation and respect for the traditional teachings and wisdom of elders.

"It's essential to promote and enrich our history," Reece said of the document.

Before the AEAC, aboriginal students had no formal way of identifying themselves to their peers within the district, Reece said.

This year, Reece and Georgeson spearheaded the first Aboriginal Day, which featured a number of guest speakers and allowed aboriginal students to meet with each other to share their feelings and desires. They hope to make it an annual event.

The agreement will be used to foster understanding and respect between all students, not just aboriginal ones.

School District 64 is the 34th in B.C. to sign an agreement. Every district in the province will eventually have to sign one.

News briefs

Ferry fares on agenda

Islanders interested in the latest ferry gossip should check out the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (CFAC) meeting tonight (Wednesday) at the Harbour House.

The juiciest details on ferry fare caps for the next performance term, from 2008 to 2011, will be on the discussion board. This is one of the last times to learn about how potential increases will affect ferry passengers.

The controversial Friday night sailing schedule from Tsawwassen to the southern

Gulf Islands is also on the agenda. The stats on whether the earlier sailing time is a hit or a miss should be available, said Salt Spring FAC chair Bob Jones.

The operations report will also be discussed.

For minutes of committee meetings, go to B.C. Ferries' website at www.bcferries.com. The meeting is Wednesday, May 30, from 8 p.m. in the Harbour House Hotel's Blue Room.

For more information, contact one of the Salt Spring FAC members — Jones, Gary Holman, Janice Harkley, Bryan Denton, Lorne Bunyan, Bruce Patterson, Harold Swierenga or George Ehring

— or B.C. Ferries' manager of sales and community relations Rebecca Bailey at 250-516-1178 or rebecca.bailey@bcferries.com.

Moth spray Thursday

Ground-spraying with Dipel 2XDF to combat gypsy moth problems in the Lees Hill area will take place Thursday, May 31, not the May 16 date as first planned.

The area bounds 104 Lee Road and 1803 Fulford Ganges Road in the south and by 1747 and 1710 Fulford-Ganges Road in the north. Spraying of the product, a

bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) formulation approved for use on organic farms, will take place between 8 a.m. and about 3 p.m.

Adult volunteers are also needed to help assemble gypsy moth traps at the Farmers Institute on Saturday, June 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. People are advised to bring their worst clothes, "as they will probably get sticky," said Leslie Wallace, coordinator of Salt Spring's alternate gypsy moth treatment program.

"As usual with all of our gypsy moth events, there will be a draw for a fabulous prize and food treats, courtesy of local businesses."

People can just show up and help.

Burgoyne film debuts

Fans of Salt Spring and its history won't want to miss the premiere of Salt Spring Island Discovery, a one-hour documentary on the Burgoyne Valley.

Produced and directed by Peter Prince, and narrated by local historian Chris Arnett, the film will be shown at a special event at Fulford Hall on Sunday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Island Discovery includes interviews with Bob Akerman, Val Gyves,

Barb Lyngard and Dorothy Dodds, a tour of the Akerman museum, and uses Salt Spring Archives photos and current footage to reveal a fascinating story.

Prince originally planned to do a film on the entire island's history, but the Burgoyne Valley provided more than enough material on its own.

Sunday's event is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Historical Society and Friends of Salt Spring Parks.

Admission is by donation. A clip of the film can be viewed and the DVD purchased on Prince's website at www.peterprince.com.



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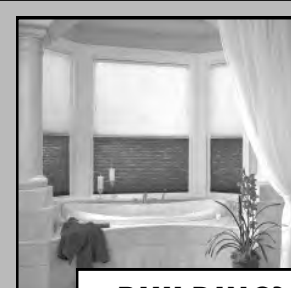
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FERRIES

Comparing ferry systems in Washington and B.C.

U.S. counterpart has older ships and cheaper rates

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Our neighbours to the south in Washington also rely heavily on ferries for transportation. Although there are many service differences, a comparison between the two companies is interesting.

Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair Bob Jones describes Washington State Ferries (WSF) as "older and more bare-boned."

Bob Distler, who sits on the seven-member board for WSF, provided information on the eight-route system.

• According to B.C. Ferries' annual report for the fiscal year ending March 2006, the company carried 21.7 million passengers. This number was down slightly from 22 million passengers from the previous year.

• At the end of WSF's fiscal year in June 2006, 24 million people had travelled on WSF, with about one half of those using multi-ride passes and therefore considered commuters. These numbers vary widely according to the route.

• B.C. Ferries has a total of 36 vessels and 25 routes. The mean age of vessels is 32.4 years.

• WSF has 28 ferries and 13 routes. Distler suspects the WSF fleet is, on average, older

than B.C. Ferries'. Three of the vessels are over 80 years old, with a majority in the 20 to 40-year range. Their newest ships are six years old. Currently, WSF has budgeted for four new vessels, but Distler estimates they will need 13 by 2025.

• The Skeena Queen on the Swartz Bay/Fulford route carries 100 cars on a 35-minute trip about eight times per day. Car and driver are sold separately unless prepaid tickets are purchased. Peak-season fares are \$26.45 for vehicle and \$8.30 for adult, including fuel surcharge. Off-season rates are \$22.90 and \$8.00. With a prepaid ticket (book of five), the rate is \$21.35 for both vehicle and driver.

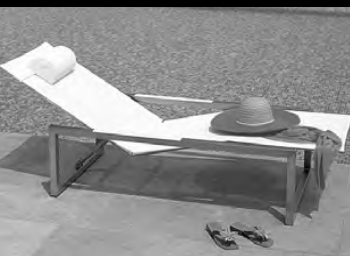
• The Seattle to Bainbridge route carries 218 cars on a 35-minute trip with about two dozen sailings per day, Distler said. WSF bundles the driver and car fares. The off-season cost for this route is \$11.25 US for both vehicle and driver or \$6.50 per passenger. Car and driver rates rise by 25 per cent in peak seasons to \$14.45, but multi-ride cards allow savings of 20 per cent. Peak season rates do not affect passenger fares.

• B.C. Ferries is a private company, although the provincial government is its only shareholder, that receives some funding from the provincial and federal governments.

• WSF is owned by the state. It is largely funded by vehicle tax funds as it is deemed to be part of the highway system.

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ISLANDS TRUST

OCP review gets down to business

Application delays a part of the process

regional planning manager responsible for overseeing the review process.

Determining if the Trust has the legal ability and administrative resources to support recommendations will be taken into account, but may not determine whether some make the cut, since many recommendations look 10, 20 and 50 years into the future.

"We intend to present the findings to people in a manageable open-house format," Porter said. "The idea is to break things down into segments so that people may attend the meeting for specific issues."

Results from the June event will be further consolidated into draft policies made into a new OCP bylaw

that will be released in mid-September, Porter said.

A public hearing with written and verbal submissions will then be held.

As staff planners prepare the bylaw, Porter said, people seeking rezoning, variance and other day-to-day applications handled by the Trust can expect limited services until the fall.

Under normal circumstances, applications generally take three months to come before trustees.

The bylaw should be in line for Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee adoption by February 2008. Approval from the Islands Trust Executive Committee and province's Ministry of Community Services is then required.

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nobody ever said reviewing the island's official community plan (OCP) would be easy and things won't get any easier as the process passes its halfway point.

Between now and a two-day public session slated for June 28-29, planners and focus group members will be working to streamline hundreds of recommendations developed over the past several months.

"We must determine what can go into the OCP and chuck that which does not come within our authority," said Brodie Porter, the Trust's

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Province provides funding for parks

Salt Spring's provincial parks are in line for \$350,000 in government funding.

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell announced \$250,000 will be used to help control the spread of carpet burweed and repair the former residence of Henry Ruckle.

An additional \$100,000 will be used to improve the drinking water system in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.

Galiano Island's Montague Harbour Marine Park will receive \$200,000 for the first phase of a two-year project to repair and replace broken tables and posts, improve campsite grounds and upgrade the water system.

"This year our government is putting more than half a million dollars into local parks and I am proud to support this investment," said Coell.



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RESCUE RE-ENACTMENT: A Salt Spring Fire Rescue demo keeps the crowd enthralled at Friday's Applied Skills Day extravaganza at Gulf Islands Secondary. Activities included an "iron chef" competition, go-kart races, displays and hands-on exploration in the trades fields.

WATER USAGE

Water monitoring on Fulford agenda

Installation of meters will hopefully cut water waste

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Fulford Waterworks District's AGM on Saturday revealed the area has some of the highest water consumption on Salt Spring.

Yearly water use is measured from May to April. Overall water usage in 2005/2006 was up by an average of 11 per cent a month on a 12-month basis compared to 2002/2003 levels, board chair John Rowlandson said during a phone interview Monday.

Water consumption increased from an average of 29,000 gallons per month per household in 2002/2003 to 33,000 gallons in 2005/2006, Rowlandson said.

Although month to month the usage trends remained somewhat the same, overall usage is much higher. For example, in May 2005/2006, usage was almost 60 per cent above the same period in 2002/2003.

FARMING

Mobile abattoir considered option for island

Meat producers host B.C. visitor

Salt Spring's red meat producers met on Sunday afternoon at Gavin Johnston's organic farm in the Fulford Valley to review new information about abattoir options.

Island farmer Margaret Thomson said Maria Castro of the B.C. Food Processors Association explained how

the proposed new waste regulations differ from past ones, aiming to eliminate environmental pollution and safely dispose of cattle parts that could potentially spread Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

These regulations are now in draft form at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epdiv/ema_codes_of_practice/slaughter.

"Almost all present agreed with the findings of the 2003 Abattoir Feasibility Study that a fixed abattoir would not be financially viable due to the low livestock numbers [on Salt Spring], but a mobile one might be, if on a more modest scale than the one built by Gate To Plate," said Thomson.

"Volunteers will be exploring site possibilities and

amongst village consumers will now be developed.

Incentives similar to those in water districts elsewhere in the Capital Regional District (CRD) could be set up, such as offering rebates for purchase of low-flow toilets.

The long-term development of the village and watershed management was also a topic of discussion.

Given the current availability of water in Weston Lake, the area's water supplier, only about 100 new homes can be developed in the area. Recent official community plan (OCP) results called for a couple of hundred homes to be added to the area.

"I think a big part of it is to conserve our water so that if we do find ourselves in a period of no rain, we are not drawing down Weston Lake more than it can afford," Rowlandson said.

On another note, Saturday's AGM was the last for Bruce Patterson, who is stepping down as a board member after serving 22 years, and 20 as board chair.




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RESCUE RE-ENACTMENT: A Salt Spring Fire Rescue demo keeps the crowd enthralled at Friday's Applied Skills Day extravaganza at Gulf Islands Secondary. Activities included an "iron chef" competition, go-kart races, displays and hands-on exploration in the trades fields.

WATER USAGE

Water monitoring on Fulford agenda

Installation of meters will hopefully cut water waste

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Fulford Waterworks District's AGM on Saturday revealed the area has some of the highest water consumption on Salt Spring.

Yearly water use is measured from May to April. Overall water usage in 2005/2006 was up by an average of 11 per cent a month on a 12-month basis compared to 2002/2003 levels, board chair John Rowlandson said during a phone interview Monday.

Water consumption increased from an average of 29,000 gallons per month per household in 2002/2003 to 33,000 gallons in 2005/2006, Rowlandson said.

Although month to month the usage trends remained somewhat the same, overall usage is much higher. For example, in May 2005/2006, usage was almost 60 per cent above the same period in 2002/2003.

FARMING

Mobile abattoir considered option for island

Meat producers host B.C. visitor

Salt Spring's red meat producers met on Sunday afternoon at Gavin Johnston's organic farm in the Fulford Valley to review new information about abattoir options.

Island farmer Margaret Thomson said Maria Castro of the B.C. Food Processors Association explained how

the proposed new waste regulations differ from past ones, aiming to eliminate environmental pollution and safely dispose of cattle parts that could potentially spread Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

These regulations are now in draft form at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epdiv/ema_codes_of_practice/slaughter.

"Almost all present agreed with the findings of the 2003 Abattoir Feasibility Study that a fixed abattoir would not be financially viable due to the low livestock numbers [on Salt Spring], but a mobile one might be, if on a more modest scale than the one built by Gate To Plate," said Thomson.

"Volunteers will be exploring site possibilities and

amongst village consumers will now be developed.

Incentives similar to those in water districts elsewhere in the Capital Regional District (CRD) could be set up, such as offering rebates for purchase of low-flow toilets.

The long-term development of the village and watershed management was also a topic of discussion.

Given the current availability of water in Weston Lake, the area's water supplier, only about 100 new homes can be developed in the area. Recent official community plan (OCP) results called for a couple of hundred homes to be added to the area.

"I think a big part of it is to conserve our water so that if we do find ourselves in a period of no rain, we are not drawing down Weston Lake more than it can afford," Rowlandson said.

On another note, Saturday's AGM was the last for Bruce Patterson, who is stepping down as a board member after serving 22 years, and 20 as board chair.




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NEWSBEAT

Walking the talk:

Transportation plan charts safer, more pedestrian-friendly roads

Driving, walking or cycling along Lower Ganges Road is all it takes to realize it's only a matter of time until tragedy strikes. Seniors aboard motorized scooters teeter along the shoulder, cyclists ride a thin line between ditches and drivers, while pedestrians are often left to navigate through a labyrinth of sidewalks, garden paths and crosswalks.

Following the North Ganges Transportation Management Committee's final open-house meeting last week, reporter **Sean McIntyre** takes a look at proposed solutions to Ganges' people-moving woes.

Those tasked with finding a solution to Ganges' traffic and pedestrian problems admit redesigning the way islanders walk, ride and drive in and out of town isn't easy.

Yet they're confident a proposed \$5.6-million solution is a step in the right direction.

"The problem is complicated. It involves a whole lot more than just roads, but what we have now is a hodgepodge of bits that are only a headache," said Richard James, the chief engineering consultant for the North Ganges Transportation Management Plan steering committee.

Speaking to a crowd of roughly 60 audience members at Meaden Hall last Thursday afternoon, James offered residents a picture not only of what Salt Spring could be, but of what is needed to improve safety along Lower Ganges Road.

The seven-phase plan, supported by the Capital Regional District (CRD), Ministry of Transportation and Islands Trust, comprises a series of sidewalks, bike paths and crosswalks along Lower Ganges Road between Atkins and Rainbow and up to the school bus yard.

To ease congestion at the intersection of Lower and Upper Ganges roads, the project recommends a roundabout or traffic signals.

Phase one concentrates on building a 2.5-metre-wide sidewalk along the eastern side of Lower Ganges Road, 1.8-metre-wide bicycle lanes on either side of the street and a roundabout or traffic signals at the Upper/Lower Ganges intersection.

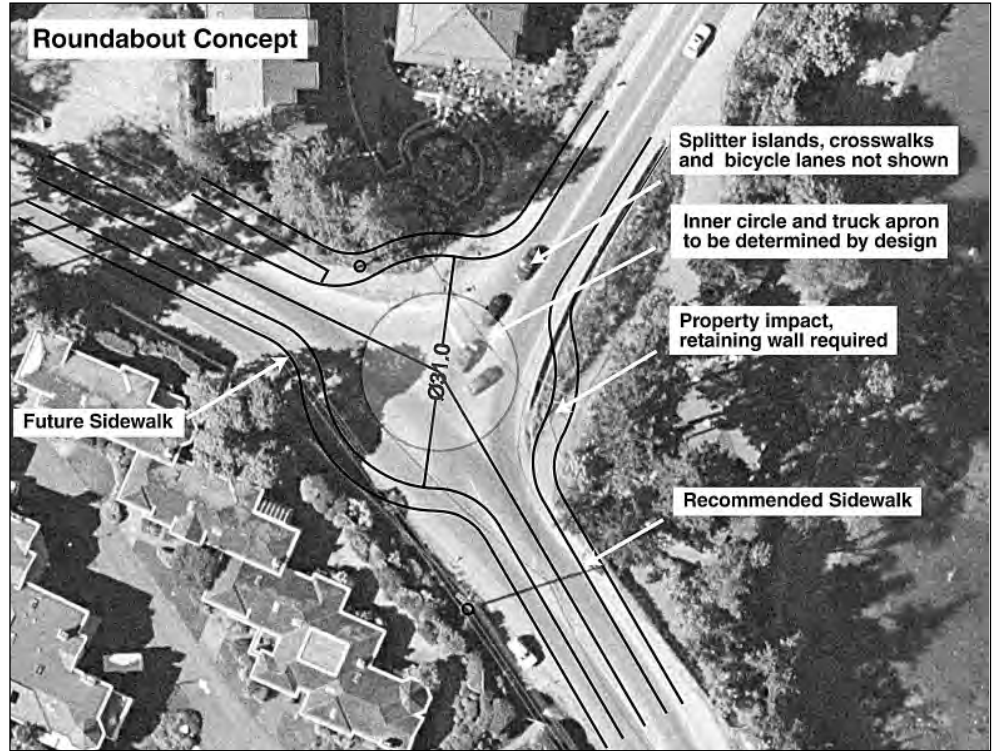
The project's second phase involves construction of a sidewalk on Rainbow Road between Lower Ganges Road and the school bus yard.

Public input received at an April open house, and increasing density and traffic volumes justify the changes, James said.

Roughly 175 respondents to a questionnaire distributed earlier this year rated the area as the island's foremost concern when it comes to traffic safety.

Respondents listed vehicle speeds and road maintenance as the highest priorities, the report states.

The combined price tag for phases one



Roundabout or traffic light? Change could be in store for the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges roads.

and two is an estimated \$3.8 million.

"These prices are very rough and all in today's dollars," said James. "This is just to provide an idea of what things may cost."

Funds for the initial phase will come largely from the CRD and the federal government gas tax revenues, said Gary Holman, Salt Spring's CRD director.

Private interests behind new developments in the area will help defray costs for subsequent phases.

All that remains before the wheels are set in motion, Holman said, is public approval to create an island-based transportation authority.

The required elector-approval (or counter-petition) process is now underway. If 837 qualified Salt Spring voters do not sign "elector response" forms opposing the proposal by July 9, the transportation authority will be created by the CRD.

So far, the proposal has received broad-based support from organizations and individuals, said Holman.

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GARY HOLMAN
Salt Spring CRD director

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Similar in structure to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the CRD-led body would bring the transportation improvement project within local government jurisdiction.

"The Ministry of Transportation doesn't build highways," said James. "The transportation authority must take responsibility."

For more information on the transportation authority, see the What's Next column below.

Path built by the people for the people

Whoever believes people can't make a difference has yet to meet Sue Mouat.

Last year, the Brinkworthy resident single-handedly began work on a project that inspired her neighbours and left a lasting impression.

"I started by cutting back blackberries and, before I knew it, a whole bunch of us were involved," Mouat said.

With machete and pruners in hand, Mouat spent months carving out a walking path from her home to the Ganges Village Market.

Her granddaughter calls the path the Grannies' Trail since it allows Brinkworthy residents, many of whom are enjoying their golden years, a chance to get their shopping done without risking life and limb.

Since work began, young and old alike have started using what is officially known as the Sue Mouat Trail and that is just fine by its pioneering creator.

"There are more and more people using it and the path has become very busy. I think that's great," she said. "It's always great aerobic exercise to get out and walk."

Once word of her work got out, help was on the way from all corners of the island, Mouat said.

Landscapers and highway employees even pitched in their time to clear away some of the larger portions of brush.

Because the pathway remains quite rough and requires constant work to remove encroaching bushes, she said, it isn't always the easiest route for seniors carrying home their groceries, but all that is about to change.

That's thanks to people like Isabel Hunt,



Isabel Hunt started the drive for a scooter-friendly pathway between Sharp Road and Ganges Village Market.

whose donation helped kick-start Partners for Pathways project to create a more stable walking surface.

