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ON THE CASE: Salt Spring RCMP Const. Matt Meijer looks for fingerprints on a door after a thief broke into Jana's Bake Shop, which has no cash on its premises, and made off with a frozen pie Monday night.

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Alcohol blamed in dramatic crash

Speed also considered a factor as truck careens off road

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Driftwood Staff

Three men visiting family and friends on Salt Spring Island are lucky to be alive after their truck plunged off

a cliff and into Fulford Harbour as they made their way to the ferry terminal Sunday evening.

The vehicle was heading toward Fulford on Fulford-Ganges Road when the driver lost control near a bend in the road beside St. Paul's Catholic Church.

The truck reportedly jumped the guardrail and

ended up on the beach 20 metres below the road.

"This is likely a combination of alcohol and high speeds," said RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis. "The vehicle hit the railing, catapulted into the trees and landed on the beach below. Speed was a factor."

A blood sample taken from the driver following the

accident revealed alcohol was also involved.

Police, ambulance and fire rescue crews were dispatched at 6:45 p.m. They spent the better part of the evening extricating the individuals and clearing the scene. Traffic along Fulford-Ganges Road was redirected along Stewart Road. Crews deployed a crane to retrieve

the vehicle.

Mark Wildman, 49, of Lake Cowichan, Graham Lowden, 43, of Cobble Hill, and John Townsend, 47, of Victoria were taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

"One was treated and released. The other two were transported to Victoria

ACCIDENT 3

Four-day week picks up minister's passing grade

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Driftwood Staff

Education Minister Shirley Bond gave the four-day week straight As during a tour of the Gulf Islands School District last week.

"Innovative programming has developed around what may well have been an initial dealing with financial ramifications for this board," Bond said while visiting Gulf Islands secondary last Wednesday.

After walking the halls and sitting in on classes with students for much of her morning, Bond said she was

impressed with how trustees, teachers and students have adapted to the shorter school week since it was implemented for the 2004-2005 school year.

Bond said decreasing enrolment across the province has forced trustees to develop creative solutions.

"Across British Columbia, 55 of 60 school districts are in decline, but we have to remember we are not alone," Bond said. "This is a global phenomenon."

Since 2001, the number of public school students in B.C. has declined by 40,000,

she said.

Over the past three years, three school districts in British Columbia and over 100 in the United States have adopted the four-day school week in order to keep costs down.

While it's worked in the Gulf Islands, Bond said, it may not be the right solution for every district facing a budget shortfall.

"One of the things that is really important is [a district's] ability to decide what works best with their students," Bond said.

MINISTRY VISIT 2

Morfitt dissects ferry safety status

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

Although a report released last Monday concludes B.C. Ferries is operating safely "overall," it cites a number of areas "where safety and related administrative processes and procedures should be strengthened."

The report also describes "observed tension" between B.C. Ferries and the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union, and states the situation between the two parties is "largely dysfunctional."

The report, commissioned by B.C. Ferries after the sinking of the Queen of the North last year, was written by former B.C. auditor general George L. Morfitt.

Morfitt made 41 recommendations in his 70-page report, all of which B.C. Ferries has committed itself to implement.

"Given the scope of the audit, I think Mr. Morfitt did a very good job," said union president Jackie Miller

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MINISTRY VISIT

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"If you look at how other districts across the province have handled their budget challenges or successes, they didn't choose to go to a four-day week, they made other decisions," she said. "It's not about one size fits all. It's about looking at how you do education in this province. Is it going to change? I think it is and I think we all know that."

In February, school trustees in the Cowichan Valley School District will vote on whether or not to close three of that region's 34 public schools.

According to figures obtained from the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), the union representing BC's 38,000 public

school teachers, 130 schools have closed their doors since 2001. Despite recent enrolment trends, there were still roughly 100,000 more students enrolled in the province's public schools in 2004-05 than there were 15 years earlier.

While declining enrolment has had a limited impact, said BCTF president Jinny Sims, the prevalence of four-day weeks and school closures has more to do with provincial government funding cuts.

"You don't see people talking about a four-day week in Vancouver or in Burnaby and enrolment is on the way down there too," she said. "The cause is inadequate

funding for rural schools."

Failing to account for districts the size of France or as transportationally challenged as the Gulf Islands, she said, places school trustees between a rock and a hard place.

"The minister is saying you can choose to cut off your left foot or your right arm," Sims said.

A recent \$470-million cash infusion to address teachers' salary increases, she added, did not directly improve the quality of education received by students in the province's public schools.

"There are very few options for boards with not enough money," Sims said. "The government has to stop passing the buck."



Education Minister Shirley Bond

MORFITT REVIEW

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on Friday, referring to the audit's terms of reference.

One area of note was the Safety Management System (SMS), employed in 1997 to maintain safety both ashore and on ships.

Although pointing out that staff can be committed to operational safety without being committed to the SMS, Morfitt wrote, "Support for the SMS was not practised uniformly across the organization. Some believe that not all senior operating staff has 'bought into' the SMS."

Miller agrees this is the greatest area of concern.

"Every member of the organization should be eating, sleeping and breathing safety, and not in a fanatical way," said Miller.

Morfitt wrote that both a lack of understanding and insufficient training regarding the SMS could potentially cause problems, and noted "a number of staff" did not feel the organization was supportive and did not feel comfortable bringing safety-related issues to their supervisors.

Furthermore, this unease between the company and union could "pose significant impediments to resolv-

ing operational safety issues and ensuring continuous improvements to the SMS," wrote Morfitt.

However, he noted B.C. Ferries has been working to improve operational safety and security, recently creating the position of executive director for safety, security, health and the environment.

In addition, Miller said B.C. Ferries is working in conjunction with the union to resolve many of these problems, which is a step in the right direction.

"In order to have a safety culture with fully engaged workers, you have to engage the union," said Miller.

"Everybody wants to put differences behind us and work together," confirmed B.C. Ferries director of media relations Deborah Marshall on Monday.

Morfitt made many more recommendations concerning staff.

For example, although he acknowledged the need for timeliness, Morfitt wrote, "It is important that B.C. Ferries communicate to staff that, in making decisions around on-time performance, they must never compromise SMS requirements."

He went on to make notes concerning the need to "ensure that staff are not assigned to positions for which they are not qualified;" to make sure that all staff, particularly seasonal ones, receive proper training and orientation; and "to establish criteria for crew selection and assignment to promote greater cohesion and synergy among bridge crews for each watch and shift period."

He also wrote: "The one area of concern expressed by those we interviewed is the proficiency of some casual and seasonal employees who may miss regularly scheduled drills."

He said B.C. Ferries must ensure all staff regularly participate in fire and boat drills.

Miller said she thinks B.C. Ferries' management "have learned some lessons."

"Meetings going on this past week with B.C. Ferries management [and the union] would not have happened without the Morfitt report and the sinking of the Queen of the North," she said.

She was also adamant the organization learn from past mistakes.

"We keep our eyes cast behind us to make sure we don't make [further mistakes]," she said.

However, Bob Jones, chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, believes B.C. Ferries "must have an incredible amount of confidence" in their organization to have a third party come in and thoroughly investigate it.

He added that neither insurance agencies nor the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, to name just a few of the regulatory agencies with an interest, required such a study.

"It doesn't matter how good something is, if you want to be 100 per cent safe, tie the boats up and don't run them," said Jones.

Furthermore, Morfitt had to make recommendations, he added.

"There are always people who say the company can do no right," he said.

Jones agreed with some of Morfitt's safety and casual staffing suggestions, but was still optimistic about the company in general:

"Let's keep it in perspective. The track record as a percentage is pretty damn good."

Ferry report targets Active Pass for assessment

More than one ferry travelling through Active Pass at any given time is an area of concern, said former B.C. auditor general George L. Morfitt in his recent review of B.C. Ferries.

"We recommend that B.C. Ferries, as part of a formalized risk management process, undertake an assessment of the degree of risk associated with the current practice of B.C. Ferries' vessels passing simultaneously in Active Pass,"

wrote Morfitt. Two of B.C. Ferries' largest vessels pass one another in Active Pass many times per day as they travel between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay.

"We're certainly going to do a risk assessment on it," said B.C. Ferries director of media relations Deborah Marshall.

She added that each ship travelling through Active Pass is equipped with radar and is in radio contact with other

ships in the area before entering.

Ships on either side leave their respective terminals at the same time, so they are going to pass each other in the area, at approximately the half-way mark, at some point in the voyage, said Marshall.

If B.C. Ferries decided the risks associated with travelling through the area were too high, all schedules would have to be adjusted, said Marshall.

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TOTALLED: The driver and passengers in this truck (above and below) are considered lucky to be alive following a crash in Fulford Sunday night. Photos by Sean McIntyre

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at Lady Minto on Salt Spring. One man was transported to Victoria by ambulance on Monday morning and the driver was released.

According to Willis, the men were heading back to their homes in Cobble Hill, Victoria and Lake Cowichan after spending the weekend on Salt Spring Island.

The truck was transported to Ganges where garage owner Kurt Irwin pronounced the vehicle beyond repair. A look inside the newer-model Ford pickup truck on Monday morning revealed an open case of beer and a brown bag containing several small liquor bottles



in the front passenger seat.

According to police, the dark, curving road and slippery conditions between the Fulford Inn and Fulford vil-

lage make the stretch of road treacherous under normal circumstances. A small dog travelling with the men sustained no injuries.

Man dies off Prevoist Island

A middle-aged man who lost consciousness aboard his sailing vessel south of Prevoist Island was reported dead despite a rescue crew's attempts to revive him on the way to Lady Minto Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Medical personnel aboard a passing ferry were first on the scene after the man's wife sent out a distress call when her husband reported chest pains at 2:35 p.m.

Ganges Coast Guard members joined rescue

crews from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Parks Canada and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter from Port Angeles, Washington on the scene.

According to Ian Kyle, Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge, the sailboat's rigging prevented a successful air evacuation.

Kyle said the man appeared to have suffered a heart attack before crews arrived. He said the man was unconscious and not breathing when the coast guard's

Cape Kuper vessel arrived near the scene.

The victim was transported to Lady Minto Hospital aboard the BC Ferries rescue vessel.

Spirit of Vancouver passengers on the 2 p.m. sailing between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay experienced a 35-minute delay due to the incident.

The provincial coroner's office in Victoria confirmed the death, but could not release the man's identity.

Hinds resigns from fire board

Fire trustee Bruce Patterson took up his new post as the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's (SSIFPD) acting chair after Ted Hinds announced his resignation late last week.

Hinds' decision came after he and the board's six other elected trustees sided with public demand calling for a referendum on how to proceed with the construction of a fire hall to replace the aging Ganges facility.

"[The trustees] decided I probably have the ability and the expertise to leap into this fire, so to speak," Patterson

said, adding that he found Hinds' decision surprising.

Patterson declined to speculate on the reasons behind the resignation and Hinds was not able to return the Driftwood's call before press time on Tuesday.

As the owner of Fulford's Patterson's Market and former Fulford Water district board chair, Patterson said, board members felt he had the experience needed to lead the community through the initial discussion about the new fire hall.

"At this point, it looks like we'll have to go back to

square one and come back to the community," he said. "Members of the public spoke out and we have to address those concerns."

He said it will likely take trustees anywhere from two to eight months to develop a comprehensive proposal they can present to island residents with confidence.

Patterson will serve as the board's acting chair until a SSIFPD election on March 26.

Trustees will select a permanent board chair after election results are confirmed.

Bowen in for Skeena refit

A need for hull maintenance is pulling the Skeena Queen out of service for a week beginning Sunday, February 4.

B.C. Ferries advises that some overloads may occur since the smaller Bowen Queen is the replacement vessel.

"Where possible, passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and consider car pooling, travelling outside of peak sailing times, and/or arriving at the terminal early for their desired sailing," suggests a B.C. Ferries press release.

"Commercial customers are advised that vehicles over 10 tonnes GVW (10,000 kg) are restricted to centre-lane loading only on the Bowen Queen. As a result, available commercial vehicle capacity will also be reduced while the Bowen Queen is in service."

All sailings will remain as scheduled between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour.

The work is expected to take approximately one week, but it could be longer.

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Mechanical failure ruled out

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Human error likely caused a pick-up truck to slip into the water at Nanaimo Harbour three weeks ago, says a B.C. Ferries internal investigation.

As the MV Quinsam was loading the final vehicle, a three-quarter-ton truck, for the 6:50 p.m. sailing to Gabriola Island, the vessel pulled away from shore.

The truck, which was on the loading ramp, fell into the water.

The single male occupant was able to pull himself to safety and did not fall into the water.

In an information bulletin released Friday, B.C. Ferries wrote: "human factors likely contributed to the occurrence . . ."

"The Divisional Inquiry findings conclude no mechanical, electrical, or

system faults were identified affecting the function of the vessel propulsion system immediately upon the occurrence of the incident or during subsequent inspections and testings."

Two scenarios are likely, said the report.

The first involved a failure to properly adjust the right-angle drive units, or RADs, which are the engines that propel and steer the boat, combined with the possible distraction of both master and mate by a telephone call. The root cause was described as "Frequency of routine operations combined with failure to follow visual and check procedures."

In the second scenario, control of the ship was transferred from inshore to offshore by either the master or mate too early.

The Transportation Safety Board

of Canada (TSBC) also released two reports on the incident. The first, on January 16, found the Quinsam may have rotated away from the dock as a result of the malfunction of some of the components of the steering control system, or "the inadvertent rotation of the RAD control joystick."

The second report, released January 22, stated a visual examination of the wires, chains and securing agents used to hold the Quinsam in place did not appear "sufficiently robust to hold the vessel in dock, in the event of an inadvertent backing away of the vessel."

B.C. Ferries' report also made 16 recommendations to improve safety, two of which reiterated the TSBC's suggestions. All 16 recommendations will be acted on immediately, said the report.



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Seedy Saturday weekend blossoms with activities

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

The ever-popular Seedy Saturday has established an impressive foundation and continues to blossom and expand every year.

The Island Natural Growers event takes place at the Farmers Institute on Saturday, February 10 and features opportunities for seed exchanges, information tables, films, speakers and discussions. The weekend has also expanded to include five different workshops and the Seed Sanctuary of Canada AGM.

The seed exchange is open to anyone who would like to bring in their saved seeds to exchange or sell to other growers.

"If you don't have your own seeds to exchange, you can still buy seeds," said Cora Platz, organizer of the event for Island Natural Growers (ING).

In addition, small seed companies such as Seeds of Victoria, Salt Spring Seeds, Full Circle Seeds and Two Wings seed companies will be attending.

Community groups can also set up information tables and Salt Spring Garden Club and the master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

"Banana Joe will be there with his seedlings," said Platz. "Every year the event is a little bit bigger."

Seedy Saturday took root 12 years ago and was first housed in the basement of the United Church.

"We were overwhelmed by the number of people who showed up and it was clear we had to move to a larger venue," said Platz. "Last year we sold over 500 tickets."

Featured speaker is Kate Green, who will discuss the Ban Terminator Campaign. A film called Ethiopia: Feed the Future will be shown, which is about the Seeds of Survival program in that country.

ING is also sponsoring four workshops at the Farmers Institute over the weekend. "The four workshops are full of valuable information for farmers, market gardeners or anyone interested in starting commercial

food production," said Platz. "The topics to be covered are tools for small-scale farming, community supported agriculture (box programs), cover cropping and conservation tillage, as well as the logistics of organic certification."

Pre-registration is required by contacting Platz at 537-0824 or smeecat@telus.net.

In addition to the workshops, the first of four talks on winter gardening by Marion Pape will run.

"We decided that it would be a great idea to launch this series of talks on the Seedy Saturday weekend. The other three will be spaced throughout the year. There was a real demand from islanders to learn more about winter gardening."

Finally, the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society will hold its AGM at 3:15 p.m., following Seedy Saturday.

Tickets to Seedy Saturday cost \$2 and children 16 and under get in for free. Money earned goes towards future Seedy Saturdays and the ING. Hot lunches are also available for purchase.

Ganges tourism up in 2006

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Tourism to the island increased slowly in 2006, and more western Canadian and international travellers made Salt Spring their destination of choice.

Perry Ruehlen, executive director of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, was clear that the recently released numbers represent only those tourists who came into the Ganges Visitor Centre and answered specific questions.

Nonetheless, these numbers form much of the data used to look at island tourism.

The centre saw 58,213 total visitors in 2006, up from 55,962 in 2005.

June saw a slight decrease in 2006 to 4,135, from 4,506 the previous year.

