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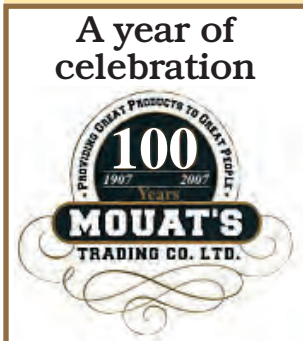


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**VALENTINE'S VISION:** Laura Sutherland holds a dozen roses outside of Thrifty Foods as she's seen with her fiance Travis Robinson — creating a perfect Valentine's Day picture. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Stop work order halts marina project

**B&B cement pour foiled**  
By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

A spokesperson for B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. vows the company will pursue plans to build four accessory buildings on the Ganges Harbour shoreline in spite of a Capital Regional District (CRD) stop work order issued Monday afternoon.

"We have every intent to build," said Steve Azyan in a Tuesday interview. "If they [the CRD] want to start a legal action, they have every right."

Azyan said the CRD does not have jurisdiction to overrule provincial regulations which give the marina permission to construct accessory buildings on its waterfront property located below the intersection of Park Drive and Lower Ganges Road.

He has every intention of making sure the accessory buildings are constructed in time for the 2007 summer tourist season, Azyan said.

Marina work planned between now and the spring is hoped to improve what Azyan called an important part of the Ganges economy.

He said the buildings covering roughly 55 square metres (600 square feet) will house businesses and services for marina guests and

visitors to the island.

Three workers contacted at the site on Monday afternoon were left with some choice words for CRD authorities after a building inspection officer posted the stop work order on a nearby boardwalk pylon.

They had even fewer options when a scheduled concrete delivery did not turn up later that afternoon after the company was contacted by local government officials.

"This sign here means we can't do anything," said Bear Contracting's Barry Long, gesturing towards the stop-work order. "I guess we've wasted an entire afternoon."

Pink ribbon still marked the work site along Lower Ganges Road Tuesday. Forms and re-bar on the property are visible from the road.

Long said he arrived on the scene Monday morning

**GANGES MARINA 3**

## Lions donation completes Rainbow Road light fund

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island streets will be a little safer thanks to the Salt Spring Island Lions Club's decision to give \$7,500 to the Coins for Crosswalks campaign.

The donation brings the fundraising total beyond the \$20,000 needed to install a pedestrian-controlled signal

at the intersection of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads.

At the push of a button, students, visitors and the elderly will soon have the power to bring traffic to a halt when they cross the street.

Steve Somerset, a Salt Spring Lions Club member, said the organization has long been aware of the need

to improve pedestrian safety and saw the fundraising campaign as the ideal way to finally make something happen.

"It's something that's been in the back of all of our minds for a long time," Somerset said after Friday's announcement. "This is a

**LIGHT FUNDING 3**

## Improv team out on top; heads to national event

By DAWN HAGE  
Driftwood Staff

Jason Donaldson and his troupe of talented comedic thespians have blown away the competition and are heading to the national stage.

Donaldson, who teaches Theatre Arts at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), brought six GISS students to the Vancouver Island Regional Tournament for the Canadian Improv Games last weekend. The troupe faced stiff competition and emerged victorious.

"We advanced to the finals after a strong perfor-

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# IMPROV WINNERS

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mance in the zone tournament on Friday night," said Donaldson in a press release. "Saturday night at the Metro Theatre we played against Belmont, Cow-High, Lady-Smith and G.P. Vanier, earning a berth in the nationals, some 25 points ahead of our closest competition."

The group will travel to Ottawa for the April 2-7 competition. While there, they will play against the 20 best young improv teams in the country.

The team consists of Dejan Loyola, Bonn Smith, Halley Fulford, Clare Lannan, Alex Corley and Jordan Roper. This particular group of young actors have worked together for years and melded into a troupe that has outstanding abilities and talent, said their teacher.

"These kids have formed the spine of my program for the last three years," said Donaldson. "They are absolutely exceptional. They all have something unique to



**TOP GUNS:** GISS improv team members, from left, Bonn Smith, Halley Fulford and Alex Corley perform at the high school in preparation for the regional event.

Photo by John Cameron

offer and they really click as an ensemble."

"Almost all of them are in Grade 12 this year, so there is a real feeling of sentimentality," he added. "It's a bit of a Cinderella story to have this group advance to the nationals in their last year together."

The Canadian Improvisa-

tional Games is an organization that runs across Canada from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland, involving thousands of people and hundreds of schools.

Improv competitions involve working with categories such as story, character, theme, idioms and style. The students perform on the

spot with a four-minute time limit using audience suggestions, or a pre-set theme from organizers.

"The students are judged on a specific set of skills, including how they make use of a suggestion and the degree of risk that they take," said Donaldson.

Fundraising for the trip has begun and Donaldson has plans for a show and raffle at ArtSpring on February 22, featuring the improv troupe doing theatre sports, audience-suggested skits and more. The students need to raise \$7,000.

"We have to raise a lot of money in a very short period of time," stressed Donaldson. "In the meantime, we have a big shiny trophy and quite a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie."

Details of the upcoming performance and other fundraising plans will be revealed shortly. Anyone who wishes to donate funds to help these kids should contact Donaldson at 537-9944.

# North View neighbours speak out

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

A contingent of north island residents took to the front row to oppose plans for a new subdivision at a February 1 meeting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC).

"We unanimously oppose the proposed density transfer at the end of North View Road," said Paul Burke. "This is an inappropriate use of rural property in an area where water is already scarce."

The proposed application calls for subdivision of a seven-hectare (17-acre) property into six lots at the end of North View Road near the island's northernmost point.

New lots would need to conform with an existing covenant placed on the lot from a prior subdivision. The applicant, John Macpherson, proposes to include supple-

## TRUST BRIEFS

mentary setbacks between the new lots and adjacent agricultural and residential properties.

The new properties could be created because of the island's "density bank," consisting of unused densities obtained from the creation of parklands at Burgoyne Bay.

Under the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, density transfer proposals may be considered if they are deemed to encourage clustering, preserve an area's rural character, protect environmentally sensitive areas or permit the efficient delivery of public services.

Trustees gave the North View Road draft bylaw first reading in December and referred it to the Advisory Planning and Environmental

Advisory Commissions for review. A public hearing and further readings by trustees are required before approval is granted.

### Developers get papers despite project faux-pas

Trustees granted occupancy permits to Atkins Common Development Limited despite the company's failure to comply with requirements imposed by the Islands Trust.

"It is difficult to make a decision considering what has been built," said Ehring. "I think we really need to clear the air about the future of this development."

According to Islands Trust staff, developers failed to respect location and configuration restrictions on 25 of the project's 51 units.

Trustees advised staff to work alongside the applicant to ensure future phases of the project are built in accordance with development

permit conditions.

### Community housing task force disbanded

Closing down the island's Community Housing Task Force (CHTF) does not mean affordable housing is no longer an Islands Trust priority, said trustee George Ehring.

"I want to acknowledge that this in no way presumes the housing problems on Salt Spring have been solved," said Ehring at the LTC meeting. "The issue is alive everywhere on the island."

The CHTF voted unanimously to dissolve itself in January after members fulfilled the group's mandate to produce a report on the island's affordable housing crisis.

In keeping with the report's recommendations, trustees said, the next priority is to establish a housing agency to oversee more affordable housing projects.

# Feb. 24 forum probes affordable housing issues

Finding solutions to Salt Spring housing problems is the goal of a facilitated public meeting set for Saturday, February 24 at All Saints By-the-Sea.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society (SSILBS) is hosting the 1:30-4 p.m. forum with support from an Affordability and Choice Today grant.

"Salt Spring is in serious need of housing regulatory reform," states a SSILBS press release.

"According to the 2004 Housing Survey, only 25 per cent of renters had

no issues with their accommodation. The Land Bank Society would like to receive community input as to what we would like to see for affordable housing options on Salt Spring, and ways that we can work together to create the kind of community we want to live in."

The society hopes individuals from all sectors of our community will make their opinions known at the meeting on the subject of affordable housing.

Literature will be available on current work that is underway, and individuals

from local non-profit organizations will be on hand to discuss the work that they are doing.

Some people feel that there is a risk in speaking about some aspects of housing, such as illegal long-term rentals, and for this reason all feedback will be anonymous.

Doors open at 1 p.m. with the facilitated part of the meeting running from 1:30 to 4 p.m. There will be a raffle of artwork, and one lucky attendee will go home with a door prize.



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**NO GO:** From left, Barry Long, Peter Orel and Ken Prebski of Bear Contracting are all ready for a cement pour at Ganges Marina. A stop work order brought the pour to a halt. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## GANGES MARINA

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with finalized construction plans for the buildings.

"We're ready," he added.

Uli Temmel, the CRD's senior building inspector on Salt Spring Island, initiated the stop work order based on information crews were set to pour concrete at 1:30 p.m.

Over the past week, footings and forms were completed in preparation for the pour. The CRD moved in as soon as it became apparent the company was preparing to construct a structure.

"When it walks and talks like a duck, it most likely is a duck," he said. "Essentially what we have is the begin-

**"I expect to hear from them very soon one way or another."  
— Uli Temmel**

ning of a building."

Temmel said consultation with the CRD's legal counsel confirmed the CRD does have jurisdiction.

"This is a fairly simple situation. They attempted to proceed without the building permit," he said. "Even if they are allowed to build the structures, they still require a building permit."

The minimum penalty for failing to comply with the order is a doubling of all future permit fees on the site.

"I expect to hear from them very soon one way or the other," Temmel said within hours of issuing the order on Monday afternoon.

The subject property was one of the sites involved in a 2005 Islands Trust rezoning application that would have seen a waterfront park created in exchange for permission to build a multi-use commercial development near the entrance to the Ganges Marina.

The application failed when two of three members of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at the time voted against it.



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project that needs to get done for the safety of all."

Three pedestrians sustained minor injuries in traffic accidents at the intersection over the past year. In early January, a motorist's last-minute attempt to avoid colliding with a pedestrian using the crosswalk in broad daylight resulted in a multi-car collision.

Lions Club president Ken Barnes was selling herring as a fundraiser by the side of Lower Ganges Road at the time of the accident.

"That's when I knew something had to be done," he said. "We need lights around here. As an organization, we are very concerned about these issues."

The Lions' announcement comes only two weeks after Peter McCully and Perry Ruehlen of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce launched the Coins

**"We need lights around here."  
— Ken Barnes**

for Crosswalks campaign.

The latest donation, combined with a \$10,000 commitment from the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) and \$2,500 from regional director Gary Holman's grant-in-aid fund, means all money collected from coin cans placed at island businesses and the campaign's Island Savings account will fund an education campaign geared to Gulf Islands students.

Since the Lions made their announcement, ICBC has also pledged \$1,500 and B.C. Ferries donated \$250.