"Being a small island, our community has grown up around narrow winding roadways," reads the organization's brochure. "It's part of our charm, but no longer conducive to safe bike and pedestrian use on our main roads."

Hunt couldn't agree more.

She makes the 20-minute journey from her Sharp Road home to the store on her motorized four-wheeled scooter once or twice a week.

"I watched as the cars would come closer and closer and it was awful," she said. "It was the fumes that really bothered me. Who wants to breathe fumes the whole way?"

Hunt donated an unspecified sum nearly five years ago in hopes something could be done to make the trip safer for people walking along the road.

Giving people the option to leave their cars at home, she said, just makes sense.

"I worry about the polar ice caps melting and the earth warming," she said.

"I hope more people would walk. It's healthier, safer, easier, cheaper and much better for the whole atmosphere."

Others donors followed Hunt's lead, and a recent contribution from the Salt Spring Foundation and commitment from regional director Gary Holman for some federal gas-tax transfer funds have provided the Pathways group with the \$50,000 needed to get started on an off-road pedestrian cycle pathway along one of the island's most heavily travelled roads.

"It isn't a question of 'if' anymore. We are going to build a pathway," said Jean Gelwicks, Partners for Pathways co-founder, during last week's transportation management plan open house at Meaden Hall.

"Everybody is so behind this pathway." The non-profit organization is a partnership between Island Pathways and the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club. By sometime this fall, Gelwicks said, the path will run along the north side of Lower Ganges Road between Wildwood Crescent and the RCMP station.

The trail will meet up with the North Ganges Transportation Management group's proposed sidewalk at Atkins Road, creating a two-kilometre-long cycling and walking trail into the heart of Ganges.

What's Next

What happens next depends on the outcome of a just-initiated counter-petition process.

A counter petition is a tool used to approve certain local government bylaws without resorting to the cost of holding a referendum.

Salt Spring Island resident and non-resident property electors have until July 9 to sign a petition opposing the creation of a transportation authority. The CRD-body would be responsible for overseeing the development of public transit and traffic engineering projects on the island.

Initial projects would be funded with Salt Spring Island's share of the federal gas tax revenues, though additional public funding will be required. The transportation authority, Holman said, would cost \$6.36 in property tax funding annually for an average-assessed household. The proposed bus system figure is an additional \$11.47.

"If you want this to happen, you don't need to sign anything," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island's CRD director.

The petition requires 837 signatures to be defeated. Should this happen, Holman said, a decision to proceed would be put to a referendum later this year.

Input from last week's open house will be integrated into a revised report anticipated by the end of June.

Where to learn more

- Full details and graphics of the Transportation Management Plan's proposed changes are available online at www.crd.bc.ca/regionalplanning/transportation.

- For more information on this project, contact the CRD at (250) 360-3160 or via e-mail at regionalplanning@crd.bc.ca.

- To become involved with or donate to the Partners for Pathways project, contact the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club at 537-4859.

NEWSBEAT

BOATING SAFETY

CCGA's boating safety day a hit

Unit 25 dedicates new boat to one of their own

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) Unit 25's boating safety day on Saturday offered a fun and educational experience.

Perhaps the most exciting event was the dedication of the unit's new boat, a rigid hull inflatable Titan 249XL built at Carswell Industries in Sidney.

The boat was dedicated to long-time CCGA member Amarah Gabriel in a ceremony officiated by Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Sid Jones.

"She's been in this unit a long time and she's our grant writer," said CCGA Unit 25 member Larry Melious of Gabriel.

The boat was attained thanks in part to the work of the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society, through grants, a donation from the B.C. Gaming Commission, and local contributions.

It is fully equipped to train

ENVIRONMENT

Training the stewards of tomorrow

Program gives children hands-on feel for nature

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you go down to the woods today, you may happen upon a pack of community stewards in training.

They'll be examining the plants, animals and people of Salt Spring's past and present -- as part of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Stewards in Training program.

To cap things off, they'll even have a picnic.

That was the scene last week, as 20 grades 2-3 Fulford Community Elementary School students joined a team of volunteer naturalists at Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.

They learned of the pioneers' work to clear thick coastal forest for farmland, how to keep a nature journal



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Amarah Gabriel, centre, helps christen a new Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel, dedicated to her, as Sid Jones (left) helps officiate, and fellow coast guard members look on.

members of the CCGA and to offer safe boating education to the public. It will not be used for any rescues. The boat is valued at about \$200,000, Melious said.

At the Saturday event, the public had an opportunity

to meet local CCGA members as well as some from the regular coast guard.

Some people even got to go for a ride in the new boat.

The CCGA also offered boat safety checks, which is a beneficial program for

boat owners to ensure they have everything they need to be safe on the water.

The CCGA is currently recruiting members, Melious said. For more information, contact Ellen Reid at 537-9984.

and some of the area's age-old legends.

"I liked the story of Sheshequam the best," said Nathan Minvielle, a student held in awe of the First Nations recounting the plight of an underwater creature capable of eating whole canoes at Sansum Narrows.

With program coordinator Sarah Bateman's enthusiastic support, Georgia Mede focussed her attention on sketching the blooming hawthorn trees that make up the park's numerous hedgerows.

"Pretend you're a tiny ant walking along the edge of the plant," Bateman advised the students. "Make sure you draw every leaf, every vein and every ripple."

It turns out getting children to focus on nature's minutest details is no easy task in these times of high-tech wizardry.

"Even if we all live on Salt

"What I find is that the kids are in their own world."

TANGACHEE GOEBL
Stewards in Training
volunteer

Spring, I still question how much they do because there are so many distractions," said Tangachee Goebel, a teacher's aid and volunteer naturalist.

Though new technology can entertain and inform, it can easily isolate users from what's right in front of their eyes.

Technology isn't necessarily a bad thing, said Goebel, but it's something to use in moderation.

For every hour spent in front of an electronic device, she advises spend-

ing the same amount of time interacting with nature.

"What I find is that the kids are in their own world," she said.

"They take this place for granted. They see this every day, but so many people would be in awe of what we have around us. This program helps bring attention to that."

With financial contributions from the Parks and People Program and the Gaming Commission, the Salt Spring Conservancy is able to make sure children can log some time in the outdoors.

Bateman and fellow coordinator Cate McEwen work with schools' curricula to incorporate fun into the learning experience.

The Stewards in Training program was also delivered to grade 6-7 students earlier in the spring at Ford Lake.

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- Heat **1 tablespoon olive oil** over medium heat with **3 cloves minced garlic** and **1/2 teaspoon cumin** for 1-2 minutes, add **2 chopped tomatoes, 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger root, 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper, 1/2 cup fresh chopped basil, 2 tsp water**, bring to a boil & then simmer for 8-10 minutes. Stir in **2 teaspoons honey**, add **2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, 1 sliced zucchini or 1/2 eggplant**, simmer together until chicken is fully cooked, about 10-15 minutes, turn chicken once during cooking. Enjoy! *Having company?... Go ahead & double the recipe!*

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EDITORIAL

Transit gets rolling

Salt Spring Islanders are being asked to provide their opinion on public transit, but this time out, silence signals approval.

Qualified voters, who don't have to be property owners, are being asked to take action by signing an "elector response form" only if they oppose a plan put forward through the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The issue is whether or not to give property tax support to establishing a public bus system and a transportation authority or commission that would oversee both it and creation of other transportation-related amenities, such as sidewalks and cycle paths.

On the surface this seems like an obvious question. Would a public bus system, however modest, be an asset to our community? Of course.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic, and making it possible for residents and visitors to not rely on their own or others' vehicles are a few of its benefits.

THE ISSUE:

CRD Transit
 Bylaw 3438

WE SAY:

Plan deserves support

As for creating a transportation service — i.e. a commission or authority — it's what our unincorporated island needs to manage the bus service

and infrastructure improvements like those being contemplated through the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan. (See our Page 6 stories about the plan and a related path project.)

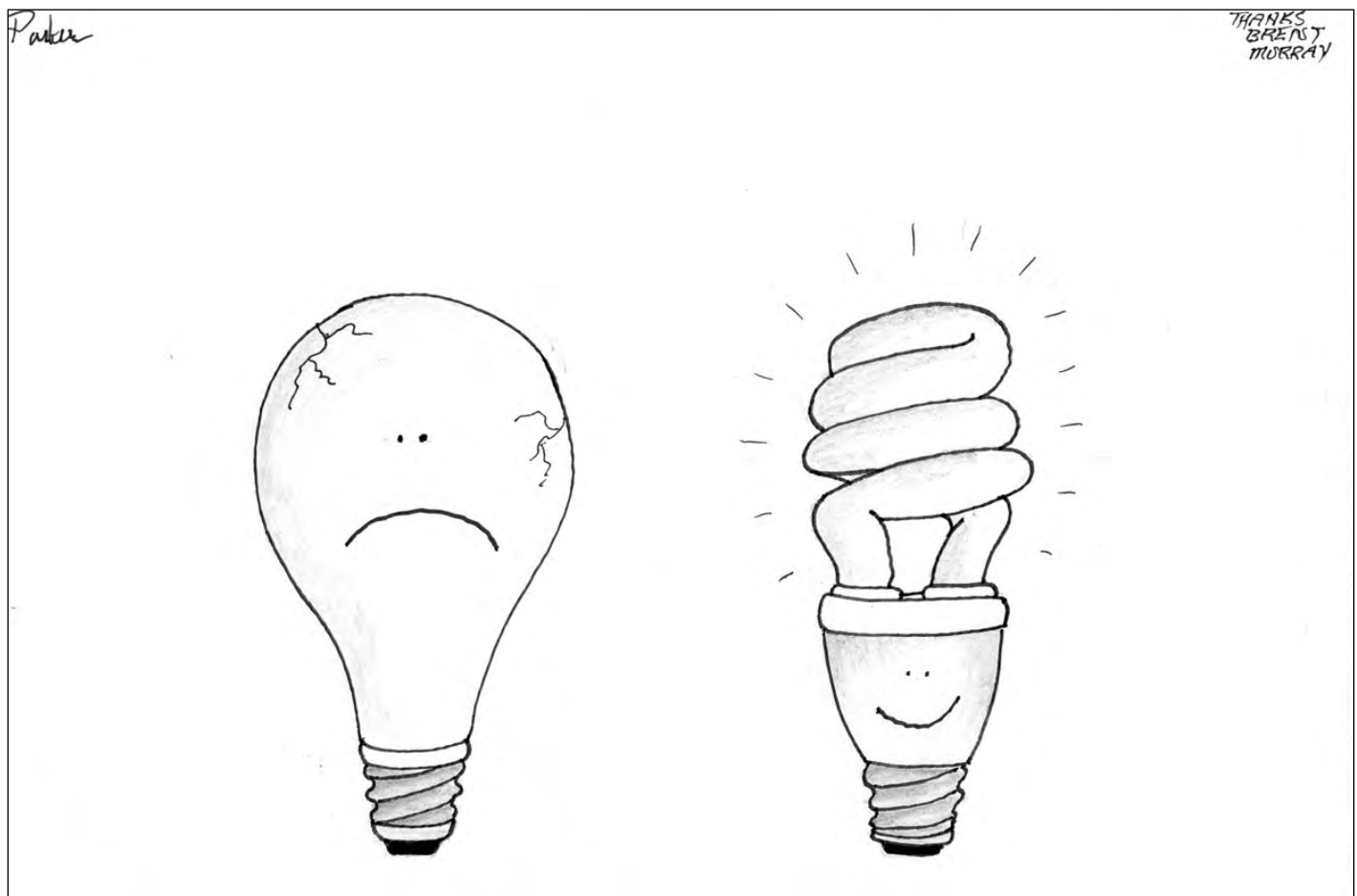
As usual, improvements and new services come with a price tag, and that's why voter approval is needed. Salt Spring tax bills for an average-assessed property (about \$480,000) would rise \$11.47 per year for the bus system, with the rest of the revenue coming from rider fares and a \$101,000 B.C. Transit subsidy to start.

A further \$6.39 per annum would be needed for the commission.

At this point it seems the only obvious reason to oppose the new services is if property owners have had enough of ever-rising taxes and don't want to pay a penny more, or worry that any addition to a bureaucracy is detrimental or a waste of time and money.

The transit system and commission seem entirely worth supporting to us, but debate is always valuable when it comes to making decisions about public money and services.

The deadline for submitting electoral response forms to the CRD is July 9.



Reducing car numbers is crucial

BY MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE

On Bob Dylan's birthday I sacrificed a trip to Galiano for the celebration and dutifully went to the North Ganges Transportation Management Plan presentation.

I commend all those involved and especially Gary Holman, our Capital Regional District rep, for his efforts.

The pedestrian and bike paths will be expensive. A round-about at Upper and Lower Ganges, if approved, would take about four months to complete.

Missing for me was a spokesperson from the Ministry of Transportation to answer our concerns about crosswalks, slowing traffic, stop signs and enforcement, which involves the RCMP.

The most astounding info I found was the figures for the number of trips Salt Springers make per day. Can you guess? Answer: 31,830 per day, which is 6.65 per household. Could this explain traffic jams, parking and road problems?

Suppose we translate these figures into dollars and cents. Say we round it off to 32,000 trips, include a bit for oil, insurance, repair for auto and roads, and of course gas, and put a low price of \$3 per trip. That works out to \$96,000 a day being spent to transport Salt Spring Islanders.

Now suppose we bought 25 used vehicles at \$3,000 a piece. That's \$75,000 — less than one day's spending on all the trips. Next, put those 25 vans, maybe using biofuel, on the island each day to transport islanders and their purchases. Pay the drivers a decent wage, say \$20 an hour. After 10 hours, that works out to \$5,000 in wages, leaving still over \$80,000 per day in the original pot.

Wouldn't 25 vans running up, down and around the island that you could hop on and off every few minutes be more convenient? Would not that be better than all the traffic? Wouldn't that make fewer emissions, repairs and accidents,

VIEWPOINT

and less pollution, stress, congestion and road rage, and provide adequate transit for youth, seniors, people with lesser disabilities and really everyone else?

What would we do with the remaining \$70,000 to \$75,000 per day? I'm sure we could find a way to spend it. Maybe some affordable housing to keep our hard-working, low-waged service workers here?

Remember — we're talking about statistics based on the average number of household trips. I am not concerned with necessary vehicles for businesses transporting materials, goods and tools of their trade.

I myself live on a road where about 1,000 cars pass in an hour. I use up a lot of costly vacuum bags.

Lower Ganges Road from Ganges on up to Brinkworthy has become a seniors residential area. In terms of pollution, I don't have the figures, but it is enormous and quite harmful for people with aging organs.

The speed limit on that road is 50 kilometres per hour, not 45 to 60 miles per hour.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a car is the single most polluting thing that most of us do. Motor vehicles are the single

largest contributor to ground level ozone, they emit toxins causing many cases of cancer, and contribute to acid rain, global warming, loss of habitat and species.

Statistics Canada found in 2005 that the average Canadian spends \$9,000 a year on automobiles. That's \$2,000 more than on food! General Motors, hallowed be thy name.

Here's the last statistic I'll bother you with: the number one cause of death for youth, both in Canada and world-wide: auto related. Happy trails to you, and happy solutions.

The writer is a Lower Ganges Road resident.

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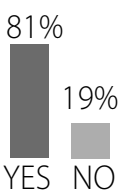
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"... What we have now is a hodgepodge of bits that are only a headache."

RICHARD JAMES ON GANGES' TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Are you still following the Stanley Cup playoffs?

**WYLIE WHELAN**

There's a Canadian team so I'll be watching.

**NEIL WERB**

I'm from California so I'm cheering for the Ducks. Can't you tell I'm a quack?

**CHRIS HELLEWELL**

I'm not the biggest fan, but I know who's playing and will probably catch a few games with friends.

**PATRICE POTHIER**

I'd rather be sailing and keeping my boat afloat.

**CLOVER FEDORIUK-RUSSELL**

It's too nice outside and I don't really get hockey anyway.

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.

Water apathy

On May 15 at Fulford Hall, Beddis Water Services District held its annual general meeting.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) representative, Gary Hendren, gave an interesting account of some of the difficulties experienced by CRD staff in providing water services to users on other Gulf Islands during previous winter storms that caused prolonged power outages. This serves as a timely reminder to prepare ourselves for such emergencies in our area where power failure would cause the loss of our own water supply.

An explanation of the somewhat slow progress to completion of our new filtration plant was given and an estimated completion date for the major work. It was a good presentation, but unfortunately only two members attended out of the approximate 130 water

users in the Beddis district. I won't count one other member who showed up late and left early.

The new plant, when in place, will have cost approximately \$1-million and a substantial part of that will be borne by the water users. I find it disturbing that people are so disinterested in the supply of the most essential item on this island and how much it costing, that they cannot attend a once-a-year meeting.

It is also an indication to the CRD staff how much interest and support they are receiving from their customers. I am sure that they won't let this interfere with their efforts to provide better services to our district, but a little more interest does help things along, especially if you have the interested support of the district water users.

DON STEVENS,
CREEKSIDE DRIVE

Proper treatment

My family and I had the pleasure of visiting this beautiful island while staying with relatives who are locals in Beaver Point.

The trip was amazing except one unfortunate occurrence at a local business. While stopping by for lunch at a local restaurant I have never been treated so poorly. After a very rude waitress demanded we know how the restaurant works and the difference between the unmarked cafe versus the sit-down eatery, we informed the owner of the mistreatment. The owner then treated us even more rudely. We then decided to not patronize the business, but not before the owner created a scene and treated us like we were trouble makers.

I refuse to condone a world in which rudeness has become a norm and people

put up with poor treatment. I have learned and greatly value kindness to others and will stand for nothing less. People have to learn the proper way of treating others.

I was lucky enough to spend more time on the island to learn what it has to offer, but others may not have the same opportunity and will leave Salt Spring with a sour taste that will taint the opinions of the island as a whole, not just one business.

MACKENZIE ELBERT,
IOWA CITY, IOWA

Too many people

Briony Penn's call for action against climate change is commendable. (May 23 Guest Column.) Canada is among the 10 nations with the largest ecological footprints.

A 2007 report, Driving the Human Ecological Footprint, identifies population

growth as a major culprit. The Canadian birth rate is significantly higher than the death rate and the population is projected to grow by 30 per cent by 2050.

Until government promotes population stability and a small family environmental ethic, many other valiant efforts to reduce our carbon footprint will simply be nullified by population growth.

PETER OMMUNDSEN,
SALT SPRING

Waterworks

I am one of the fortunate patrons of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, which provides us with an admirable public utility at a moderate cost. I don't know how many homes are served by the utility, but I would guess that there are several thousand.

By imposing a levy of \$1,000 per customer per year, the utility could raise several million dollars per

year for capital expenditures. That would allow the utility to purchase lakefront properties as they come on the market. By returning those properties to their natural state, the utility could significantly improve the water quality. The tangential benefits require no exposition.

A thousand dollars per year is a significant sum. On the other hand, even if one sees the question as simply a matter of money, almost all of the homes served by the utility are worth more than \$500,000. Who would be fool enough to refuse to spend \$1,000 per year to protect a \$500,000 investment? From my own point of view, investments in my personal health and the health of the environment around me are never simply a matter of money.

Is there any support out there for a program of the kind I suggest?

TED GOUGE,
MAPLE RIDGE PLACE

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MLAs deserve a decent wage for doing a decent job

You get what you pay for. That applies to mechanics, fast food, and of course, politicians. Recently, a blue ribbon independent panel recommended that B.C. MLAs receive a pay hike of 29 per cent, raising their annual salary to \$98,000. Premier Gordon Campbell is to receive a 54 per cent shot in the arm to the tune of \$186,200 per year. Now while you may find these numbers harder to swallow than a day-old bran muffin from Roasters, bear with me a moment. There are sound arguments.