However, July 2006 saw major gains, from 8,665 in 2005, up to 10,010. September 2006

was also up, rising from 5,130 in 2005 to 5,830 in 2006.


More British Columbians and Albertans made up for fewer Americans crossing the border.

Some 4,551 B.C. and 1,219 Alberta residents visited in 2005. This number was up to 5,054 and 1,773, respectively, in 2006.

However, the 970 total Washingtonians who visited in 2005 dropped to 798 in 2006.

Travellers from the rest of Canada and the United States remained fairly constant, but more European and Asian/Australian travellers visited the island in 2006 than in the year before. European numbers increased to 1,023 from 863, while Asian and Australian figures rose to 548 from 405.

Finally, although recorded same-day visits dropped from 2,259 in 2005 to 2,168 in 2006, week-long stays increased from 248 to 335.



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U.S. deadline clogs passport system

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

An unprecedented rush to passport offices across Canada has left its stamp on a Salt Spring resident who's still waiting for her papers after 37 business days.

Therin Gower mailed her application in late November, six weeks before setting off on a holiday with her family.

"This is truly an exceptional situation."

— Francine Charbonneau, Passport Canada

"I thought I would have lots of time," she said. "I never imagined I would still be waiting."

With time running out before her January departure, Gower couldn't get beyond the passport office's recorded greetings.

She even tried to get her son to line up for her at the Victoria office, though privacy regulations prevented the officer on duty from handing out any information.

"It was more than a month and a half before I even spoke to a human being."

On January 23, new American regulations came into effect requiring all people travelling to and from the United States by air and sea to have a valid passport. By early 2008, passports will be required at all U.S. Customs crossings.



PAPERS PLEASE: Processing delays have left Therin Gower waiting with an expired passport and a lot of questions. Photo by Sean McIntyre

The regulations include people transiting through the United States on their way to other international destinations.

According to Francine Charbonneau, a Passport Canada spokesperson, individuals must take the initiative and plan ahead to help avoid delays.

She said the processing

department is receiving 21,000 applications per day, nearly double its peak-season capacity.

Additional staff, overtime and printers operating around the clock help out, she said, but people can still expect delays of up to 25 business days more than regular processing times.

Individuals needing pass-

ports for spring break travel are advised to apply as soon as possible.

"It may already be too late. This is truly an exceptional situation," she said. "I recommend people not confirm travel plans before they receive their passport."

Charbonneau said applicants can speed up the process by attending passport offices in Vancouver or Victoria. People urgently needing a passport for "special circumstances" may receive their documents within 10 business days for an additional \$30 charge.

To pick up a passport within 24 hours one can pay an additional \$70.

Since Therin Gower returned from her holiday just before the passport deadline, she and the family were able to enjoy their holiday after all.

All it took, she said, was a mad dash to the Department of Vital Statistics in Victoria for a new birth certificate with only hours to spare before her flight from Vancouver.

What added insult to injury, she said, was the message left on her answering machine while she was away. It was from a passport official apologizing for the delay. Apparently, they had misplaced her telephone number.

Province ups homeowner grant limit

Rising assessment values have led the provincial government to increase the Home Owner Grant Program's maximum eligibility requirements from \$780,000 to \$950,000.

"Higher property value assessments are certainly a mark of our economic strength in British Colum-

bia," said BC Finance Minister Carole Taylor in a January press release. "On the other hand, higher values don't always translate into more money in people's pockets."

Up to 41,000 B.C. property owners are eligible for a \$570 reduction in residential property taxes. Residents over the age of 65, suffer-

ing permanent disabilities or who are eligible to receive veterans' allowances can apply for an additional \$275 reduction.

The grant program is designed to reduce the burden faced by lower income property owners after years of double-digit assessment value increases.

SPCA suffers at hands of collection tin snitch

Salt Spring's SPCA has lost an estimated \$500 through thefts of its donation containers in recent months.

Fifteen out of 18 cans were stolen, which includes a couple of the larger "house" collection boxes.

"It's just sad this has happened," said local SPCA manager Jena Peori.

"It used to be safe on Salt Spring."

Peori advises that if anyone put a cheque into a can or house from about October 2006 onwards and noticed it hadn't been cashed or a thank-you received, it was probably caught in the thefts.

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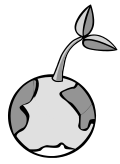
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Pool waiting for engineers' report as opening date pushed to September

It's not yet clear how the millimetres-wide problem that has stymied Rainbow Road pool construction will be solved.

"There are no firm recommendations at this point," said Peter Lake at Monday night's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting.

Lake, who chairs PARC's pool facility building committee, said an engineers' report on how to deal with the slight deflection in two of the concrete columns is expected "hopefully this week." He stressed the build-

ing's structural integrity is not in question.

In light of this and other construction delays, PARC has decided to push the pool's estimated opening forward to September from its last estimate of April 30.

Shelby Memorial Pool at Portlock Park will be ramped up for operation beginning in May as usual.

The pillar problem, which was first identified several weeks earlier, caused concern for the pool-supporting Ssplash group when it reached members' ears.

"We're distressed to learn of this new problem," said Ssplash president Wendy Rosier. "We understand a project of this size may have minor glitches of some kind, but I think this has gone way beyond 'minor.'"

Rosier acknowledged that PARC is doing its best on the project, "but problems of this magnitude shouldn't have happened."

PARC is also springing for an engineering report on the site's challenging drainage situation, said Lake.

In positive pool develop-

ments, PARC accepted recommendations of the pool design task force regarding a theme.

"Although several theme ideas were discussed, the theme 'rainbow' kept recurring," states a task force report. "The pool is on Rainbow Road, we refer to it as the Rainbow Road site . . . the term rainbow can represent people of different colours, an acceptance of different cultures or a coming together of different ideas and lifestyles. The rainbow theme also provides for endless artistic licence."

Green leader blasts Tories

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

For a moment it felt like the Saturday market was hosting a winter reunion as upwards of 100 people flocked to hear federal Green Party leader Elizabeth May speak during her visit to Salt Spring Island last week.

Taking the Gulf Islands Secondary School stage on the same day Stephen Harper celebrated his first year in office, May berated the Conservative leader on his party's string of failures.

"As much as I understood exactly what they could do, they've been far worse than I could have imagined," May told the largely partisan crowd.

May dismissed the ongoing "greening of the Conservative Party" as "a public relations campaign disguised as serious action on the climate crisis" and labelled Prime Minister Harper as George Bush's Trojan Horse at ongoing international climate change discussions.

"The U.S. wasn't in the room, but with the election of Stephen Harper it didn't matter," May said.

"The U.S. was in the room disguised as Stephen Harper."

Sticking close to her environmental roots, the former Sierra Club executive director chided the Harper gov-

"In the real world I'm going to be prime minister."
— Elizabeth May

ernment's failure to see the writing on the wall.

"He still doesn't believe in [climate change], but he can read polls and he's very concerned that if he doesn't drape the Alliance-Conservative-Republican Party of Canada in a green record he has no hope," she said.

"Stephen Harper is a carbon copy of George Bush and the pun on carbon is intentional."

May said the government's lacklustre accountability act, failure to cut hospital wait times, defaulting on the Kyoto Protocol and militarization of Canada's mission in Afghanistan, proves Harper has betrayed the Canadian people and significantly damaged Canada's international reputation.

Speaking alongside Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party candidate Andrew Lewis and Adrienne Carr, provincial party leader turned federal candidate for the Vancouver-Centre riding, May acknowledged the party's politics need to be taken beyond the environment.

"The centre is no longer about left and right, the

centre is now green and by being at the centre the Green Party now has a tremendous opportunity to hold the stage and start electing Green Party MPs," said Lewis.

"If we can be the catalyst to reach out to small 'g' Greens [in this riding] we can elect a Green MP."

The Green Party has yet to elect a single MP since the party was established in 1983.

The party captured 4.5 per cent of the popular vote in last year's federal election and January 2007 polls conducted by Environics and Decima show the party sits at between 10 and 11 per cent nationwide.

May all but guaranteed the audience Canadians would be visiting the polls before the end of the year and didn't shy away from any pre-election shine on the whirlwind trip to Vancouver, Salt Spring and Victoria.

"We don't have to accept the short-handed nihilistic slogans of corporate Canada," she told the crowd.

"I want to tell people you can dream of something better, that in the real world the Berlin Wall fell; in the real world Nelson Mandela got out of jail and became president of a free South Africa and in the real world I'm going to be Prime Minister."



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BURNS BUNCH: From left, Bevan Wrate, Michelle Grant and Jonathan Grant lead a crowd of dancers and diners at last Saturday night's Scottish Dance Club celebration of Robbie Burns Day. More photos, Page 17. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Designing for the future: planner shares optimism

By ELIZABETH NOLAN
Driftwood Staff

A rapt audience shared a rare evening of vision and optimism last Thursday when world-renowned urban planner Sebastian Moffat presented his findings at a free talk sponsored by local group I-SEA (the Institute of Sustainability, Education and Action).

Entitled Planning for Uncertainty: Design concepts to shape a resilient and sustainable island community, the evening was the first of three series seminars.

Islanders are invited to "Imagine Salt Spring," in conjunction with the current official community plan review.

Moffat is a Salt Spring resident with an impressive pedigree on the world stage of sustainability planning. He is co-author of the first book in North America on green infrastructure design, distributed through the Confederacy of Canadian Municipalities to every community in Canada.

Through his work with the Sheltair Group, Moffat later became Canada's team leader in a global contest called the Sustainable Urban Systems Initiative, which called for the best plan easing cities off natural gas dependency and into sustainable futures.

After two and a half years of work, consultations with over 500 experts, and spending \$1.5 million, Moffat's team won that contest. Thursday's lecture was based on his findings, both leading up to the prize and the three years spent collaborating with other teams after winning it.

Alluding to the fact that a

"We'd invented almost a new type of planning — it was really a revolution, almost by accident bringing together things that had never been brought together — energy, cities and long-term planning." — Sebastian Moffatt

rapidly growing and changing Salt Spring will face some difficult decisions in its near future, Moffat told the audience he would outline what he's learned to help the community create its own best future and become an example for other places.

He went on to speculate the evening could be "an opportunity for us to look at the big picture and try and understand where we fit in all that and how important it is, and how concepts of sustainability can be used to drive design for a community like Salt Spring."

Describing events surrounding the Vancouver team's win, Moffat related:

"When we met the other teams the second time in 2003 we decided we couldn't stop there. We'd invented almost a new type of planning — it was really a revolution, almost by accident bringing together things that had never been brought

together — energy, cities and long-term planning."

Moffat's Vancouver-based team took into account every possible variable, from massive flooding and coastline loss to organized crime and closed borders, in order to plan for and predict a viable future.

They also looked at design success stories of the past, such as European towns and structures built centuries ago and still thriving today.

Moffat described a "triple helix" design approach that takes into account livability, regeneration and resiliency. Key design concepts also include a paradigm shift for our culture: we must learn to think past the individual to the community and beyond, and start incorporating long-term planning into infrastructure.

"Learning to live within constraints is a fabulous design ethic," he enthused, but also warned that the "shadow side of sustainability is survivability."

The ideas that Moffat introduced were likely a welcome change in viewpoint for audience members; the Globe and Mail reported Saturday that global climate change has become the top issue for Canadians, edging out health care.

Moffat even included news that the massive cuts to carbon consumption necessary to halt irreversible climate change are not only possible, but plausible.

"All of this is not magic," he said of his team's project. "It's using existing technologies right now, it's economic and completely doable, and we didn't even create a hydrogen grid to do it."

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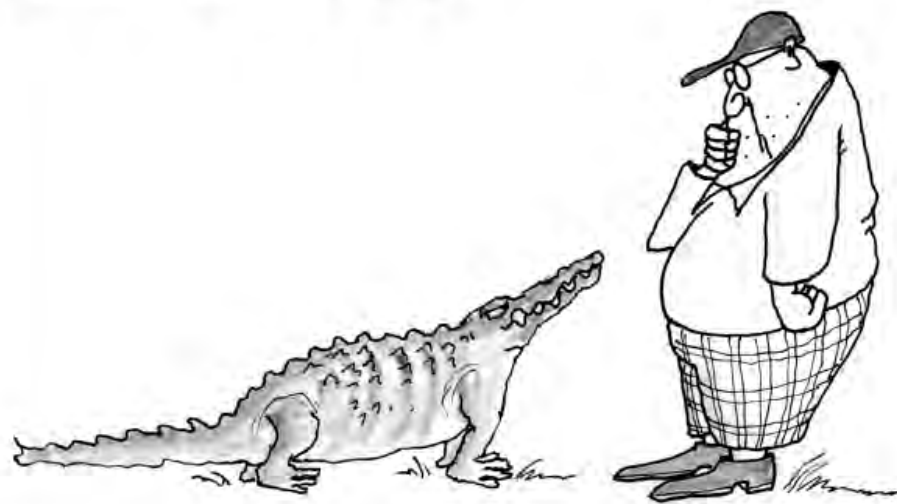
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At the same time, B.C. Ferries determined a January 9 incident on the MV Quinsam serving the Nanaimo-Gabriola route, which saw the ferry pull away from the dock before the last vehicle was loaded, was caused by human error, as was a similar incident resulting in two deaths at Departure Bay in 1992.

That the same type of incident should occur again after safeguards were supposed to be put in place can't help but cause concern.

Morfitt's investigation, commissioned last year after the Queen of the North sinking, found reasons why history could repeat itself. Among other things, Morfitt states support for, understanding of and training in what is known as the Safety Management System (SMS) — implemented 10 years ago — should be improved.

He also found the company has no formal process for assessing risk "and risk management is not formally integrated into the SMS," although the company is now addressing this requirement, he said.

Pressure to achieve "on-time" performance was also cited as potentially compromising safety. It's alarming to read in the report that "Instances were cited of masters not going through what staff considered to be the proper procedures and of pressure being put on ramp personnel to move faster."

Morfitt's report makes it clear that B.C. Ferries has some work to do to ensure our faith in its system is not based on false comfort or public relations spin, but is well grounded in consistent safety practices and a commitment to keep on improving them.

Hope lies with 93 % convinced of climate change dangers

By JEAN GELWICKS

A quote coming out of WW II that still has relevance today says: "It is necessary only for the good man to do nothing for evil to triumph."

I have also heard it quoted as "for evil to flourish it only needs that good people do nothing." The message is the same. If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. This quote came up in a discussion with friends over climate change.

If "evil will flourish" when people do nothing by keeping their heads in the sand and relying on wishful thinking, then what are we to think and do when there are people who actually work against rigorous scientific evaluation, precaution and truth? In the context of climate change, it is one thing to stay ignorant of facts but

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quite another to actively deny its validity in the face of overwhelming and sound global scientific evidence and promote the lie that climate change does not exist. I use to think of these people as annoying. Now, as time is running out to find solutions and give them time to work, I think of them as almost dangerous.

A study of risk perception (by Anthony Leiserowitz) found Americans who are climate change "naysayers" are "predominantly white, male, Republican, politically conservative, holding pro-individualism, pro-hierarchy and anti-egalitarian world views, anti-environmental attitudes, are

distrustful of most institutions, highly religious and rely on radio as their main source of news."

Supposedly these white males who are being educated by radio sound bites, make up seven per cent of America's population yet control much of their government. Most likely the percentage would be the same for Canada. These men I think are dangerous.

I think, just as there is a strong case against the tobacco companies for untold grief and expense in causing cancer, the same case can be made against the oil/gas companies and automobile industries in contributing to climate change. The costs of cancer will pale in comparison to the consequences of climate change. They are large participants in what could be the end of life as we know it on our planet. (If this isn't

evil then I don't know what is.) They are doing so little towards solutions and they could do so much. These people I think are dangerous.

I would like to see all these "dangerous" people rounded up (perhaps by the Raging Grannies of the world) and forced, at least, to spend a week in the company of the hundred top climate change scientists with Al Gore presiding. Maybe then we would get somewhere.

The good news is... the debate is over. Most people are convinced. If there are only seven per cent of the "misguided bad guys" that leaves 93 per cent of the rest of us. This is where the hope lies. If even half of us good people got active, I have no doubt we could make the difference that is required. If half of us would take responsibility for our personal actions (educating ourselves, driving less, buying

a fuel-efficient car/ appliances, shopping locally, etc. like the One Tonne Challenge encouraged us to do) and if we all wrote letters to policy makers (politicians, industry presidents, businesses) and we absolutely refused to support bad policies and ideas and we insisted on new technologies and policies that aggressively worked towards climate change solutions, we could actually win. It is up to us.