Additional money will be placed in a fund for future projects at other dangerous intersections, said Ruehlen.

She added all future donations can be deposited into the campaign account. She will collect the remaining cans by the end of the week.

"It's just wonderful we were able to come up with excess funds," she said. "There are a lot of crosswalks that are of great concern."

Ruehlen said she is overwhelmed funds were collected so quickly but said any future projects will have to wait at least until the Ganges Neighbourhood Transportation Steering Group completes a traffic plan. A consultant was recently hired for that purpose with Capital Regional District gas-tax funds and a public meeting should be held in March.

MOT has yet to announce when the light might be installed. The province will take over maintaining the signal once it is in place.

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# Islander chatting up Letterman

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

A Salt Spring Island ventriloquist will be the talk of the town when he appears on the Late Show with David Letterman on Friday night.

"Last night was the pinnacle of my career," said Brad Cummings Tuesday morning from New York City after taping the show the day before.

"It was a magical experience."

Over the past 30 years, Cummings has talked his way into a career by playing the Las Vegas and Los Angeles comedy circuits, working on cruise ships and performing at corporate events.

Cummings began flirting with ventriloquism after reading a book on the subject when he was 12. Once he mastered the basics, Cummings tossed in some humour and the rest is history.

After this week's television appearance, he said, the sky is the limit when it comes to ventriloquism and variety acts.



Brad Cummings on Letterman Late Show

"Variety is making a huge comeback," he said. "I think Letterman really has a thing for the old variety acts. Maybe it will catch on."

Cummings will close out Letterman's week-long ventriloquism special. The six-minute spot features his most notorious character Rex, the Prehysterical Dinosaur, and plenty of audience participation.

Ventriloquism and variety shows, he said, have suffered

a slow decline alongside the rise of mass-produced acts like sitcoms, movies and, of late, reality television.

According to Cummings, all that is ready to change as older viewers become more nostalgic and younger audience members increasingly turn the dial for something new.

"There's no telling where this will lead," he said, moments before catching a ride to the airport.

Cummings and Rex are scheduled to perform on a cruise between Mexico and southern California before they can finally return to Salt Spring for a breather.

Other characters in Cummings' line-up include Ug, Rex's caveman bodyguard, and Roz, an alien creature he met during a visit to Roswell, New Mexico. He can also incorporate items like watches or microphones into his act, depending on the mood.

"There's a lot of improv," he said, adding that many acts are tailored to a specific

audience.

Since moving to Salt Spring nearly four years ago after "falling for a Canadian girl" during an Alaskan cruise, Cummings has grown to appreciate peace and quiet.

"It's not like L.A. or Las Vegas," he said. "I've had to adapt. Not only have I changed countries but I'm living on a remote island."

Technology, he said, has allowed him to live on the island without losing touch with his contacts spread across North America.

He and Rineke Jonker, the principal of Salt Spring Elementary, were married shortly after the cruise and now live on Salt Spring is all Cummings is talking about.

"Moving to Salt Spring with her was probably one of the highlights of my life," he said.

Cummings will appear on the Friday, February 16 edition of The Late Show beginning at 11:30 p.m. Check local listings for more details.

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# Road pothole count piques interest on-island and off

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Staff

After a week of counting, Salt Spring roads are looking more pothole-ridden than ever.

"It looks to me that things are a lot worse than last year," said organizer Lorraine Norfolk.

As of Monday, 1,732 potholes had been counted on 34 roads. The roads counted included Walker's Hook, Beddis, and Cusheon Lake, as well as Sunset Drive.

For the first count last year, islanders trekked 101 roads and reported 5,161 pot holes, Norfolk said.

This year's event kicked off on February 7 and runs until Sunday the 18th.

Some islanders agree with Norfolk's prediction and share in her frustration.

"We feel that the people who are maintaining these roads are neglecting their responsibilities," said Toynbee Road resident Dave Walls.

Walls said he first contacted highways maintenance a year ago to report the declining state of his road. Despite promising to fix the problem, nothing has been done on a major scale.

They have "come by with a grader once in awhile," he said.

"The traction on the road is what I'd think is less than adequate and there is damage to our vehicles now," he said.

# Heat pumps pushed with incentives

The Cooperative Heat Pump (CHP) program has stimulated hundreds of calls to local heat pump dealers by consumers looking for savings on their energy bills and a clean energy source.

Up to \$1,000 in grants for heat pump installation are available to building owners on Salt Spring Island and in Victoria and Saanich through the CHP.

The CHP program is one element of the Energy Savings Plan pilot project coordinated by City Green Solutions in Victoria, a delivery agent for energy efficiency incentive programs supported by the provincial Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

"An air source heat pump can save up to 50 per cent of a home's heating costs

if properly maintained and operated," said Peter Sundberg of City Green Solutions.

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## Bowen refuelling causes delay

Passengers on the 9 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour last Tuesday faced a 70-minute delay due to refuelling.

Fuelling of the Bowen Queen, which was filling in for the Skeena Queen during refit, took much longer than the expected 20 minutes, said Deborah Marshall, B.C. Ferries' director of media relations. Deborah Marshall said.

As a result, all passengers on the sailing were given travel vouchers, Marshall said.

That sort of delay is unusual, Marshall added.

The Bowen Queen is usually refuelled once a week on Sundays.

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# David Anderson hosts SSI climate change talk

A Saturday global warming forum sees former environment minister David Anderson lead a discussion at Meaden Hall on Salt Spring.

Anderson, who was the principal architect of the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and responsible for helping to create the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, hosts the February 17 event from 1-3 p.m.

It's sponsored by the Saanich Gulf-Islands Federal Liberal Electoral District Association, in cooperation

with Gulf Islands residents committed to environmental sustainability.

Salt Spring's Leslie Wallace, who coordinates the alternate gypsy moth control program, is one of the organizers of the non-partisan gathering. The discussion will centre on what individuals can do to address climate change.

"If you have any brilliant ideas about how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Salt Spring and across Canada, or if you just want to hear what the federal government

and the provinces were really up to around climate change from someone who saw it all go down, come on out and be a part of the discussion," said Wallace.

Anderson has advanced environmental causes through political action for almost 40 years, beginning with his 1968-1972 stint as Esquimalt-Saanich MP, when he founded and chaired the federal government's Special Committee on Environmental Pollution. He retired from politics before the last federal election.

# Precautionary principle surges into powerline legalities path

A B.C. Court of Appeal decision released Monday has brought the legal question of "precautionary principle" into the B.C. Transmission Corporation (BCTC) overhead powerline debate.

"The B.C. Court of Appeal today granted leave for appeal on the issue of whether the precautionary principle must be applied by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) in the interpretation of the Utilities Commission Act," states a BCTC press release.

In reasons written by Madam Justice Huddart, she

states:

"The application, made by the Tsawwassen Residents Against Higher Voltage Overhead Lines Society, was to vary an order made by Madam Justice Levine "on the question whether the 'precautionary principle' is a rule of statutory construction that must be applied to environmental legislation."

"The issue was not framed in quite this way before the chambers judge [Levine] when she denied leave to appeal on this issue: The [BCUC] erred in law by failing to apply the precautionary

principle of the principle of prudent avoidance in interpreting sections 45 and 25 of the [Utilities Commission] Act."

Huddart said that in her view, "this is a pure question of law deserving of consideration by a panel."

B.C.'s Court of Appeal will hear the application at the end of March, said BCTC.

BCTC intends to provide increased power to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands by replacing the current overhead power lines with new higher-voltage ones.

## RCMP lay assault charges

A 25-year-old male was charged with five assault-related Criminal Code offences following a Salt Spring RCMP investigation on Vesuvius Bay Road last Tuesday.

Sgt. Danny Willis said the alleged incidents occurred the previous evening.

A publication ban was placed on the names of the victim and offender when the accused appeared in Victoria Provincial Court last week.

No minors were involved.



## Notice to the Public

### Swartz Bay Terminal Vehicle Throughfare Procedures

Customers are advised that beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>, in the interest of traffic safety, all vehicles exiting and returning to the Swartz Bay terminal will be permanently redirected through the Wain Road U-turn route.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** A throughfare turn lane is being constructed on the east side of the terminal with expected completion by summer 2007. Southern Gulf Island customers are advised that this route will not always be accessible to throughfares depending on terminal traffic and conditions. In these cases, customers will be required to travel via the Wain Road U-turn route.

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**PEDAL POWER:** Keith Beldam, owner of The Bicycle Shop, has noticed more people fixing up their bikes in an effort to get green. Photo by Sean McIntyre

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# Climate change is happening. So now what do we do?

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
 Driftwood Staff

It's been more than a week since 800 scientists gathered in Paris to confirm what so many have known for so long: humans are the major force behind rapid climate change.

And while it's uncertain how Canadians will respond over the long term, it appears Salt Springers are mobilized to double their efforts to limit their impact on the planet.

"The island is hopping," said Dorothy Cutting, a climate change activist based on Salt Spring Island. "There's so much already going on."

Just last week, roughly 100 Grade 10 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School took a pledge to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Sisters Fiona and Heather Munro are helping coordinate the month-long campaign which will include screenings of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, drama presentations and a quiz show pitting students versus teachers.

"I think it has really caught on," Fiona said. "We think of ourselves as living in a really green place, but we aren't really as good as we could be."

Taking the bus or carpooling to school, turning down the thermostat and pressuring parents to change their energy-wasting ways are things younger residents do, she added.

**"When you're riding a bicycle, you can't stop and expect to stay on."**  
 — Dorothy Cutting

Over at The Bicycle Shop in Ganges, owner Keith Beldam said he has noticed a rise in the number of would-be riders showing an interest in cycling over the past week.

"It's still not a lot, but people are definitely spending a little more attention," he said, attributing the interest to the cost of gasoline and individual efforts to curb pollution.

He said island commuters can reduce vehicle emissions by riding to work, if only for a few days each week.

A winter gardening series to encourage local food production, the launch of a blog (an online discussion forum) by the Salt Spring Energy Strategy and the incorporation of green principles in the Islands Trust's ongoing official community plan are proof the community is taking things seriously in spite of government inaction, said Cutting.

"The politicians are part of the problem," she said. "We must remember they are in power to serve the public."

On February 5, 2007,

Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not turn out for a vote on a non-binding resolution requesting the federal government reassess its position on the Kyoto Protocol.

Near unanimous support from MPs representing the Bloc Quebecois, the Liberals and New Democrats helped the motion pass 165-110.

Cutting realizes the non-binding motion will not likely result in immediate action from government, but said the results show the opposition is taking climate change seriously.

By not showing up, Cutting said, Harper proves recent attempts to green up the federal government's image stem more from the public relations department.

For Cutting, greater changes need to start from classrooms and workplaces in communities across the country.