It was only about 15 months ago when a 15 per cent NDP/Liberal endorsed raise was poised to proceed. That is, before NDP leader Carole James caught a whiff of the radio talk show vitriol and backed out of the deal, demanding an independent report. Well, sunshine, here's your independent report: 29 per cent for MLAs, 54 per cent for the premier.

How did this independent panel come up with the numbers? There was a phone survey of 601 MLAs, former MLAs and just plain folks. The panel had six town hall meetings across the province. In total, 34 British Columbians attended the meetings. Thirty-four. The message was loud and clear: "Who cares?"

How do the new salaries stack up to similar postings across Canada? In the federal government, a cabinet minister brings home \$214,000; the prime minister, \$289,000. In

Alberta (pop. 3.5 million), sitting provincial MLAs get \$78,545. In Saskatchewan (pop. less than a million), that NDP bastion and home of Tommy Douglas, MLAs are poised to receive \$81,000 after the next provincial election. So here we are in B.C., population 4 million-plus, with arguably one of the highest cost of living indices in Canada. Given that virtually all MLAs are faced with travelling to Vancouver Island and maintaining a roof over their heads while the legislature is in session, \$98,000 seems reasonable.

Some have labelled the increase "obscene." Obscene? You want to talk "obscene?" Let's take a stroll through the private sector. First, the "semi-private" sector: B.C. Hydro's Bob Elton gets a reported \$405,000 a year. CEOs of British Columbia's regional health authorities make \$240,000. These pale in comparison to the head of the Canadian National Railway (\$56 million), the boss of CIBC, who reportedly wrestled down \$29 million in 2005. And yet we blithely, patiently wait in the lineups to deposit our little bag of shells at this and the other financial institutes. Nary a complaint.

And don't get me started with the real estate industry. The average house price in

**Peter Vincent**

HEAD TO HEAD

Victoria has increased from \$242,000 to over \$500,000 in the past 10 years (the last time MLAs got a significant pay raise). Based on the standard commission structure, real estate fees have jumped from \$12,600 to \$23,000. That's close to a 100 per cent raise. Nice work if you can get it.

Now if you want to talk truly, deeply over-the-top obscene, let's look at sports for a moment. B.C.'s favourite hockey guy, Daniel Sedin, brings home \$3.575 million. B.C.'s hockey nemesis, Todd Bertuzzi, now makes over \$5 million. Victoria's home town favourite, basketball star Steve Nash cashes a \$10-million annual paycheque. That explains the boyish grin, doesn't it? All this, while B.C. teachers and nurses cash in empties to make ends meet.

We certainly have a skewed sense of importance, wouldn't you say? In the stock market, the lower the risk, the lower the pay-off. In the job market, the higher the job security, the lower the pay. You want a nice cradle-to-grave, coddled job? Then don't expect a gold-plated paycheque.

There is another argument that suggests it is likely a smart thing to pay our elected servants a decent income. One would assume that they would be far less prone to

the temptation of corruption if these MLAs didn't feel the fiscal squeeze. Would not they be far less prone to having a sundeck built onto their house in exchange for a favourable decision over a casino licence? Wouldn't they be far less prone to pinch a diamond ring for a loved one if they could afford to just buy it?

Let's give these MLAs their due. If Carole James wants to threaten, cajole and browbeat her party into giving their salary increases to charity, so be it. If the NDP really wants to make a statement, they should donate their windfall to B.C. Ferries. After all, it was that party that cost B.C. taxpayers over \$400 million over the fast ferry fiasco, and is part of the reason we here on Salt Spring Island are looking down the barrel of more ferry rate hikes.

Most jobs are subject to performance reviews at regular intervals. Hockey players get traded or sent to the minors. CEOs get dumped for poor performance on the Dow Jones or prosecuted for corporate malfeasance.

And every four years, MLAs compete for their jobs. Talk about zero job security. But every four years, we all get to participate in the performance reviews. If you don't think he has earned his paycheque, vote for the other guy. But let's give them a decent wage if we want them to do a decent job. Clichéd as it sounds, you do get what you pay for.

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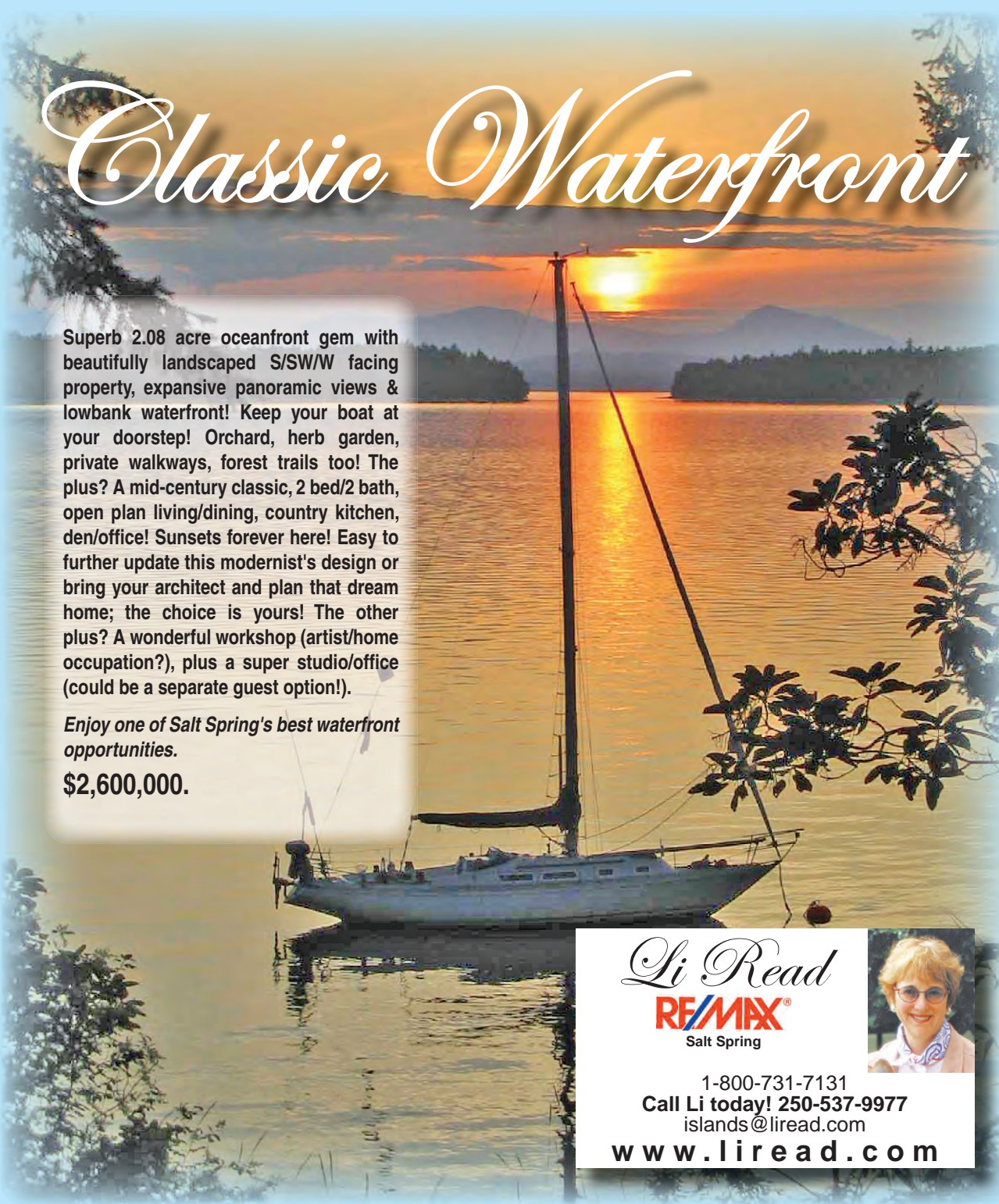
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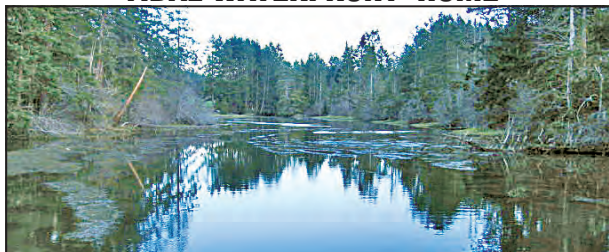


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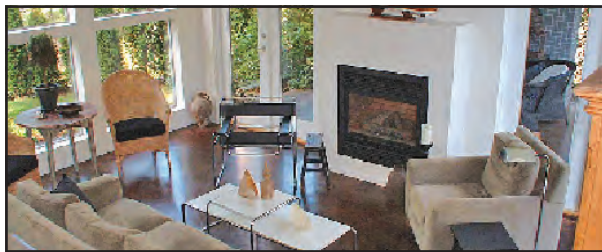


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OPINION



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NOISE MAKERS: The Salt Spring Heros team, consisting of firefighters, paramedics, RCMP, Coast Guard, and Search & Rescue members and their families, gear up for last Wednesday's Big Bike Ride for Heart and Stroke. Nine teams participated, raising just over \$16,000.

MORE LETTERS

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Better choice

As a staff member of School District 64 for the last 20 years, I was quite disappointed in your choice of headline for the May 23 article on John Abbott's presentation.

He said many good things about our district, even if he also said that our system (meaning our Western culture's system) needs revamping and updating. Choosing "Current system produces spineless adults" is quite insulting for everybody involved, both staff and students.

It would be nice if the media started to look at how things are presented and summarized. "Current system in need of updating" or "John Abbott's presentation was thought-provoking" would have been a better choice in my opinion.

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
TOYNBEE ROAD

Private islands

Thanks for your article about our May 19-20 fire on Goat Island.

Our heartfelt thanks to those of you who noticed the smoke and took the time to report the fire, and particularly Sandy Rowley, who also notified my cousin Mike, who put out the fire.

Had Sandy not done so, the damage to the island would have been much greater. After it was reported to them, the B.C. Coastal Fire Service, which is the agency charged with dealing with the fire, made no effort whatsoever to investigate and no effort to trigger the mechanism that would have allowed the Salt Spring Fire Department or the coast guard to help out. None of the three agencies notified us, the owners, and we are meeting with other island owners shortly to determine how to remedy this issue.

In the aftermath, many people have said they'd be willing to help save the island if the emergency was to arise again, and we deeply appreciate that. We could use some help in figuring out how to coordinate such a response in the event that neither Mike nor myself is available. I have spoken with the owner of Deadman

and the Sister's islands, and together we'd be happy to provide a fire pump ready for use, but it needs to be accessible with someone who can use it, all on very short notice. We need to know who is in charge of coordinating the response on an official basis as well, so we can meet and discuss what happened.

In the meantime, we'd like to stress that Goat Island, like the other islands in the harbour, is private. We discourage trespassers as much as we can with signage.

This is for the sake of the wildlife (presently nesting) as much as it is for the preservation of the island ecosystems. Too often trespassers are the type of people who bring unruly dogs, light cigarettes, make fires and have parties: people who have no respect for where they are or understanding of how fragile the surrounding ecosystems are. In this regard we ask for help from boaters and harbour residents who can see the islands, by politely reminding trespassers that they're not welcome, or by reporting them to the RCMP.

The kayak companies deserve special mention for having "adopted" the islands in this way. Anyone who has comments or suggestions can e-mail them to us at GoatIslandFire@hotmail.com.

STEPHEN BEST,
VANCOUVER

Justice

The following report has been submitted by a Salt Spring citizen as part of their restitution to our community having gone through the Salt Spring Island Restorative Justice System. For more information or to become involved, call 537-5555 and leave a message in mailbox #50.

As a long-time resident of Salt Spring I would like to share with the community my recent experience in the hopes that even just one person may hear my message.

It is a horrible feeling to know that certain areas of your life are out of control and the steps that need to be taken to save yourself are beyond you.

A while ago my life was, in no uncertain terms, out of control. Drinking and smok-

ing marijuana had become the central activities. Work was neglected, sober people were not part of my circle, eating habits had deteriorated, my home was messy and I had a permanent knot in my stomach.

Through what I consider divine intervention, the police became involved in my life and I was introduced to the justice system. First with an overnight stint in the cells, then several court attendances, lawyers, etc. I had reached a point in my life where either I had to get clean and sober or continue on a downward spiral. I chose to get sober.

In addition to AA I found help available from the community in the form of drug and alcohol counselling. I had always viewed the need for counselling as a sign of weakness, or worse still, as a recognition of a real problem. It is now almost 21 months since the events that led to the changes in my life and I am enjoying the new safer, healthier life that I have created.

My message to anyone out there who knows they have a problem with alcohol, marijuana and/or other substances is not to wait until you are in trouble and have hit rock bottom. Make changes now.

I am a better father to my kids now. When kids see their parents engaging in alcohol and marijuana use it is far more likely they will engage in that type of behaviour. The statistics are right there for us to see. The younger a person begins to use alcohol and drugs, the higher the likelihood of substance abuse problems later in life.

Sobriety and an open line of communication is the best gift you could give your kids. Parents — do not shy away from talking to your kids about drinking, marijuana or other drug use. Even if they do not want to talk about it with you at first, keep close to them about these issues and they will open up. It is well worth the effort. Your kids deserve it.

I will end this letter thanking the police, community centre drug and alcohol counsellors, AA, the courts, the community justice program and the Lord Jesus for helping me make positive changes in my life.

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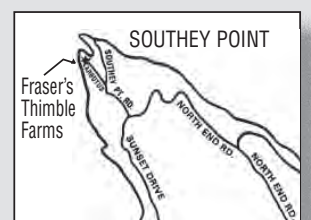
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OPINION

Everything's not peachy in paradise

BY MICHAEL CONTARDI

Two letters in the May 9 Driftwood exemplify the dichotomy of views in this community, regarding the issue of the "free livers" who have made Centennial Park and some unfortunate Ganges businesses their hang-out.

On one hand, Christopher Martens of Winnipeg calls for understanding and tolerance of those class of citizens who have chosen to "drop out" because they have realized the "truth of society."

On the other, concerned mother Christa Rogers exhorts us to work together to clean up the drugs in Centennial Park to make it safe for children to use.

As a parent of young children I empathize with Christa's frustrations.

I too have felt uncomfortable at times in bringing my children to the park, after witnessing the amount of drug use that is commonplace, as well as hearing reports from other parents of needles being found.

On the other hand, while not excusing the behaviour, I can also relate philosophically to disillusioned souls who may find the prevailing system of corporate capitalism distasteful, if indeed this

is the "truth" to which Mr. Martens refers.

For those who might feel that capitalism is the best possible or only economic system and therefore that these "vagabonds" have no reason to rebel, let's consider the world and prospects the youth of today are inheriting under the dominion of its rule.

1. Economic servitude: The promise of greater economic opportunities requires an increasing exchange of life energies for diminishing reward.

The prospect of working feverishly for 40 or 50 years to save up for "the golden years" is no longer compelling, especially now that this generation is saddled with the debt of previous ones, and higher taxes will be needed to support the aging baby boomer population. If we think we have it bad, consider the three-billion people on this planet who live on less than \$2 per day.

Those fortunate enough to have subsistence work are often found producing cheap products in barely human conditions to feed insatiable Western markets, and which they themselves will likely never enjoy.

2. Environmental degradation: Human-induced global warming threatens to redraw the coastal maps of the world; widespread contamination of air, water, soil and food is a suspected cause of skyrocketing cancer rates; deforestation (primarily for low-priced hamburgers) at breakneck pace is causing an estimated species extinction of 100 per day; and now depleted uranium contamination (thanks largely

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to George Bush's war on terrorism) and

genetic modification imperils the very DNA of our species.

3. Political corruption and moral decay: Most politicians have become little more than puppets to the corporate class who fund their campaigns, and ensure them plum positions when the citizens get smart and eject them, (replacing them with the next corporate candidate in line).

The great nation founded on liberty and justice for all, is now the world's leading super-bully, exporting its corrupting materialist culture and enforcing its oil dependence and economic hegemony through force of arms.

The UN, hope of the world, is impotent and teetering on collapse.

Democracy, justice and the rule of law which are supposed to form the bedrock on which Western society rests, are all but dead, and exist today only as empty rhetoric in the pens of political speech writers.

4. Bankrupt philosophy: The underlying capitalist idea is that each of us is inherently a maximizer of self-interest, together with the ceaseless stream of commercial propaganda which projects an image of us as little more than material "consumers" (not citizens) and measures our "net worth" exclusively in dollars.

The promise of greater affluence equalling greater happiness has proven hollow, so people chase happiness through sex, drugs and other artificial means.

Yet, does it really matter

whether these "free livers" are jaded and confused realists purposefully opting out of a corrupt and oppressive capitalist system, or simply morally defective and selfish by-products of an inherently selfish and dysfunctional system?

The question still remains, what is to be done so that Christa and her children can walk safely through Ganges and its parks?

In my opinion, what these lost souls need is what we are all in need of: a noble cause and purpose greater than our petty selves to which we can willingly and passionately devote our life energies; a philosophy of life that allows us to transcend the corrupt truths of society and touch that higher, incorruptible truth; a community of heart which both refuses to tolerate our destructive and disrespectful behaviour and is also able to see that beneath the layers of grime and petty crime is a human being longing for belonging, struggling for meaning and capable of greatness.

To forcibly drive them from our midst may provide some solace from such a visually painful reminder of our societal dysfunction.

It may prevent us from having to awkwardly explain to our children what drugs are and why we shouldn't do them.

Conversely, it may also lull us into a false sense of complacency that we need just return to our gardens and gumboot dancing, because everything is peachy in paradise.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

FERRY COSTS

Islands suffering from high ferry fares

The following letter was submitted to Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon on May 24.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is writing to encourage the provincial government to increase its service fee contribution to non-major ferry routes in the second performance term of the Coastal Ferry Services Contract (PT2) with respect to capital costs for the publicly owned assets of B.C. Ferries, and the fuel cost backlog.

In addition, provincial contributions should be adjusted annually in accordance with the rate of inflation.

We strongly support the recommendations of the Ferry Advisory Committee chairs and the Islands Trust Council.

B.C. Ferries is an essential and integral part of the provincial transportation infrastructure.

As such, B.C. Ferries plays a critical role in B.C.'s social fabric and overall economy.

Financial performance on any one ferry route cannot be accurately measured without considering influences within the entire system.

The unacceptably high increases in fares on non-major routes, as currently proposed, will likely have a negative impact on service demand and financial performance across the ferry system as a whole.

As you are aware, Salt Spring Island is served by three ferry routes.

Figures we received on May 24 show that on each of these three routes, both passenger and vehicle traffic is down in every single month from November 2006 to March 2007 over the previous year.

The dramatically higher ferry fares are having a serious impact on Salt Spring's tourist economy, as well as on the cost of living for residents, both as commuters and as consumers of locally purchased goods.

The resident populations and tourist economies of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and ferry-dependent coastal communities benefit greatly, both directly and indirectly, from the scenic and recreational amenities they access through B.C. Ferries service.

In peak seasons, less than a quarter of travellers on southern Gulf Islands routes

are residents.

On a system-wide basis B.C. Ferries receives a much lower percentage of its total revenues from taxation and other direct government subsidies than either B.C. Transit or the Ministry of Transportation's highway network.

And B.C. Ferries recovers a much higher percentage of its operating expenses from direct "user pay" revenue sources than transit or roads.

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2007 business award nominations announced

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was pleased with the wide range of business award nominations that we received last year during our first annual business awards. After a successful program last year, we have added 3 new categories to be awarded: Small Business of the Year (with 5 or fewer employees), Farm/Agricultural Business of the Year Award and Green Accommodation of the Year.

The winners of last year's awards were well deserving and should be congratulated for being the best in 2006. The 2006 Business Award winners were as follows:

- Business of the Year – Windsor Plywood
- New Business of the Year Award – Jana's Bakeshop
- Business Ambassador Award - David Woods, Salt Spring Cheese
- Home Based Business of the Year Award – Duck Creek Farm
- Green Business of the Year Award – Harbour House Hotel
- Citizen of the Year Award – Tim O'Connor & John Dolman
- Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award - Arlene Dashwood

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce on June 4th and must be submitted by September 4th. Award presentations will be in late September during the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting.