I want my legacy to be one of responsibility. What would you rather have said about our generation: "They kept their head in the sand and did nothing," or "they recognized the problem and really tried?" It is our decision.

Heads up — National Day of Climate Change is April 14, 2007.

The writer is a retired teacher.

Local government strong and pro-Trust on Salt Spring Island

By PETER LAMB

I'm writing in response to Alix Granger's January 24 View Point, which seems to suggest that municipal incorporation is a panacea for all of our local problems.

The fact is, we are fortunate to live in a special place with a special form of local government which has, in spite of considerable pressures over the past 30 years, been largely instrumental in protecting all of the islands in the Trust area. Can you imagine what our islands — and especially this one — would look like without that mandate?

I fully support the Trust as a federation of islands and I believe it is the responsibility of all trustees to ensure that we are organized and financed in the best way to

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fulfill our object to "preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment."

The common argument of pro-incorporation advocates is that Salt Spring should only look after itself, and not "export" our property taxes to "other rural communities," as Alix Granger put it. These other rural communities are all the other islands that form an essential part of the community of islands in the Islands Trust, and the Trust continues to "preserve and protect" them despite their limited populations and limited tax bases. It is

important to acknowledge that as the most populous island in the Trust Area, we have some responsibility to support the whole federation, and not simply abandon the other islands in favour of a Salt Spring only policy.

It is astonishing to read that "there are few public services for many of us, such as water, garbage or sewer." The few thousand people connected to the Ganges and Maliview sewer systems — which are operated by the Capital Regional District (CRD) — will be surprised to learn this. All the septic tank owners whose sludge is processed by the CRD's Burgoyne Bay liquid waste facility could also correct this faulty impression. The CRD also operates a number of water treatment facilities

on the island, and the largest water district, the North Salt Spring Water District, is discussing becoming a CRD entity.

It is terribly misleading to suggest that a municipality would, with a stroke of the pen, provide everyone with community water, community garbage pick-up and community sewers — regardless of their cost. Municipality or not, most islanders would continue to rely on groundwater supplies and septic systems, not local government.

And, of course, there is always the "potholes" argument that pro-incorporation advocates suggest a municipality would fix, but of course without mentioning the cost to Salt Spring taxpayers. Last year, the provin-

cial government spent about \$1.7 million on roads on our island. That's approximately the entire amount of Islands Trust tax contributions from Salt Spring property owners. Roads are important, but they're not the only thing we should be spending public money on.

Needless to say, we do indeed have local government in the form of the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District, and we are working together on many local issues. The Governance Task Force was established by the Trust a year ago to study ways of improving the effectiveness of the Islands Trust in meeting its legislated object, including closer coordination of our services with the CRD. It is also addressing

other important actions that would strengthen the Trust with the support of both the Ministry of Community Services and the CRD on a reasonable cost-sharing basis.

Unfortunately, despite our provincial mandate, the provincial contribution to the Trust has shrunk to a mere 2.5 per cent of the Trust's budget. We have no option but to raise the money we need to carry out our work from property tax revenues.

George Ehring and I were elected with a clear mandate to support the Islands Trust and, if we are to continue to uphold the object of the Trust, we will need a strong, financially sound organization to do it. That's our goal.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island local trustee.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *If you could change one thing about Salt Spring, what would it be?*



Sean Cunningham

More parking spots in the summer time.



Angus Mitchell

I would want an off-leash dog walk.



Dianne Haffner

There's a lot of homeless. Something [needs to be] done so there's subsidized housing for people. Apart from that, it's heaven.



Naeco and Nixie Palm

Have a skating rink.



Jon Rubatsher

Cost of housing.

Letters to the Editor

Brush fire doused

Mark Wyatt and the fire trustees should be congratulated. They graciously changed course to allow a public debate about the future of the old fire hall and the public land it is on, the best site for the new fire hall, and the budget for its construction.

Public concern was turning into a brush fire, and their quick and gutsy action doused it fast. Seeing that they are flexible and courageous enough to admit a mistake builds everyone's confidence in these hard-working volunteers.

JACK WOODWARD,
McPhillips Avenue

Still dangerous

We are told in a Jan. 24 Driftwood article by the Ministry of Transportation that roads are attended to

by their priority and priority is determined by the road's traffic volume.

Really? Robinson Road (just north of the Upper Ganges Road turn-off) is one of the busiest roads on north Salt Spring Island, yet for very many years remains holey, lumpy, bumpy, narrow and actually dangerous for cars, cyclists and pedestrians.

In the meantime, much lower volume roads and those in better shape (e.g. Cedar Lane) are paved.

BRISTOL FOSTER,
Salt Spring

Best ever

What a show! I've been going to GISS drama productions since my 21-year-old was little and have seen some great shows.

Last week's may have topped them all! We saw several morality lays woven together about love, greed, carelessness, twisted love, jealousy, fear — the usual

culprits, tackled with ferocity and panache by a huge and talented cast.

We saw walls built to prevent feuding then torn down to facilitate "defence" against perceived animosities — what could be more timely? We saw drunken philosophers, selfish hoarding, selfless giving, the love-lorn — much of it dunked in a pool centre stage to great comic effect. Hearts torn asunder by misplaced love or rejection. Not easy roles!

My favourite was an ancient tree chopped down, who then morphed into hunger to physically hound and haunt the greediest man alive into consuming himself. What talent! What a captivating show! You know you've seen a show when the house is on its feet before the lights go up and the actors are back on stage for their bows.

There is no doubt in my mind that many of the names in the program will

be appearing in the arts sections of our major newspapers in a few years' time.

What a great drama program and a talented and dedicated teacher our school has. You rock, Mr. D!

GORDON KEEL,
Salt Spring

Heaters can kill

A few days back the winter of 2006/07 claimed the life of a Salt Spring Islander.

You could say his death was "indirectly" caused as he accidentally died trying to keep warm. The cause was a kerosene heater left on overnight.

No, you did not read of his passing in the paper, no mention to help ease our loss. No pipers, just gone.

Admittedly, he was not an over-achiever, nor did he seek to be famous.

You probably did not meet, but you may have found, if you had, that he

was a decent soul who lived among us unrecognized. He was fond of the beer and was most often found down at the dock where he kept his boat which was home.

He had the good fortune, years ago, of becoming a friend of Gary LeMarchant's and it was Gary who kept him employed crabbing these past years.

Last summer unpaid moorage led to his "Princess" being taken ashore and he had to face facts: he was homeless. It is true he was the master of his misfortune, but despite his low-key approach to life he had friends because he was a good man at heart and I shall miss his friendly "hello" and his genuine smile. He left this world with about as much as he was born with except he had friends who are saddened to lose him.

His name was Rene and this shouldn't have happened. But on a cold night our friend and shipmate

sailed away in his sleep; may the good Lord rest his soul.

For the rest of you on limited incomes and with poor shelter: Remember, heaters can and will kill you. Open a window a bit, fresh air may be cold air but you need it to breathe and some heaters rob you of that essential oxygen.

If you have any doubts about whether you are safe using your heater, ask a fireman for helpful advice. Please don't take the risk because it will get you.

Honourable mention must go to the United Church and the Copper Kettle and Community Services for yeoman effort this winter helping our less fortunate. In fact, now that I think of it, you might consider helping them out. Just tell them Rene sent you.

DREW CLARKE,
Mount Belcher

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Annual referendum and creative input could achieve great things

By **CHRIS DIXON**

The budgets for the new library proposal and the new fire hall, coupled with the visible progress on our new indoor pool are evidence of big changes for Salt Spring Island.

Who could have imagined, say 20 years ago, that in 2007 we would be building projects of this magnitude, and spending more than \$18 million in the process?

Many issues arise while contemplating these large, expensive projects. We can first question whether there is a legitimate need for these facilities, and then determine whether they deserve community support.

We can examine the mechanisms employed to engage or circumvent public participation in the permission process. We may find that there is a deadline imposed on public involvement in the decision-making process that limits the possibility of an informed response to the proposal.

In this case, an opportunity for reasoned, creative input from the community may be lost — displaced by the limited view of a small group with a single agenda. Mistrust, anger and resentment are the inevitable result.

GREEN SPACE

Good information and considerate discussion make the success of a project more likely. We can generate an accurate gauge of public support for a specific project by referendum.

So — what happens when we step back and search for the bigger picture? Can we examine these processes for the larger lessons they present?

Lesson one: Our community is often willing and able to spend large amounts of money on diverse kinds of projects.

Lesson two: When a community-based group proposes a project, its support within the community can be fairly determined by referendum.

What happens if we step back and further expand our vision? We may need to look past the shores of our island home for a clearer picture.

There's a bigger world out there, and no way to escape some harsh realities. War and disease, poverty and famine continue to cause endless suffering. Green-

house gasses, global warming and climate change are hot topics everywhere you look. Evidence of climate change is showing up all over the planet. We are less confident about the future.

How and where food is grown, and how or whether it can be economically transported are becoming serious considerations. We're questioning the future of personal and commercial use of petroleum-powered vehicles. And we're questioning our customary reliance on technology to provide every answer.

Looking around Salt Spring today, it's hard to imagine what the fuss is about — not only does everything look the same, but we're moving ahead on some fine new projects. As far as climate change is concerned, there's not much evidence of action yet. But there will be.

Go back to lessons one and two, and then think about how simple it would be if we had one annual referendum which would present any and all proposals for decisions by the community.

The decision-making process would become streamlined, with no panic involved, because we would all understand that there was a year to present, consider,

and modify a proposal. And sometimes, rather than rush to present a poorly-crafted concept, a project might miss that year's referendum, and wait until next year. If there was a real emergency, we could invest in an extra referendum at any time.

Once a year, maybe in late September before the annual migration to Mexico, we would gather as a community and declare our level of support for various projects. We would have a clear understanding of each proposal, and know that they were the result of a year of creative effort by an engaged community.

It might look like a multiple choice question; which do you want most for your community:

- (3) fire truck
- (5) swimming pool
- (1) food
- (4) books
- (2) a secure future
- (4) a way to get to town

Imagine if the Island Natural Growers teamed up with Salt Springers for Safe Food and crafted a proposal to purchase several large acreages — plant vegetables and grains, build storage facilities, equipment sheds, and food processing plants. The benefits to the community are obvious

— both in food security and in local jobs created, and the budget, say \$3.2 million. Would you support that?

Or the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, Island Pathways and the transportation society, with some help from the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, developing a truly functional walking/cycling trail network, including an irresistible tax incentive to encourage property owners to participate, with a strong endorsement from the Parks and Recreation Commission for its recreational value!

With this system, any group able to demonstrate that it can offer a valuable service to the community, could simply ask for the community's support. And we, as a community could contribute in creative ways throughout the process.

Would it cost us more, in tax dollars? Of course it could, but when you think, today, of getting a brand new fire hall for 40 bucks a year — it's nothing. Pocket change. If we can look past the drama of the moment, we can realize just how easy it would be to fund some very creative institutions on our island. I would be prepared to pay for that.

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More letters

We deserve the best

Re: Dawn Hage's article Salt Spring Maternity Care Among Best in the Province, I was disappointed by the Driftwood's one-sided coverage. It would have made for a more balanced article to hear the viewpoints of some of the women who have received maternity care at the local clinic.

Families seeking maternity care on Salt Spring have no choice. Since "no physicians provide such care" women must either go to the local midwifery clinic or travel off-island. I know several women who have chosen to travel off-island for maternity care for their second pregnancy despite the extra strain this puts on themselves and their families.

When there is only one option in a small community, women may feel they are unique in their situation if they have concerns about the care they have received from a professional.

I want to remind the other 456 women who were mentioned in the statistics in the Driftwood that professional midwives in B.C. are regulated by the College of Midwives of B.C. (CMBC). Should you have any concerns about care you received from a professional midwife in this province, contact the registrar of the CMBC at (604) 742-2230. Information about making a formal complaint can also be found on their website www.cmbc.bc.ca.

As a mother who is firmly convinced that the midwifery model of care serves the best interests of most families, I encourage all Salt Spring families to advocate for the excellent midwifery care we deserve.

ROBIN ANNSCHILD,
Salt Spring

Too fast

Re: last week's article about the four-vehicle accident at the Rainbow Road crosswalk, the description of the driver having to slam on his brakes gives the impression that he was travelling at more than the posted speed

limit of 30 km per hour.

Drivers travelling too fast on that section of road seem to be a large part of the problem. Admittedly the posting of the speed limit could be made a lot clearer. It isn't easy to see.

RAY SPIERS,
Salt Spring

Tourney heroes


Organizers of the Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament held on January 11-13 would like to express their gratitude to the following people who donated their time and resources to the tournament.

Joel and Tracey Shaver at Sports Traders for donating the perpetual trophy and for organizing the acquisition and delivery of uniforms and awards. To Tom Vergalen of TNT Signs.ca for the manufacturing and delivering of the 24-foot banner, to Susan Garside and all of the other volunteers for organizing and helping with the concessions, to the referees, to the students of GISS leadership group who volunteered their time to set up, manage the time clock, scorekeeping and help with clean-up, to the GISS custodial staff and to Al Irving and Milly Sinclair and their helpers for preparing the Friday night dinner. To Tony Mason, Lee Ann Gordon and other coaching staff of the GISS girls and boys teams.

A special tribute to Perry Ruehlen who devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort in preparing and printing the programs, setting up many of the displays, keeping track of the scores and ranking, communicating with newspaper, coordinating special events, organizing the embossing of the sportswear presented to many of the volunteers, organizers, winners of special events and attending to so many details. Thank you, Perry. Thank you to Lyall Ruehlen, GISS vice-principal and athletic director of the senior boys teams and overall coordinator of the tournament.

BOB HOWE,

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WELLNESS PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY

WORKSHOPS

February 17.....'Parenting on the Edge'; w/ Cindy Clark

February 24.....Homeopathy for Chronic Pain and Injuries for Health Care Practitioners; w/Karin Beviere

Date TBA.....Intro to 'Parenting before Birthing'; w/ Cindy Clark

FRIDAY EVENING SEMINARS

Feb.2.....'The Trixter-Soul Creation' w/Rasma Bertz

Feb.9.....'Sudden and Traumatic Loss vs. Anticipated Loss' w/ Randie Clark

Feb.16.....'Step Parenting Discussion Group' w/Cindy Clark

Feb. 23.....TBA

Seminars are 7-9pm and are drop-in. Suggested donation is \$5.00

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie Breakout for Jan 31, 2007 to Feb 6, 2007

WEDNESDAY, JAN 31

- 6:30 PM
42 ★★★★★ The Mating Season (1950, Comedy) Convinced her son is ashamed of his roots, a woman poses as a maid at his wedding. *Thelma Ritter, John Lund* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Night of the Living Dead (1990, Horror) Several unfortunate people fight a group of flesh-eating zombies. *Tony Todd, Patricia Tallman* (1h30)
- 8:30 PM
29 ★★ The People vs. Larry Flynt (1996, Biography) A controversial magazine mogul pushes the boundaries of American morality. *Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love* (2h15)
- 42 ★★ The Youngest Profession (1943, Comedy)** A group of girls from a movie star fan club stalk the streets in search of big name stars. *Virginia Weidler, Edward Arnold* (1h30)
- 9:00 PM
6 ★ Sleepover (2004, Comedy) Four high school friends enter an all-night scavenger hunt against their rivals. *Alexa Vega, Mika Boorem* (2h)
- 12 ★★ An American Rhapsody (2001, Drama)** A girl is torn when reunited with her parents, who had left her to escape to the U.S. *Nastassja Kinski, Scarlett Johansson* (2h)
- 13 ★★ Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (2003, Comedy)** A former child star hires a foster family to recreate the childhood he never had. *David Spade, Doris Roberts* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
42 ★★ The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985, Comedy) The dreams of a waitress are realized when her favourite film star steps out of the screen. *Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels* (1h30)
- 10:45 PM
29 ★ Entangled (1992, Thriller) The tragic relationship between an aspiring writer and a model results in murder. *Judd nelson, Pierce Brosnan* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM
42 ★★ A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935, Comedy) A couple of magical fairies cross paths with two pairs of lovers in a forest. *James Cagney, Dick Powell* (2h30)

THURSDAY, FEB 1

- 7:00 PM
29 ★ Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers (1995, Horror) While Michael seeks to destroy Jamie's baby, Dr. Loomis tries to finally end the curse. *Donald Pleasence, Paul Rudd* (1h30)
- 7:30 PM
42 ★★★★★ The Professionals (1967, Adventure) When a woman is kidnapped, it's up to four frontier adventurers to bring her back. *Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
29 ★★ In the Mouth of Madness (1994, Horror) An investigator is hired to find a horror writer whose novels make his readers go insane. *Sam Neill, Julie Carmen* (1h40)
- 9:00 PM
12 ★★ Rudy: The Rudy Giuliani Story (2003, Biography) The life of Rudy Giuliani, who endured bruising political battles and romantic tumult. *James Woods, Penelope Ann Miller* (2h)
- 9:30 PM
42 ★★★★★ Detective Story (1951, Crime Story) A tough police detective goes after an illegal abortionist who had helped his wife. *Kirk Douglas, Eleanor Parker* (2h)
- 10:10 PM
29 ★★ A Sweeter Song (1976, Comedy) An accident-prone photographer must choose between a free-spirited woman and his friend. *Jim Henshaw, Susan Perrie* (1h30)
- 11:30 PM
42 ★★★★★ The Killers (1946, Crime Story) An insurance investigator is called in when a small town gas station attendant is killed. *Ava Gardner, Burt Lancaster* (2h)

FRIDAY, FEB 2

- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Wild Things (1998, Suspense) A Florida cop is suspicious when a high-school teacher is accused of seducing a student. *Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon* (1h45)
- 42 ★★ The Chocolate Soldier (1941, Musical)** An opera singer disguises himself as a Russian playboy to test his wife's fidelity. *Nelson Eddy, Rise Stevens* (2h)
- 7:30 PM
39 Junior Pilot A young computer flight simulator expert believes that a plane is about to be hijacked. (1h30)
- 8:45 PM
29 ★★ The Principal (1987, Drama) A new principal struggles to transform his inner city school into a place of learning. *James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr.* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
12 ★★ Hope Floats (1998, Romance) After being dumped by her husband, a former beauty queen returns to her hometown. *Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.* (2h)
- 39 ★★ Krippendorf's Tribe (1998, Comedy)** An anthropologist recruits children to masquerade as members of a fake New Guinea tribe. *Richard Dreyfuss, Jenna Elfman* (1h30)

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Monday, Feb 5. Includes programs like The Mummy, The Longest Day, and various news and entertainment shows.