After her solo attempt to drive an electric vehicle to the Arctic Circle last year to raise climate change awareness, Cutting has since initiated a local letter-writing group. She encourages everyone to step up and play their part.

"When you're riding a bicycle, you can't stop and expect to stay on," said Cutting, who is 76. "We've got to keep moving."

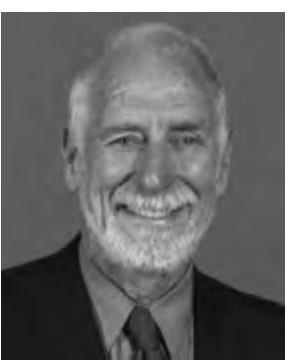
"If I can do it, anybody can."

The B.C. government was also set to release its "green plan" on Tuesday.

# Global Warming

a discussion with


# David Anderson



Gulf-Islands residents are invited to participate in a discussion with David Anderson on Global Warming, and on how each of us can contribute to saving our planet.

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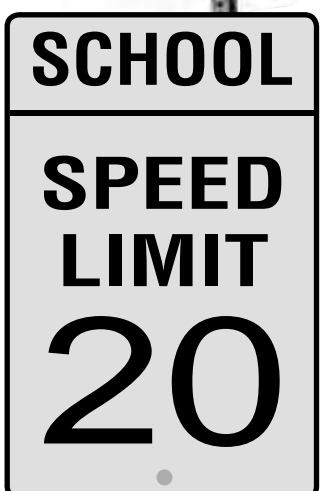
There have been several serious pedestrian accidents at the crossing of Rainbow and Lower Ganges Roads. Although it does not meet the criteria for a crosswalk lighting system, the Department of Transportation has agreed to fund 50% of the project. The Driftwood and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring this campaign to raise the remaining funds to purchase a pedestrian operated crosswalk light. A \$250 grant from BC ferries, \$1500 from ICBC and a \$7,500 grant from the Lions Club has brought the total to \$21,750. All monies collected in excess of \$20,000 will be used for an education / awareness program and the Ganges Neighbourhood Transportation Steering Group who are studying other crossing issues in Ganges.

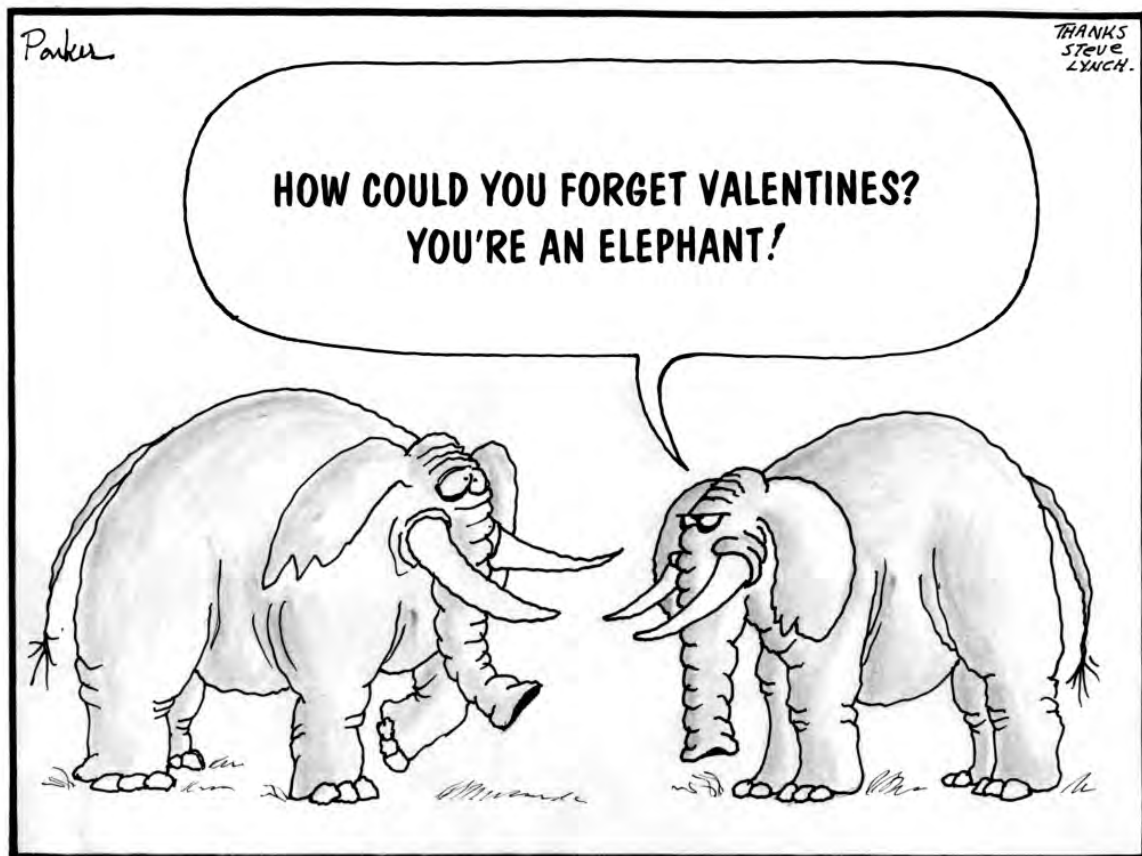
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## Praise for PARC

It's been so long since a significant local government body didn't requisition more taxpayer funding than the year before that the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) decision to hold fast in 2007 was a bit of a shock.

Then again, with a \$437,056 surplus from 2006, and the pool not yet open to consume operating funding, it would have been a bit suspect to go beyond last year's \$1,270,890 just because it's legally permissible. Even at the present level, PARC expects to be able to put \$200,000 into its land acquisition fund, and spend some \$240,000 this year on various capital projects like rebuilding part of the Centennial Park washrooms, in addition to finishing the Rainbow Road pool.

PARC is a body we islanders have historically loved to hate. Boondoggles and conflict are what readily jumps to mind when "PARC" is uttered in casual conversation, and those type of items certainly leap off the Driftwood's front page from time to time.

However, as with any situation, it's certainly not the whole picture of what PARC does and is tasked with, or even a corner of the picture. A volunteer body with a modicum of staff support, PARC has a phenomenal amount of responsibility for highly visible parts of our community.

PARC members and staff often note the wonderful things that could be done if more funds were available, but it cannot be and do everything for everyone, and the private sector can take care of many needs. To date PARC has done a good job of setting priorities and lately there's a sense of a "steady as she goes" operation.

We don't want to jinx the Rainbow Road pool project with any bold declarations, but despite the recent pillar glitch and always-rumbling predictions of impending disaster, an extremely challenging project has so far stayed on the rails. PARC may have been optimistic with the opening date from the start, but limiting its costs to six per cent over the initial budget (partly attributable to deliberate improvements) is admirable. Any project could always be improved in substance or process, but this one has gone remarkably well to date — and that's not an accident.

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## Desperate housing situation visible through evictions

By OONA MCOUAT

Two weeks ago the building inspector stapled a blue sign to my door that said "Do Not Occupy."

For the past year, I have unknowingly been living in an illegal dwelling. I teach music and much-needed creative arts programs for children from this house. This eviction deprives me of my home and my livelihood.

During the 2006 Census, I was the supervisor for Salt Spring. All island-related census activities were administered from this building. Ironically, the data gathered here — the particulars of which remain confidential — revealed the plethora of illegal dwellings on Salt Spring.

Last week an Islands Trust trustee told me there must be 200 or 300. Perhaps there are closer to a thousand. While expressing his sympathy, this trustee said the law is the law and must be abid-

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ed. Thus, it only seems fair that the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District's building department apply the law justly and evict everyone who is living in an illegal dwelling. This might be the only way for them to see how desperate the housing situation here is.

I am pretty certain that if they knocked on the door of every illegal basement suite, every trailer that is not permitted for residency, and every cottage that is only supposed to be lived in on a temporary, seasonal basis, stapling blue notices as they went, they would discover that the occupants of these dwellings are the people who cut their lawns and their hair, who build and clean the homes

of those who can afford to own them, who tend their gardens, pump their gas, cook their food and wash their dishes when they go out to eat. They take care of their children, teaching them to sing, dance or paint. They take care of the elders. Some months, especially in the winter, they can barely pay the rent, but they are grateful to have a roof over their heads. After all, they know folks who are living in unheated vehicles, boats and tents all year round.

The other appalling statistic that was gathered during my work with the Census was the abundance of perfectly livable, legally permitted homes that remain unoccupied on a permanent basis here.

I have a suggestion. Why not inspect every illegal dwelling on this island to determine if it is habitable, thus eliminating the concern over renters living in sub-

standard dwellings. If a place is deemed livable, allow the landlord to continue renting it out, but require that 50 per cent of all rent earned goes to a fund designed to create much-needed affordable housing. Property owners could apply for grants that would help them get substandard housing up to livable standards. Tenants could apply for rental subsidies.

Section III.8 of the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in 1976 states:

"Adequate shelter and services are a basic human right which places an obligation on governments to ensure their attainment by all people, beginning with direct assistance to the least advantaged through guided programmes of self-help and community action. Governments should endeavour to remove all impediments hinder-

ing attainment of these goals."

During our phone conversation, the Islands Trust trustee told me that current occupancy regulations are a way of controlling population density. But the people who are already living here need decent, secure homes now. This right must not be denied based on fears of what might happen if changes occur. Guess what, wake up, change is occurring — I experienced some of it myself with the stapling of the little blue notice to my door.

As residents of this island, we have the ability to shape this change into something that benefits a diverse, strong and caring community, or contain it in order to protect the lifestyles of the privileged. The choice is ours.

*The writer teaches music and creative arts programs on Salt Spring.*

## Islanders' ferry stories sought for academic's cultural exploration

By PHILLIP VANNINI

Taking the ferry isn't just a way of moving through space, it's also of way of journeying across time.

Over the past year I have formalized my consuming interest in ferries and shaped it into a multi-year ethnographic study of boats, communities of commuters and the largest and least investigated mass medium of communication of all: the ocean.

My study will require me to travel to numerous locations served by the provincial ferry service, as well as to a few remote places not served by Bennett's brain-child, B.C. Ferries.

My earliest reflections on ferries have already found their way into a couple of academic journals, and the interest among residents of

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coastal British Columbia has been growing remarkably fast.

It's impossible not to be concerned about the ferries, especially if you live outside a major urban centre. In many areas B.C. Ferries holds a monopoly on how people travel and distribute goods. The ferries are an everyday technology of settlement and a testament to the Canadian ingenuity in managing population growth through controlling space.

My study on the ferries is based on observations and reflections on the role they play in structuring the lives

of the residents of the Gulf Islands. I like to learn from the stories I hear. If a vessel is 10 minutes late, or worse yet when it suffers an accident and sinks, not only are people's routines destabilized, but so are the cultural rituals the passengers carry with them. It's a view of progress where technology is an agent of environmental and historical control.