Business of the Year Award (6+ employees)

This award is presented to a business that has demonstrated sound business practices, leadership, involvement in the community and exceptional employee relations. The recipient will all meet any or all of the following criteria:

- Is involved in the community (e.g. membership in local organizations, sponsorship of sports teams and/or associations, representation on community based boards, and contributes to worthy causes).
- High standard of business activity.
- Provides benefits programs, employee appraisal systems, incentive programs, and regular staff celebrations.
- Committed to safety in the workplace.
- Fosters diversity in the workplace with programs that maximize the potential of all people.
- Improves employees' skills and career development through education and training programs.
- Makes an effort to purchase supplies locally
- Has a reputation for providing a superior level of customer service.

Small Business of the Year Award (5 or less employees)

This award is presented to a small business that has demonstrated



PHOTO BY PETER MCCULLY

2006 winners of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's First Annual Business Awards.

sound business practices, leadership, involvement in the community and exceptional employee relations. The recipient will all meet the same criteria as the Business of the Year (6+ employees)

New Business of the Year Award

This award is presented to a business that, in its first three years of operation on Salt Spring Island, is demonstrating business excellence in any or all of the following areas:

- Growth and success within first three years of operation.
- Is involved in the community (e.g. membership in local organizations, sponsorship of sports teams and or associations, representation on community based boards, and contributes to worthy causes).
- Created new employment opportunities.
- A commitment to the broader community.
- May have renovated or built a new facility.
- Sound employees relations and a commitment to customer service.
- Commitment to safety in the workplace.
- Makes an effort to purchase supplies locally.

Business Ambassador Award

This award will be presented to a person who, through their business, regularly attracts positive attention and interest to the entire community as a result of their business practices. The individual will have regular contact in their travels and/or business with other business leaders and will have promoted potential opportunities and quality of life on Salt Spring Island.

Part of the criteria for the following awards is that the Business:

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Home Based Business of the Year Award

The home based business that consistently shows excellence and quality in service and or product.

Agricultural / Farm Business of the Year Award

The agricultural and/or farm business that consistently shows excellence and quality in service and/or product. The recipient also:

- Makes an effort to have an environmentally friendly business.

Green Business of the Year Award

The business has made a conscious effort to make their business environmentally friendly and sets an example for the business community on Salt Spring Island. The recipient will all meet any or all of the following criteria:

- Practices water and energy conservation.
- Makes an effort to reduce, recycle and reuse in their

daily business.

Green Accommodation of the Year Award

The accommodation (accredited through the Green Accommodation Program) has made a conscious effort to make their accommodation environmentally friendly and sets an example for the accommodation community on Salt Spring Island. The recipient will all meet any or all of the following criteria:

- Is accredited through the Green Accommodations Program.
- Has gone above and beyond the requirements of the program to be environmentally conscious.

Citizen of the Year Award – Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

This award is presented to an individual who has had a special impact on Salt Spring Island through volunteerism, advocacy, community building, or business leadership. The recipient will have shown a continuing active interest in the well-being of Salt Spring Island in any or all of the following areas:

- Beautification of the area.
- Improvement of the services for

Calendar What's Up

Chamber of Commerce membership renewals now due.

MAY 30
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- the community.
- Preservation of nature areas and wildlife, historical structures and archival materials.
- Advocate or community fundraiser, volunteer.
- Pro-active when addressing environmental issues.

Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award – Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

This award is presented to a member of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce in good standing with the Chamber, who demonstrates a continuing active interest in the well-being of the Chamber and has made a significant contribution to the overall success of the Chamber. (The recipient is chosen by the Chamber's President and Executive Director.)

- Actively promotes and assists the Chamber with its recruitment of new members.
- Attends Chamber activities.
- Participates in Chamber committees and supports the organization and planning of Chamber events.
- Pursues new opportunities for the Chamber by demonstrating leadership and commitment to the well-being of the Chamber.

Canada Day donations needed

Fast forward to 9:30 p.m. on July 1st. People are leaving Art-Spring's Canada Day concert with the sound of O Canada on their minds, stopping for gelato at Harlan's as they make their way down to Rotary Park and find their spot along the boardwalk. Ganges Harbour is filled with boats as the Coast Guard works hard to keep them at a safe distance. The marinas are brimming with excitement as everyone waits for dusk to fall. On the Coast Guard dock the fire department is making the final touches to the evening's much anticipated show. Island Star Video is keeping the

energy level high as beach balls float down from above. Silence descends on the Harbour as the first firework whistles into the evening sky.

We all look forward to Canada Day and the opportunity to gather in our unique communities, proudly celebrate everything we have in common and remember that we live in the best country in the world. In past years, the high cost of the fireworks display was covered by a local grant that was never intended to fund the annual cost of fireworks. However, in recent years this grant money has been used in more appro-

priate ways for our community and the responsibility of raising the money now falls to the community. Each year the Coast Guard and fire department volunteer their time to ensure that the event is safe and a success. Without the generous support of the community, this much anticipated event is in danger of not happening. \$5,000 needs to be raised by the end of June. Please drop your donations off at the Visitor Centre and participating businesses. Thank you in advance for ensuring that we can all sit back and enjoy the fireworks on July 1st.

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NEWSBEAT

LOCAL FOOD

Grant gets gardeners growing

Community garden the first of its kind on island

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Something new is afoot in front of the Community Services building on Fulford-Ganges Road as volunteers work away on Salt Spring's first community food garden.

"Look to your right as you're driving up the hill on your way south of Ganges and you'll see the buzz," said Pat Reichert, a member of the Community Services Public Food Garden's steering committee.

What was once Community Services' front lawn will soon make way for a cornucopia of fruit and vegetables.

Last week's announcement to proceed with the project follows a \$6,000 grant from the Salt Spring Foundation.

Funds will be used to construct compost bins, construct a deer-proof fence around the site and purchase basic equipment.

Organizers want to use the site to encourage organic and sustainable permaculture gardens on the island, according to Lokesh Green, an avid gardener and member of the society.

"That means using what the land has to offer, rather



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Lokesh Green and Wendy Gilson get to work on a permaculture garden in front of the Salt Spring Community Services building. Decomposed cardboard will provide a nutrient-rich growing medium.

than relying on harmful pesticides and fertilizers to do all the work," Green said. "We are looking at the

property as a whole, looking at the light and the slope."

The garden grew out of

last year's Salt Spring Island Food Security Project and is being carried out entirely with volunteer labour and borrowed supplies.

The garden's purpose is to advance the island's food security through a community-oriented organic food and outreach garden, said Reichert, one of the report's authors.

It will also supply high-quality organic food to the Salt Spring Food Bank and other programs.

Different permaculture gardening practices can be showcased through the garden; it will educate groups and individuals, while promoting gardening as a social activity.

Rob Grant, executive director of the Salt Spring Community Services Society, invites anybody with an interest in the project to drop by and take a walk around.

"It will be a place where people can work together cooperatively to develop skills and to share skills," he said. "It will be a place where people can just sit and enjoy the peacefulness of the garden."

People interested in volunteering or simply taking a look can drop by on Thursday evenings between 4:30 and 7 p.m.

For more information, call Pat Reichert at 537-4282 or Rob Grant at 537-9971.



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Experience in Africa inspires SOLID volunteer for next project

Donations needed to fill Lesotho-bound container

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An eye-opening trip to Africa has left SOLID member Meron Moroz with just one wish: to help more.

Moroz left for the tiny country of Lesotho at the end of March to oversee the arrival of a shipping container she'd helped fill with aid items.

Ray Brosseuk, a Revelstoke resident who is a frequent shipper of goods needed around the world and Moroz's partner in this project, donated the necessary air miles to make the trip. It was one that she'll never forget.

In two full weeks, Moroz experienced events that changed her outlook on life at home, as well as expanding her knowledge of the world.

"We involve ourselves in so many things on a daily basis that in the long run are unimportant. One of the things I took away from there is they just celebrate every day, just being alive and being together."

Almost exactly half way around the world from Salt Spring, Lesotho is an extremely poor independent territory completely surrounded by South Africa.

Despite their extreme poverty, Lesotho residents are peaceful and community minded.

Moroz says that without the contrasts of extreme inequality found elsewhere, there is little violence.

It is a place where men may stop and serenade the women hanging laundry with a traditional men's song on their way to work — as Moroz looked out to see on the path behind her guest

house one early morning. But it is also a country where most people are concerned every day with just finding something to eat.

She saw first-hand the results of her volunteer work in Canada, and how donated goods can change people's lives.

A shipment of bed linens meant that children at the school for the disabled slept in beds with sheets for the first time — and had to be taught how to do so.

More poignantly, Moroz witnessed an 11-year old boy who had never walked in his life take his first steps because a walker with wheels was among the container items.

Now that they know it is possible, and have learned how it could be more easily done in the future, Moroz is spearheading a project to fill a container for Lesotho here on Salt Spring.

"The first container was filled with whatever Ray had and was ready to ship, but for the next one I really wanted to get what people want and need, so I was asking everybody there," Moroz said.

"I see this next container as an opportunity for us all to get involved. It's something for us more than for them, in some ways. We'll get a lot more out of it than we actually give."

Items on the wish list include child-sized walkers, wheelchairs and crutches; clothing, shoes and hats; towels and linens; bicycles and toys; school, office and art supplies; musical instruments; tools, a tractor and a generator; books; and dried fruit, beans and soup mixes.

Many donations have already started pouring in. Moroz says hospital beds, school desks, wheelchairs and

running shoes have been showing up at her door.

Her main obstacle is finding a place to store donations until the container goes out in July or August.

The temporary loan of a 40-foot container would be ideal, so the team can judge the volume left to fill.

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MERON MOROZ
SOLID volunteer

Moroz emphasizes that sending donations is just the beginning, however. What Lesotho's people really need are volunteers to teach them how to do some basic things.

A physiotherapist tops the list for needed professionals, since now there are dedicated but totally unskilled and uneducated people caring for the sick and disabled. They are also looking for supplies and teachers to teach marketable crafts.

"More than the things, they need people to go, spend the time to get to know them, teach, share... that's actually more my ambition with this next container," Moroz stated.

"I see it as an opportunity to engage this community in a real way, because what these people need more than anything is mentoring."

For the complete wish list or to make a donation, contact SOLID at 537-0863, or 125 McPhillips Avenue in Ganges.

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS WITHIN THE SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA OF THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CRD BYLAW NO. 3438 – A Bylaw to Establish a Service Area Within the Capital Regional District for the Purpose of a Community Transit and Transportation Service on Salt Spring Island

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3438, "Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007" to provide transit and transportation services on Salt Spring Island, including but not limited to:

- a transit service for public passenger transportation;
- construction, maintenance and regulation of sidewalks and bicycle paths, parking spaces and facilities, and pedestrian safety and traffic calming facilities;
- transportation demand management programs; and
- transportation studies.

The taxation impact for the transit service, per average residential assessment at the \$71,750 requisition, is approximately \$11.47 per annum. The service will receive an operating subsidy of \$101,000 from BC Transit and will generate additional revenue from fares. BC Transit also proposes to supply two vehicles for the operation of the service.

The taxation impact for the transportation service, per average residential assessment at the \$40,000 requisition, is approximately \$6.39 per annum. In addition to planning for transportation projects, this service would potentially invest Federal Gas Tax Funds to improve transportation infrastructure, systems and services.

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is the participating area for these services.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3438, unless at least 837 electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD indicate by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3438.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms to the CRD, in relation to Bylaw No. 3438, is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, the 9th day of July, 2007. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD is 8,370 and that 10% of that number or 837 electors must submit elector response forms to prevent the CRD from enacting Bylaw No. 3438 without the assent of the electors by referendum.

Further technical information concerning Bylaw No. 3438, may be obtained from Mr. Malcolm MacPhail, CRD Offices, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Telephone 360-3052) during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 9th day of July, 2007.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months and in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.

Non-Resident Property Elector: You may submit an elector response form as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months, have owned and held registered title to property in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for 30 days and **do NOT qualify as a Resident Elector**. If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common) only one individual may, with the written consent of the majority, submit an elector response form.

To obtain an elector response form, or for further information about the elector approval process, please contact CRD Administration Department, P. O. Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, 5th Floor, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6, or telephone (toll free) 1-800-663-4425 extension 3129 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

Elector response forms may also be obtained at the CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 (Mon.- Fri., 8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:30 pm)

A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/>

A copy of Bylaw No. 3438 and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 9th day of July, 2007 at the following locations:

- public notice board in the lobby of CRD headquarters @ 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC;
- Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC and
- on the CRD website:
for Bylaw 3438: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/bylawsubjecttorefer/>
for this Notice: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/>

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 25th day of May, 2007.

Carmen Thiel
Corporate Secretary
Capital Regional District

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

BIRTHDAY TEA: Gabrielle Speiss serves a birthday tea to Laura Faulkner at last Saturday's annual World Development Tea. The event also featured an Island Comfort Quilt display.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ground-breaking project cracks housing crunch

Project only part of the solution

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With more than a year to go before the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project's first tenants are expected to move in, the waiting list is already overcrowded with applicants.

"I realize this doesn't meet everybody's needs, but this is a start," said Janis Gauthier, the project's coordinator, during an open-house meeting at Gulf Islands Secondary last week. "The reality will be that we will not be able to accommodate everybody. We want to house those who need it most."

More than 50 people are signed up for a place in one of the complex's 27 rent-controlled units. Interest in the project proves even more low-cost rental housing is needed in and around Ganges, said Gauthier.

The Murakami Gardens project will provide bachelor, one-, two- and three-bedroom suites starting at \$575 per month. Rental subsidies from the provincial government may also be available. Successful candidates must not exceed maximum income levels, ranging from \$23,500 for individuals in bachelor suites to \$44,000 for families in three-bedroom units.

Though construction has begun, occupancy permits cannot be issued until the Islands Trust approves a development variance application to permit a reduced number of parking spaces on the property.

The vast majority of people on the waiting list, Gauthier said, do not have or would give up their cars if they lived closer to Ganges.

The prospect of public transit on the island and a prospective car co-op available exclusively to residents would help reduce tenants' needs for a car, she said.

"I realize this doesn't meet everybody's needs, but this is a start."

JANIS GAUTHIER
Murakami Gardens
coordinator

"Owning a car is a major expense and it is one people are willing to live without," Gauthier said.

Organizers have collected nearly 1,000 signatures in favour of the variance and a petition remains available at various island businesses. They will use the co-op program as a pilot for an island-wide car-share service.

Richard and Rose Murakami donated the former fish-processing plant property in 2005 as a way to thank islanders for their hospitality following the Murakami family's return from Second World War-era labour camps.

"This is our way of saying thanks. It's been a long time coming to this point," Rose Murakami told the crowd. "It's nice to have action after so many dreams and so much talk."

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WEDNESDAY MAY 30

5:00 PM	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Final Game 2 - Ottawa vs. Anaheim (Live)	(4:30) Urgences (N) Rumeurs Péril en la demeure	George Shrink Arthur	Poker 2006 U.S. Championships	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoomafooo Sand	KIRO 7 News	Odd Parents Shelf Life	(4:00) MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal Y paraît que	Popular Mechanics Kratts' Creatures	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	Full House	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
7:00		Des squelettes L'Epicierie	Meerkat Manor Moving On Wild at Heart	Conference Final Game 5 - Utah vs. San Antonio (if necessary) (Live)	Make Years Count (N)	Reba No Boys Upstairs	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Ask the Governor Christiane Gregoire	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	News This Hour Has 22 Minutes	La petite séduction (N)	Microcosmos	Sportscentre	The King of Queens	Friends	1 vs. 100	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions #2 & #3 (N)	Salamati Va Zendeji Iranian Pop	Stargate: SG-1 Resurrection	Canada's Next Top Model	Hidden Palms Pilot (P) (N)	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions #2 & #3 (N)	Next Best Thing (P) (N)	Most Outrageous	Craft in America Memory (N)	The King of Queens	Fresh Prince Banks Shot	MLB Baseball - Seattle vs. L.A. Angels (Live)
9:00	Planet Earth	SMASH Jacques et la mondialisation	Opera in the Outback	Boxing Dejesus vs. Ramirez	National Spelling Bee	The Standard	Crossing Jordan Shattered	Sabor Latino	"Clown at Midnight" ★★ (Hor, '98)	Hidden Palms Pilot (P) (N)	One Tree Hill Ashes of Dreams You Let Die	Traveler Pilot	Most Outrageous	Craft in America Landscape (N)	Criminal Minds Ashes and Dust	Mystery Hunters			
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	A Scattering of Seeds	Sportscentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	RAW	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News	Allo! Allo!	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	Dotto Tech						CTV News	CTI News	(:35) Star! Daily	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show	BBC World News	(:35) The Late Show With	Weird Years Dirty Laundry		
12:00 MID	Arrested Development Just for Laughs: Gags	Des kiwis et des hommes	Off Air	Off the Record	That '70s Show	Coach	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H Dear Dad	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Charlie Rose	David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

THURSDAY MAY 31

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	(4:30) Urgences (N) Rumeurs	George Shrink Arthur	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	Zoomafooo	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal A la carte	Spellz (:15) Spellz	Conference Final Game 5 - Cleveland vs. Detroit (if necessary) (Live)	News	Full House	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show Hot Dog	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
7:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Voices of God	Sportscentre	Vanity Insanity (N)	Reba Thanksgiving	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	KCTS Connects	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	This Hour Has 22 Minutes Just for Laughs: Gags	Perdus Loin de Portland (N)	The Art of Piano		Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition		Access Hollywood	Malcolm in the Middle	MLB Baseball - Seattle (Live)
9:00	"Cowboys and Indians: The Killing of J.J. Harper" ★★ (True, '03) Adam Beach.	René Lévesque 1967 - 1970		Poker Legends Cup	2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee	Home Improvement	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Pirate Master (P)	What's in Vancouver? Ago Bahen Chugli Karen	Smallville Sneeze	Star! INSIDE Ugly Betty	Smallville Sneeze	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee	My Name is Earl	Travels to the Edge	Pirate Master (P)	Fresh Prince 72 Hours	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart		Painkiller Jane Breakdown (N)	Promised Land The Getaway	Shark Here Comes the Judge	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Living Legend	Main Gonggi Nahi Desi Rhythms	Seinfeld The Muffin Tops	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Grey's Anatomy	Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip Breaking News (N)	Independent Lens	Shark Here Comes the Judge	Prank Patrol Giant Rat	Spy Academy		Sportsnet Connected
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	Beyond Memory	Sportscentre (Live)	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
12:00 MID	Arrested Development Just for Laughs: Gags	Des kiwis et des hommes	Off Air	Off the Record	That '70s Show	Coach [Part 1 of 2]	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park Chicken Lover	M*A*S*H Love Story	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Charlie Rose	David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