More letters

Good government

Regarding Alix Granger's January 24 View Point on incorporation and the benefits of centralized planning, I find her objections to the funding of the pedestrian-operated traffic light at the Lower Ganges-Rainbow Road intersection puzzling. The only local taxes going towards the \$20,000 project will be \$2,500 from the existing CRD grant-in-aid budget. This is a bad thing?

Ms. Granger makes the startling statement that Salt Spring "has no sewer, water or garbage facilities." Not only do we have such facilities, but both our CRD sewer plants have recently been upgraded, and four CRD water districts have received about \$3 million in infrastructure funding to build state-of-the-art water treatment plants. Garbage services are available by private operators to all property owners on a user-pay basis, but tipping fees at the Hartland landfill entirely pay for residential recycling.

In fact, Salt Spring provides a progressive model for funding services in a way that reduces waste and promotes conservation, including garbage disposal costs that depend entirely on waste volumes, progressive water rate structures that encourage water conservation, and sewage fees tied to water usage, another conservation incentive.

Alix also complains about acquiring a \$600,000 lot to build our new library in the Ganges village core. But fundraising by the library and its friends group means that taxpayers will be responsible for only \$350,000 of this debt. A village core location is not only required by our official community plan (OCP) but was re-affirmed by referendum. Centralized planning by a municipal council means little if it doesn't respect the OCP and Trust policy as the organizing vision for our island.

In the past decade, 3,500 acres of green space on Salt Spring have been protected. We implemented property tax exemptions for protecting private lands, unique to the Trust area, and which completed protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed. We are completing our first-ever drinking watershed management plan for Cusheon Lake. A plan for St. Mary Lake, including aeration, is now

underway. We are constructing a \$6-million swimming pool with a debt load of only \$3 million. We revitalized our emergency planning program. Within a year, construction of sidewalks and cycling lanes in Ganges, funded primarily by the federal gas tax transfer, and our first affordable housing units, funded by the recently established CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund, will be underway. We are planning for the composting of our liquid waste and use of reclaimed water from the Ganges sewer plant.

Yes, Salt Spring has issues to resolve. But take with a grain of salt the claims of incorporationists like Ms. Granger, that nothing good can ever happen on Salt Spring until we become a municipality.

GARY HOLMAN,
SS regional director, CRD

Three-way stop better

I think the idea of paying \$20,000 for a pedestrian light at Rainbow and Lower Ganges is a little much when two stop signs put in to make it a three-way stop would more than solve the problem of people speeding through town and almost hitting pedestrians at that crosswalk.

Further, I would think the school could supply students during school hours (or at least morning and afternoon) and call it "work experience" as a traffic-control person.

I remember when Heford and McPhillips were two-way streets. Then they were changed to one-way streets and people had to get used to it, and they did!

So put the stop signs in, then put a sign just past Park Drive that says "Stop Ahead" and trust me, people will get used to it, and maybe even save a life.

CHRISTINA LONG,
Flash Flagging Service,
Salt Spring

Sign returned

Thank you to whomever returned our Frog Hollow sign. It was taken last August, and returned anonymously just last Sunday.

The sign was created by my children and me, so it is a valued possession. I appreciate its return.

SCOTT MERRICK,
Dover Place

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Builders' Lien Act

Notice of Certification of Completion

NOTICE: Re: Saltspring Island, Fulford Water System Watermain and Pump Station, Contract 05-1547 Certificate of Completion for Gosset Spencer Excavating Inc.

Take notice that on January 18, 2007 Certificate of Completion, or court order to that effect, was issued with respect to the contract between Gosset Spencer Excavating Inc. (Contractor) and the Capital Regional District (Owner) in connection with an improvement on land described as follows:

The supply and installation of pipework and fittings for the Saltspring Island, Fulford Water System.

All persons entitled to claim a lien under the *Builders' Lien Act* and who performed work or supplied material in connection with or under the contract are warned that the time to file a claim of lien may be abridged and Section 20 of the Act should be consulted.

R.H. Edwards, PEng
Design Engineer
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- Driftwood: January 10 issue, back page (pg. 32)
- Questions? 537-0037

WIN.07.01 Driftwood Handled Rib Basket. An adaptation of the traditional "rib" basket technique.
Materials: \$15.00, paid directly to Instructor at the start of the session.

1 Sunday Feb 11 9 am to 5 pm Donna's Studio
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$80 **After Feb 5: \$90**
Instructor: Donna Cochran is a master basket maker and basketry teacher.

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Materials: \$15.00, paid directly to the Instructor on the first night of class.
6 Thursdays Feb 15 to Mar 29 (no class March 22)
7 to 9 PM GISS Computer Lab S111
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$140 **After Feb 5: \$150**
Instructor: Philip Benson uses a one-on-one teaching model whereby students proceed at their own rate.

WIN.07.03 Excel 1 & 2. Bookkeeping for family finances, small business accounts, bank accounts, investments, income tax returns, collections and ideas are all daily facts of our lives and can be efficiently and easily tracked.

Materials: \$15.00 paid directly to instructor.
6 Tuesdays Feb 13 to Mar 27 (no class March 19)
7 to 9 pm GISS Computer Lab S111
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$140 **After Feb 5: \$150**
Instructor: Philip Benson uses a one-on-one teaching model whereby students proceed at their own rate.

WIN.07.04 Digital Cameras 1. Choosing A Camera - Too Much Choice !! Do you find the market confusing in choosing a digital camera? Here is your chance to understand the language, and find out what digital camera is right for you.

Friday Feb 23 7 to 9 pm GISS Seminar Room S114
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$40 **After Feb 5: \$50**
Instructor: Rod Hinks has taught students of all ages. He has 20 years of experience in computing and digital systems as well as video and still photography.

WIN.07.05 Intermediate French Conversation. Because language is a living thing, participants should approach this course as they would a visit to Quebec or France – for the joy of it!

Pre-requisite: Graduation with High School French or Post-secondary study.
Materials: \$2.00 paid directly to Instructor at the first class.
8 Wednesdays Feb 7 to Apr 4 (no class March 20)
7 to 9 pm GISS Seminar Room N108
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$95 **After Feb 5: \$105**
Instructor: Irene Wright taught French in the Gulf Islands School District for the better part of 30 years.

WIN.07.06 Fruit Tree Pruning: Add Strength by Subtracting. Add strength, shape and future health to young apple trees – add decades of life to old ones – by pruning!

Bring: Secateurs and a notebook for sketches and notes.
Sunday March 4 1 to 3 pm The Weeden's Fruit Orchard
Fees paid before Feb 5: \$40.00 **After Feb 5: \$50**
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PHYLLIS BOLTON



ANNE MILLER

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

A big flat-tailed swacking rant at those responsible for destroying my home almost every day for the past month! Don't you know that I have to rebuild every night to create a home for my family and a pool to feed them from? Aren't there enough homeless on the island already? The Beaver at the culvert on North End Road by Lang Road

ROSES

Phoenix Elementary School would like to extend a huge bouquet of roses to Ganges Village Market for generously supporting our school's monthly fundraising efforts. Your support has enabled us to contribute to various local and international charities. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Rick Tyson for making it all possible.

Roses to Dave Phillips and his team for helping with the unexpected move . . . you're great! Kim

Black leather and silver roses to H.S. for her generous offering of thanks. Your kindness will be reciprocated by the "pay forward" concept — especially since I don't even know your last name! You put the letters g-o-o-d back in humanity. Amy MacLeod

Roses to people who stop abusing power (both literally and figuratively.) The costs are high literally and figuratively. Become conscious of the abuse and impact you have on the earth and the relationships in your world. Kim

Last week's rose thanking people for their kindness when she fell at Lions Hall was submitted by Carol Wagner, whose name was inadvertently left off the end.



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More letters

Manage our problems

There were several points in last week's View Point on island governance that call for comment.

It bears repeating that the Trust area was created by the government of the day in recognition of the special needs of islands, as well as the importance of maintaining their integrity on behalf of all of B.C.

The present policy makers in Victoria need to be held accountable to that ideal in order that the Trust be given the tools to do the job.

The present trustees are endeavouring to do just that. So too are the focus groups that are intent on finding out why some things work and some things don't.

The consultant's fee pales in comparison to the specter of maintaining a fully staffed council and mayor as well as the unstated staff we would have to employ. Can a brand new town hall be far behind?

Let's not see our salvation in yet another layer of government. This community harbours some of the

most competent people in Canada from all areas of endeavour. With many of them twiddling their fingers in retirement (joke), the volunteerism on this island is our greatest asset. Let us manage our problems in our own inimitable way. I think we made a very good start when we elected our present trustees.

RUTH TARASOFF,
Dukes Road

Newman

roast was hot

I send 63 kajillion acres of exquisitely aromatic, profusely blooming, hundred-year-old, delicate, antique, fragrant, old-fashioned, heritage vine roses to everyone who made Virginia's 84th birthday bash and the Newman Family Roast the best party ever on January 20.

Monik and Swing Shift — you were awesome! Audrey and the Grannies, rage on with love. Ol' Scottish Murray for the terrific tinkling of the ivories; Donn and Maddy for the mic's and sound; what a treat to hear Sue, Amy, Lauren and friends with Swing Shift.

Judge "Berating Bob T", Shilo Zed and Jane Gee — hilarious! Heavenly Howard for aria-zing to the occasion. Andrea Rabinovitch for song and practice and all those yappy little and not so little spotty dogs and squeaky mice.

Trish for being so accommodating with the hall. Shelley and Cindy C. — this wouldn't have happened without you. You are the best co-conspirators I could ever hope for.

Louis for recording it all, all the cake makers and Hetty for a beautiful story about Virginia.

Dion and Martin for 11th-hour pumpkin construction. Sue Earle for the beautiful quilts; Finbar — the insider's ear and Virginia's Cowboy and Co-horts Escort of Honour. Anyone I've missed? I'm so sorry — it's all a blur in my head!

Huge apologies and a rose to anyone who didn't hear about it. We were trying to make it a surprise. (At least

Virginia was surprised!) Have you ever tried to keep a secret on this rock?

A couple of dishes were left behind. If you are missing any, please call me (537-9186).

Thank you to everyone who came to share their love and memories and most especially to the whole Newman family, whose members have brought such incredible gifts to this island for 16 to 36 years and to Virginia, the best Gramma a whole community could wish for. Thank you so much.

GORDON KEEL,
Salt Spring

Hydro heroics

I don't find it heroic to fix the same snow and storm damaged lines over and over again. I think it is stupid. I don't want to know what it would cost to put the power lines underground; the question should be what it costs to not have them underground.

I know it cost me personally \$650 replacing electronics and appliances that were destroyed by a power surge that happened because the line on my road wasn't repaired properly (the neutral wire disconnected) after the snow storm we had in late November.

And of course it's all my fault, B.C. Hydro isn't responsible for anything.

The "service" I got from the claims department was lousy and they didn't even want to know what happened — I had to force that information on to them. Then I was told B.C. Hydro is not an insurance company. Too bad there is no competition and I wonder how many other people are out there had the same frustrating experience.

I can live without power for five days, but why should the customer take all the risk that comes with outdated, above-ground equipment? And for sure the rates will keep going up anyway.

We might as well get something for it — like power if there is more than half an inch of snow and a little breeze.

SABINE GEORGY,
Salt Spring

What's for Dinner?

Shopping list:

- Butter
- 1 onion
- 2 carrots
- 1 lemon
- Dried fine herbs
- Powdered coriander
- Milk
- Flour
- Chicken broth
- Fresh spinach
- 2 cans smoked oysters



THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET SMOKED OYSTER SOUP

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

Oyster: Any of several edible bivalve mollusks of the family *Ostreidae*, especially of the genera *Crassostrea* and *Ostrea*. Cultivated as food, oysters are regarded as a delicacy. Ancient Greeks used to serve oysters as they are firm when cooked, offering a much more palatable texture to me. I am one who accepts the challenges of cooking foods I don't particularly favour. Sometimes I can turn them into foods I delight to eat. Whole smoked oysters, hand picked and naturally smoked over aromatic wood, are one variation I was able to eat early in my marriage. Delicious in casseroles, stews, and chowders, they also make great hors d'oeuvres. I decided to develop this smoked oyster soup. If you are still hesitant to eat oysters - as I once was - let me encourage you to widen your culinary tastes. Try this oyster soup. I can eat it now by the bowlful. The difference is the smoked oysters, cooked even before you prepare them. They are the key in this simple and tasty recipe.

horrified at all the fuss over these creatures. I had long vowed never to eat one. Little did I know my future husband treated them as a delicacy. He eats raw oysters right out of the shell on the beach, slurps them down, licks his lips, and declares them delicious morsels. I still have never eaten one in this fashion. However, a loving and good wife, I have ventured to eat baked, fried or steamed oysters as they are firm when cooked, offering a much more palatable texture to me. I am one who accepts the challenges of cooking foods I don't particularly favour. Sometimes I can turn them into foods I delight to eat. Whole smoked oysters, hand picked and naturally smoked over aromatic wood, are one variation I was able to eat early in my marriage. Delicious in casseroles, stews, and chowders, they also make great hors d'oeuvres. I decided to develop this smoked oyster soup. If you are still hesitant to eat oysters - as I once was - let me encourage you to widen your culinary tastes. Try this oyster soup. I can eat it now by the bowlful. The difference is the smoked oysters, cooked even before you prepare them. They are the key in this simple and tasty recipe.

In a skillet for 5 minutes, sauté in **2 tablespoons butter, 1 chopped onion, 2 diced carrots, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 1 tablespoon dried fine herbs** (parsley, tarragon & chives), **2 cloves chopped garlic, & 1 tablespoon powdered coriander**. Set aside. In a small bowl whisk together **2 cups milk & 3/4 cup flour**. Add all above ingredients to a medium size pot with **2 cups chicken broth & 1 cup chopped fresh spinach**. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes over medium heat or until thickened. Now add **2 cans undrained smoked oysters**. Heat for another 5 minutes being careful not to boil. Serve. For a fabulous presentation, this smoked oyster soup can be ladled into small casserole dishes & topped with puff pastry then baked until golden brown.