As an academic I am influenced by a host of cultural theorists, including prominent Canadians such as Harold Innis and Marshall McLuhan. B.C. Ferries are media of a message that carves a deep, unique sense of time and space. A commuter boat is to a small island what a public square is to a small village.

It's a place for a community to carry out its rituals. Throughout Europe you see a similar social phenomenon occurring on local commuter trains. These are not mere means of transportation, but vessels which carry culturally unique work ethics, environmental attitudes and senses of community.

I am now exploring the Queen Charlotte Islands and will focus on the impact the sinking of the Queen of the North had on the consciousness of residents of northern coastal communities. The tragedy has shown that these vessels aren't just machines, they have names, they transport memories, they are extensions of our bodies and identities and they need the same moral protection that

we reserve for our selves.

Between trips up north I've been investigating meanings of the fleet as symbols of progress in the southern Gulf Islands. Just like the ferries serve to impose a central definition of time, they also work to shape a definition of space governed by the logic of land as real estate. But many people on those islands strongly resist that logic and there is no better way to understand our contradictory culture of technology than by looking at these kinds of relations.

As I continue to fill my diary with islander stories, one thing becomes increasingly certain — no matter how much people love to complain about the ferries, they get even more agitated at the thought of replacing

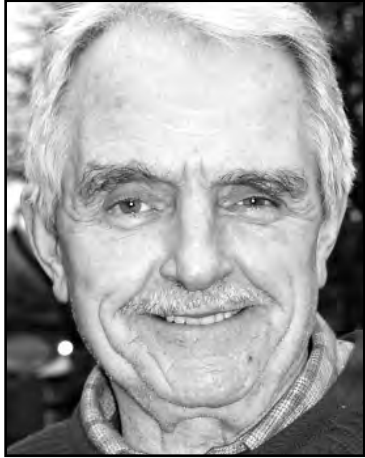
them with bridges. That's the funny thing about our ferries: as much as any case of poor service results in isolation, without them we would have no insulation, that is, no islands — only meaningless, dispersed, deserted rocks that run contrary to our Canadian frontier culture. After all we're all on the same boat and we have no way of ever truly getting off it.

If you have a story to tell me about taking the ferry, contact me at [phillip.vannini@royalroads.ca](mailto:phillip.vannini@royalroads.ca) or send me your story to The School of Communication and Culture, Royal Roads University, 2005 Sooke Road, Victoria, B.C. V9B 5Y2.

*The writer is on the faculty of Royal Roads University.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What is your favourite Valentine's Day memory?*



**Brian Thompson**  
*A picnic on a small island.*



**Rouillere Sylvain**  
*I went sailing many years ago from Granville Island on Valentine's Day.*



**Becca Dekker**  
*My daughter wrote me a poem.*



**Kim Dalton**  
*I was in labour on Valentine's Day so my favourite memory is giving birth to my daughter Bailey.*



**Martine**  
*Getting roses from my dad. Waking up in the morning, there were three sisters and each one of us had a rose on the bed.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Make switch

We need to switch to Ireland's example, as recommended by Peter Vincent in his February 7 Head to Head article, with its 20 per cent tax on all plastic bags and the money earned spent only on environmental programs here on Salt Spring Island.

Following the example of our daughter in Comox I bought two green boxes — similar to a Blue Box — at Superstore over six years ago. Even at only three cents refund for the equivalent of at least three plastic bags, I've paid for them many times over.

I challenge both GVM and Thrifty's to have stacks of these green boxes available — at cost; also to switch to biodegradable plastic bags and easily accessible brand-name large bags, with more exciting colours than black, using non-toxic dyes.

Locally made and decorated cloth bags might be a fundraising project by a local group.

Chris Dixon, in the January 31 Driftwood, had an idea worth working on,

of a yearly referendum of islanders' major concerns, especially around the environment. Being locked into a 10-year official community plan may not be an effective enough vehicle in this limited time for crucial changes.

The February 7 editorial states the responsibilities well, if we are to avoid the scene depicted in the cartoon by more than wanting earthquake insurance after the event.

**EILEEN WTEWAALL,**  
Salt Spring

### Fire hall plans

There have been many valid criticisms expressed in the Driftwood concerning the plan to build a new fire hall at the bowling alley site.

Jack Langdon's letter in the February 7 edition gives the most positive suggestion made so far, in which the Central fire hall is expanded to serve everything north of Ganges, while the present Ganges hall is kept small for capabilities of immediate response in the village of older buildings, gas sta-

tions and the harbour with its many boats and fuel dock.

The firemen want more land at the Fulford fire station. I would like to suggest that they not only get more land but have more fire hall and fire trucks to serve the south half of the island.

With the traffic hold-ups caused by recent utility work on the Ganges hill south of town, market day congestion on Saturdays and traffic snarl-ups from collisions, blown-down trees, plus the possibility of a serious earthquake, it doesn't take much imagination to visualize the bottleneck panic that is Ganges.

**RON STACEY,**  
Quebec Drive

### Calm traffic

Having safe and convenient pathways or sidewalks connecting the Ganges village core and Upper Ganges village is important to pedestrians of all ages. It is also important for children to have a safe route to school.

However, before the community spends thousands of

dollars on a traffic light, we ought to consult with pedestrian safety experts.

It may be that a traffic signal will give a false sense of security to young people.

Drachen, a small Dutch city removed most of its traffic lights and converted intersections to roundabouts. The result was a drastic reduction in accidents.

My reading on the subject suggests that the best way to protect pedestrians is to slow down all the traffic through town with various traffic calming methods.

**MAXINE LEICHTER,**  
Mount Belcher

### Keep it affordable

After talking to a member of our Ferry Advisory Committee I have written to the premier in regard to the Coastal Ferry Act and its impact on the island communities of B.C.

The act is not fair.

It is in effect a two-tier system: the minor routes, such as the ones serving Saturna, are being required to become user pay, unlike the

major routes. This is a sure way to choke the life out of the island communities.

The flow of tourists will be reduced to the point that the viability of local B&Bs, stores, etc. will be jeopardized.

Only those with a high income will be able to afford the fares thus cutting off those people who provide the person power that maintains the infrastructure for those still able to afford to live on the islands. I really cannot think that this will, in any way, be of benefit to the bottom line of B.C. Ferries.

I am not asking or expecting a free ride on the ferry. That is not realistic. I am lobbying for appropriate subsidies for B.C. Ferries so that we who live on the islands and those who wish to visit are not paying exorbitant fares.

I feel that the future of the tourism industry and the subsequent viability of the island communities is dependent upon this. Not only will the island commu-

nities benefit but the province as a whole.

I have not seen user fees imposed for roads to smaller communities just because they do not generate the same amount of traffic as major highways.

Nonetheless the roads are there and affordable for the people to use to get to and from other places.

No one would suggest that the roads should not be built. For those of us who live in islands the ferry is our road. Granted there are fuel, wage and vessel costs and for these we pay our fares. We need them to be affordable.

I am already reducing my use of the ferries because of the increase in the fare. Cutting down on ridership does not seem, to me, to be a means of making routes financially viable.

Surely it would be better to keep it affordable and run a full vessel.

**MARGARET PATERSON,**  
Saturna Island

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## Socially responsible micro loans possible with Kiva

By **JIM STANDEN**

This letter is written as a follow-up to my January 3 Driftwood View Point piece entitled Investment Choices and Quality of Life.

In that article I suggested that there could be significant value in local resident investors directing their investments towards the local Salt Spring community. The article was inspired by the visit to Salt Spring last fall by Catherine Austin Fitts and her creation of the concept of the Solari Circles.

Today I would like to describe a new and innovative internet-based business solution I have recently discovered. In my belief it is a good example of a very efficient and socially beneficial loan mechanism.

The organization is called "Kiva" (Swahili word meaning "agreement" or "unity") and can be located on the Internet at [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org). The purpose of the organization is to provide support for the loaning of very small loans (\$25 US and up) from individuals in the first world to less fortunate

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individuals throughout the world.

It is based on the excellent pioneering work of Muhammad Yunus and The Grameen Bank, which was awarded The Nobel Peace Prize for 2006 based on the practise of providing very small (micro) loans to the poor. Amounts of money that are almost insignificant to us could be of tremendous benefit to those in the third world. For example, for the same amount as a nice dinner at Moby's and feature flick at the Fritz, a street vendor in Bangladesh could double his business inventory or purchase a rickshaw, providing an opportunity for him or her to grow their business.

The Kiva organization facilitates the efficient gathering, consolidation and transfer of these relatively small amounts of capital to and from those in need.

Notable features of the KIVA process:

- The level of personalization. Both the lender (unless they choose to be anonymous) and borrower are well identified and known to each other. Generally the loan amount, which ranges from \$25 to \$2,000, is comprised of many smaller components from a variety of individuals.

- The internet is used to facilitate rapid communications and fund transfers. Secured transactions have been implemented and money transfers are supported by the internet money exchange entity, PayPal.

- It is a loan, the intention is that the money is returned in full (and then most likely to be recycled again to another borrower). And because it is a loan, not a charitable donation, gift or handout, I suspect the funds are treated with greater respect by the borrower.

- You are provided input of the status of your portion of the loan, when the loan is fully funded, who else has supported the loan and when it is returned, in full or part. The borrower will also provide reports (called journals) of the use of the money and the suc-

cess of the business venture. You are thus much more personally involved with this option than with a donation to a large charity.

- There is generally a local agency, called a field partner, through which the loan is arranged, qualified and managed.

Consider the alternative if you had to locate a borrower in say, Kenya, to qualify them, locate other individuals throughout the world willing to loan as well (up to 20 at \$25 each for the sum of \$500), consolidate the funds and arrange transfer and conversion to local currency, provide status reporting, and when the loan is repaid in the future, return the funds to the participants.

To summarize, I was very impressed to find an organization that could provide so many benefits for the borrower and lender, yet have efficiency that 100 per cent of your dollars are received and utilized by the borrower.

I encourage readers to check out the Kiva site on the internet, if only to gain familiarity that new efficient business mechanisms exist today that are changing the

world. My thought is that by looking to examples of creative financial mechanisms such as Kiva, we can be encouraged to seek out and develop local new innovative financial mechanisms that facilitate our own needs.

If you are interested in discussing the above or similar topics or becoming involved with further activities or collaborations, please contact me at: [jstanden@salt-spring.com](mailto:jstanden@salt-spring.com) or make your opinions known by way of the Driftwood. I am continuing to receive feedback on my first article and am meeting with those that are willing to do so. It is my intention to report my findings in a future article.

As I have again discussed financial topics I will provide a disclaimer. I have no affiliation with any sales of any investment vehicles of any kind, and absolutely no interest. My motivation is solely for myself, or for possible collaboration.