FRIDAY JUNE 1

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	(4:30) LSU Soccer - Vancouver vs. Montréal (En direct)	George Shrink Arthur	Poker 2006 U.S. Championships	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 Ho Yeah!	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoomafooo	KIRO 7 News	Ei Tigre	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	Serious Jungle Backyard Science	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	Full House	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	Avatar	
7:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Canadian Waterways Mighty Rivers (N)	Conference Final Game 6 - San Antonio vs. Utah (if necessary) (Live)	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	Rick Steves' Europe	Entertainment Tonight	(:05) Team Galaxy	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	This Hour Has 22 Minutes Just for Laughs: Gags	Urgences Parcours	"North and South" ★★ (Rom, '04) Daniela	Sportscentre (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	About the Money	Access Hollywood	Fantastic Four	MLB Baseball - Texas vs. Seattle (Live)
9:00	Canadian Air Farce	Kif-kif			Vanity Insanity (N)	Home Improvement	Without a Trace Expectations	"Playing House" (Rom, '06) Joanne Kelly.	Weekly News Forum	Kool Countdown	America's Funniest Home Videos	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	TV's Funniest Moments (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos	1 vs. 100	NOW	Ghost Whisperer Giving Up the Ghost	Naruto	
10:00	Phoenix Sessions (N)	Pour l'amour du country	Denby-Ashe. [Part 2 of 2]	Basketball 2007 Jordan	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card (N)	The Standard	Without a Trace White Balance	Sassy Girl Chun-Hyang	"The Perfect Score" ★★ (Com, '04) Scarlett Johansson.	"Hanging Up" ★★ (Com, '99) Meg Ryan.		Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Blasters	Bill Moyers Journal	Close to Home Homecoming	Inu Yasha	
11:00	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	A Most Mysterious Murder	Brand All-American Classic	20/20	Religions of the World Confucianism and Taoism	Numb3rs Killer Chat	Law & Order Home Sweet	Open Concert			Seinfeld The Baby Shower	IQ Weekly	Law & Order Home Sweet	"The Alamo" ★★ (True, '60) John Wayne.	Numb3rs Killer Chat	Full Metal Alchemist Bleach Bleach 12		Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	The Hour	Le Téléjournal Au-dessus de la mêlée	Historylands Hatley Park	Sportscentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Pink Planet	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News		News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	Arrested Development Kenny vs. Spenny	Des kiwis et des hommes	Off Air	Off the Record	(:05) That '70s Show	Coach [Part 2 of 2]	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H Tuttle	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Charlie Rose	David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

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SATURDAY JUNE 2

5 PM	:00	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Final Game 3 - Anaheim vs. Ottawa (Live)	Beautés désespérées Bang	George Shrinks	(4:30) Boxing	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons	Twice in a Lifetime Even Steven	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Hollywood Countdown	Best of MuchOnDemand	24 Day 4: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	M*A*S*H The Ringbanger Raymond Tissues	KOMO 4 News	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Final Game 3 - Anaheim vs. Ottawa (Live)	(2:00) KCTS Cooks Salads	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Fairly Odd Parents..."	WBC Boxing World Featherweight Championship - Mrdjnovich vs. Raika	
	:30		Le Téléjournal	MeerkatMan-or Moving On	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 6 - Detroit vs. Cleveland (if necessary) (Live)	Room to Grow	Home Improvement	News	News	Xin Tang Ren Weekly News	Fact Presents More Music	Speaker's Corner	Star Trek Bread and Circuses	Raymond Good Girls	News	Lawrence Welk's TV Treasures	CBS Saturday Evening News	(4:00) "Mystery Hunters"	Prank Patrol	Ghost Trackers	
6 PM	:00		Le Téléjournal	Hockey: La fierté d'un peuple (N)	National Geographic	Who's Design	Raymond The Angry Family	News	News	KCTV This Week	The Word This Week	Fashion Television	The King of Queens	Raymond Good Girls	KOMO 4 News		Entertainment This Week	"The Brady Bunch Movie" ★★ (Com, '95) Shelley Long.	MLB Baseball - Texas vs. Seattle (Live)		
	:30		Ici Louis-José Houde (N)	Wild at Heart	Wild at Heart	Who's Design	Raymond The Angry Family	News	News	Entrepreneurial Leader	The Canoe	Behind the Movies	The King of Queens	American Idol Rewind			Entertainment This Week	"The Brady Bunch Movie" ★★ (Com, '95) Shelley Long.	MLB Baseball - Texas vs. Seattle (Live)		
7 PM	:00			Hearbeat Picture This	Sportscentre	Canadian Documentary	Voices of Hinduism	Women in Focus	Johnny Rowan	Cold Squad And the Fury [Part 2 of 2]	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Missing Anything for the Baby [Part 2 of 2]	The Collector Another Collector	That '70s Show	Cops Coast to Coast	23rd Annual Miracle Makers: 100 Years of Miracles	NW Backroads Inside Edition	Andre Rieu Live in Tuscany	"Ocean's Twelve" ★★ (Act, '04) Brad Pitt.		
	:30			Inspector Morse Greeks Bearing Gifts	Boxing Taylor vs. Spinks	"In Her Mother's Footsteps" (Susp, '06) Emma Caulfield.	Islam 101		Thank God You're Here	Asian Variety Show	"Once Upon a Time in Mexico" ★★ (Act, '03) Loreya Montayne.	"Red Deer" ★ (Dra, '00)	The Eco-Zone Project	America Most Wanted (N)	Dateline NBC			Smallville Hypnotic			
8 PM	:00	"Catch Me If You Can" ★★ (Adv, '02) Leonardo DiCaprio.	"Johnny English" (Com, '03) Rowan Atkinson.	Heartbeat Picture This	Sportscentre	Canadian Documentary	Voices of Hinduism	Women in Focus	Johnny Rowan	Cold Squad And the Fury [Part 2 of 2]	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Missing Anything for the Baby [Part 2 of 2]	The Collector Another Collector	That '70s Show	Cops Coast to Coast	23rd Annual Miracle Makers: 100 Years of Miracles	NW Backroads Inside Edition	Andre Rieu Live in Tuscany	"Ocean's Twelve" ★★ (Act, '04) Brad Pitt.		
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11 PM	:00	"The Best Years of Our Lives" ★★ (Rom, '46) Myrna Loy.	"À la folie... pas du tout" (Susp, '02) Audrey Tautou.	Off Air	Snowboarding Shakedown Hockey Royal Bank Cup	Spike Feresten	Jack Van Impe	Hair Club		(:05) MTV Screen	"Kankan De Ohle" (Dra, '70) Asha Parekh.	Professional Poker Tour	"Arlington Road" ★★ (Susp, '99) Jeff Bridges.	24 Day 4: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Spike Feresten	M*A*S*H		Dr. Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond	(:05) Paid Program	"The Brady Bunch Movie" ★★ (Com, '95)	The Ultimate Fighter 3
	:30			Off Air	Snowboarding Shakedown Hockey Royal Bank Cup	Spike Feresten	Jack Van Impe	Hair Club		(:05) MTV Screen	"Kankan De Ohle" (Dra, '70) Asha Parekh.	Professional Poker Tour	"Arlington Road" ★★ (Susp, '99) Jeff Bridges.	24 Day 4: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Spike Feresten	M*A*S*H		Dr. Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond	(:05) Paid Program	"The Brady Bunch Movie" ★★ (Com, '95)	The Ultimate Fighter 3

SUNDAY JUNE 3

5 PM	:00	"A Little Princess" ★★ (Dra, '95) Liesel Matthews.	Un dimanche au marché	George Shrinks	(4:30) Boxing	CH Weekend News	Happy Days The Duel	(2:00) Children's Telethon	Instant Star	Spazio Libero	Hollywood Countdown	(4:00) World Poker Tour	All Of Us	American Idol Rewind	GMC NBA Countdown	KING 5 News	(4:00) My Music: The British Beat	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course..."	MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston (Live)
	:30			Zoboomafo	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western Conference Final Game 7 - Utah vs. San Antonio (if necessary) (Live)	Whose Design	Home Improvement	News	News	"Kankan De Ohle" (Dra, '70) Asha Parekh.	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The Game Away Game	Friends	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western Conference Final Game 7 - Utah vs. San Antonio (if necessary) (Live)	News	Dr. Christiane Northrup's Mother/Daughter Wisdom	CBS Sunday Evening News	"Superman" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '78) Christopher Reeve.	
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11 PM	:00	CBC News: the fifth estate	"La peau douce" (Dra, '64) Jean Desailly.	Off Air	TSN the Reporters	Technical Knockout (N)	PR Maxx	(:05) Paid Program	(:05) CSI: Miami	"Manalo, Matalo Mahal Kita" (Act, '95)	"Hanging Up" ★★	World Poker Tour	Without a Trace Honor Bound	Stargate Atlantis	Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat	Madison Girls Will Be Grrrls	Dark Oracle Masquerade	Jays Connected	This Week in Baseball
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MONDAY JUNE 4

5 PM	:00	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Final Game 4 - Anaheim vs. Ottawa (Live)	Rumeurs [Partie 2 de 2]	George Shrinks	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 7 - Cleveland vs. Detroit (if necessary) (Live)	CH News	Happy Days Westward Ho!	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	(4:00) The Oprah Winfrey Show	Zoboomafo Hail to Tails	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "The Powerpuff Girls"	(4:30) Poker
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Arts & Entertainment

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

Student dancers, choreographers fuse fantastic final performance



PHOTO BY HELEN ELIZABETH SCHNARE

Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts dancers, from left, Chloe Melious, Rosie Hamilton, Kim Schnare, Rowynn Lloyd-Butler and Hannah Everest perform Imperfect Design at last week's year-end high school dance show.

Self-esteem shines on ArtSpring stage

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Dance 11/12 student choreography show called Fusion demonstrated why raising children on this rock is so great.

Working towards a common goal, integrating their talent, beauty and enthusiasm with four solid years of hard work and discipline paid off in an enjoyable Friday night concert at ArtSpring that saw the participants' confidence levels soar and the audience support them with sincere abandon.

Opening with a dance based on a loose narrative choreographed by Jasmine Dine, entitled Calypso, the driving beat of the ethnic music, the young man bound with rope (Lowell Rockcliffe) the chorus of young women and the woman who resurrects and destroys him (Dine), started off the evening strongly.

Creating choreography in the ballet idiom on recreational dancers is never easy, but teacher and show producer Sonia Langer built a lovely piece with interesting patterns.

Called Cold Hearted Maiden, a

beautiful solo with exceptional arm movement by Amy Marchant opened the piece, supporting the theme of the individual versus the collective.

Marchant solos choreographed to Wonderful by Annie Lennox and Rikarda Brobbel's 24 pointed to how much the students have learned technically about dance and how committed they are to it. Dine's solo Candyland showed a performer with the assurance of someone twice her age.

Desert Rose, performed and choreographed by Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts dancers Chloe Melious, Hannah Everest, Rowynn Lloyd-Butler, Kim Schnare and Rosie Hamilton showed complex patterns on stage and the ability to build a more intricate phrase of movement.

What a treat to see a tap number — not an easy feat with beginning tappers — that was well rehearsed and the group's enthusiasm shining through. Using Sly and the Family Stone's M'Lady, Patrice Bowler is to be commended for organizing 10 people to create something wonderful.

Another crowd pleaser was a swing number with two couples: Catlin Hilyer, Patrice Bowler, Jasmine Dine and Zena Blanes.

Well rehearsed, their youthful vigour garnered a huge cheer from the crowd.

Opening the second act was Para Bailar Casino, which brought on a

whole team of well-appreciated teenage boys to accompany the girls in their salsa. Thoroughly fun, I still can't figure out why more boys don't take dance as an option. Don't they like all those pretty girls in leotards?

In Limbo, choreographed by Alaia Hamer, displayed a recurring progression that shows the dance program is truly moving forward.

It offered a wonderful sense of movement where the dancers were breathing hard and sweating, which allowed the audience to experience the kinesthetic high so essential to dance.

The piece Batonga to Anjelique Kidjo, choreographed by Langer, saw the group dancing with abandon after four years of hard work.

And it was a treat to see teacher Sonja Langer performing a solo choreographed by herself entitled Bringing Down the Sky, a totally appropriate addition to the concert.

As Langer mentioned in her address at the beginning, this last concert would have been bittersweet for some as it's the last kick at the cat before they go off into "the real world."

The event showed the level of self-esteem our young people integrate from artistic endeavors like dance, pointing to how important arts education is in the schools and how supportive our community is of young people.

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ISLAND ARTISTS

Sav Boro's wildlife masterpieces

Calypso mural, Roasting Co. works part of natural world vision

BY EVELYN C. WHITE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Call it an occupational hazard — Van Gogh famously severed his left earlobe. Salt Spring artist Sav Boro sacrificed a swath of hair.

A resident of Toronto in the late 1990s, Boro was acclaimed as a painter of large murals on commercial properties. He'd just primed a building for one of his works when a colleague inadvertently airbrushed the back of his head. Unable to extract the paint from his dreadlocks, Boro cut his hair which has never achieved its previous splendor.

"The paint was released from a gun with a powerful blast," says Boro, 45, as he calmly recounts the incident. "My hair was much longer and thicker then. I was sad to cut it. At the same time, I believe my locks saved me. Had the paint penetrated more deeply into my skin, I could have become seriously ill."

The accidental haircut is among the many sagas Boro shares as he discusses the art he's created on Salt Spring, including landscapes, wildlife portraits, surrealistic miniatures evocative of



Salt Spring's Sav Boro is seen with one of his famed wildlife paintings.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salvador Dali, and a magnificent mural of an arbutus tree that graces the exterior wall of Calypso Interiors in Ganges.

Some of his paintings are currently on display at the Roasting Company cafe in Ganges.

"Anyone who saw Sav working at the start of the [Calypso] project, which he did entirely in free-hand, could not have imagined such a masterpiece," says Colin McDougall, owner of Calypso, adding that Boro's artistry can also be found inside his shop. "Sav sees on

several dimensions and can make his vision come to life. He's a phenomenal artist."

Seemingly impervious to praise, Boro exudes a tranquil demeanor that belies the hardships he's suffered since his birth in a small village in Kenya. Although his mother was a respected school teacher, Boro says his future was nonetheless declared bleak because his father was not in the household.

"Africans can be very blunt," he explains. "Raised without a father, I was told, to my face, that I was des-

tinued to become a beggar or a thief. It's been my lifelong mission to prove everybody wrong."

To that end, Boro studied diligently in school, determined to become an artist. But paint, brushes and canvases were difficult to obtain in a country where the average yearly income is less than \$500.

His fortune changed when an acquaintance introduced Boro to Keith Harrington, a Nairobi artist and educator who welcomed him as an apprentice.

"I was 19 when this white man appeared at my house and said he'd heard I wanted to be an artist," Boro says. "I showed him some drawings and he and his family took me in for seven years. Keith gave me high-quality tools and equipment. Within the first year, I sold a painting of an Arabian boat for \$80, which was a lot of money in Kenya."

Harrington (since deceased) was also a naturalist who helped Boro get a job as a safari tour guide. The experience fuelled Boro's desire to become a wildlife artist.

"People come from all

over the world to see the spectacular animals in my country, but most Kenyans have never been on safari," he says, noting that the word means "journey" in Swahili, his native tongue.

"For us, the entrance fees are too expensive," he continues. "So, Kenyan children sit outside the gates of our famous game parks and sell trinkets to tourists. I want to share the wildlife images with my people."

Hence, Boro left Kenya for additional training at the Ontario College of Art and Design because "people said that I needed a degree to be respected as an artist." Uninspired by his classes, he dropped out of school and laboured as a domestic to make ends meet.

He also painted commercial billboards and worked as an uncredited scene painter of rolling fireballs and other special effects in the 2000 movie X-Men, parts of which were filmed in Toronto.

"I kept up a happy face, but my heart was hurting," Boro says. "It was especially difficult for me to work as a servant, but I did what was necessary to survive."

Weary of Toronto, Boro moved by bus to Vancouver in 2001, a trek during which his prized portfolio of art was lost. Undaunted, Boro was soon hired to paint a mural for a new mosque in Richmond.

"In Islam, figurative images of Allah are forbidden," he says. "So, everything was interpretive and drawn in Arabic script."

His artistic skills ever expanding, Boro settled on Salt Spring in 2003 where he began creating stone murals with Liz Gay, owner of Myriad Designs.

"We design and build stone fireplaces, courtyards, fences, murals, whatever people can imagine," Gay says. "Sav is a true gem."

Like McDougall, Gay notes that Boro works through many generations of an art piece before his vision is

realized.

"You have to trust his process," she explains. "He is meticulous, detailed and has an ability to make an image reveal itself to him over time. He has an extraordinary eye that is not readily apparent to the casual observer."

So thinks Fenya Audain, a south-end resident for

"He is meticulous, detailed and has an ability to make an image reveal itself to him over time."

LIZ GAY
Myriad Designs

whom Boro painted a vibrant mural of an African savanna.

"It was great to have Sav working in our home," she says. "He's a very honest person whose love and understanding of animals and nature is reflected in his art. We got great value for the price we paid and also gained a friend."

As for the business of art, Boro is represented by Mercer Gallery (537-4492), recently opened by Maddy Tarris and her husband, Donn.

"We saw Sav's wildlife paintings several years ago and searched him out," Maddy Tarris says. "He has a positive attitude, genuine talent and career aspirations that we support."

A triumphant return to Africa is central to the vision that now shapes Boro's life.

He dreams of buying a sailboat on which he'll live and paint as he makes his way back to Kenya. During a sailing trip last summer, generously gifted to Boro by islander Gail Meyer, the artist surveyed the ocean and quietly said: "I want to sail home as a success and make my mother proud."



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Dick Trory and everyone at Creek House Realty Ltd. are excited to welcome Salt Spring native Barbara Woodley to their team of Real Estate Professionals. Having grown up on Salt Spring, Barbara possesses a unique and intimate knowledge of the island and its islanders. Barbara was just a year old when her family moved to Salt Spring from Saturna. Her parents, Glenn and Linda Woodley, now retired from 30+ years in Salt Spring schools are still very active in the community. Barbara's brother Dr. David Woodley has also returned to build a healthy medical practice and home here on the island.

Barbara launched her career in photography by producing calendars documenting Salt Spring's characters and founding families. Next, she spent 2 years travelling across Canada to photograph inspirational women. The resulting book, "Portraits: Canadian Women in Focus" containing the infamous portrait of The Honourable Kim Campbell and her robes, became a Canadian Best Seller. When the press and interviews abated, Barbara returned to build her home on a remote piece of Salt Spring coastline.

Barbara's connection to Salt Spring is deep. Her first job at Rita's Inn; Hot dusty baseball tournaments at Molly and Bob Akerman's field; Mike Byrons lamb barbeques; Beach fires at Grace Point before the condos. Her island home has weathered many changes, and still the 'specialness' that is Salt Spring remains. That is why Barbara has returned to Salt Spring with her husband Gregg and their 3 children, Salle, Jack, and Kate.

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Lea Mabberley with new work at J. Mitchell Gallery.

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Mabberley landscapes grace J. Mitchell Gallery

Painting, collage, quilting and tapestry merge in new art show

Lea Mabberley, currently on exhibition at the J. Mitchell Gallery, is a somewhat feisty woman living on Galiano Island.

An artist of the London school, she received her degree in Illustration and Design from the Bath Academy of Art. For many years her professional work was in typography, hand-setting type for newspapers and ad agencies.

For almost 20 years Mabberley has directed her artistic talent toward painting. Her paintings are quite unique in that she uses silk as a medium, which she paints with fabric dye, cuts into shapes and sews together. Her finished pieces contain elements of collage, quilting and tapestry, bringing texture and added dimensions to her work.

In attendance at the exhibition opening last Saturday, Mabberley was emphatic about how she views her complex format.

"I don't think of myself as someone who sews, I think of myself as a painter. It just happens that I work with fabric as a medium. [Working with silk] does give me textures and opportunities of light that I wouldn't get with paint."

She says she also prefers to use silk because "it's very tolerant — you can use it a lot."

Mabberley builds her pieces from photographs taken at home and in her travels, taking inspiration from the natural world. Works on exhibit include scenes from British Columbia, Greece, Newfoundland and the North West Territories. She begins by creating a full-size oil pastel model, from which she creates a pattern. She then cuts pieces that match the colours she wants, usually from huge swaths of plain silk that she has previously painted with dye. Of course, the pattern can be and often is changed as she goes along.

"When you get into something, it develops a life of



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

its own, so ideas change when you work on it," she explained.

Once the pieces are sewn together, finer details can be painted on directly, such as the grime attached to the underside of a boat. Mabberley is also proficient at achieving different textures and looks by incorporating other fabrics, such as Japanese kimono silk, lace, and embroidery thread — even an unravelled piece of nylon mooring rope.