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HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS: From left, Sappho Dawn-Prince, Rosie Hamilton and Chloe Melious perform in Video Killed the Radio Star, part of the Movin' and Groovin show at last week's Gulf Islands Secondary School dance performance, held Tuesday and Wednesday nights at ArtSpring. Photo by John Cameron

Star-studded literary evening benefits Fulford school library

Not many elementary schools of 100 students could offer a first-rate literary evening based on the skills of parents and grandparents, but Fulford Community School is an exception.

On Friday, February 9, islanders will have a chance to take in that fact while enjoying a benefit to support the school's library.

Love Your Library will see parents, grandparents and a long-time school supporter converge to give readings at the special event beginning at 7 p.m.

"Everyone who is read-

ing has either a child or a grandchild at the school," explained organizer Peter Levitt. "The only other person is Murray Reiss, and he and his wife Karen are community members who have been very involved with the school."

Levitt said one day when he walked past the library he just stopped and looked at it. "I thought 'what have I done to help that library?' . . . Almost simultaneous I thought there are so many people involved with the school right now who are extraordinary writers—we should take advantage of that."

Participating in Love Your Library are Levitt, his wife and poet Shirley Graham, Reiss, Kathy Page, Naidine Shelly, Brian Brett and Robert Bateman.

"These are nationally and internationally recognized writers," noted Levitt. "That's an extraordinary thing for a school to have."

Fulford school principal Shelly Johnson agrees.

"I think it's fantastic they are taking time out of their busy lives to raise money for our library and I also think it's wonderful for students to see that real people they know in their community

are authors. I think it really inspires the children to pursue writing as a career."

The evening connects to one of the school's current areas of study.

"Our whole school has a poetry theme to tie in with the event, so kids' writing will be up on the wall."

Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. Raffle tickets with several book prizes will also be for sale.

Because of the sit-down nature of the event, people should not bring their children. Johnson said the school is holding a mini version of the same event for kids.

Island revolution in latest Hansen novel

A Pender Island author has published a "revolutionary novel" that could appeal to people who are more than fed up with the state of politics today.

"After decades of authoritarian rule, expanding militarism, global resource wars, fiscal recklessness, questionable elections, eroding civil liberties, and galloping corporate crime, the small group of Americans in the new novel, Revolution 2.0, decide it's about time they took matters into their own hands," explains a press release.

"The book is set in America's not-

so-distant future," said author Terry Hansen.

"But the parallels with contemporary events are clear. I wrote the story mainly as a therapeutic exercise. When things appear completely bleak, politically, it helps me get through the day by imagining creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems."

Much of the book's action takes place in the American San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands.

In keeping with the spirit of Revolution 2.0, Hansen published his new

novel on the internet where anyone can read it for free. Visit www.opensociety-media.com.

"If you're looking for lots of flashy, CNN-type graphics, you're going to be disappointed," the author commented. "This is a book, after all. You'll need to dust off your old imagination."

Hansen is a U.S. citizen and a former Seattle computer-magazine editor and co-owner. His previous book, The Missing Times, is about government censorship and propaganda in the wake of the flying-saucer crisis.

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THROUGH THE GATE: Salt Spring craftsman Jayson O'Scalleigh is seen loading a gate which he created for a Vesuvius home.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Arts centre bebops through February with eyes on spring entertainment

• Drum Alive, Drum Circle Traditional Hand Drumming. Workshop. Mbuyiselo "Munkie" Ncapayi is regarded as one of South Africa's top ethnic drummers and is a revered drum teacher, having perfected the Djembe Drum, Zimbabwe Drum, Zulu Drum, Djun Djun to mention a few. This \$20 workshop is geared towards the more experienced drummer. Fri., Feb. 2, 7-10 p.m.

• Artfully Off in All Directions. A special annual art exhibition featuring visual art from Salt Spring youth. Sat., Feb. 3 to Sun., Feb. 11.

• A Few More. Indefatigable impresario and bassoonist George Zukerman presents an ingenious program of rarely heard gems for an inspired range of instrumental combinations. Joining Zukerman is Guy Few, trumpet; Francois Houle, clarinet; Wilbur Fawcett, double

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

bass; Jane Hayes, piano; and members of the Borealis String Quartet. Sun., Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m. (Pre-concert chat at 1:30)

• Midwinter Music. Salt Spring Island Middle School concert. Thurs., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

• Bebop, Bossas and Blues with the Karin Plato Quintet. One of Canada's finest jazz vocalists teams up with acclaimed Canadian guitarist Bill Coon and other top Canadian jazz instrumentalists. Sun., Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m. (Wine-tasting with Garry Oaks Winery at 1:30.)

• Of Love & Music, with Marcus Hissen. Victoria Symphony trombonist Marcus Hissen's first local recital tour will inspire, engage

and entertain those planning a classy and fun Valentine's outing. Including everything from Baroque opera to Argentinean tango, the music ranges from profound to flirtatious, introspective to exotic. Wed., Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

• The Boogie Man - Alan Gerber brings his exhilarating boogie-woogie, gospel and Chicago blues sound to the island. He will be joined by island youth singing songs of inspiration in an event sponsored by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Thurs., Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

• Shauna Rolston, cello, and Heather Schmidt, piano. This duo is described as having "great chemistry, personally and musically"

— Ralston's intense, passionate and dizzyingly virtuosic playing finds its match in the expansive and lushly textured playing of Schmidt. Program: de Falla, Pärt, Schmidt, Rachmaninov, Popper.

Fri., Feb. 16, 8 p.m. (Pre-concert chat at 7.)

• Literary Reading with Rosemary Sullivan and Myrna Kostash. Toronto poet, biographer and historian Rosemary Sullivan reads from Villa Air-Bel: World War II, Escape and a House in France, a story of artists trapped and waiting for rescue in wartime France. Prolific Saskatchewan writer Myrna Kostash will read from Reading the River, her new book about the natural and cultural geography of the North Saskatchewan River. Introduced by Brian Brett. Admission is by donation. Fri., Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Palu embarks on CD streak to aid group

Well-known islander Paul Beckman, aka Palu Rainbow Song, is giving back to a housing group by hopefully raising funds through selling special music CDs.

The CDs will contain a collection of "house" songs to reflect the Victoria Human Exchange Society's (VHES) provision of affordable accommodation

through its nine houses in Victoria, Sidney and on Salt Spring.

"I wanted to give them something back," he said, since he's found shelter through the VHES.

Palu has also been busy writing songs in the past year, having amassed 700, which he believes is many more than

the Beatles members ever penned.

Palu said he could use some help developing the cover art for the CDs, as well as any donations to help finance the project.

He also said he has recently invented a spineless book that the world has not seen before.

GISS students strut their stuff at M&M

The monthly Music and Munch series for 2007 begins on Wednesday, February 7 at All Saints with what promises to once again be a uniquely creative program from the music students of Gulf Islands Secondary.

Their music director Bruce Smith has this semester changed the chorus content of concert band to composition. He enthuses that this change has been a "huge success in that it enabled the students to grow in ways that they did not foresee."

The result for audience members is that they will hear largely original compositions created and rehearsed

during class time. These songs will be performed mainly by students from the composition class. However, the very talented jazz and chamber choirs plus two newly created jazz combos will also be performing a variety of music, including old classics such as Willow Wait For Me and Straighten Up And Fly Right.

The jazz choir and combos are heading off to Surrey on February 8 to strut their stuff in the Envision Jazz Festival. Music and Munch begins with the performance at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

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BIG SOUND: Mary Ross from Victoria livens up the atmosphere at Fulford Hall Saturday, playing at the Scottish Dance Club's annual Robbie Burns night.

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Juno band performers team up for Barb's show

Cara Luft, founding member of Juno-winning band the Wailin' Jennys, is bringing her unique brand of energetic folk music to Barb's Bakery and Bistro next Saturday night.

"Gearing up for the April release of her new album "The Light Fantastic" on Black Hen Music, Luft is forging new musical ground with powerful songs of introspection and realization, hope and tradition," states press material.

The February 10 Salt Spring show is part of Luft's western Canadian concert tour with multi-instrumentalist Hugh McMillan, known for his work with Spirit of the West, James Keelaghan, Oscar Lopez and others. The show features several Luft favourites as well as songs from her upcoming album.

Show time is 8 p.m.

Admission is \$10.

For more information, check out Luft's website at www.caraluft.com.

Exciting ballet performance inspires Mozart exploration

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Staff

How fitting that Salt Springers were celebrating Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's January 27 birthday with the Atlantic Ballet of Canada's Amadeus production at ArtSpring the night before.

Having brought us Merlin last year, the Atlantic Ballet of Canada under the directorship of Igor Dobrovolskiy chose another story ballet created by the director. Dobrovolskiy clearly enjoys darker-themed narratives with high dramatic intensity.

As a travelling troupe from Moncton, New Brunswick, they adapted a nine-person troupe to fit the ArtSpring stage with professional polish.

Atlantic Ballet offered the full house at ArtSpring a chance to see a professional company with a high level of technical proficiency, dramatic ability and exciting stagecraft.

With lighting by premier Canadian dance lighting designer Pierre Lavoie flooding every available centimetre with light, including numerous specials to heighten dramatic effect, the ballet opened with a stage piano centre stage and a metronome placed on top. A dancer entered and started the metronome. An arm extended out of the piano reaching towards the floor. Clearly Mozart was being born.

The Muse entered, played by the statuesque Evalina Sushko, personifying the rivalry between Antonio Salieri (Aleksander Onyshchenko) and Mozart (Odsuren Dagva). A well-documented story ensued with First Love (Yuriko Minami) and Costanza (Ayako Nakahira) offering many opportunities for duets.

One of the strongest and most interesting sequences was between Mozart, Salieri and the Religious Figure (Louis-Phillipe Dionne). The three men each performed solos facing different directions that could have been the same choreography but, more interestingly, was not. The movements were just similar

enough to keep the flow of the music going while your eye registered the shifting patterns throughout the space.

The final moment of the two-hour piece was strikingly dramatic with the sands of time falling through a spot of light on the piano.

Dagva, extremely musical and a passionate dramatist, truly gave his all in upping the level of artistry. With a professional company, nailing certain movements like triple pirouettes and double tour en l'airs is a given. Dagva went beyond technique to offer the soul of Mozart.

Nakahira's dancing, with her quicksilver shifts of

weight, showed excellent dramatic flair. Apparently their sets didn't fit the stage so their use of props — the piano and rolling music stands — sufficed.

In the second act, black coats used as extensions of the movement, gave an almost modern feel that would have been welcomed in the first act. With Mozart's sensuality and quasi violent passion inherent in the music, I wanted to see the dancers contracting rather than defying gravity en pointe.

It's Mozart's music that inspired the piece and it was the music that inspired me to explore this composer more. Happy Birthday Amadeus!

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Attendance good for travel show

By PERRY RUEHLEN
Executive Director
Chamber of Commerce

I have just returned home from an eye opening trip to Seattle. The Seattle Travel Show was well attended with a constant flow of people through our booth. It became quickly apparent that Salt Spring Island is a very well kept secret south of the border. Some people had a blank expression while they tried to figure out where our community was. After a brief description, most realized they had heard about Salt Spring Island. There was an article in the Seattle Times the week prior to the Travel Show, as well as an ad we had placed on the front page of the Travel Show brochure that was mailed in the newspaper the same week. This article and advertisement piqued the interest of many visitors that happened by our booth. The biggest question by far (besides where is Salt Spring Island, and I have a friend on the island - do you know Jim?) was



Photo by Perry Ruehlen

ANN RINGHEIM AND MAFALDA HOOGERDYK greet visitors to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce booth at last weekend's Seattle Travel Show.

how to get to our island. A large attraction for most visitors is that they could make a reservation on the ferry to Salt Spring Island unlike the Washington State ferry through the San Juans. We had the pleasure of talking to many people about their

boat trips and road trips to Salt Spring Island and everything they enjoyed about the island. We also made a presentation in the Travellers Theatre on Sunday about our destination that was well attended.

At the end of the show,

we handed out over 500 information packages consisting of brochures from the businesses that sent their materials with us.

Overall the trip was a huge success and we look forward to our next travel show in a couple of weeks in Vancouver.

Chamber directors set goals for 2007

The board of directors had a chance to sit down late last year to set goals, actions and priorities for this year. Short term goals and priorities include the following:

- **Shoulder Season** – the shoulder season will be a major focus for the Chamber of Commerce this year, as we look at ways to increase traffic in the off-season and lessen the stress of tourism on the island in the summer months.
- **Crosswalk Campaign** – a coin campaign will begin this week to raise \$10,000 towards the installation of lights at the Rainbow Road / Lower Ganges Road crosswalk.
- **Soil Removal by-law** – with a draft by-law regarding

soil removal on the Islands Trust agenda, the Chamber of Commerce is interested in ensuring the by-law that is passed meets the needs of the community, while also meeting the realistic needs of the construction trade.

- **OCP Focus groups** – the Chamber of Commerce has representatives on each of the OCP focus groups who report back regularly to the Chamber of Commerce.

- **BC Ferries** – The Chamber of Commerce has an ongoing interest in BC Ferries and ensuring that the service provided meets the needs of our community and the visitors to it.

- **Green Accommodation Program** – Come February the Chamber of

Commerce will begin the process of recognizing accommodation providers that meet a set of criteria concerning issues such as water conservation, waste reduction / recycling, energy conservation, water quality, community impact and guest education. Once launched, the program will be revised and extended to recognize businesses that are environmentally friendly.

- **Online newsletter** – will be created to keep our members and the community informed of upcoming events and ongoing activities of the organization.

- **Increased membership contact** – it is the goal of each of the directors on

the board to contact 3 members each month in order to touch base and receive feedback from our membership on what they would like to see their Chamber of Commerce accomplishing.

Long term goals (to be looked at over the next several years) of the Chamber of Commerce that were outlined in the same meeting include the following:

- Tourism management plan
- Completion of board walk
- Liaison with community groups
- Beautification of our villages
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Harbour House surges ahead with green power purchase

By MEGHAN HOWCROFT

Special to the Driftwood
 Salt Spring's Harbour House Hotel has upped the ante in the fight against climate change.

By purchasing green energy from B.C. Hydro, hotel owner Jack Woodward has guaranteed all of the facility's electricity will now be generated from renewable energy sources.

Jim Fulton, executive director of the David Suzuki Foundation, visited Salt Spring last week and lent his support to Woodward, who bought these Green Power Certificates (GPCs) because he feels they're good for the environment, good for the community and good for his business.

"We use the same amount of electricity, but you can now stay at the hotel or you can eat a meal in the restaurant and know that no fossil fuels were burned to create that electricity," Woodward said proudly.

B.C. Hydro buys green power at a premium from certified green generation facilities that produce renewable energy from either wind, solar, water, biogas (fuel from plant and animal waste), biomass (fuel from biological material) or geothermal technologies. Hydro cannot guarantee this green electricity will make its way to the specific business that bought it, but the GPC program assures customers that for each certificate bought, an equal amount of green electricity will enter its transmission grid.

"If you can imagine burning 14,700 gallons of gasoline, that's how much carbon dioxide at 22 pounds per gallon would be released into the atmosphere [from the hotel's normal electricity usage]," Fulton explained. "They're now avoiding dumping 147 tonnes of carbon dioxide,



GOING GREEN: Harbour House Hotel owner Jack Woodward, left, is seen with Jim Fulton of the David Suzuki Foundation. Photo by Derrick Lundy

"I think the Harbour House challenge is out there now to Ganges and to everyone on Salt Spring."
Jim Fulton

which is a massive amount."

The certificates do not come cheap, costing Harbour House an additional \$6,000 per year. But Woodward believes spending money to make his hotel greener is simply doing the right thing, not only for himself and his customers, but also for his staff, who can take pride in working for an environmentally responsible business.

But Fulton emphasized that what Jack Woodward and Harbour House are also doing is "sending a very powerful market signal back

to BC Hydro and back to the Premier, saying we think there are real social and environmental benefits here."

Business owners who buy GPCs have the power to punish Hydro through contractual penalties if it is slow to provide the green electricity, which puts pressure on the provincial government to continue approving clean energy projects.

Salt Spring Coffee Co. is the only other business on Salt Spring to implement such green strategies. Woodward hopes other local businesses will follow suit, perhaps getting together to buy GPCs as a group, which significantly lowers the price per certificate. If more certificates are sold, there's more incentive for companies generating the renewable energy to keep doing it.

Before buying Harbour House's GPCs, Woodward implemented energy-saving

measures such as replacing light bulbs with compact fluorescents, saving the hotel over \$5,000 on its annual electricity bill. The green certificates cost almost the same, so he insists the cost can be negligible.