*The writer is a retired project manager from the University of Calgary and has a strong interest in personal finance.*

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## More letters

### Waste of time

I take exception to S. Cole's inane letter in the February 7 Driftwood.

The scurrilous reference to "panicking crew members" was particularly offensive. I can only conclude that this person has swallowed the propaganda put out by the media and seemingly encouraged by ferry management that the people from Hartley Bay rescued the passengers and crew from the Queen of the North.

The good people of Hartley Bay did what any coastal community would, and should, do. They went out on that dark night and picked up the survivors from the lifeboats and life rafts — people who had already been saved by the crew, many of whom had to save their own lives first.

Despite having to fight their way out of below-waterline accommodations, which, by the way, are illegal but which B.C. Ferries had "waivers" for, in water ranging from hip high to neck high before they could reach the upper decks and man the lifesaving equipment, there was no sign of panic among the crew. A Transport Canada investigation confirms this.

The evacuation was carried out under extremely difficult conditions and went smoothly, in large part because the crew was well trained and the passengers followed their directions. The two people who presumably died also presumably went their own way instead of following the crew's directions, something which it seems S. Cole would have you do.

Indeed, how long can you tread water? The last thing needed in an emergency is some twit running about yelling "me first" or "save yourselves, everyone for themselves." This type of behaviour can only lead to confusion, terror and death.

Each passenger should familiarize themselves with the location of life jackets and life boat/life jacket stations. These are all clearly marked. Every locker that contains life jackets is clearly marked with special markings for children's life jackets. A quiet stroll through the ship and around the deck will acquaint you with all the lifesaving equipment. Rummaging about in storage lockers is not only unnecessary but a ludicrous waste of time.

K. BUTLER,  
Fairway Drive

### Brake for bus

I would like to apologize to the older male driver of the small red pick-up who stopped at Langs Road as I stopped my bright yellow school bus to disembark some students.

I found that some of my regulars weren't on the bus. I guess it must have caused you some aggravation that no one crossed the road at that point. Apparently, rolling down your window, cursing at the bus and shaking your fist must have relieved some tension. (Even some of the students commented on your behaviour.)

I'm sorry this happened, but at our stops the big red sign comes out and the bright red lights flash. As the students leave the bus, they don't necessarily always cross the road. Also, I wonder at the drivers who ignore the red flashing lights and the "stop" sign.

I can see someone "zoned out," cruising along the road, missing a large yellow object with bright red flashing lights and stop signs. Yes, I know it completely blends in with all the greenery and probably looks like every other vehicle on the road.

Unfortunately, some students don't always stop, look, listen as they have been instructed to do.

Is the 15 seconds (average length of stop) saved worth the life of a child or two?

As professional drivers we are always concerned about road safety. While driving our routes, there are times that, because of the numbers of stops, it's necessary for us

to pull over, to let the traffic pass. We ask your patience, as we try to seek out safe points to move the bus over. As you know, they are really big, and our roads are fairly narrow.

On behalf of all the school bus drivers, and especially the students, we would ask you to be super cautious as the school buses stop and disembark the students.

Thank you to all Salt Spring drivers for "giving us a brake!"

PER SVENDSEN,  
Leisure Lane

### Tamar's tale 3

So many of you have expressed concern over the challenges my daughter and I faced during our basement flood that I want you to know all is well!

After five weeks of pumping nearly non-stop, with a pool of water varying in height from 7 inches to 4 feet, the drain was "snaked" properly, and the water rushed out. The relief was immense.

The insurance adjuster came while we were still in the thick of the flood, and he arrived on a day our sump pump had failed. There was 19 inches of water in the basement — over the top of his gumboots! I believe he got a sense of the urgency of our situation, and he has since been helpful.

We have yet to get a handle on the damage created by the water, but the urgency has vanished. I'm healthy, happy and forever grateful to be living in such a caring community.

TAMAR GRIGGS,  
Bold Bluff



## NOTICE

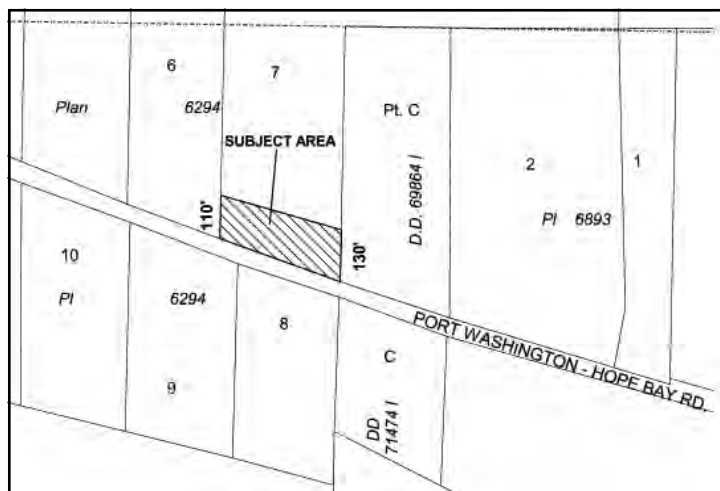
### NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

#### NP-TUP-2006.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the Local Government Act. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of Lot 7, Section 18 and 22, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 6294.

The purpose of this temporary industrial use permit would be to permit a two additional uses "storage of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers" and "storage, processing and shipping of discarded goods and materials" on a portion of the property. The establishment of these uses would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for two years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional two years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, February 8, 2007, and continuing up to and including February 21, 2007.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed permit, please contact the North Pender Island Planner, Robert Kojima, at (250) 405-5159; for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867, or fax (250) 405-5155, before 4:30 p.m., February 21, 2007. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 4703 Canal Road, Anglican Parish Hall on North Pender Island.

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary



## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF LOCAL PARCEL TAX REVIEW PANEL - 2007

- North Galiano Fire Protection
- Southern Gulf Islands Small Craft Harbour Facilities
- Salt Spring Island Fernwood Water System
- Salt Spring Island Ganges Sewerage System
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- Salt Spring Island Beddis Water System
- Salt Spring Island Fulford Water System
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- Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal System
- Pender Island Magic Lake Estates Water System
- Pender Island Magic Lake Estates Sewerage System
- Pender Island Magic Lake Estates Water Service Area #2
- Saturna Island Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service Area
- Galiano Island Sticks Allison Water System
- North Pender Island Fire Protection & Emergency Services
- Mayne Island Surfside Park Estates Water System
- Mayne Island Skana Water System

TAKE NOTICE that the annual sitting of the Local Parcel Tax Review Panel, pursuant to Section 203.2 of the Community Charter will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 in the 6th Floor Board Room of the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, British Columbia to hear appeals against the aforementioned 2007 parcel tax assessment rolls.

The Local Parcel Tax Review Panel will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete rolls will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, British Columbia between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Ganges Building Inspection, Suite 206-118 Fulford/Ganges Road (above the Post Office), Ganges, British Columbia, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, commencing February 14, 2007.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

Diana E. Lokken, CMA  
General Manager, Corporate Services



**SEEDY SATURDAY:** A February tradition took place on Salt Spring at the Farmers Institute last weekend as Seedy Saturday got underway. Getting into the spirit of things, above, are Amelie and Sebastian Niedziela; while at right, Melanie Platz and Paul de Roo man a booth.

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## More letters

### Deer deserve better

There is a movement afoot in the U.S. to bring attention to the movement of creating a Department of Peace in the U.S. government. Anyone interested in learning more about it can go to Marianne Williamson's website.

While reading about this it occurred to me that this world was not just meant for everybody but for everything. And that includes animals. It is one thing to eat meat to sustain one's life but it's another to cry out for the death (that's what "culling" means) of an innocent deer that happens to be at the wrong place at the wrong time according to some residents of the islands.

I was especially appalled at the man who wrote a letter (January 24) complaining because he had walked in deer poo. I would inform him that the same thing happened to me in downtown Ganges but because of a dog. Should I have hunted him down and done away with this ne'er-do-well?

Some people think that because it's written somewhere that man is steward of the earth and all its creatures that it's translated as summarily doing away with any

inconvenient species. No. It means man was put here to protect them wherever possible.

We are losing thousands of species a year on this planet. Yet we are now discussing putting on a hunt for some poor deer that never meant to inconvenience anybody.

And what about birds that go from apple to apple, pecking holes a few times and moving on to sample the next one. Should they be killed also?

I'd also like to ask the lady who claims that "Bambi is nothing but an invention to make money from our emotions" if she would say that staring down the muzzle of a gun at the innocent eyes of a baby deer or members of its family. And are we to tell our local children every time they hear a gun blast that it's really for the common good that another deer was shot because it ate somebody's plants?

Apparently it costs a lot of money to relocate deer. How much? And to where? Since the government was involved in encouraging people to raise them, perhaps they could be petitioned to help relocate them. Instead of painting these beautiful creatures as criminals of the wild, and that didn't come here of their own volition,

they should be seen as part of the innocents that are now an inconvenience to some who could probably fence in at least some of those areas they don't want the deer to tread on.

Maybe we should be culling the island's building plans to control the human population. Not only are we drawing on our limited lack of water resources but creating havoc on the roads and forcing school children to beg for a crosswalk. The priorities on Salt Spring totally escape me.

And when are they going to repaint the crosswalk near GVM? God forbid they might be planning a flashing light be put in to protect the poor seniors that everybody continues to ignore when it comes to safety here.

Just once I'd like to see somewhere an article that covers just what is in store for them that contains common-sense answers from a caring community. Instead we're a community that's got its knickers in a knot over issues that don't address the common good.

Oh, by the way, maybe the vigilantes could repaint the crosswalk for the seniors in the meantime. God bless.  
**JO-ANN FERRIMAN,**  
Salt Spring

**WHAT'S ON?**  
See page 22

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# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

Whoever stole my concrete block incinerator (and firewood), please bring it back. Or, please come back and pick up the firescreen that goes with it, and please let me know where I can now come to incinerate my burnable refuse. Tom Vikander, Mt. Belcher

## ROSES

Bunches of roses to the man in the white robe and his cute dog Riley, who rescued me when I accidentally locked myself out on the balcony of my studio! I'm so sorry I didn't introduce

myself, but I was so embarrassed by the situation that I forgot! Thank you!

Roses for Laura at Windflower Moon, Erin at Fables Cottage and Scout at West of the Moon. Thank you all for your support with the petitions. LD

A giant concrete rose to all the people who helped with the concrete spill in town. We greatly appreciate all the help received. GCM

Colourful bouquets to Christina Richard and the board of ArtSpring for hosting the student art show last week. Fabulous showcase of the amazing talent in our youth. We appreciated being included!

Salt Spring Centre School artists

Roses to those responsible people who agree to be designated drivers and ensure us not-so-responsible ones get a safe ride home. It would be nice if the watering holes on the island organized an official program of recognition to provide those who are not drinking alcoholic beverages with free juice or pop.