It is surprising how well Mabberley conveys perspective, light and shadow using her unusual tools. One of her older pieces on display, Summer Dreams, Galiano Island, evokes smooth arbutus trunks topped with a thick canopy, achieved by painting lace dark green. A hammock slung between the trunks features embroidery thread ropes, making it seem a miniature but authentic replica. In another piece called simply Scott Cove, BC, Mabberley is impressive in evoking the heavy weight of the cliffs looming over vulnerable buildings and boats below, while a well-paced ripple of paint makes tangible water out of shimmering silk.

Four pieces in the collection were inspired by Mabberley's recent trip to the north and are represented in close-up views of mine machinery. Old Mine Wheel makes good use of a patterned background painted cool grey to offset the wheel and a rust-coloured plant stalk.

Rock Crusher, NWT and Donkey Engine, NWT offer more abstract visions, using rust and teal tones to emphasize geometric elements.

As Mabberley observed, "I was just fascinated by the shapes."

The incredible amount of work evident in creating each piece is matched by

Mabberley's eye for colour and composition — it is possible to be taken with her impressive landscapes and by her fine attention to detail in varying textures and layers.

Fans of textile arts and connoisseurs of painting will both be pleased by her collection, which is beautiful enough to transcend narrow categories.

The Lea Mabberley exhibition runs until June 13 at J. Mitchell Gallery in Grace Point Square.



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TIGER TIME: Library volunteer Clare Cullen and youngsters have fun at Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! a reading and craft program for four to seven year olds at the Salt Spring library on Fridays from 1:30-2:15 p.m. The popular program has two more sessions on June 1 and 8.

MUSIC AND MUNCH

Moberg opens All Saints recital season

Weekly free series begins Wednesday

Music and Munch begins its weekly recitals for the summer season on June 6, with one of the island's most treasured performers — Alan Moberg.

Lovingly called "Canada's West Coast Troubadour," Moberg has been performing and writing songs that capture the beauty and

mystery of B.C. for well over 30 years. He has received an award from BMI Canada (SOCAN) for "an outstanding contribution to Canadian music," as well as three from the B.C. Country Music Association during his long musical history.

Moberg is the stuff of folklore. Born in Pender Harbour, B.C., he has worked on the sea as a fisherman, and on land as a gardener. His

songs reflect the affinity for people who live close to the land, including the Native Indians. In 1972 Moberg was given a hereditary name and adopted into the Gitskahn Killer Whale Clan of Kispiox, B.C. He has become a part of the Kwakiutl clan of Fort Rupert through marriage, and has been honoured by being given a chief's name, Hemidi, by Chief Alfred (Hutch) Hunt.

"Moberg has walked the long hard road of life and his songs speak to all of us," states a press release. "His warmth on and off stage make it easy to love him and audiences are moved by his melodious voice and touched by his inspiring tales."

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints church on Park Drive, followed by a delicious optional lunch for \$5.50.

ISLAND POETS

Local Chris Patton launches his first collection of poetry

'Ox' makes debut at June 3 ArtSpring event

BY GEORGE SIPOS
 ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sunday, June 3 marks the launch of a new book of poems by Salt Spring writer Christopher Patton at ArtSpring.

On an island filled with writers, what's so special about a book launch? Many things actually. The launch of any new book by a local writer is always cause for celebration. When that is a first collection of poetry, it is all the more so.

Poetry may be "the breath and finer spirit of all life," as Shelly believed, but it is also on the endangered list of art forms these days. People don't read poetry much, even less than they take time to learn to play the violin, or to keep good port in the basement for 20 years, or to occupy themselves with anything that requires time and patience to yield up its pleasures. More's the pity.

It's a delight to find a writer who practises the art of poetry with the skill, the finely tuned ear, and the assured instincts of Christopher Patton.

Patton spends part of each year tending his apple trees on Salt Spring, and part pursuing PhD studies in Salt Lake City. He has an MFA from Columbia University and has taught creative writing and literature at a number of North American universities, including New York University, Western Washington University, Arcadia University and UBC. He has published poems widely in a number of journals, and in 2000 received the Bernard F. Connors Prize for Poetry from The Paris Review.

The book that he is launching on June 3 is

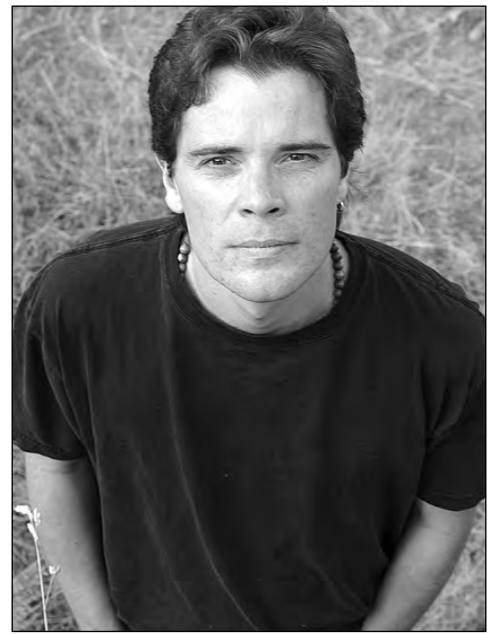


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Poet Chris Patton has released his first book, called Ox, and it is published by Montreal's Vehicule Press, one of the leading literary publishers in Canada. The book launch is jointly hosted by ArtSpring and Salt Spring Books.

We're delighted to be able to work with Adina and Andrew and their fine staff to present a brilliant young writer like Christopher Patton to the community. We hope lots of people will come and hear Christopher read.

The launch is free of charge. Christopher Patton will read from Ox and talk about the poems, and there will be an opportunity to purchase copies and have them signed. Light refreshments will also be served. The evening starts at 7:30 in the ArtSpring gallery.

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Karaoke. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
High Mountain Honey. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
GISS Second Story Theatre. Original works and direction by senior GISS drama students, plus play building. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Kundalini Yoga Classes. At The Gatehouse. 5:15-6:45 p.m. 537-9299.
Expressive Drawing. Wednesdays at the Core Inn with Gillian McConnell. 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-5833
Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
International Day. Displays and fun at SS Centre School. 9-10 a.m.
Beddis and Cusheon Area Residents Association. AGM at All Saints, with guest speaker Wayne Hewitt on implementation of the Cusheon Watershed Management Plan. 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee. Public meeting at the Harbour House Hotel, Blue Room. 6-8 p.m.

Thurs. May 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Stephanie Rhodes. Untamed vocals at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
One Night Stand. With Matt & Tom at Shipstones. 8 p.m.
GISS Second Story Theatre. Original works and direction by senior GISS drama students, plus play building. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Open Garden. Irises & rhodos at the Bakers'. 185 Furness Road. Open 10 a.m. til dusk.
The Synonymous Wonder. Intro session. Beaver Pt. Hall. 7-8 p.m. Info: 537-9110.
Canadian Radio Yachting Association National Championships. At SS Sailing Club beginning at noon.
Story Time at the Library. Reading/craft program for 4-7-year-olds. Outdoor Adventures is the theme. 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Medieval Faire. Play, games, food, crafts, auction & music at family event at Phoenix school, 163 Drake Rd. noon to 4 p.m.
 Play runs at 12:30 p.m.

Fri. June 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Hey Boy Hey Girl. Moby's. 9 p.m.
Big Band & Blues Boogie. With Sax Safari and opening act Swing Shift, with special guest pianist/composer Jan Jarczyk from Montreal. Fulford Hall, 8 p.m.
Calamity Jane. Breathtaking acoustic ensemble at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

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Sat. June 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Planet Music. Original urban jazz at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
House Party. With DJ Matt J at Moby's. 9 p.m.
Dave Roland & KC Kelly. At Falconshead Grill & Lounge. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Illustrated Journaling Workshop. With Paul Burke at Blue Horse Gallery. 10-3.
Gypsy Moth Trap Assembling. Volunteer at the Farmers Institute. 8:30 a.m. to noon.
Celebrate Dance! Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts event at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Open Garden. Irises & rhodos at the Bakers'. 185 Furness Road. Open 10 a.m. til dusk.
Canadian Radio Yachting Association National Championships. At SS Sailing Club all day.
Preparing to Plant Winter Vegetables. With Linda Gilkeson at the Farmers Institute. 1-3 p.m.

Sun. June 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Edward Lee & Ira Pelletier. Original acoustic fusion at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Jan Stirling and Dick Smith. Salt Spring Inn jazz. 6-9 p.m.
Galiano Ensemble. Virtuoso Strings show of Baroque works at ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Island Discovery. Burgoyne history film debuts at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
Christopher Patton Book Launch. Of poetry collection called Ox. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Canadian Radio Yachting Association National Championships. At SS Sailing Club all day.
Preparing to Plant Winter Vegetables. With Linda Gilkeson at the Farmers Institute. 1-3 p.m.

Mon. June 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sue Pyper & Helen Austin. Original folk at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Salsa, Merengue, Rumba Dance Classes. Latin dance classes taught by Cuban instructor Tanja. Lions Hall Mondays. 7-9 p.m. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Kundalini Yoga Classes. Mondays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 537-9299.
Kundalini Yoga. Mondays at All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Acts of Transformation Peace Art Display. Youth art display at Rotary Marine Park. 11-3.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Tues. June 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage With Tommy Hooper. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

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.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Nick Bantock** opens his new gallery studio workshop called **The Forgetting Room** at Suite 18, Merchant Mews, 315 Upper Ganges Rd. on Sat., June 2, 6 and 9 p.m.
- J. Mitchell Gallery** presents **An Exhibition of Recent Work** by **Lea Mabblerley** until June 13.
- Florence Roberge** holds her annual show of paintings, monotypes and works in day at **Bunbury Studio, 126 Maple Ridge Place** beginning at 2 p.m. on Sat., June 2.
- Sav Boro** from Kenya is displaying environmental works at **The Roasting Co.** in Ganges 'til June 30.
- Pegasus Gallery** holds a **Spring Show** of 20 new works by **W.J. Phillips, A.J. Casson, Luther Pokrant, Manly McDonald** and more.
- Seth Berkowitz** has photographic images hanging at **Moby's** and **Jana's Bake Shop**.
- 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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PIECE OF CAKE: Harrison and Jackson Sweet are among the big cake walk winners at last week's annual Fernwood school fun fair.

YOUTH ART AND PEACE

Surrendered war toys create peace display

Music, art and speakers at event

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

On Monday, June 4, children and adults will have a chance to embrace the ideas of peace while taking in some amazing artwork at the Acts of Transformation Peace Art Display at Rotary Marine Park.

Students from Fernwood elementary and Salt Spring Island Middle School created the display from war toys they surrendered in order to produce art that spreads a message of peace.

Event organizer Tania Aguila explained that by "keeping peace in our schools, our homes and our communities, we help to spread a culture of peace where it becomes socially unacceptable to solve conflicts with violence. How can we create that culture but by acting in a non-violent way, by speaking peace and by encouraging peaceful games?"

The project originated with the Doukhobors, who burned all of their weapons in a symbolic act of pacifism that led to their forced exile from Russia and brought them to Canada in the late 19th century.

Last summer during the World Peace Forum in Vancouver, which Aguila helped organize, the B.C. Teachers' Federation began developing the Acts of Transformation Project, which resulted in some artwork being displayed at UBC's Museum of

Anthropology. The project was such a success that a group was formed to ensure its continuity, with a focus on the 2010 Olympics.

Aguila — whose childhood was scarred by the civil war in El Salvador — hopes that by next year the project will have spread across the Gulf Islands.

"There are many children around the world who are suffering [from] the effects of violence, right at this moment. Children are forced to join armies in many countries . . . and are also forced into heavy labour at early ages," Aguila stated, also mentioning bullying that affects children here in North America.

Salt Spring children who participated in the display mostly surrendered toy soldiers and guns, though Aguila hopes future displays will include surrendered video games as well.

The event, which coincides with International Day of Innocent Child Victims of Aggression, takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include musical performances by Monik Nordine and Oona McOuat. The afternoon will also include speakers, some of them children who created the sculptures on display.

"I love to hear important speakers address the issue of peace, ballistic missile defence or the weaponization of space," Aguila said, "but when you hear a child speak, it is so powerful. They have a lot to say."

GISS DRAMA

Show features student work

Final local appearances by graduating actors

Drama students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are set to impress more audiences with their year-end Last Acts show May 30 and 31 at ArtSpring.

Last Acts includes three student-directed plays from the Directing 12 class, plus results of Grade 9 Playbuilding and Grade 10 Drama classes.

The plays are No Exit, which takes place in hell, written by Jean Paul Sartre and directed by Pandora Morgan; W.V., a play about a failed writer by Andrew Westoll and directed by Jordan Roper; and By the Watercooler, which is written and directed by student Dejan Loyola.

"This play combines political and social commentary with references to pop culture and the world around us," notes a press release about By the Watercooler.

"Audiences are warned that their spleens may explode with laughter and they should probably consult their doctors before attending. The play tells the story of a-down-and-out, arrogant coffee shop worker named Dane Barker who attends an interview for a corporation owned by a crazed, money-pinching psychopath named Mr. McKinley. Dane discovers the wacky world of the corporate universe while his home life suffers."

The Wednesday-Thursday productions will be the last for several celebrated theatre students who are graduating in June. They include Morgan, Loyola, Roper, Clare Lannan, Sarah Penhale, Bonn Smith, Alex Blanes, Jordan Robinson, Aaron Trory and April Mackey. Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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THE WORD: Linda Kavelin Popov speaks to a gathering of Salt Spring writers as they and their craft are honoured at the annual Writers' Day event, Sunday at the library.

FIDDLE BARN DANCE

Northern youth perform at Fiddleworks

Potluck with moose meat and bannock at barn dance

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Strap on those cowboy boots — or mud boots, if you're so inclined — because local not-for-profit group Fiddleworks Community Development Society is hosting a potluck, concert and barn dance June 8.

The event will feature fiddlers hailing from the town of Wrigley in the Dehcho region, Northwest Territories.

Thirty kids, along with their chaperones, will make the 30- to 40-hour bus ride to Salt Spring, bringing moose meat for stew and making traditional bannock.

These students represent the first group of northern youth Fiddleworks has been involved with.

An eight-year-old organization, Salt Spring-based Fiddleworks works with adults and children locally and throughout B.C., and with youth in the Northwest Territories, to share music, develop life skills and build community.

It is the brainchild of local fiddler and musician Jaime RT, who is supported by coordinator Ellie Parks and the Fiddleworks board.

To support the Northwest Territories youngsters, Fiddleworks joins forces with Strings Across the Sky and the Kole Crook Fiddle Association.

Fiddling has been a part of northern culture since the 1600s and is very important, RT said during a recent interview.

"It's a modern thing and it's an old thing — I kind of think of it as a bridge."

However, residential schooling during much of the last century meant

younger generations did not learn this heritage.

"They (aboriginal youth) pick it up by listening and watching and that tradition was broken when they were shipped away to residential schools, but now we're helping to rebuild that."

Teachers involved with the program travel up north to teach students at least once a year; RT goes between five and six times a year for up to two weeks, working regularly with about 200 students from six communities.

However, students require more frequent instruction. As all northern communities have access to the internet, the three organizations are developing a curriculum software program to give students online tutoring.

The prototype version should be out in fall, with the official launch in 2008.

Fiddleworks also offers

lessons, books and CDs, and the increasingly popular summer Fiddle Camp.

The Friday, June 8 fundraiser kicks off with the potluck at 6 p.m., followed by the performance by local and northern fiddlers.

A 10-minute segment of a full-length documentary following Fiddleworks and the northern students will debut that night.

Victoria-based Anne Glover will call the barn dance, with music provided by Jaime RT and a youth fiddle orchestra.

There will also be a silent auction.

The event is open to all. Admission is by donation.

RT is looking for volunteers, silent auction donations, and tents to house the students for their two-day stay at Ruckle Park. Contact Jaime RT at 538-1919 or jaime@fiddleworks.ca.

YOUTH DANCE

Stagecoach dancers prepare to strut their stuff at ArtSpring show

Year-end recital covers ballet, hip hop, tap and more

From tiny tot ballerinas to throw-down hip hop dancers, the Stagecoach School of Performing Arts dance program spins onto the ArtSpring stage on Saturday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

The dance program enjoyed another great

year of growth and celebrates the learning experienced by dance students ranging in age from three to teen. Presenting a diverse program with a broad range of choreographers from our community, more examples of dance disciplines are featured in the year-end performance than ever before.

Tap, creative and musical theatre with Sue Newman, hip hop with Andrea Rabinovitch and ballet with Lisa Hall cover a wide range

of entertaining styles.

Intensive students take approximately six hours of dance instruction each week, studying ballet with Jill Smith on two days, pilates with Shannon Johnston and Rheona Severson, and a guest teacher program that has produced two dances for our year-end recital: a Ukrainian piece choreographed by Lisa Hall and an Irish dance choreographed by Marie Mullen.

A silent auction, photographs and videos for the participants and a yummy concession round out the energetically paced event.

Registration for next year begins at the recital with exciting new programming like a jazz class on tap. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office. To find out more about the Stagecoach School for Performing Arts dance and theatre programs, see www.stagecoachtheatre.ca.

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FRIDAY, JULY 6 – BC's Tiller's Folly returns to ArtSpring. A fine folk/roots band, they give lively voice to the BC Coast.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 – An evening of BC originals with a western edge with Angela Harris, a singer/songwriter from the Chilcotin, and Fera, a band built around twin sisters who have been described as "the Dixie Chicks meet Cheryl Crow."

FRIDAY, JULY 27 – The David Visentin Quartet is indispensable to any ArtSpring summer. A classical quartet of world-class musicians with a dedicated local following.

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LOCAL FUNDRAISING



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From left, Rita Dods, Anne Leigh-Spencer and Lee Sollitt are ready with signs for this weekend's ALS Flower/Awareness Days.

ALS Flower Days campaign hits town

Rita Dods and her volunteers will be out tagging

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The cornflower is a pretty plant with intense-blue star-shaped flowers. It is a native annual/biennial from Mediterranean Europe, but grows well in most of Canada. It is also the symbol for the ALS Society of Canada.

ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a deadly affliction where every muscle in your body wastes away until you can no longer walk, talk or breathe.

June is ALS month, and islander Rita Dods, along with a group of over 20

volunteers, is once again collecting donations for ALS Flower/Awareness Days.

"We'll be very visible. We have our posters and we have our flowers and various things," Dods said.

Look for volunteers this weekend at various downtown locations, including Thrifty Foods and Ganges Village Market. Donors will be tagged with a blue cornflower pin.

Last year, over \$8,000 was raised on-island.

According to the ALS Society website, www.als.ca, the cornflower was chosen as the official plant of ALS because it represents "positive hope for the future," and is "a humble reminder of nature's simple beauty and the fullness of life's cycle."

It also states that the plant is "very

courageous . . . being able to stand up to all the elements of nature (something many other plants cannot do)."

Dods became involved with fundraising because of a personal connection to the disease.

"I do it because of a young friend, Dennis Kaye, who was born on this island and still has relatives on this island."

Kaye died of ALS in 1995 at the age of 40. Islander David Hamilton also died of the disease in 2001. According to the ALS Society, approximately 2,500 to 3,000 Canadians over the age of 18 currently live with the disease.

Watch for Dods handing out information around town all week, and volunteers accepting donations on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2.

For more information, contact Dods at 537-9737.

BRIDGE

Repeat winners content with fate

Joan Conlan and Sue Mouat pleased: first place again

BRIDGETRICKS

on May 14: Joan Conlan and Sue Mouat were happy to find themselves repeating previous wins by being solidly in first place again.

Sandy Thompson and Paul Retallack didn't mind too much being second; and Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas could put up with coming a very close third

by half a point, even if there were no candies available (in joke).