Individuals can also help with climate change in tangible ways and both Fulton and Woodward encourage people to contact B.C. Hydro and ask for green power for their own homes.

"I think the Harbour House challenge is out there now to Ganges and to everyone on Salt Spring. If you and your kids want to do something, how about starting with your power supply?" Fulton said.

Woodward believes everyone should be contributing and said, "If you're not doing something dramatic about climate change, you're not on the bus. To keep customers happy nowadays you have to prove that you're not harming the environment."

Story time makes Fridays fun at the library

Salt Spring kids can take a Friday break at the library with a new Children's Story Time program that begins this Friday.

From 1:30-2:15 p.m., island mom

Clare Cullen will host 45 minutes of fun on a variety of themes. The every-Friday program is suitable for kids aged five to eight, although older kids are

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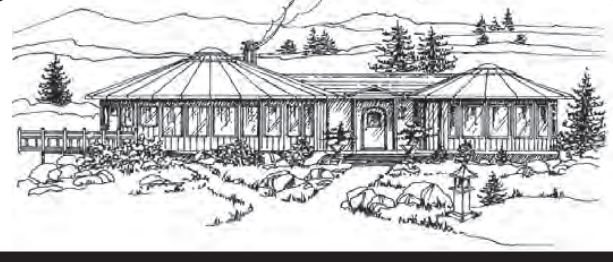
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HOCKEY DAY ON SALT SPRING: A group of island women take advantage of the sunny weather over the weekend to enjoy a little hockey on the blacktop at Portlock Park.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Seminar set for freelance writers

Helping people understand the secrets of getting their writing and photography published is the aim of a series of evening seminars and slide shows that begins next week.

Offered by local freelance writer Roger Brunt, the 7-9 p.m. seminars will be held upstairs at Ganges United Church on the first Monday of each month beginning February 5.

"This first slide show has a twist," said Brunt. "It is a trip to North Pacific Springs Fishing Resort when the resort was located on the barge that is now anchored in Ganges Harbour as an office for the marina."

Brunt is an award-winning writer with more than 40 years experience. He has published thousands of magazine articles, newspaper columns and photographs in hundreds of publications ranging from Canadian Geographic's on-line magazine to Nature Canada, the Oakland Tribune and San Diego Tribune newspapers, Outdoor Canada and Alaska magazine.

He has written his popular Fulford Harbour Chronicles in the Driftwood since 1998 and is regularly featured in the Driftwood's Aqua magazine.

"Getting your writing published is not difficult," says Brunt. "The mistakes most unpublished writers make are repeated over and over again."


"Editors need good material as much as writers need to see their work in print; actually, they need good material more! Editors' deadlines come at them like freight trains — without publishable material they are in big trouble. That's why you see the names of the same writers being published over and over again."

"These writers understand what editors need and want. Each editor has a stable of writers they depend on. The aim of my seminars is to teach writers how they can join this team."

Workshop cost is \$15, or \$12 if pre-registered by phone.

To pre-register for the seminars, or talk to Brunt about freelance writing, phone 537-4713 or e-mail rbrunt@saltspring.com.

To see some of Brunt's writing you can Google him at "Roger Brunt" or Roger Brunt, or type in www.NASOW.com on the internet.



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Camino event part of February trail and nature club activities

On February 22 we will have our social in the United Church, starting at 7:30 p.m. By popular demand we will repeat the Camino de Santiago presentation by a few members of the club.

This is the last reminder to renew the membership fees (\$20) for the 2006/07 season. At our website, <http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/lthompson/>, you will find more details on our activities. Following is the February schedule:

HIKERS
FEBRUARY 6: Simon Rook will lead a strenuous hike on the new Cogwheel/Didgeridoo trail. Part of this hike will be on rough terrain. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at the Cranberry Road/Fulford-Ganges Road junction at 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 13: Zeke Blazeka will lead a moderate hike in Goldstream Park. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 in order to carpool for the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

FEBRUARY 20: Nieke Visser will lead a moderate hike from Beaver Point Hall to Yeo Point in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05.

FEBRUARY 27: Jean Gellwicks leads us on a mystery hike in the north end. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

WALKERS
FEBRUARY 6: Nancy Braithwaite will lead a moderate walk in the Burgoyne Bay area. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or join at the Burgoyne parking lot at 10:15.

FEBRUARY 13: Al and Rita Robertson will lead an easy walk in Duck Creek Park and Vesuvius. Lunch at

the golf club? Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 20: Nature outing: Owen Benwell will lead an "Orienteering" outing in Ruckle Park. Owen will provide directional compasses. Carpool from the ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. to meet south-enders at the lower Ruckle Park parking lot. Parking passes will be provided.

FEBRUARY 27: Nieke Visser leads a moderate walk in Peter Arnell Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or join at the parking off Stewart Road at Peter Arnell at 10:15.

RAMBLERS
FEBRUARY 6: Barbara Harvey will lead an outing around Kings Lane and the garlic farm, so we'll meet at Centennial at 10 a.m. or the Legion at 10:10 where we may eat our lunch and buy a refreshment after the ramble.

FEBRUARY 13: Dorothy Kyle will lead a ramble around Mouat Park — meet at Centennial at 10.

FEBRUARY 20: Maureen and Sterling McEachern will lead a walk in the Vesuvius area — carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 27: Harold Page will take us around MacDonald Park. Carpool from the Fulford Inn at 9:20 to catch the 9:50 ferry. We'll walk around MacDonald Park and then have lunch at the Blue Peter.

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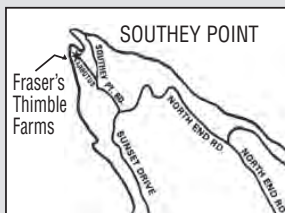
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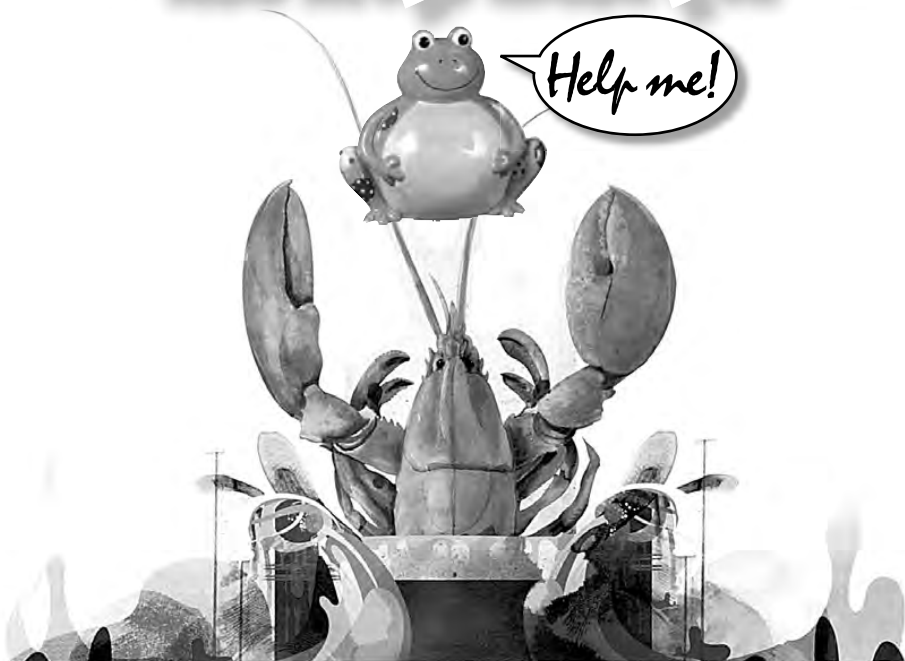
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2261	2006	530XiT	Mystic Blue	14,800	\$82,800
p1678	2004	545i	Titanium Silver	28900	\$55,900
p1690	2003	530iA	Titanium Silver	73750	\$34,900
p1639	2002	530iA	Kalahari Beige	110031	\$29,900
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p1702	2004	320i	Mystic Blue	66500	\$29,900
p1654	2003	330Ci	Blue	40,988	\$38,900
p1629	2003	325iT	Silver Gray	64383	\$29,900
P1643a	2003	325iA	Titanium Silver	42250	\$29,900
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1553b1	2002	330iA	Velvet Blue	70698	\$32,900
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p1582	2002	325CiC	Black Sapphire	51348	\$36,900
p1607	2002	320i	Topaz Blue	68000	\$24,900
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2178a	1996	328i	Red	105000	\$17,900

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p1710	2004	X5 3.0	Olivine Green	37,100	\$49,900	
p1688	2003	X5 4.4	Black Sapphire	65211	\$44,900	
p1694	2001	X5 3.0	Titanium Silver	75500	\$34,900	
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p1658	2006	X3 2.5	Black Sapphire	15820	\$42,900	
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Stock	Year	Model	Color	KMS	Price	
p1587	2004	Z4 3.0	Silver	24055	\$44,900	
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p1574	2003	Z4 2.5	Titanium Silver	48300	\$36,900	
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p1695	2005	Cooper Pepper	White	13000	\$28,900 MININEXT	
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ON THE FARM: from left are: Vanessa, Jared, Darren and Trevor Farias.

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Custodians of the past

FULFORD HARBOUR CHRONICLES WITH ROGER BRUNT



Walk onto the Farias Family Farm on Fulford-Ganges Road and the old apple and pear trees almost seem to dance. All over Salt Spring, abandoned and unkept orchards slowly turn back to earth — here on this 30-acre farm that dates back to the 1900s, a revival is underway. Vanessa and Darren Farias and their two boys, Trevor, three and Jared, five, are busily breathing life back into the land and, in the process, have become custodians of the Fulford Valley's rich agricultural past.

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You can feel it as soon as you step onto the property. Loads of hay for mulch, a bulging greenhouse with tomatoes the size of saucers, fruit trees galore, garden statues and kids' toys scattered along the curving paths that seem to beckon you onwards to see what's around the next bend. Rows of strawberries, raspberries and boysenberries stretch away from the house; pasture and fields lay ready for next year's crops.

Inside the old farmhouse, which was originally built by the Gyves, that same feel of revival is evident. The house was completely gutted and raised onto a proper foundation 15 years ago, but you'd never know it. It was completely restored and looks at least 100 years old inside, from the high ceilings to the wainscoting and trim.

Next to the stone fireplace in the living room stands a honey spinner and two sections of a beehive waiting to be relieved of its golden harvest. In another corner stands a puppy corral for the two Sheltie pups, Spy and Rosie, asleep in one of the bedrooms. Mitzi, a chubby nine-year-old beagle, seems determined to dust the whole area with her hearty tail wags. A good belly-rub settles her into a contented nap next to the huge jugs of fruit juice and cider sitting on the kitchen floor.

"We came here in 1999 from the San Francisco area," says Vanessa. "I was working as a Doula (a person who gives

emotional and physical support to women giving birth); Darren worked with computers in the Silicon Valley."

"We first came here to visit our Uncle Farrow on Musgrave Road. As we were heading home we found ourselves asking, 'Why are we leaving this place?' It was my 30th birthday and we both felt that Salt Spring was such a perfect place to live and raise our family."

Vanessa and Darren kept coming back. "More and more we felt this was a place we could live that would give us both what we needed. It just touched us the moment we got off the ferry. Because of immigration requirements, it took us a few years to make the move. It was right around the time of 9/11 and dealing with immigration was a huge hassle," says Darren. "But the actual move was not as drastic as it might sound. I had gardened all my life and always kept animals on our rural property in California. In fact, my family had moved to the country years before to be rural. This Salt Spring property was really an extension of the way I had grown up."

"Darren thinks really big," laughs Vanessa to emphasize that Darren's modesty may be a bit of an understatement. "Darren always said he was a blue-collar worker trapped in a white-collar job," she smiles. "The first year we were here we got poultry — 100 meat birds. The sum of my experience was that I had held a chicken once — but we soldiered on."

Looking around the farm, it's obvious the soldiering is paying off.

"We wanted to start with a crop that markets itself. People love fresh berries and this year we harvested 6,000 strawberry plants," Darren says. "We experimented with four varieties of Day Neutral and found them all to be very productive. Ever-bearing strawberries tend to peak in the late spring and early fall; Day Neutral gives a more steady yield — the first berries come on in May and June from last year's plants, then there's a heavy crop from July right into October."

Experimentation and studying farming and marketing techniques plays a big part in life on the Farias Farm.

"It's a continual experiment

to find what works best," Darren says, "from figuring out the best use for the berries and fruit to spreading mulch hay and green manure on the fields to begin rebuilding their nutrient base after years of being used for hay."

Besides the cash crops the farm produces, a big part of the family's motivation comes from their desire to be self-sufficient on their own land. "We love to grow our own food," says Vanessa, "and it's very important to us that the boys grow up appreciating and understanding where their food comes from."

Along with their fruit and berry crops, the Farias' have always had animals. First came chickens, then turkeys, and pigs — now they have seven sheep. And living in the Fulford valley provides its own level of unexpected animal husbandry. "A Muscovy duck the boys nicknamed 'Hotwheels' comes and goes at will," says Vanessa. "He's very independent and good-natured. He'll land in the yard and stay a few days, then take off again and we won't see him for weeks. As well, peacocks often come to visit from the Astill farm next door. I love their haunting cry."

Perhaps the biggest difference that Vanessa and Darren notice from California to Salt Spring Island is the way people treat each other, especially the children.

"Our kids have attended Waldorf kindergarten and are attending Fulford Elementary. We are so impressed with the quality of caring. There's such tremendous cultural diversity on Salt Spring, and everyone treats children with respect. They talk TO kids, not DOWN TO them. And the children here are so nice: polite, respectful and responsible. Salt Spring is a community that supports and respects children and that's very important to us. In fact, it's one of the things that lets us know we made the right decision coming here"

The Farias Family Farm provides organic fruit, vegetables and berries, and is open to the public.

"We work hard to ensure that everything grown here is done to organic principles," says Vanessa and Darren.

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9:00 PM
29 ★ Turning April (1995, Drama) An Australian housewife joins a group of thieves after being kidnapped. *Tushka Bergen, Aaron Blabey* (1h45)

10:30 PM
42 ★★ In the Line of Fire (1993, Thriller) A U.S. Secret Service agent vows to stop a madman who plans to assassinate the president. *Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich* (2h30)

10:45 PM
29 ★★ In the Mouth of Madness (1994, Horror) An investigator is hired to find a horror writer whose novels make his readers go insane. *Sam Neill, Julie Carmen* (1h45)

TUESDAY, FEB 6

7:00 PM
29 ★★ A Sweeter Song (1976, Comedy) An accident-prone photographer must choose between a free-spirited woman and his friend. *Jim Henshaw, Susan Petrie* (1h30)

8:00 PM
42 ★★ Grand Hotel (1932, Drama) A Berlin hotel is the scene of a romance, a business merger, and a final fling. *John Barrymore, Lionel Barrymore* (2h15)

8:30 PM
29 ★★ Mute Witness (1995, Thriller) A mute makeup artist sees a snuff film being shot and soon has hit men out to kill her. *Marina Sudina, Fay Ripley* (1h45)

9:00 PM
42 ★★ Entrapment (1999, Crime Story) A high class burglar and an insurance agent team up for the biggest heist of their lives. *Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones* (2h)

10:15 PM
29 ★ White Tiger (1995, Action) When a Chinese drug lord introduces a drug to the American market, he becomes a target. *Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, Gary Daniels* (1h45)

42 ★★ The Sunshine Boys (1975, Comedy) Despite their hatred for each other, two ex-vaudevillians are reunited for a TV special. *Walter Matthau, George Burns* (2h30)

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1 hr. 57 mins.
Rating: PG

Chris Gardner (Will Smith) is a bright and talented, but marginally employed salesman. Struggling to make ends meet, Gardner finds himself and his five-year-old son evicted from their San Francisco apartment with nowhere to go. When Gardner lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, he and his son endure many hardships, including living in shelters, in pursuit of his dream of a better life for the two of them. This has "Oscar" written all over it for Smith's incredible performance!

Fri. - Tues. 7:00

ARTHUR
AND THE INVISIBLES

1 hr. 33 mins.
Rating: G

Ten-year-old Arthur has a lot on his plate: a real estate developer is about to snap up his grandma's home—and there's no way Arthur's going to hang around for his parents or grandparents to sort out the problem. Maybe the solution lies in his grandpa's treasure, which is hidden somewhere on the "other side" in the land of the Minimoys. The creatures that inhabit this world are just a tenth of an inch tall and live in perfect harmony with their environment. Arthur ventures into this world of the Minimoys, where he meets Princess Selenia and her brother Betameche. Together they set off to look for the treasure that will save his grandma.