Roses for our "Saint" for planning Bond Movie Night for this year's grad class. Also to Mike Levy, Hillary and Dan at The Fritz for their generous contributions, and finally to Tim and John of Island Star who continue to give selflessly to our community. Thank you!

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www.gulfislands.net**

## Sustainable Salt Spring vision explored further

Following the excitement generated by Sebastian Mofatt as first speaker in the Imagine Salt Spring series, Elisa Campbell takes up the torch on Thursday, February 15.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel, Campbell's topic is Sustainable Development in an Island Context.

"She will describe community planning projects she has helped to facilitate in other B.C. communities," explains a press release.

"Elisa is a close associate of Patrick Condon, who was not able to speak as originally planned."

Campbell is the director of the Design Centre for Sustainability at the University of British Columbia, which helps local communities plan to be more sustainable.

She also participates in a collaborative program sponsored by the centre, Smart Growth B.C. and the Real

Estate Foundation of B.C. that guides community planning processes in three B.C. communities.

Campbell will share lessons learned from those projects and the sustainability principles applicable to planning Salt Spring's future.

The third speaker in the series is Deborah Curran, who talks on March 15 about Protecting our Green Infrastructure.

Victoria environmentalist-author Guy Dauncey rounds out the series with a climate change talk on April 19.

All events are free to the public.

The Imagine Salt Spring speaker series is sponsored by the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) to enhance the official community plan review that is underway and to extend the dialogue about the future vision of Salt Spring to all interested residents.

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## What's for Dinner?

### Shopping list:

- Beef or pork ribs
- Golden Dragon Szechwan Sauce
- 1 orange
- Fresh ginger
- Garlic
- Root beer
- Toasted sesame seeds
- Jasmine rice
- Aluminum foil



**THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET SZECHWAN RIBS**  
Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2007

Szechwan pepper is native to the Szechwan province of China. Despite the name, it is not related to black pepper or to chili peppers; Szechwan pepper is the outer pod of the tiny fruit of a number of species in the genus *Zanthoxylum*. Several *Zanthoxylum* species grow throughout the temperate belt of China, Japan, the Himalayas and North America. They all have similarities, being aromatic and used in herbal remedies. The North American variety, prickly ash, is known as the 'Toothache Tree' because the powdered bark was used as a toothache remedy and to heal wounds. Only the *Z. piperitum* variety of the East is useful for cooking. Szechwan pepper is one of the few spices important for Tibetan and Bhutanese cookery of the Himalayas, because few other spices can be grown there. The Japanese use the berries and the leaves extensively in their cuisine. Szechwan pepper is associated with dishes from that region which feature hotter and spicier cooking than the rest of China. Star anise and ginger are often used with it and figure prominently in Szechwan cuisine. Szechwan peppercorns are rust colored with thin stems and open ends and have a mildly peppery, woody, somewhat acrid fragrance. The dried berries resemble tiny beechnuts measuring four - five mm in diameter. The rough skin splits open to reveal a brittle black seed, about three mm in diameter, however the spice consists of the empty husks. Still uncommon in the West, it is available whole or ground and sold here also as Sichuan pepper, Szechuan pepper and fagara. *Hua jiao yen* is a mixture of salt and Szechwan pepper, roasted and browned in a wok and served as a condiment to accompany chicken, duck, pork and beef dishes. Szechwan pepper is an ingredient in the Chinese Five-Spice Powder found on our supermarket shelves. If you would like to try a Szechwan sauce I recommend the Golden Dragon label. This is a thick sauce that adds a lot of flavor to any dish. If you prefer sweet to spicy, substitute Golden Dragon's Thick Teriyaki for their Szechwan Sauce. But why not try breaking away from your everyday stir fry and try my Szechwan ribs? I'm sure you'll love these sticky ribs!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl combine **1 cup Golden Dragon Szechwan Sauce** (or Golden Dragon Thick Teriyaki sauce), **1 tablespoon orange zest**, **1/4 cup root beer**, **1 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger** & **2 cloves garlic, minced**. Coat both sides of either **beef short ribs or pork side ribs** with the sauce mixture. (If you wish to tenderize the meat or ensure the most succulent flavor, marinate overnight in the refrigerator.) Place ribs in an oven pan and cover with **aluminum foil**. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Remove foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes uncovered. Remove from oven. Brush with Golden Dragon Szechwan Sauce from the bottle and sprinkle with **toasted sesame seeds** before serving. Serve over steamed **Jasmine rice**. For an extra special look and flavor, garnish with star anise - a small brown star-shaped pungent dried fruit found in GVM's bulk department.

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**RECYCLING RUMOUR:** Grade 12 students Jasmine Tross and Gordon Havelaar can rest assured their recycled materials will not end up in the dump with the rest of the trash. Photo by Sean McIntyre

## Recycling stink unfounded

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Staff

Contrary to rumours circulating through Salt Spring school hallways of late, recycled materials are not being dumped out with the trash.

Over the past two weeks, Dave Henshall, the Gulf Islands School District's facilities manager, has received several phone calls from parents and school staff concerned paper placed in school blue boxes is ending up at Hartland Road landfill in Saanich rather than approved recycling facilities.

"The rumour likely started because of the recent change and because the recycling is now being handled by a garbage contractor," Henshall said. "The paper is not going to the [Salt Spring] recycling depot, but it certainly isn't going to the dump."

Changes came into effect late last year after the new recycling contract granted by the Capital Regional District (CRD) to Salt Spring Island Community Services no longer included funds to subsidize the local depot's handling of materials from businesses and institutions.

Increased participation from island businesses and schools had led to a much greater volume of material going through the Salt Spring Recycling Depot, according to manager Peter Grant.

Last year, the Rainbow Road facility collected more than 1,000 tons of material. For those keeping score, a standard dump truck-sized container filled with aluminum cans weighs in at just more than two tons.

Greater quantities of material, Grant said, now make it financially viable for private enterprises to take recyclables to recycling facilities on Vancouver Island.

"We are now doing things the way they are done in the rest of the world," Grant said. "Throughout the CRD,

all blue box programs are for residential use only."

He said the separation of residential and non-residential materials allows the recycling depot to provide more options for island residents.

People can already drop off plastic grocery bags and the facility will begin accepting electronic waste free of charge later this year.

Collection of recycled materials and garbage from Salt Spring schools is contracted out to Salt Spring Garbage Services. The company transports the schools' recycled materials, including more than 1,000 kilograms of paper, to a facility operated by BFI Canada on Vancouver Island.

Jazzi Griffith, Salt Spring

Garbage Service's office manager, said residents have been asking her where the blue boxes get dumped ever since new regulations were enacted.

"Some people get inflamed on Salt Spring and that's fine," she said. "It's good for people to want to know the truth."

The confusion likely stems from the company's name and its use of vehicles resembling traditional garbage trucks, she said.

If recycled materials were taken to the Hartland dump on the Saanich Peninsula along with regular trash, Griffith added, the company would face serious fines since CRD regulations require all recyclables be handled separately.



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# Blues boogie aims to beat teen SADness

**DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

With long, dark, rainy days and summer sun a distant memory, the winter months can be difficult for anybody. But for some, this dark time can be the final impetus into pain so deep that the only real solution seems to be to end one's life.

Months from November through February pose the highest suicide risk time, although April can also be high risk, likely due to the often rainy weather.

"Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) can also factor into suicide attempts when people are already managing depression and other mental illness such as schizophrenia," said Tracy Harrison, child and youth mental health outreach counsellor for Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS).

**"Be careful about supporting teens in isolating themselves as that can lead to decline. The more a person withdraws, the more they are at risk."**

— Tracy Harrison

Mental health professionals and youth workers attempt to counteract these tendencies by visiting schools to inform students and teachers of the risks, but studies have shown that this approach can generate two different responses. One is that the information is timely and a student recognizes that they need help.

"The other response is that the information can actually trigger the teen into following through with a suicide attempt," said Harrison.

Because of this possibility, the SSICS team has created an event that will intrigue and inspire teens when the risk for teen suicides is greatest.

"The upcoming Alan Gerber boogie and blues concert and workshop on February 14 and 15 is a positive activity that they can share with their friends," said Harrison.

She is extremely positive about the attitude of the Salt Spring community towards supporting and exploring issues of mental health and teen problems.

"The Salt Spring population is tolerant and very interested in support," she said. "The schools are talking about issues and promoting information. It's an 'open school' with a very healthy environment."

What conditions can influence a teen or any individual to go to the extreme lengths of suicide?

"It's a way to problem-

solve, stop the pain and it often seems to be the only way out of the situation they are in," said Harrison. "It is extremely important to take any talk of suicide very seriously."

Signs that an individual may be contemplating suicide include giving away their possessions, talking about not being around much longer and creating access to pills and guns.

"Another indication is that a generally low-mood baseline suddenly changes and the teen's mood is up and it seems things are falling into place."

This occurs because the individual has made the decision to end their life and they are experiencing huge relief. The indecision is over and the pain is about to end.

Harrison stresses that an everyday life approach of acting in compassion and love to all people is the best way to go.

"You never know what is going on with someone," she said. "Judging or criticizing them can send them into a deeper place of darkness and pain. It is best to love and accept an individual and mirror back their strengths."

"It is really important to say something positive to teens as often as possible."

The SSICS team members are all available to help, as are youth and school counsellors. Professionals can help family members learn about issues the teen is struggling with and how to support and respond to that person.

Harrison has some advice about the best way for family members to show support.

"Show compassion but have firm boundaries," she said. "Be careful about supporting teens in isolating themselves as that can lead to decline. The more a person withdraws, the more they are at risk."

Low self-esteem is at the heart of the desire to end one's life.

"The best preventative to suicide is healthy self-esteem," said Harrison.

"Every person that walks through this door for help has problems that come back to their relationship with self."

Events like the boogie and blues show and workshop create a feeling of fun for teens. It's inspiring, educational and an activity that can be shared with friends. The Alan Gerber Boogie Man concert takes place at ArtSpring on February 15 at 7 p.m.

On February 14, Gerber will present With a History of the Blues and A Whole lot of Singing! at the Core Inn from 4:15 to 7 p.m.

He will talk with youth about the history of blues and rock and roll and get everyone singing soulful gospel and blues.

Tickets are \$12 and available at ArtSpring. Harrison has a limited supply of free vouchers and can be contacted at 537-9971.