Variety was the spice of life on May 21, so now for something completely different — well mostly completely different. Victory was sweet for Ron Hall and Bob Morrisette, and Joan Conlan partnered Boodie Arnott to come in second, which is the not-quite-completely-different part.

Half a point behind (also

not a quite completely different gap) in third place were Patricia Hewett and Jean Elder.

A good time was had by all. Mostly. Candies were available.

If you're thinking of joining in the fun at 7 p.m. on Monday nights at the seniors centre, just get in touch with George Laundry at 653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

Be of good cheer.

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WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Project offers tourism with a twist

Trip's no holiday in Cambodia, but comes pretty close

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sean Mulligan is looking for Salt Springers between the ages of 18 and 24 to join him on what could very well be the experience of a lifetime.

That's how things went when the 29-year-old made the first of his four trips to South East Asia as a volunteer with Developing World Connections, a Kamloops-based charitable organization, nearly six years ago.

Mulligan has helped build wells, teach organic farming practices and plant hope in

rural communities still devastated by a genocide that wiped out 20 per cent of the country's population during the late 1970s.

"There is a sense that people have had enough of the war and want to move on," Mulligan said.

"This is a great place to learn about what life is like in a developing country because it remains one of the poorest countries in the region, yet people are so hospitable."

Improving life for rural Cambodians is Mulligan's "winter gig" — during the summer he's a kayak guide and owner of Salt Spring Adventure Company.

Working with Developing World Connections, he said, is a way to reconcile his love of Cambodia with a passion for sustainable tourism.

"This is real grassroots development and that's why I'm interested in this," he said. "We contribute to the communities we visit, use locally owned accommodations and all work on a volunteer basis. These projects are meant to last once we back away."

Mulligan has eight people signed up for a five-week trip set for October.

Because the organization is a registered charity, participants can hold fundraising events to collect the \$3,500 participation fee.

The cost covers accommodation, food, transportation, visas and cultural activities in Cambodia.

Once participants have completed the initial five-week project, they are free to work on other projects at no expense.

All projects are determined by communicating with organizations and local village governments to determine where there is the greatest need.

"We don't go in there to



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Developing World Connections volunteer Sean Mulligan is searching for Salt Spring residents prepared for a life-altering experience in southeast Asia this fall.

tell anybody what to do," he said.

In October, participants will work on returning an unused piece of land into a 12-hectare (29-acre) permaculture centre.

Getting people to kick their dependence on pesticides, Mulligan said, not only makes farming healthier and more affordable, but improves yields and income thanks to healthy soils.

"The whole system is so much healthier," he said. "It's all a functional and holistic system."

The experience offers a great opportunity for both first-time and seasoned travellers looking for a meaningful travel experience.

Participants can actually learn something.

"My goal is to train leaders for other projects," Mulligan said.

"These projects inspired

"This is real grassroots development... These projects are meant to last once we back away."

SEAN MULLIGAN
Developing World

me and I now want to give others that chance."

For your chance to get inspired, contact Sean Mulligan at sean@developingworldconnections.org. For more detailed project information, visit www.developingworldconnections.org.

GISS MUSIC

Combo Cultura strikes gold at nationals

Last chance to hear Grade 12s at June concert

Gulf Islands Secondary School's (GISS) jazz combo came back from the Musicfest national competition with a gold rating last week, and islanders can hear them perform as part of the year-end GISS music concert on June 13-14.

"Catch them there before they are too famous, as ticket prices will soar," said GISS music teacher Bruce Smith in the school's newsletter last week.

Smith said group members played their hearts out at the May 16 Richmond event.

"Stephanie McMahon sang like a sultry siren of song. Dalhi Gonthier was sizzlin' on the tenor sax. Eryn Krieger, also known as 'Krieg time,' was smokin'. Big Geoff [Cronin] was fantastic on the trombone. Cool-hand

Niko [Hook-Nilsson] slid out an impressively crafted guitar solo. Erisa [Ogawa] was on fire with her method of almost beatboxing into the flute, along with the way she moves as she plays — just awesome.

The dynamic duo of Aaron Trory and the time machine Luke Giefing were tighter than a drum and offered up smoldering grooves for the other players."

Smith said he was very proud of the students' performance at the 35th Musicfest high school music festival.

"Not only do they deserve [the gold adjudication], it was an amazing way to send off these Grade 12s. Most of them will carry on into professional careers."

GISS music shows tend to sell out, so people should get tickets early through the ArtSpring box office.

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Something is missing from technically precise Pan's Labyrinth

I truly wanted to love Pan's Labyrinth, the Spanish film that has garnered acclaim from both audiences and critics worldwide. But it didn't happen. It started, it ended, and I thought to myself, "that's it?"

Pan's Labyrinth takes place in a rural Spanish wood, circa 1944. Franco's Fascist army has pretty much defeated the Communists, and a small force has been sent to deal with a band of guerrillas hiding in the forest.

The Fascists' captain is the most evil of men, using terror and torture at will to exert his dominion over the countryside. He brings his new wife and her daughter from a previous marriage along in order to watch the birth of his son.

Upon arriving at the Fascists' new base, the daughter begins to see and interact with

"fairies" and a cloven-hoofed creature that calls itself Pan. Pan convinces her that she is in fact the heir to a wonderful underground kingdom, and in order to prove herself she must fulfill three dangerous tasks.

Pan's Labyrinth is a good film. As with any Del Toro work, the setting is immaculately portrayed and rife with detail, and moments of suspense are almost painfully riveting. The actors, compiled as they are from an all-star draw of the Latin film world, are similarly perfect.

But as technically precise as it is, there is something missing. I didn't care one bit about the daughter or her mom or the rebels, because Del Toro never fully develops the relationships between them enough. We're expected to hate the bad guy because he's pure evil, cheer the rebels

because they're brave, and pity the girl because she's, um, cute.

Also, if there's any subtle metaphorical or allegorical depth to Pan's Labyrinth, I missed most of it. So did most critics, who claim to love the film but are almost universally strained to answer why. Most ramble on about the beautiful sets or the creepy monsters, but given the bandying about of words like "masterpiece" I'd expect a little more explanation here.

Maybe I should watch it again, as the more I think about it the more certain details indicate an interesting depth to the proceedings. The problem is that, if the rest of the world hadn't told me to look for said details (without providing any evidence for them), I wouldn't have bothered to do so in the first place.

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The Salt Spring Energy Strategy is sponsoring Preparing to Plant Winter Vegetables, led by renowned year-round gardening expert Linda Gilkeson at the Farmers Institute upstairs from 1-3 p.m.

"Grow lettuce, leafy greens, root crops, broccoli, cauliflower and many other vegetables — while saving money and avoiding the environmental cost of conventionally grown food that is trucked long distances," urges a press release.

Gilkeson is a popular speaker who's in demand for her entertaining and informative presentations. She will help demystify the topic of growing food in the winter months.

The workshop will cover what varieties to grow, when and where to plant, and simple methods for protecting crops (no greenhouse or cold frames needed). She will also deal with how to fit winter crops in with summer plantings to make the most of garden space.

This is the third in a continuing series of workshops on winter gardening sponsored by the Salt Spring Energy Strategy.

"The value of growing your own food for the winter goes considerably beyond the delicious and fresh taste of your vegetables. Growing our own will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with processed/packaged food brought in from sometimes long distances. The Salt Spring Energy Strategy together with local organic farmers, are aiming to produce 10 per cent of our food here on Salt Spring Island. Your backyard garden may be one of the islands' untapped resources."

Workshop cost is \$5 or by donation.



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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

FILM FEST

GISS film fest on June 2

Public invited to see the youth work

Opportunities to learn what today's teens are thinking about, see a variety of films and maybe even meet the top directors of the next generation all come together at the first Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) student film festival on Saturday, June 2.

While the festival takes place at the high school and features entirely student-made productions, organizer Natalya Alonso says there are plenty of good reasons for the general public to attend.

"[People] should support the youth filmmakers on the island and help them learn and grow. Sometimes it's nice to know the community is behind your actions, and it's good for these kids to feel support for their talent."

Alonso knows something herself about receiving community support, since she first had the idea to hold a student film festival after receiving a scholarship to attend a week-long program at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School last year. The film she produced was then screened at the Our Island, Our World film festival in March, but hers was the only student production there. Feeling that a venue was lacking for what many students see as not just a serious hobby but a future career, Alonso decided to create one.

Organizing the event has definitely been worthwhile, Alonso says.

"It's been really fun doing it, and really cool to see all the films, and see people we know acting in them. There's a good variety of films."

Festival attendees are sure to be entertained and impressed with media-savvy teens crafting mini features complete with story arcs, fancy editing techniques and moving soundtracks.

The program of seven short films includes both documentaries and fictional narratives.

Highlights include a strong documentary on the island's wildlife rescue Centre by Dejan Loyola and Alex Corley.

The Global Awareness Group, which Alonso belongs to, will present a film that includes footage from GISS's sister school in Lesotho, Africa.

Alonso also recommends a fictional story by Joel Eddington about an assassin who goes on a mission to avenge his dead family — it's "really funny."

The GISS student film festival takes place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room.

Admission is by donation, with proceeds going to the Global Awareness Group to help Pitsang School in Lesotho.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

RIVETING RAT: Celeste Klan hangs out with a pet rat at last Sunday's co-op preschool spring carnival, held at the Farmers Institute.

TRAIL AND NATURE CLUB

Strawberry festival ends season on a sweet note

Strawberries dished up at annual event

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club's annual strawberry festival takes place at Ruckle Park starting at noon on June 19.

This year it's serviced by the hikers. Parking fees will be taken care of. Bring a bowl and spoon.

This is the last month of scheduled activities before the summer. The trail season starts again on September 11 with the blackberry festival.

Sometimes hikes will be organized on Tuesdays during the summer, meeting at 9:45 at ArtSpring. Check the website for details: <http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/lthompson/>.

Walkers may arrange walks from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or rambles from Centennial at 10, each choosing their destination and leader.

Following is the June schedule:

HIKERS

JUNE 5: Hikers and walkers should meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park for the annual broom pull. South-enders may join at 10:20. We have some broom-pulling equipment, but please bring also your own loppers, clippers and gloves.

JUNE 12: Lynn Thompson will lead a hike off-island to the Kinsol Trestle near Shawnigan Lake. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch the 9 a.m. Crofton ferry.

JUNE 19: Strawberry festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to carpool to Ruckle Park, where south-enders may join at 10:05 for a short hike

to Kings Cove in time for the strawberries.

WALKERS

JUNE 5: Hikers and walkers should meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park for the annual broom pull. South-enders may join at 10:20. (See hikers note, above, about the broom pull.)

JUNE 12: Nature Group — Jack Gunn leads a geology walk in Ruckle Park. Carpool at 10 a.m. from ArtSpring or meet at the lower Ruckle parking lot.

JUNE 19: Strawberry festival. Meet at 10 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool to Ruckle Park (last parking lot) for a short walk in time for the strawberries.

RAMBLERS

Those rambles for whom a ramble is becoming increasingly more difficult, please meet also at Centennial at 10 a.m. every Tuesday to organize a social and/or a short amble around town.

JUNE 5: Laura Faulkner will lead a ramble in the Price Road area. Carpool at Centennial at 10 a.m.

JUNE 12: An off-island jaunt around the Sidney Spit led by Frauke Prystawick, so we'll need to catch the 9:50 ferry from Fulford. Carpool from Centennial at 8:40; directions will be provided on the ferry.

JUNE 19: Strawberry festival in Ruckle Park. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. and meet south-enders at 10:20 at the furthest parking lot in the park.

JUNE 26: Ramblers have been invited to re-visit the Hobbs farm for a ramble and wind-up picnic. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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FUN IN THE SUN: From left, Alethia Nikolaidis and Dominic, Yolanda and Bradon Bogaardt test the waters at Cusheon Lake. The verdict? It's warm enough to swim.

FESTIVALS

Sea Capers set to sail

Build-a-Boat, special vessels, music and more on tap

Salt Spring Island's Sea Capers festival — the island's annual celebration of maritime heritage — is just around the corner.

With boats big and small, food, festivities and special events all day on Saturday, June 9 in and around Ganges Harbour, the 20th anniversary Sea Capers voyage is full.

"Sea Capers just keeps getting better and better. It's become a major event here on Salt Spring," said harbour master Bart Terwiel.

The highlight is always the annual Build-a-Boat competition where teams compete to construct a floatable boat out of materials supplied by Windsor Plywood. To win the contest, boat builders must race their boat around a set course in the harbour without sinking.

Last year's winner and this year's organizer Illyd Perkins says trying to build a boat in the two-hour time limit has become a major spectator sport as onlookers try to figure out who will sink and swim and who will paddle to victory.

"About the only thing missing is a bookmaker to take the bets," said Perkins, who was the first to cross the finish line last year in a kayak he finished only seconds under the construction deadline.

"There are always favourites that go down the minute they hit the water and no-hopers that not only float but make it around the course," he said. "What looks good in the beginning may end up with design problems during construction and there are always surprises that come together at the last minute."

To keep the boats rocking, Harry Warner and his musical guests will entertain onlookers all day with songs and sea shanties at the gazebo in Centennial Park where the adult Build-a-Boat kicks off at 10 a.m.

There's a miniature version of the adult Build-a-Boat in the Harbour Authority parking lot where junior boat builders will try their luck with tools and supplies donated by Slegg Lumber. Their boats will sink or swim in a special pool set up for the occasion.

While the youngsters are building their boats, local fisherman Arnie Hengstler will show how to tie up gear used to catch fish.

For those who'd rather have someone else catch dinner for them, there will be course be crab for sale on Centennial dock.

On display over at the Kanaka visitors dock will be a Polynesian sailing canoe — one of the ocean-going catamarans Salt Spring's

Philippe Valerio fell in love with when he was in the South Pacific and then built here.

Salt Spring's own dragon boat will be there. Dragon boater Marit McBride said the group will paddle it over from Long Harbour and do a "paddle past" in Ganges Harbour later in the day.

As well as the visitors on their yachts from around the Gulf Islands who fill the harbour with beautiful boats and make Salt Spring's Sea Capers one of the first big boating events of the season, Martin Milner is inviting traditional boats from around the coast to stage a traditional boat show, also at the Kanaka visitors dock.

To find out one of the most cost-effective and fun ways to get out on the water, Jack Rosen of Island Escapades will give kayaking demos in front of his kayak business just south of Centennial Park.

To dress for Sea Capers, people can pick up a Sea Capers T-shirt. The design for this year's shirts and Sea Capers posters came from local nine-year-old Sofia Pickstone, who won the poster design competition.

If all the activity makes people hungry, they can grab a hot dog or hamburger or some cotton candy from the Lions Club food stand or pick up a piece of pie from Salt Spring's Anglican pie ladies.

SPCA FUNDRAISER

Donations urged for SPCA garage sale

June 16 event will help local shelter

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's SPCA is pawing around for donations to support its next fundraiser — a June 16 garage sale in the shelter's parking lot.

New or like-new items can be donated to the SPCA shelter behind Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic at 540 Lower Ganges Road, or by calling 537-2123 to arrange drop-offs and pick-ups.

People are asked to not contribute clothing items to the garage sale, although they can be donated to the SPCA's Pawtique by calling Brenda at 537-9423 or Joni at 537-8818.

The local SPCA has a push on now for people to get their cats spayed in order to avoid cat overpopulation and the suffering that results from it.

"Thousands of orphaned kittens are dropped off at shelters or abandoned every year in B.C.," states the SPCA.

"Many of these kittens are riddled with parasites, respiratory infections, ringworm and suffer from malnutrition," adds the SPCA.

"We have had kittens die right here on Salt Spring from flea anemia, a condition that results from fleas sucking so much of the blood from the kitten that it dies."

But then during kitten season prospective adopters pass over adult cats needing homes in favour of kittens.

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Places to go and people to see; that is your rhythm these days. Yet, you are also happy to be close to home. Quality time with family and friends and/or around the house feels right. Meanwhile, a romantic mood is rising and a growing passion will become increasingly evident over the next few weeks. Sweet dreams of the possibilities of friendships, love interests and adventure are dancing in your imagination. Responsibilities are keeping some of your feelings in check yet just what does it mean to be responsible. Sometimes our sense of duty is simply social conditioning. Breaking free of the trance begins with intention and determination. At deeper levels you are soul searching and are aiming to assist in the healing of humanity and the world. Mix business with pleasure!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Assessing your scope of talents and other prospects continues. You are being called to exercise a spectrum focus. The pace is probably exciting, if a little frenetic. Venus in Leo suggests that love is blossoming and you can feel it at core levels. At best, you are actively facing fears with courage and drive. Be careful not to escape into denial or substance abuse now. The feeling to breakthrough to new levels or to break new ground somehow is strong so answer the call. Rather than try and fit in, make decisions and take action that illustrates your determination to create your own unique niche and style of approach. Access your many resources for inner and outer success!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

With the Sun in your sign you probably feel inspired to explore new territory and take certain initiatives. A full spectrum of feelings and emotions are moving you to action. At worst you are getting caught in the past. Remember to be here now where the real action is. Your willingness to assume responsibility for achieving your goals now implies that you understand the power of visions, goals and clearly defined images with the full spectrum of senses to support your imaginative spell. Imagination power works and it is both an aspect of your learning and you're teaching now to exercise this timeless magic. Intend to assert you're self to seek and find new love interests whether these are reflected in people or hobbies, art and/or some other wish fulfillment.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Balancing the urge to slip into sweet dreams to fully capture magic moments of spring with a charge of determination continues. This also includes the delicate process of balancing past experiences and perspectives with future goals and aspirations. Your willingness to explore new territory and modes of expression is important now. Perhaps you want or learn new skills or simply develop a new mode of artistic expression. At deeper levels, awakening to higher realities is in the stars for you but you must first acknowledge the existence of them. There is more to heaven and earth than exist in your philosophy.... Dream a bigger dream.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Making new friends and exploring new aspects of your own individuality is in the spotlight. You may feel a little lost or confused about what you want to do and experience. Further, you may feel the urge to escape or deny certain complex feelings that leave you searching for new modes of

expression and other alternatives. Keep an open mind and be open to long-term change. Breaking through patterns often requires loosening the grip of habitual beliefs and self concepts and behaviour patterns. Accessing your inner guidance to assist you begins with acknowledging that it exists. Outwardly, be alert to hints, signals and clues that catch your attention. Trust the process and play along.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

When the Sun is in Gemini it signals a time of public exposure, advancing in your career, approaching authority figures for earned rewards and favours, and generally taking more responsibility for your life and participation in the world. It is important that you be willing to face and confront any fears that are blocking your expression or follow through. This implies inner and outer effort and courage. 'Feel the fear and do it anyway' is the classic call. Sometimes we act by inspiration and sometimes by desperation. The latter suggests necessity which is said to be the mother of invention. Dawn your thinking cap and act on your duties and ideas.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Exchanging knowledge, ideas, visions and philosophies is reflected in the heavens for you now. This is time when you may notice that you can really feel your thoughts as well as those of others. This is an aspect of emotional intelligence and is linked to empathy. These attributes are gaining more popularity in a world that seems to get reduced to cold facts. Entertaining new ideas that feel right as opposed to simply sounding practical and making sense means your are in-tune. Life reduced to logic is a half brained approach. Meanwhile, arts and culture available in your own community is gaining your attention. Flow with your feelings.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Should you stay or go; dive in deep or run away, commit or keep your options open? These and other such questions are running through your mind. That you are determined to gather new skills, insights and/or inspirations is probably a given. Making measured efforts to break through restrictive relationship patterns is part of the plot. These may be in your personal life, or professional, or both. In certain respects you feel the need to 'get real'. This may mean get honest or share your feelings or take care of unfinished business etcetera. Making a clear intention to know your self better will also provide key answers.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Opening yourself to new relationships or modes of expression in relationship continues. This can imply your personal and/or professional life.