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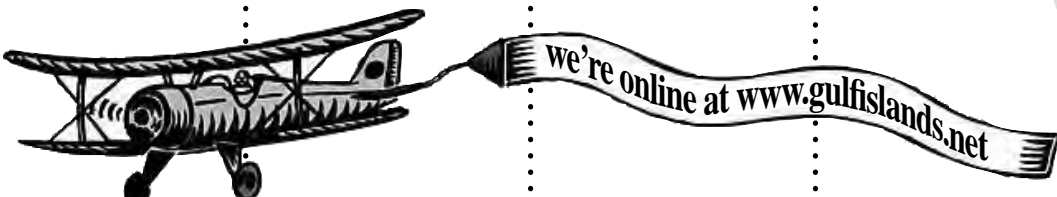
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Cowichan spoils FC's return

After two months of postponed matches and cancelled practices, Salt Spring FC players' low fitness level proved a mightier foe than a visiting Cowichan Valley squad at Portlock Park last Saturday afternoon.

"It felt alright to be back on the field, but you could tell we were out of shape," said Jordon Morrison, Salt Spring FC player and team spokesperson.

FC got off on the right foot by taking the early lead thanks to a goal by Jonathan McDonald just before the 10th minute.

McDonald tipped the ball passed the Cowichan keeper after great efforts from Jason Moulton and Zoltan Kodaly.

Before the first half was up, Cowichan took advantage of some sloppy play in the FC end and knocked the equalizer into a wide-open net.

"We had a lack of communication and they got a lucky break," Morrison said.

Heavy feet born from few practices and an extended winter break became obvious during the second half as FC needed to sub in several players at key positions.

Cowichan scored the go-ahead goal on a penalty kick early in the second half. The visitors added an insurance goal in the game's final min-



GOING TO GREAT HEIGHTS: Salt Spring FC player Harrison Jason faces off against a Cowichan player as they both leap for the ball in a match at Portlock Park last Saturday.

Photo by John Cameron

utes, for a 3-1 score.

Salt Spring FC (3-10-1) is in seventh place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's first division with 10 points, 22 behind first-place Gorge FC.

Despite the setback, Morrison is confident the team still has a chance to show its strength in the season's final four games.

"We have lots of time to make up games and most

of those games are on the island," he said.

FC's next match is against ninth-place Powell River Villa at Portlock Park on Saturday, February 3. Kick-off is set for 2:15 p.m.

Old Boys feel Sooke chill in 2-1 game

A strong offensive push by visiting Sooke players helped burn the frost off a chilly Sunday morning but failed to stoke the fires under the Salt Spring Island Old Boys.

"It turned out to be an entertaining, physical and exciting contest between two equally matched teams," said Fraser Hope, the team's spokesperson. "The game soon warmed up as the visitors exerted continuous pressure on the Old Boys' goal for the first 20 minutes of the game. The defence may have bent but did not break."

Despite the Old Boys' best

efforts to move the ball further into the visitors' end, a late first half error gave Sooke the opening goal.

Undaunted by the half-time deficit, the Old Boys retook the field with a vengeance, but failed to score an equalizer.

According to Hope, a "lack of concentration" early in the half helped Sooke take a commanding two-goal lead.

Fortunately for the hometown crowd gathered at the Gulf Island Secondary School field, the lead would not last long.

"Throwing all resources forward, the Old Boys clawed back into contention when Henry Braak burst past a defender to carefully direct a shot that, although it did not 'bulge' the net, set the scene for a pulsating last 15 minutes of a barnburner," Hope said.

Despite great individual efforts by Chris Cottrell, Eamon Murphy, Antonio Alonso and a red-carded Sooke player, the Old Boys were left reflecting on earlier lapses as Sooke held on for the 2-1 victory.

"Although disappointed by

the result, Coach Braak was fulsome regarding the fight back," Hope said. "Whilst many players profess to be organic, it would seem red meat should be a mandatory addition in the team pre-game meals to increase our power shooting."

The Old Boys (5-5-1) are tied with Fernwood for third place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League Masters-C division.

The team is scheduled to play a makeup game against Fernwood on Sunday. Kick-off time was unavailable by press time.

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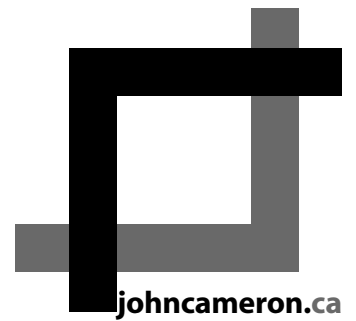
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Tennis: winter's forgotten sport



DOUBLE BUBBLE: Among those playing tennis in the bubble at Portlock Park last week were (above left) Sylvia Leedham and Erica Ross.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Aside from the moonwalk, not many pastimes require participants to step through an air-lock, but that doesn't stop Erica Ross.

At least three times every week, Ross steps through the air-lock and into the Portlock Park tennis bubble for what she says is Salt Spring's best kept winter secret.

As new president of the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association (SSITA), Ross wants to remind people winter weather doesn't relegate tennis fans to ping-pong play or sitting in front of the tube.

"People might not be aware of what goes on in that bubble," Ross said during an interview about life under the Portlock big-top. "There's a lot that happens in there. Many people think tennis is dead in the winter but people are usually playing every day."

It turns out the club's 160 members can access the dry — or at least drier — weather inside the tent on a reservation basis. The \$20 annual membership fee gives players access to club tournaments, social events and a key to the tennis bubble.

Members pay \$14 for one hour of court time and non-members are charged \$16 per hour, so it pays to

double up if you get the chance.

However you play, Ross guarantees a fun, social and healthy experience.

"People may not have played for a while but may be interested in a thorough workout," she said, adding that tennis helps loosen the joints, improve circulation and strengthen muscles. "The best thing is it only takes an hour and a half."

Summer schedules begin as early as 8 a.m., allowing people to get back to their jobs, gardens or other commitments before the day really begins, she said.

Most club members are retired and have usually played tennis before but, Ross added, everybody is welcome to swing by.

Up-and-coming players unfamiliar with the right stance, swing or esoteric scoring system can usually find help nearby. For those who really want to get ahead of the pack, a practice wall behind the bubble is open to all.

Tournaments, ladder draws and social events crowd the SSITA calendar from April to October. Many members are actively involved in provincial competitions on Vancouver Island and beyond.

The club also hosts a number of friendly tournaments that are more about getting to know each other than serving up an ace.

"I love tennis and like to meet people who play," Ross said. "It's a great way for people who are new to the island to get involved."

For more information on reserving court times, call Apple Photo at 537-4243 or Erica Ross at 537-5422.

Sun shines on Dragons in tie with league's best

Salt Spring's Dragons may have earned only a single point from a scoreless draw, but the players were happy to retake the field over the weekend in Victoria.

"We played like we hadn't even had a break," said Sue-Anne Donaldson. "We were a little tired, but that was a really great performance against one of the top teams."

The Lakehill Reds lead the division with only one defeat in eight games this season. The draw was a major boost to the Dragons' moral, Donaldson said.

Donaldson thanked Jenny Akerman, who nabbed the shutout after she voluntarily took on her debut between the pipes.

Everybody came to the field ready to play, she said, even though the match marked the first time players hit the turf since early December.

During the winter break, players had to make do with indoor practices at local gymnasiums to keep fit.

Donaldson said Meghan Gutierrez played a "fabulous game" at defence. Lindsey Graham, she added, had a "totally stellar" time as forward.

"We played an aggressive and fast game but were unlucky in getting the ball in the net," she said. "We had the shots but they just weren't going in."

The Dragons (3-2-2) are in fourth position in Division 3 of the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association (LIWSA).

A victory against Sooke (4-1-2) this weekend would catapult the team into second place with only seven regular season games remaining.

"We really have a good chance to make up some ground," Donaldson said.

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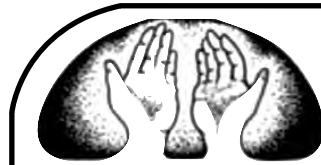


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Mary Alice passed away peacefully at the Lady Minto Hospital after a long battle with cancer, with her husband Jim at her side.

Born at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Mary Alice worked as a school teacher and a realtor in Guelph, Ontario, where she met and married Jim. She and Jim, on retirement, relocated to Salt Spring Island in 1981. There, she became a life member of the Salt Spring Island Golf Club and sang with the Salt Spring Singers. Later, she became a drummer for the Salt Spring Island Dragon Boat Club. After a stroke in 1995, she took up needlework and Christmas ball making, for which she won awards at Salt Spring craft and fall fairs for a number of years.

She is survived by husband Jim, daughters Reggie and Patty, grandchildren Carrie Ann, Breila, Jordan, Trevor, and great-grandson Jack.

Grateful thanks to Dr. Reznick and staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Home Care Services, and her private caregiver over the years, Alex. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

A memorial service will be held at the Salt Spring United Church on Thursday, February 1st at 3:00 p.m.

Ruthe Pender Grant

(nee Mollison)

1928 - 2007



It is with deep sadness that we announce Ruthe's passing on January 23rd, 2007 at the age of 78. She died peacefully in the early hours of the morning at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island surrounded by her family.

Born Ruthe Pender Mollison on May 21, 1928 in Victoria, British Columbia, she was raised on the family farm on North Pender Island. She is sadly missed by her partner of 14 years Jim Andrews, brother Jim Mollison, son Warren, and other members of her extended family.

Ruthe lived an active and varied life, working as a lab assistant at Royal Jubilee Hospital, and as secretary to a variety of organizations and individuals. She was particularly proud of her time with the North Fraser Harbour Commission in Vancouver. She travelled extensively throughout B.C. with her first husband Raymond Grant (formerly Grobowsky) prior to his death many years ago. She loved to walk, was an active golfer and a devoted player of Mah Jong in her later years. She was awarded Life Membership in, and was also Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion. For over 17 years Ruthe supported a variety of foster children overseas in several countries. Ruthe was a kind, clever and well loved woman with many friends who will miss her intensely.

Her family would like to thank Doctor David Woodley and the wonderful staff at Lady Minto Hospital for the great care and attention they gave Ruthe.

A service in memory of Ruthe will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 2:30 p.m. at the Ganges United Church at 111 Hereford Ave., Ganges, Salt Spring Island, 250-537-5812. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, www.ladyminto.org, 250-538-4845.

Following the service, please join the family for refreshments in the Church Hall.

6 DEATHS

Meester, Thelma Lavinia



Born in Calgary, Alberta on March 3, 1915 to John and Lily McCabe, the second of five children. Thelma died January 14, 2007. She was predeceased by her first husband Dan O'Sullivan and her second husband John Meester. Her only daughter, Yvonne Toynbee, along with Yvonne's husband Tom, their two children Tom Jr. (Cathy) and Colleen Payne (Patrick), and three great grandchildren Emily, Caroline and Andrea, all feel tremendous sadness in announcing the passing of "Grannie".

Thelma's early years were spent in Edmonton, Alberta where she graduated from Garneau High School and completed business courses at Strathcona Commercial. Married to Dan O'Sullivan in 1934, they moved to B.C. in 1946 where she maintained the books for Dan O'Sullivan Construction and managed three apartment blocks. In her spare time she became a skilled seamstress. In 1975 she married John Meester and they enjoyed concerts, cruises and trips to their Santa Barbara home. In 1989 they moved to Salt Spring, but unfortunately John passed away in 1992. Thelma decided to return to Vancouver, where she resided until coming to Greenwoods in 2000; she spent her remaining years there.

During her time on Salt Spring, the diminutive Thelma could frequently be seen driving her bright yellow 1974 Mercedes sedan accompanied by her faithful toy yorkie "Holly". She had a passion for antiques, and loved all things beautiful. She was courageous, fiercely independent and was rather feisty on occasion, but always had an impish sense of humour. Her corn flower big blue eyes and ready dimpled smile will long be remembered by all who knew her.

The thoughtful care so generously given by everyone at Greenwoods played a huge part in making Thelma's last years comfortable and content. The staff considered her to be the ultimate survivor and gave her the nicknames "Energizer Bunny" and "Duracell Dolly". Our family extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in her care.

A small gathering to celebrate her life will be held later this spring. Please send any support through a donation to Greenwoods Foundation.

6 DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



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Licensed Funeral Director

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SSI, V8K 2V9
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5 BIRTHS

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Richard and Catherine Bennett

are delighted to announce the safe arrival of granddaughter

Gabrielle Eve.

Born Dec. 29, 2006, to their daughter

Zoë and son in-law Jeremy.

A beautiful wee sister for **Andrew.**

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10 CELEBRATIONS

Stu & Jean Hopkins

Married 60 years.

Jan 31st, 1947, in Regina, Sask.

Temperature that day: 40 below.



Happy Anniversary from all the family

20 COMING EVENTS

RELAY FOR LIFE!

THE CANADIAN Cancer Society Relay for Life is happening again on Salt Spring Island on June 22nd and 23rd. It was a wonderful, emotional community event last June that really touched the lives of everyone involved. If you would like to captain a team, join a team or become an active volunteer for the event, please call Margo Greggains at 537-8325 or email at mgreggains@bc.cancer.ca. Let's make Cancer History.

THE A.G.M. of the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society will take place just after Seedy Saturday, upstairs in the Farmers Institute, February 10 from 3:15 to 4:15. Members and non members are invited.

POETRY WORKSHOP: New inspiration and ways to explore the poem. Saturday, Feb. 3rd. 10 - 1:30p.m., \$50. Lorraine Gane, 537-5294.

CREATIVE MEMORIES Scrapbooking & Stampin' Up Workshop. Consultants on hand to help with your album and creative projects. Use of tools & refreshments included. Fee \$10. Feb. 17, 10 am - 1 pm. Call 538-1761 or 537-1283.

LIVE RAW DINNER & MOVIE

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Message Night

February 2, 6:30 p.m.

506 Lower Ganges Rd. (Masonic Hall - next to the BC Hydro Bldg)

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For more info Carol at 250-537-2154

10 CELEBRATIONS

Welcome Saskia Ann Byron

Born January 12, 2007 in Courtney, B.C.

to proud parents

Dan & Brittany

& big brother

Charlie (2 years)

Congratulations!!

20 COMING EVENTS

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Jazz & Blues

IN FEBRUARY:

Pat Coleman Quartet
 Saturday, February 17
 at the Rock Salt in Fulford, 8-10 p.m.
 Admission at the door:
 \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Sharon Minemoto Quartet
featuring Ross Taggart
Concert- Saturday, February 24
 at All-Saints-By-The-Sea, 8 p.m.
 Admission: \$15 general, \$5 for students
 Tickets available at Salt Spring Books or at the door

Workshop with Quartet members- Sunday, February 25
 at Acoustic Planet Music Studios, 12 noon
 Registration at Acoustic Planet, \$5
 *A \$5 rebate at concert with presentation of membership card

for more information visit www.saltspringjazzfest.org

34 NOTICES

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1989 - 2007

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MARKET IN THE PARK

Seasonal Vendors to renew application no later than **February 28, 2007** at **PARC office located at 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd. Fee remains \$150.00.**

Day Vendors register starting with the first Market on **Saturday, April 7th at 7:30 a.m.**
Call 537-4448 for current hours or more information.

See website for complete Vendor Guidelines www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc

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55 HELP WANTED

FULL TIME dock manager, boating or aircraft knowledge an asset, drivers license required. Send resume to Box # 7, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

DRIVER WANTED. Driver's abstract needed with resume. Apply at Salt Spring Garbage. 537-2167.

SOUTH ROCK LTD. seeks experienced Finish Grader Operator for municipal basework operations in southern Alberta. Also seeking applications all positions on base and asphalt crews for 2007 season. Email: edbom@southrock.ca. Fax 403-568-1327.

A **FOOD COORDINATOR** is required immediately at Heritage Place for Seniors to plan meals; purchase and manage food inventory and distribution. The right candidate will be an excellent cook and have related experience, good computer and people skills and the ability to work within a budget. 15 hours per week on average is estimated. E-mail your resume to admin@heritageplace.info by Feb. 9. www.heritageplace.info.

STUDENT REQUIRED for help in textile artist's studio. 537-1723.

THE SOYA Nova Tofu Shop requires a shop cleaner. 15 - 20 hours a week, afternoons. Phone for interview appointment, 537-9651 or drop off resume at 1200 Beddis Rd.