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7		OMNI	7th Heaven	HappyD.	F.House	F.House	Malcolm	Reba	Acc.Jim	Friends	Raymond	Standard	Diya	Prisoners of Hope	It's a New Day			
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253	359	CITY	CityLine	Ellen DeGeneres	Daily	CityNews	INSIDE	Friends	Beauty & Geek (SF)	Sweet Home Alabama		RAW	:35J. Leno					
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287	379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING 5 News	News	News	Magazine	Inside Ed.	Friday Night Lights	Deal or No Deal	Medium	News	:35J. Leno					
291	383	KCTS	Arthur	Clifford's	Valentine	Business	News	Steves'	Oregon	Balroom Challenge	Hidden Epidemic	Served?	News					
502	390	NEWS	News: Canada Now	The Hour	News: The National	Twister Chasers	News: The National	News: The National	Twister Chasers	News: The National	Twister Chasers	News: The National						
289	381	KIRO	Judy	Judy	News	News	ET	Access	Jericho	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY	News	LateShow					
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42	539	TCM	3:00 A Patch of Blue	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Audrey Hepburn.	The Bridges of Madison County	Clint Eastwood.	Love Letters	Jennifer Jones.	:15 Camille								

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie Breakout for Feb 14, 2007 to Feb 20, 2007

WEDNESDAY, FEB 14

- 29 ★★ The Bodyguard (1992, Suspense)** A singer-turned-actress falls in love with her bodyguard while being stalked by a fan. *Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston* (2h15)
- 42 ★★★ The Bridges of Madison County (1995, Romance)** A freelance photographer and a housewife have a life-altering affair. *Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep* (2h30)
- 6 ★★ A Guy Thing (2002, Comedy)** Following a wild bachelor party, a groom-to-be wakes up in bed with his fiancée's cousin. *Jason Lee, Selma Blair* (2h)
- 12 ★★ Red Planet (2000, Sci-Fi)** When a colonization project goes awry, astronauts are sent to space on a rescue mission. *Carrie-Anne Moss, Val Kilmer* (2h)
- 13 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Comedy)** A designer's plans to remarry are threatened when her first husband refuses to divorce her. *Candice Bergen, Reese Witherspoon* (2h)

9:15 PM

- 29 ★★★★★ The English Patient (1996, Romance)** A Canadian nurse tries to piece together the history of a badly injured pilot. *Juliette Binoche, Ralph Fiennes* (2h45)

9:30 PM

- 42 ★★ Love Letters (1945, Drama)** A woman falls in love with a British Army officer because of the letters he sends her. *Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten* (1h45)

11:15 PM

- 42 ★★★★★ Camille (1937, Romance)** A tragic heroine must sacrifice her own happiness to prove her love for her patron. *Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor* (2h)

THURSDAY, FEB 15

- 29 ★ 2103: Deadly Wake (1997, Sci-Fi)** A sea captain must stop a high-tech freighter loaded with toxic waste headed for Africa. *Malcolm McDowell, Michael Paré* (1h45)

7:15 PM

- 42 ★★★★★ Children of a Lesser God (1986, Drama)** A new and unconventional teacher at a school for the deaf falls for a former pupil. *Marlee Matlin, William Hurt* (2h15)

8:45 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)

9:00 PM

- 12 ★★ Angel Eyes (2001, Thriller)** A policewoman with a complicated family history begins a romance with a mysterious man. *James Caviezel, Jennifer Lopez* (2h)

9:30 PM

- 42 ★★★★★ Hud (1963, Drama)** A rancher's son refuses to destroy a herd of cows when a threatening disease strikes them. *Patricia Neal, Paul Newman* (2h)

10:30 PM

- 29 ★★ Threesome (1994, Comedy)** A love triangle forms as a female student is assigned to share a dorm room with two boys. *Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin* (1h35)

11:30 PM

- 42 ★★★★★ Jezebel (1938, Drama)** A tempestuous, headstrong southern belle foolishly loves a man who is betrothed to another. *Bette Davis, Henry Fonda* (2h)

FRIDAY, FEB 16

- 29 ★ Home Fries (1998, Comedy/Drama)** A pregnant woman falls in love with the stepson of her baby's dead father. *Catherine O'Hara, Drew Barrymore* (1h45)

7:30 PM

- 29 Jump In! (Comedy)** A young aspiring boxer discovers a hidden passion for jump roping. *Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer* (1h30)

8:45 PM

- 42 ★★★★★ The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938, Adventure)** Robin Hood leads his Merry Men in a battle against the corrupt King of England. *Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland* (1h45)

9:00 PM

- 29 ★★ The Devil's Own (1997, Suspense)** A young terrorist ventures to New York City and becomes the house guest of a cop. *Brad Pitt, Harrison Ford* (2h)

9:15 PM

- 12 ★★ Big Trouble (2002, Comedy)** Several lives become intertwined with the arrival of a mysterious suitcase in Miami. *Rene Russo, Tim Allen* (2h)

9:30 PM

- 29 ★★ The Big Green (1995, Comedy)** A teacher and an athlete transform a rag-tag team of misfits into a winning soccer team. *Olivia d'Abo, Steve Guttenberg* (1h35)

10:00 PM

- 19 ★★ Cocoon (1985, Sci-Fi)** The elderly residents of a Florida retirement home are offered eternal youth. *Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley* (2h)

10:35 PM

- 29 ★ Man of the House (1995, Comedy)** An 11-year-old boy tries everything to drive away his mother's new boyfriend. *Chevy Chase, Jonathan Taylor Thomas* (1h40)

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253	359	CITY	8:00 Breakfast TV	Various	Cooks	969/ CityLine	Various	Million...	Various	Various	Various	Rachael Ray Show						
14		KSTW	The Daily Buzz	The 700 Club	Divorce	Divorce	Brown	Brown	The People's Court	Alex	Alex	The People's Court	Like You	Like You				
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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Monday, Feb 19 and Tuesday, Feb 20. Includes programs like About Last Night, Krippendorff's Tribe, and Glory.

# Salt Spring Strings troupe works up some sweet sounds

By **DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

Carolyn Hatch is fostering a whole new generation of island fiddlers and a Salt Spring tradition is taking root.

Picking up where Jaime R-T left off, Hatch is currently teaching almost 40 students, with ages ranging from six to 60. Her latest success story is the Salt Spring Strings Troupe, a group comprised of her most advanced students between the ages of 13 and 15.

"I've had groups like this since I started the Calgary Fiddlers in 1976," she said. "My idea was to present fiddle music to students to improve their classical technique. But then it took on a life of its own."

Hatch has a masters degree in violin performance from the University of Illinois and was highly influenced by pedagogue Paul Rolland, who believed that physical actions could really contribute to improving a violinist's technique.

"Playing the violin has to be a whole body experience," she said. "You need to loosen up the bow and playing arms, and my idea was to use fiddle tunes to achieve this result."

Hatch began to play fiddle music herself and feels it took her 10 years to really master the form. When asked what the difference is between "fiddle" and classical music for the violin, she has a quick answer.

"It's style," she says. "It's really different from classical playing."

The concept of using groups and fiddle music became a mainstay of Hatch's teaching practice and when she arrived on Salt Spring four years ago, starting the



**STRINGS AND THINGS:** Among the members of embers of Carolyn Hatch's strings group are, from left, Ryder Bergerud, Sonya Kornelsen, Sean Cunningham, Sarah Lundy, Kaya Hunter, Braden Young and accompanist Ele Brouard-John.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring Strings Troupe was a natural progression.

The local string group is made up of Sarah Lundy, Ryder Bergerud, Kaya Hunter, Sean Cunningham, Clayton Upex, Braden Young and Sonya Kornelsen. In addition, 14-year-old Ele Brouard-John accompanies the group on piano.

"It would also be great to have a young guitar player to accompany and tour with the group," added Hatch.

Hatch creates all the troupe's arrangements and finds music from as far away as Macedonia. She also likes to teach the dances that go with the tunes as dance is another one of her passions.

Hatch is happy with the level of playing the students have achieved and has great plans for their future.

"They are sounding really

beautiful," she said. "It's a really lovely mix of kids."

Current plans include a tour to Whistler and other venues on Vancouver Island. Hatch prefers to fundraise by playing concerts rather than holding bake sales, with the first fundraising concert planned for April at Lions Hall.

The Sweet Strings Concert will feature an evening of music by the Salt Spring Strings Troupe and ticket holders also have a choice of coffee or tea and a "very decadent dessert" or wine and cheese to accompany their listening pleasure.

"A highlight of the evening will be when the lights dim and the students play the Pachelbel Canon," added Hatch.

Details of the Sweet Strings concert fundraiser

will be released closer to the event. In the meantime, if you have an event or an idea for a performance by these talented young musicians, contact Hatch at 538-1770 or troupe manager Randy Cunningham at 537-8902.

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year, and in honour of that event, the Salt Spring Island Historical Society is holding a special presentation today (February 14) at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

Mouat's present-day general manager Kevin Bell will present a slide show about the company, and will speak about Gilbert Mouat and others who ran the store, and how the company has changed over the years.

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## Local poetry selected

Two Salt Spring writers had poems published in the latest volume — called *The Departing Day* — from the Poetry Institute of Canada.

Caitlin Cunningham, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School last year and is now studying liberal arts at UBC, won second prize in a national poetry contest for her poem *The Saddened Not-Child to Lost Time*. Michael Oliver, who splits his time between Victoria and Salt Spring, also has a poem published in *The Departing Day*.

For more information about the Poetry Institute of Canada, its contests and anthologies, call 250-519-0446 or [poetryinstitute@shaw.ca](mailto:poetryinstitute@shaw.ca).



**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:** Phoenix Elementary School student Roxy Dailly focuses intently on a detailed art project at school.  
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Musical mastery and love of shoes at concert

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
 Driftwood Staff

How unusual to see the person that you just saw on stage at ArtSpring, shmoozing at the CD table at intermission.

You would have expected jazz singer Karin Plato to be resting her voice, drinking hot tea or doing whatever singers are supposed to do at the break.

But there she was chatting up the crowd who were waiting around for her to sign the j-card from the CD. I don't think that it was a market-

ing ploy, as she didn't have a pen. Her rural Saskatchewan roots were showing even though her Anne Klein shoes belied the years on the farm.

Now Vancouver-based, that generosity of spirit was evident onstage with the four musicians present: Louis Mastroiani on piano, Bill Coon on guitar, Dave Robbins on drums and Paul Rushka on bass. All four are fine musicians and the level of respect and connection between them was initiated by Plato's own musicianship and appreciative sense of playful enjoyment with their work.

The ease of her singing was reflected in the whole quintet's laid back approach. Citing Peggy Lee as a favourite, you could see why, as the phrasing and stillness to the vocal quality resonated on Lee's *I Don't Know Enough About You*.

A great piano solo on the second song was a starter of more tasty work to come from Mastroiani. With fluid fingers, he dove around the melody and delighted with invention. Plato even riffed on Van Morrison's *Moon-dance*.

And therein was part of the enjoyment of the concert. Yes, she is an excellent musician in her own right with right-on rhythm and expert control, but at various times in the afternoon on Sunday she sounded like Joni Mitchell because of the pitch of older Mitchell jazz vocals. Her pop songs, with that soft, sweet vibrato, almost sounded like Jann Arden. Once she even sounded like Frank Sinatra because of the phrasing she used.