Investigating the possibilities implies research and/or direct contact with target sources. Playing with your options is important now and implies taking risks. This requires vision and courage. Knowing what you want is also important. Being open is good but we can be too open as well and this implies vague notions and undirected action. Do open yourself to new horizons and expressions now. Your intuition is probably very active; are you listening to it? Let intuition and inspiration guide you to alternatives.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Health continues to be a central theme for you. This may well mean eating better, exercising a little more or doing an organ cleanse with herbs — an ancient art for health and longevity. On the other hand, what about the quality of your work? Are you happy in that environment? Are you satisfied with what you do? Sometimes we endure when it is no longer necessary or time to move on. Graduation is a part of life and not solely reserved for students attending formal institutions. Perhaps your home environment needs attention and renovation. Banks are not designed with Feng Shui because the owners 'believe' it works, they know it does. Get healthier!

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A wave of creative inspiration continues to wash in on your shores. This is a playful, creative and romantic cycle for you so make the best of it. Weaving the intention of good nutrition and nutritional awareness into your rhythm will blend well. Like a flower opening to bloom something and hopefully someone special is causing your heart chakra to open wide and reveal its sweet scent. With your overall energy running high these days you are probably in a positive mood. Use this time to advance your position somehow and produce beautiful expressions, according to your style and bend in your river's journey back home.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Covering a lot of ground on the home front is the call now. Alternatively, you may be called to connect with your core self and nature and perhaps your body core as well. Pilates is great for the body core; Astrology is great for identifying your core nature. Expressing your versatility probably feels right and tending to the garden and/or spending quality time there or in nature will nurture your spirit. Recognizing your particular needs and desires as well as those close to you requires awareness yet will be well received. Everyone is unique and recognizing their particular needs indicates an empathetic approach — the way of good parenting.

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TRACK & FIELD



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Student Trevor Morrisette clears the bar as he competes to an eighth-place finish at the island track and field championships.

2007 track team raises the bar

GISS student off to provincials

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Student interest in high school track and field grew by leaps and bounds over the past season, culminating with a strong showing at the Vancouver Island championships earlier this month.

"We definitely saw a more dedicated team," said coach Julia Hengstler. "More people came out and they were very enthusiastic and focussed on their events."

Four Gulf Islands Secondary students qualified for the Vancouver

Island championships, held in Victoria on May 15 and 16.

A third-place finish in high jump by Laura Zimmerman, a German exchange student, qualified her for the provincial championships in Burnaby on June 3. Zimmerman qualified for the islands after placing first at the mid-islands in early May.

Trevor Morrisette's eighth-place finish in high jump earned him a ribbon, but was not enough to qualify for the provincials.

Crystal Amodeo, competing in discus and javelin events, and 100-metre sprinter Ricarda Schultze rounded out the solid performance by the Salt Spring team.

"Last year, we didn't make it to the mid-islands, so participating in the provincials is a big deal," Hengstler said.

Strong efforts by several athletes at the mid-island championships, Hengstler said, is a positive sign of things to come for next year's prospects.

In other mid-island results, Crystal Amodeo won senior discus, Anne Loos won the senior 200-metre dash and Meredith Raddysh won the junior 800- and 1500-metre runs.

Schultze and Loos placed fourth and fifth in senior long jump.

Morrisette placed second in javelin and sixth in triple jump. Cody Bergerud placed fourth in the 200-metre event.

LADIES GOLF

Campbells win Shipley Cup as summer rules take effect

Tournaments get underway

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Summer has arrived for the Salt Spring Island lady golfers — summer rules, that is. That means scores can be posted and tournaments can begin.

The qualifying round for the Rose Bowl match play competition was held May 15.

The first round was played with torrential rain lashing down on our steadfast golfers.

Matches were very close and four players moved on

to the second round.

It was a pin day for the 18-hole ladies who were not in the Rose Bowl competition. President Joanna Barrett explained what "pin day" means.

The four best net pin-day scores for the year are recorded for all players in our zone, Zone 5, and a winner is announced in the fall.

Last year Darlene Wellington won in Zone 5 and Janelle Holmes placed second in the province!

This week Melanie Iversen took a triple crown: low gross of 90, low putts of 30, and KP. Pearl Gray took low net with a 69.

Low gross and low net

runner-up was Lynda Joyce with 97 and 75.

The following week saw many more of our regulars back on the track. Was it the summer rules or the heavy air that caused our gross scores to climb? Barrett shot 103 and Tricia Simpson was just behind with 105.

Gray took low net again, but with a 77 this week. Wellington was runner-up with 79. Gray also took KP with a great shot that stopped just over a foot from the pin.

Putting was tricky, as many pins were placed on sloping sections of the green, but Janet Butler was able to card just 31 putts.

In members' mixed play,

Salt Spring Golf and Country Club held the 70th Shipley Coronation Cup tournament on May 26.

The Shipley Cup was presented to the club by Mr. A.J. Shipley in 1937, to commemorate the coronation of King George VI. It is one of our oldest trophies.

Thirty-three teams of two took part in the alternate shots competition. Winners were Gladys and John Campbell, who shot the lowest net score of 64.5. Karen and Larry Davies took second place with a score of 66.

Falconshead Grill served up a great steak dinner to all the hungry golfers.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

Nichola Howard's love of softball immortalized in new annual award

Presentation made after Island Star games

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nichola Howard was a young athlete who loved to play sports and put her whole heart into every game and race.

She also loved to win, said her mother Heather Howard at the Fulford ball park on Saturday.

The Salt Spring girl, who died from Wilms cancer in 2001 at the age of 13, played T-ball when she was five, then coach pitch and girls softball.

This season Heather and Dennis Howard thought they would donate Nichola's softball equipment to the island's minor baseball association for use by the girls teams.

But minor baseball president Gord Hollingsworth made a different suggestion: to create an annual award in Nichola's name for a member of the softball girls team with players aged 12-14.

So on Saturday the first Nichola Howard Award for Most Improved Player was given out by the Howards and Hollingsworth after the Island Star Video girls' two games on the field.

It consists of a trophy created using Nichola's personal batting helmet, and a generous gift certificate so the winner can buy equipment at Sports Traders.

Chloe Sjuberg, who has played softball under coaches Barb Robinson and Bill Crandall since 2003 and whose favourite position is pitcher, was the inaugural award winner.

The Island Star girls were told several weeks ago that a special presentation would be made after their final home



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Island Star Video girls softball team pitcher Sarah Robinson (#11) flies into home plate to tag out a Langford runner attempting to steal home in a Saturday game at Fulford ball park, while a nonplussed Langford batter looks on.

games of the season, but had no idea what it was about.

Hollingsworth described how Nichola played softball with real desire. She also loved competing in soccer, basketball and BMX racing.

• Before the presentation, the Stars faced two different Langford teams, losing 9-5 and then 20-9.

In the first game, Salt Spring held their own defensively but couldn't unravel the secrets of a laser-fast pitcher to get on base.

Liz Anderson had the only hit of the game, although she, Chelsea Baldwinson and Una Conradi all made it to first on dropped ball third strikes, Christine Villadsen got on after being hit by a pitch, and several girls walked.

On the defensive side, pitcher Alex Crandall had three strike-outs, all in the first inning when the Stars held Langford to one run, and Chloe Sjuberg had two.

The Stars had two double plays: one when third baseman Liz Fennell caught a fly ball and then touched her base for the force-out, and when Sjuberg caught the ball and then threw it to catcher Anderson, who tagged out a stealing runner.

Jessica Hatchard tagged a runner out at second, threw the ball to Baldwinson at first, and both Baldwinson and shortstop Sarah Robinson caught infield flies.

Maddi Mackay, making her first-base debut, also got an out from a ball thrown to her by Hatchard.

In the second game the Stars' bats were more alive, but so were the opposition's.

Jody Pringle had a triple and a double, Sjuberg had a double, and singles came from Mackay and Hatchard. Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara got a solid piece of the ball in the third inning, but it was cruelly caught by the Langford shortstop.

Abby Rothwell hit the ball three of four times at bat in both games.

Sneaky-home-stealing awards go to Mackay, Hatchard, Anderson, Robinson, Crandall, Conradi, Pringle, Baldwinson, Fennell and Tilly Morgan.

On defence, pitcher Crandall had a strike-out and threw the ball to Baldwinson on first for another out.

While playing shortstop, Robinson threw to Fennell at third, and Fennell also caught a pop for another second-inning out.

In the third inning, pitcher Robinson and catcher Anderson teamed up for a beautiful out at home plate. Conradi on third base also made a great throw to Anderson for another home-plate out.

The team thanks Lewis Mackay for great umpiring work in the first game. Langford brought along a "pro" in the second.

MEN'S GOLF

Group of eight back with Bambrick Cup

Salt Spring team wins tri-island tourney

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A team of Salt Spring golfers came home cup-in-hand after capturing the coveted Bambrick Cup on Galiano Island last week.

"It was a pretty clear victory, so we are very pleased," said Hamish Simpson, president of the Salt Spring golf club.

The winning team included Jack Gunn, Mike Morgan, Don McMahon, Rick Weatherall, Wayne Wrigley, Colin Lawler, Josh Benloulou and Hamish Simpson.

The cup is awarded annually based on results compiled from three competitions held on Salt Spring, Pender and Galiano islands.

While the team successfully defended its hold on the Bambrick, golfers also

brought home the Appleby Cup, which incorporates handicapped scores.

Simpson said the Salt Spring team took each of the three events, finishing the tournament 20 strokes ahead of the second-place team.

"It's been a long long time since we have taken both titles," Simpson said. "This is quite significant."

First awarded in 1942, the Bambrick Cup is among the oldest tournaments played in the Gulf Islands.

Though he came close to earning the tournament's low-gross score, golfer Gunn took the runner-up position after a stellar individual performance.

"I would say his play really stood out," said Simpson. "He certainly helped out the team."

The trophies are on display at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

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COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

26 Stingrays hit the water

First meet of the season
"huge success"

Salt Spring's competitive swimmers dove into action at their first swim meet of the season recently, with 26 athletes heading to an event in Duncan.

"The Stingrays managed to foster a sense of community that was inspiring to see," said head coach Kris Isenor. "Being the first meet of the season there were many new swimmers and new parents, and it was fantastic to see the returning Stingrays show the newcomers what to expect."

Calling the event a "huge success," Isenor

said returning swimmers accomplished a 65 per cent "best times" rate over last year.

Ten new swimmers — Sydney McCrea, Nigel Bisnar, Shaye Unger, Cailen Wright, Isabelle Speiss, Gabrielle Speiss, Jason Funk, Aaryn Funk and Marc Speiss — also swam "exceptionally well," he added.

Cassidy Fraser, Ariana Fraser and Larissa Andrews all managed to take off over five seconds in their 50-metre fly.

In her 50-m free, Braiden Crouse took 12 seconds off and Cassie Bascom chopped 11 seconds off her 100-m breaststroke.

"The Stingrays performance at the meet was a smooth and successful start to the beginning of a great season."



PHOTO BY KRIS ISENOT

New Stingrays swimmer Shaye Unger is ready for action at the Duncan meet.

JUNIOR GOLF

Youth team notches par 36 round at golf club

Salt Spring club golfers thrive on Junior Day

BY JULIAN ELWES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A four-person best ball Texas scramble was the format for last Friday's Junior Day at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

A great turn-out of boys and girls

enjoyed team fun and camaraderie and many were rewarded by winning prizes.

Overall first place went to Cristian Savage, Ian Savage, Nicholas Honour and Christina Anderson.

This hot-shot group registered an impressive par round of 36.

Second place was awarded to the team of Mathew Hollingsworth, Rhys

Hardy, Alysha Collette and Jackson Sweet.

They scored a three over par 39. Individual efforts were also recognized as prize winners.

KP on Hole #2 went to Jack Wiltshire.

Longest drive off the red tees went to Honour, while Hollingsworth had the longest drive off the white tees.

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DRAGON BOAT RACING

Victoria Gorge jinxes Salt Spring boat team

Currents and race marshalls confound paddlers

Cold gusting winds and strong currents in the Victoria Gorge waterway played havoc with the Salt Spring dragon boat team at the Victoria Super Sprints event held May 27.

The GVM-sponsored club faced 28 other teams of men and women from communities around Vancouver Island, racing over a 250-metre course.

It takes 18 paddlers to move the 48-foot dragon boats. Setting the pace in the front for the Salt Spring Island Homegrown Dragons were strokes Marit McBride, and Sabine Georgy along with Scout Upex, Shari Macdonald, Lynda Brown and Andrew Okulitch.

Middle boat paddlers were Robyn Huntley, Glynis Finer, Janice Shields and Melynda Okulitch, Tracey Watson and Anne Marie Pearson.

"Backs" included Liz Gardner, Carmelle Labelle, Sam Bourdin, Ruth Burstahler, Barb Budd, Lynn Stewart and Mike Eso.

Paddler Tom McKeachie doubled with Carl Graham as steersperson.

The Salt Spring team improved their time each race, and moved up from one minute, 23 seconds in the first heat to one minute, 21 seconds in the second heat of the day landing in the White B category for the final race.

"In dragon boat racing the winners and losers at the finish line are separated by one hundreds of a second, so every stroke counts," said coach Mary Rowles. "In the second heat, we'd have shaved more off our time, but the strong tide currents pushed one boat into our lane when we were just metres from the finish line, so several paddlers eased off

the pace since we had no place to go."

By the end of the day, and with changing tide and wind conditions, the strong competitive teams like Gorging Dragons and Blu By U were covering the 250-metre course at a blistering one-minute pace, said Rowles.

Determined to make a strong showing in their final race, the Homegrown Dragons set off from the dock after a final rousing team cheer of "Salt Spring, Salt Spring — Far Out!"

At the start line, the boat was deadly quiet in the final race. Graham, the drummer and caller for the final race, noted, "the lack of conversation was quite possibly a first in itself."

The team started strong against the three other boats, and was just hitting stride, when wind and current threw them off course. To prevent any collision with the other boats, race marshalls called the Salt Spring boat to a halt. Islanders continued the race and gamely paddled for the finish line but could not make up the lost seconds, said Rowles.

"The team finished a disappointing fourth in White B final and would rather not even know the posted time."

The club will travel to several competitions this summer, including Harrison Hot Springs, the Victoria International Dragon Boat Festival, and the Taiwanese Canadian Festival in Burnaby.

The club is always open for new members of any age (over 13 and under 95). Contact maryrowles19@hotmail.com for details. Watch for the Salt Spring Homegrown Dragons' demonstration of dragon boat paddling at Sea Capers June, where anyone interested can also give this demanding sport a try. A small fee will be charged, with 50 per cent going to a local charity.

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14 IN MEMORIAM



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How fortunate we are that in our hearts we keep forever the memories of those we loved and the time we shared together.
- Chris Wade -

6 DEATHS

GREGORY KENT DUKE

May 9th, 1965 - May 22nd, 2007

A son, a father, a brother, an uncle, and a friend on May 22nd we did lose. Greg is survived by his mother and father, Wayne and Wendy; daughter, Victoria; brothers and sisters Brent, Tim, Dwayne, Tammi and Tiffany; and nieces and nephews.

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days or years

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so very much.

You can fly as high and run as far as you want, Greg. Never again will you be in pain. Until we meet again my friend. Forever in our hearts.

Your loving family and friends.



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THANKS TO YOU ALL.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Nils & Sheila Christensen

Diamond Anniversary May 31, 2007

My father taught me about honest, hard work by example. He is strong, steady, social and giving and he has always been there for me when I needed him.

My mother taught me to see life as an adventure full of opportunities. She has encouraged me, challenged me and her intellect continues to stimulate me.

Together, in their marriage, they have taught me about loyalty and compromise and most importantly, they have taught me how to love.

*Happy 60th Anniversary Mom and Dad.
Love Marit*



We will be holding an open house Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 1-4 pm at 126 Little Mountain Rd. Friends are invited to stop by for a drink. No gifts please.

20 COMING EVENTS

FILM FESTIVAL - strictly students films film festival. Sat., June 2, 1 pm. GISS multi-purpose room. Everyone invited. By donation.
ARE YOU a runner? Join our team "up and running" at the Relay for Life, June 22. 537-4441.

SPIRITWOOD PRESENTS

The Synonymous Wonder Friday, June 1, 7 - 8 pm. An introductory session on how deliberate manifestation and destiny are intermingled. "A mesmerizing and passionate speaker". Admission by donation. And "Creating Your Heart's Desire". Sat., June 2, 10 - 4. A day-long interactive workshop on the practical applications of co-creation and following your bliss. An in-depth continuation of Friday's informational session. Admission \$50. "My inner child had a great day. Wonderful experience with my Mom, and I now have a more positive spin on my life". Location: 181 Beaver Point Rd. For info. call 537-9110.

SSI RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEETING HEALING RIVER DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION

Meeting of all SSI Restorative Justice participants past and present and interested new folks will take place Thursday, May 31, 2007 at the lower meeting room Ganges United Church 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The intention is to view & review this powerful documentary, discuss training and work shop needs, share experiences and discuss changes. For further information please call: Wayne@537-4953 or Bill@537-5827.

10 CELEBRATIONS



7.1 PET MEMORIAM

Goodbye Cedar



Thanks for 16 years of wonderful walks on the trails and beaches of Salt Spring. You were a BEAUTIFUL dog and we will always cherish our memories of you. Happy trails!

LOVE, Mona, Peter, Sophia & Paris

10 CELEBRATIONS

60TH ANNIVERSARY
May 31, 1947 at Hovik Church, Hovik, Norway, Sheila, daughter of w/cdr. W. Wolfenden, O.B.E. (R.A.E) and Mrs. Wolfenden of Enfield, Middlesex, England and Sgt. Nils Christensen, Royal Norwegian Air Force, Son of Emil and Jonette Christensen of Hovik, were joined in marriage.

20 COMING EVENTS

BEDDIS & CUSHEON Lake Area Residents' Association AGM. May 30, 2007. Ganges Anglican Church, 7:00 pm. See www.cusheon-lakestewardship.com for details.
BCSPCA ANNUAL Garage Sale June 16th. Now accepting donations. New or like new items. Sorry no clothing this year. Call 537-2123 to arrange drop-offs & pick-ups.
REIKI LEVEL II workshop, Thursday, May 31, 9:30 to 3:30. For more information call Julie Howard 537-9433.
FIDDLEWORKS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
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26 LEGALS

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 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.

James Pasuta
 Solicitor for the Estate of DENNIS JOHN LESLIE O'CONNOR

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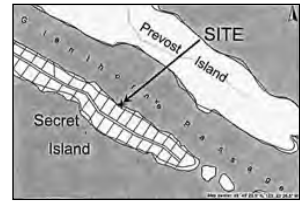
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Islands Trust Local Trust Committee NOTICE

Islands Trust Planning Staff will be concentrating on the Official Community Plan Review for the foreseeable future. In the interim, our planners will meet with members of the public by appointment only. Please note that the planners' availability is limited. Anyone wishing to arrange an appointment should call reception or the planning secretary at 537-9144.

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James Pasuta
 Solicitor for the Estate of MARGARET EMMA ADDISON

Islands Trust SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee regular meeting scheduled for June 07, 2007 is cancelled. The next regular business meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 05, 2007 at ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue.

There will be special Local Trust Committee meetings on Thursday, June 28, 2007 and Friday, June 29, 2007 to consider matters concerning the OCP Review. Both special meetings will be held at ArtSpring, beginning at 10:00 AM.

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 12 pm Saturday, June 9
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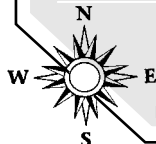
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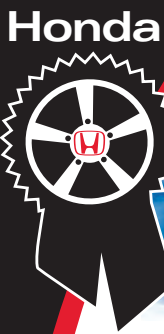
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