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7 pm
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 Call: Tracy 537-9971 ext. 235

20 COMING EVENTS

BINGO
 MEADEN HALL
 Royal Canadian Legion
THURSDAY
February 1
Early Birds, 6:30 pm
 Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
 Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.
All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

HAND DRUM WORKSHOP WITH MASTER DRUMMER Mbuyiselo "Munkie" Ncapayi
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26 LEGAL

Notice that creditors and others having claims against the estate of John Matthew (Jack) DuMoulin of Salt Spring, deceased, who died December 26, 2006 must file particulars thereof with the Executrix, B. DuMoulin, 116 Cairns Place, Salt Spring by February 12, 2007.

29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST CAT, grey with dark stripes, neutered male, lost from SPCA, may be on route to old home Isabella Pt Rd. Lv. mess. 537-4455.

FOUND CAT; s/h brown tabby with white bib; neutered male; big boy; friendly and affectionate. From King road, call the SPCA at 537-2123.

REWARD

SINGLE diamond, engagement ring, lost in the snow Jan. 8, in Ganges. 537-4180.

32 MEETINGS

SSSIPORA MEETING TONIGHT 7.30 PM
 SOUTH SALT Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association will meet tonight, Wednesday, at the OAP Fulford Hall.

32 MEETINGS

Gulf Islands Community gicac Arts Council

AGM - Gulf Islands Community Arts Council

Annual General Meeting of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) will be held on **Sunday, February 25, 2007** at 2 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

Members and perspective members are welcome.

The main items on the Agenda are:

- Adoption of the Annual Budget 2007
- President's Report by John Neville
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution:
 - a) Article 1. Name
 The name of this society is "Gulf Islands Community Arts Council"
 Be it resolved that Article 1: Name to be changed to: The name of this society is "Salt Spring Arts Council".
 - b) Article 3.1
 No business shall be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum consisting of twenty-five voting members is present. Be it resolved that Article 3.1 be changed to read: No business shall be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum consisting of fifteen members is present.
- Election of Board Members for 2007

34 NOTICES

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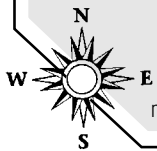
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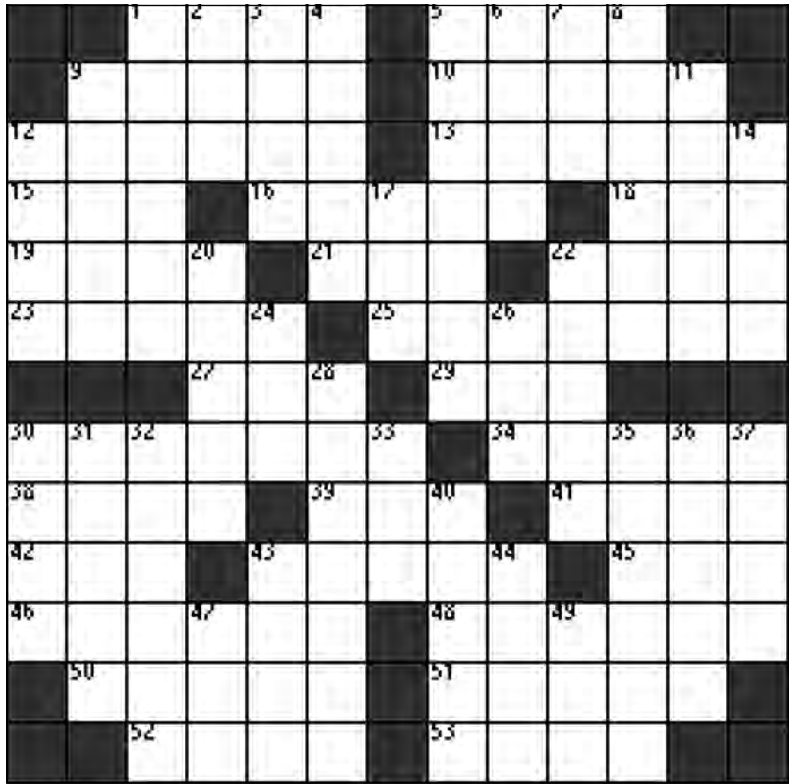
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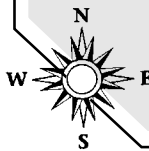
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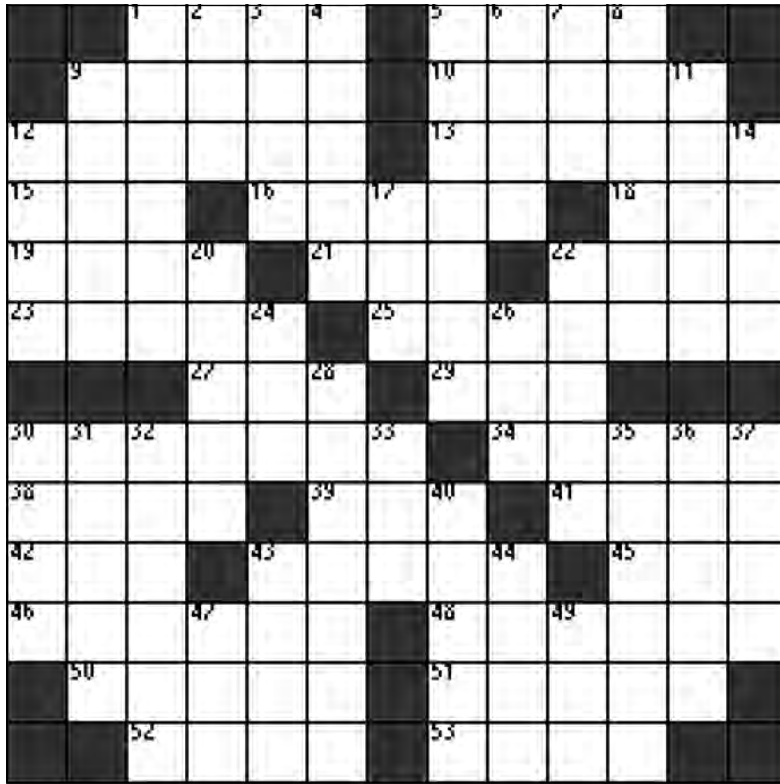
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Recent events of late have probably been instrumental in causing you to break through to a new level of awareness, independence and know how. The energies supporting this are still active so tune-in. At best you are awakening to aspects of yourself that were previously unconscious. You may be realizing just how much you need the people in your life, your family and friends. Building a greater sense of personal power and responsibility somehow is a major theme for us all these days, yet perhaps especially for those with their Sun or Rising Sign in Aries. This is preparatory ground for a whole new level of power and responsibility that is emerging for you this year and which will become much more apparent next year.

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)

You are getting some additional attention these days and some maverick qualities are available for others to see. Some of your actions now may be ahead of their time or unique and unusual somehow. The key question is how can you make best use of this trend? If you need any help, favours or loans this stands to be a time of positive response. In addition to clarity of purpose, determination will be necessary for success. This means your willingness to focus, work hard and follow through. At deeper levels, dedication to visions and causes larger than yourself is what will really fire your engines.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You are on a big journey and mission because your vision is large. There are cosmic indicators that your reception will be large as well, matching your aspirations. Humanitarian dreams or at least the kind that include large numbers of people is central. This trend will continue throughout the year so be sure to maintain a higher level of nutritional intake than you might normally so that you can stay the course. Others may approach you with big offers but make sure that your ambitions are altruistic and true rather than merely for personal gain otherwise they could backfire in a big way. Further on this note, think twice at least about taking any big financial risks at this time. You fame will mount through to mid spring anyway to fulfill your big dream visions.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Merging with others of like mind is now in focus. Whether on personal relationship fronts or professional, now is the time to share, pool resources, invest with others and so on. This may be a time of elimination as well. Clearing the old to make way for the new is the basic message and could include anything from old possessions to limiting attitudes etcetera. Spiritual awakenings, epiphanies and other realizations are also likely experiences available to you now so tune-in. If this is not the case, expose yourself to wisdom knowledge or deep insights that can activate them. Affirm the following: "The past does not equal the future and the point of power is in the moment!"

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Meeting new people and making new friends is in the spotlight. This may have practical implications as well as social. Your ambitions are growing and you know that in order to succeed you must be willing to flow with change. New creative visions are stimulating your imagination and it is important that you act upon them right away before any doubts arise, as they often will when we hesitate. Be open to the ideas and advice of others now; at least gather them and take note and set your intentions to act upon them over the next couple of months especially but throughout the year as well. If these are not flowing spontaneously, simply ask for assistance and guidance and you will receive it quickly. The magical formula is: 1) Ask 2) Believe 3) Receive 4) Gratitude.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Changes are flowing through your life. At best these signify freedom from restrictive patterns from the past. Further, you may be experiencing the fulfillment of wishes you have long held in your heart. Your personal lifestyle, close relationships and family life all stand to be affected. Negotiating for a new quality of freedom yet also being willing to give fully and imaginatively to your newly emerging reality is the key to success. With a growing confidence in yourself, significant others and the overall possibilities you are wise to activate fresh perspectives and take deliberate action symbolic of your awareness of and commitment to your new life.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A playful, creative and romantic wave of inspiration is flowing in on your shores this week. Returns of one kind or another are coming your way; their quality is dependent upon your attitudes and actions over the past few years in general. There are strong indications that your power potential will grow all year and be especially strong starting in 2008. The key to your success now is to give fully and unconditionally to your goals. "Whatever it takes and as long as it takes" is the right attitude. So, avoid questions like the following: When will it happen and how? Take a playful approach with a light heart finely balanced with ambition and a willingness to renovate for success.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

A stirring of the deeper aspects of your core nature continues. You may be wondering who you really are at this stage of your journey and what is possible. These and other such questions could prove very advantageous now as you begin to set your sights on new heights. It is your destiny now to realize new levels of power and authority. However, you must be willing to work for it and this includes a constructively critical attitude towards self-improvement. Avoid reactive self-defence patterns and be willing to shed old skins. Acknowledge your creative potential and answer the cosmic call to assume more power and responsibility as well as your right and worthiness for promotions.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Increasing your knowledge, expanding your network, meeting new people and making new friends is keeping you busy now. There is a lot moving and shaking in your world. Hopefully, all the commotion is awakening you to new visions, ideals, realizations and goals. You may feel the need to learn on your own terms now. That is probably fine as long as you feel that you are making new connections and associations between ideas, concepts, facts and people. With your ambitions mounting you are feeling the call to new levels of ambition and power. These should include health generally, service and/or at least to make certain key adjustments and improvements. Do it for the love of your family and friends.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Building upon a more powerful foundation and approach continues. This includes a process of prioritization as well as one of innovation. What is most important and how to tackle certain angles in fresh new ways are questions on your mind. You are keen to take some pioneering initiatives and this will include being coached and/or being the coach. Whatever else is happening, it is important that you activate your deepest reservoir of faith so that you do not fall into doubt. Taking direct action is also necessary and again this means knowing what to do first. Take an inventive approach backed by a healthy dose of determination.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Taking an experiential and experimental approach to your life is the call now. Breaking through inner fears is the hidden half of breaking through outer obstacles. It is important that your focus is clear and your commitment is strong. It will take some time yet you will notice these increase over the course of the next six months. For now, be willing to advance with an open mind and heart so that past memories do not get in the way of current interests. Make your imagination work for you. This means activating it to visualize what you want and making sure not to let worry, fear, doubt and pessimism enter your mind. Keeping these devils at bay is the basis of self mastery. Break free from the past to be fully here and now!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Taking care of business behind the scenes continues. This is important so that you can more confidently take certain key risks to expand in your career and/or social life. Breaking through past patterns requires determination and with Mars now in Capricorn you are getting some cosmic assistance. It is important that you act independently to tend to the details. This could, however, imply effective delegation. This is a good time to entertain new approaches and technologies in your strategy. Your willingness and resolve to learn new skills is the key to success now. So, you have to both clear unfinished business and learn new skills and technical knowledge. Exercise discipline to take massive action!

Youths back in soccer gear

• After almost two months of no games and little practice due to weather conditions, the U13 Warthogs lost 2-3 against Cowichan.

Just five minutes into the game the local squad was down one point. Then, with only eight minutes left in the first half, Ronan Gunn took a "no problem" penalty shot to tie it up. Unfortunately, the ball immediately headed down the field where another Cowichan goal made it 2-1.

In the second half the Warthogs played a tighter game, and newcomer Jack Wiltshire did a fine job of keeping up with the pack.

Tai Dunkley-Whelan scored the second goal with an assist from Gunn. A penalty shot midway through the second half resulted in the final score.

There were two additional attempts at a goal, one shot by Tim Camps and the other by Sam Lewis, but the team couldn't squeeze out another marker.

Great work by Byron Mussell in goal.

• There was an orange orb in the sky and green grass under foot as the Salt Spring U12 girls emerged blinking and pale into the post-winter world to take on Bays United Saturday.

The girls started timidly as if it was the start of a new season, and quite soon found themselves down 1-0. Suddenly galvanized, the girls enjoyed their best period of the match, showing the skill-

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ful passing game they had developed before Christmas.

Salt Spring equalized through a wonderful Kimberley Rothwell shot, taken from a tight angle, wide on the left.

Bays turned on the pressure, justifying their reputation as the strongest team in the division.

But Salt Spring stuck to the task, with the defence working overtime to cope with the waves of attack. Zoe Savage played a great game at left back, and never gave up. The goals rained in all the same, some skillfully executed, some down to cruel luck, as Salt Spring went down 5-1.

There will definitely be better days as the girls, once again, showed their potential.

• Salt Spring's U14 boys brought their game face on Saturday to take on the number-one ranked Prospect Lake at the high school field.

With their new fast step-out defence, they aggressively took the game to the opposition with their high line of defence catching Prospect Lake offside and denying them their scoring opportunities.

Salt Spring's patience paid off by stretching the field and allowing the midfield to send long balls in for

great chances.

Despite the opposition's discipline and experience, the local squad held them to 1-nil at the half.

In the second half, the boys found their stride and were feeling more confident in this new fast transition style of play. With the "You Can't Get by Me Duo" of Erik Rothwell and Arlo Byron Thorn as the centre defence holding down the key areas in front of keeper Charlie Holmes, "Fast Feet" Liam Budd and "Ping Ball" Noah Van Hullebush combined for one of the prettiest goals this year. With a final score of 2-1 for Prospect Lake, the game proved the boys can be a force in this league.

• Salt Spring's U15 girls squad took their first win in Coastal C Cup play Saturday, winning a nail-biter game in a shoot-out.

The local girls got onto the scoreboard in the first 20 minutes of the match when Kayley Rae Smith made an excellent cross on a corner kick, and a Peninsula player tipped into her own net.

Kloe Holmes nailed the second goal, which was played up the field by Madi Fetherston and went through a mess of players.

With Salt Spring up 2-0 at the half, Peninsula put on the pressure, getting two goals by the end of the game to tie it up. After two exciting 10-minute overtime halves the

game remained tied.

Danielle Severn was first up for the shoot-outs and hammered it right into the back of the net. Rae Smith had an excellent shot, but Peninsula's goalkeeper saved it. Alexa Matheson's shot went right into the back corner of the net, but the keeper saved Holmes' shot. Delaney Johnson took the last shot, hammering it past the keeper for a score of 3-1 for Salt Spring.

Island keeper Cassie Bascom did an excellent job throughout the whole game, saving four out of the five penalty shots.

• The fog lifted in time for a long, weather-delayed U-17 girls soccer game against Peninsula Sunday at Portlock Park.

Strong defence by Sam Bowen, several good runs by Natalya Alonso and Rosalie Baldwinson, plus some tremendous saves by keeper Olivia Morgan found the first half tied 0-0.

Jess Harkema and Helena Bryn McLeod played well in the second half with the team getting some better ball movement. But it wasn't enough and Peninsula took the match 3-0.

• Salt Spring's U17 Boys faced off against Prospect Lake in their first match in two months on Sunday, and settled for a loss.

The Prospect team played a physically tough and aggressive game — which some said appeared more closely related to rugby than soccer — often pushing the boundaries of safe and fair play.

In the first half, the Salt Spring players were a little perplexed and not keen to retaliate, and some were injured as a result.

Despite this, the team succeeded in finding its rhythm and played a very controlled game in a new formation of 3-5-2, enabling a strong midfield to control the play and create opportunities offensively.

This also allowed for a strong defence with midfielders assisting in double teaming and shutting down the offensive attacks.

The score settled at 0-2 with Salt Spring having gained valuable practice in warding off aggressive players while continuing to play the game.

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