Plato wrote a couple of her own songs with rhythmic scatting qualities inside

the lyrics and subject matter that spoke of her love of shoes and observations about birds, a topic observed while on her parents' prairie farm.

One expects the pianist to be connected to the vocalist like glue, especially in this case as they're husband and wife, but her duets with bassist Rushka and guitarist Coon also showed copacetic melding.

Rushka and Plato started numerous songs together matching pitch and rhythm in a way that sounded so right and the encore with Coon was a revelation of musicianship.

Though not many songs swung, an oddity for a jazz concert, the Vince Galdi song *Cast Your Fate to the Wind* is a personal favourite and her rendition was emotionally charged.

## Bibb, Tuned Air hit CBC airwaves

Islanders need to set their radio dials to CBC as *The Art of The Spiritual* with Leon Bibb and *Tuned Air* hits the airwaves this week.

The live recording which took place in an exciting in-house session at Studio One in Vancouver on December 8, 2006 will be broadcast on Ideas this Wednesday and Thursday, February 14-15, at 9 p.m.

"The program is a tribute to the life of Leon Bibb with music from the *Art of The Spiritual* show as a musical backdrop," notes a press release.

Many islanders had an opportunity to experience the highly successful *Art of The Spiritual* at ArtSpring last May. The recording session was an incredible experience for the choir and music director Bruce Ruddell reported that it went really well.

"They had a great time and it all came off really smoothly," he said. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them."

The program titled *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* is a detailed journey through the life and musical experiences of Bibb.

"The voice of Leon Bibb has rung from the church choir to Broadway to *The Ed Sullivan Show* to the march from Selma to Montgomery," reads the CBC's Ideas website. "When he found himself as a folksinger, singing the music of the slaves in the chain gangs, he woke up to the politics of race. And he's been weaving politics and music to move audiences ever since."

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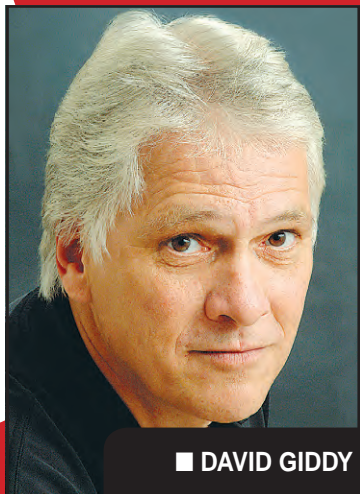
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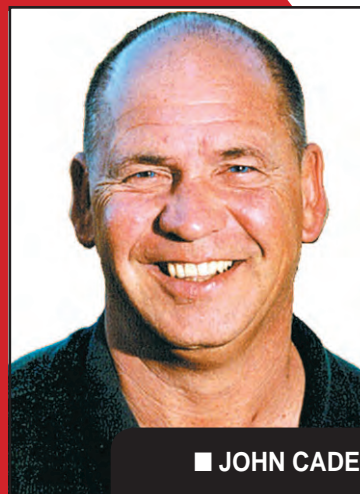
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**FUNDS IN FULFORD:** Salt Spring writers, from left, Peter Levitt, Shirley Graham, Kathy Page, Murray Reiss, Brian Brett, Nadine Shelly and Robert Bateman take part in a benefit Love Your Library event, which took place Friday night at Fulford Elementary School. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Hall set to rock at Auntie Kate benefit**

Auntie Kate is coming to Salt Spring on Saturday night, hooking up with a roster of great island music makers for a benefit dance for two islanders. Gene Grooms and Warren Langley, Soul Shakedown, Lisa Maxx, Ian Van Wyck, Kathy Stack, Dave Rowse, Sue Newman, Patrice, Lauren and Tom Bowler, Bob Delion, the Salt Spring Hip Hop Crew and local tango dancers are teaming up with Auntie Kate and the Uncles Funk to raise funds for Doug Saunders

and Carolyn Gibson. "These long-time residents are spending all their time in Vancouver while Carolyn is recovering from a liver transplant," explains event co-organizer Sue Newman. "Her recent struggle was the result of a tainted blood transfusion many years ago." The February 17 dance at Mahon Hall starts at 8 p.m., but doors open at 7 for viewing and to start bidding on silent auction items. Suggested entrance donation is \$10.

"Some of you will remember Carolyn's friendly face and artistic eye as a staff member at Dawn Luker's stationery shop 'etcetera.' She continued working at Ted and Jane Janzen's Aroma Crystal Therapy until her health condition required her to leave." Saunders has been a friend and working partner of islander Mickey McLeod since their teen days on Texada Island, said Newman, and has carried on with the Salt Spring Coffee Com-

pany until having to provide ongoing care for Gibson. The couple has been involved in the West Coast music scene since the early '70s — Saunders on bass and Carolyn documenting musicians and dancers with her captivating photographs. For further information, phone Cindy Booth at 653-9533, to help with or donate to the silent auction, or Sue Newman, 537-5289, to help set up for the dance. It's also an all-ages event with no alcohol served.

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**Island Savings welcomes Margaret Threlfall artwork**

An exhibition of watercolour paintings by well-known Salt Spring painter Margaret Threlfall is showing at Island Savings Credit Union from February through May 2007. The featured paintings represent her work inspired by the local landscape as well as some semi-abstract seascapes. Threlfall's Serendipity Studio is open to the public and features watercolour paintings, pencil drawings, pastels and oils. Prints of the Salt Spring Agricultural Map, featured in the recent publication Islands in the Salish Sea are available at the studio. Sea Fantasy, Threlfall's recent entry in this year's Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria LOOK show, received an honorable mention award.

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<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Of Love and Music.</b> Marcus Hissen, trombone, and pianist David Enns. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Open Stage with Stephanie Rhodes.</b> Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Valentine's Day Dinner with Swing Shift.</b> Falconshead Grill. Info: 537-1760.</p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Pipe organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Kundalini Yoga.</b> With Nomi at The Gatehouse. 5:15-6:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>South End Nia.</b> Fitness for the Whole Self. At The Gatehouse with Arleen, 190 Reynolds Road, 7-8:15 p.m. Info: 653-9235.</p> <p><b>History of the Blues.</b> And a Whole Lot of Singing workshop for youth with Alan Gerber. Core Inn. 4:15-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alan Miceli.</b> Performs at Rock Salt Restaurant as part of Valentine's Day dinner.</p> <p><b>SSI Historical Society Meeting.</b> Moutat's Store History with Kevin Bell. Central Hall. 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Portrait Drawing.</b> Painters Guild drawing sessions at ArtSpring every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon. Model provided.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Simply Organic.</b> Pipe organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Open Stage.</b> Thursdays at the Fulford Inn Pub.</p> <p><b>The Boogie Man.</b> Alan Gerber with boogie-woogie, gospel and Chicago blues sound. Joined by island youth singers. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>One Night Stand.</b> With Matt &amp; Tom at Shipstones. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>4-H Registration Night.</b> Farmers Institute meeting room. 7 p.m. Info: 653-9054.</p> <p><b>Swing Dance Lessons.</b> With Mike Best &amp; Sue Newman. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Development in an Island Context.</b> Part of Imagine SS Series with Elisa Campbell. Community Gospel. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bingo.</b> At Meaden Hall. 7 p.m. Early bird games. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Rod and Gun Club AGM.</b> 221 Long Harbour Rd. Coffee and dessert at 7 p.m. Meeting at 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Shauna Rolston, cello and Heather Schmidt, piano.</b> ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Live Music.</b> Band TBA at Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Rollerblading.</b> At Fulford Hall on Fridays. 7:30-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Live Raw Dinner and a Movie.</b> Discussion after movie. Reservations necessary. 6 p.m. Info: 537-0634.</p> <p><b>Feldenkrais.</b> Fridays at Cats Pajamas with Anna Haltrecht. 4 p.m. Info: 537-5681.</p> <p><b>Story Time at the Library.</b> For 5 to 8-year-olds, with Clare Cullen. Every Friday, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Preschoolers bring a lap to sit on.</p> <p><b>Circle of Courage.</b> Dr. Martin Brokenleg presentation at ArtSpring, through School District 64. 9-3. Info: Jim Lightfoot, 537-4990.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Pat Coleman Quartet.</b> Jazz at the Rock Salt Restaurant. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Auntie Kate &amp; the Uncles of Funk.</b> And lots of other musicians/dancers perform at a benefit for Carolyn Gibson &amp; Doug Saunders. Mahon Hall. Silent auction starts at 7 p.m.; entertainment at 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Family Yoga.</b> Fun for the family! Ganges Yoga Studio, noon to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Global Warming: a Discussion With David Anderson.</b> Former federal environment minister leads talk on what individuals can do to save the planet. Meaden Hall, 1-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Audio Recording for Songwriters.</b> Workshop. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Info: 537-5931.</p> <p><b>Felt Making Classes.</b> Ulriek Benner. All levels. Info: 537-1723.</p> <p><b>Plan to Farm.</b> Community Dialogue #2 at GISS. Pre-register/info: 537-5511; or <a href="mailto:macey@saltspring.com">macey@saltspring.com</a></p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p><b>Gene Grooms and Warren Langley.</b> Fulford Inn Pub. Every Sunday at 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p><b>Felt Making Classes.</b> Ulriek Benner. All levels. Info: 537-1723.</p> <p><b>Bones for Life.</b> Mondays at Cats Pajamas with Anna Haltrecht. 4 p.m. Info: 537-5681.</p> <p><b>Felt Making Classes.</b> Ulriek Benner. All levels. Info: 537-1723.</p> <p><b>Ready Set Learn.</b> At SS Elementary for 3-4-year-olds and their parents. 1-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>SSI Fire Protection District.</b> Monthly trustees meeting at the Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>activities</b></p> <p><b>Swing Dance Lessons.</b> With Mike Best &amp; Sue Newman. 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ArtSpring. 9 a.m. - noon. Info: 537-1528.</p>
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**Freedom Writers:** Hilary Swank stars as a young high school teacher struggling to get through to her students in an inner-city school. By introducing them to the ghetto of Anne Frank and her writings she finds a way for them to see past their racial and cultural differences as they each write down their own stories of ghetto life in the new millennium. A truly inspiring story of how it is possible to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds.

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**exhibitions**

- **Diana Dean** shows paintings in the ArtSpring lobbies and lounge through February.
- **Margaret Threlfall** shows watercolour paintings at **Island Savings** through May.
- **Kate Leslie** is the artist for February at the **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** cafe in Ganges with a show theme of **Daydreams of a Lesbian Virgin**.
- **Images from a Journey South** — New photography from **Sam Barlow** at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro** through February.
- **Paul Bryans** exhibits his **Salt Spring Impressions** show at **Moby's** until the end of February.

**Auntie Kate and Friends**  
Benefit dance/auction for  
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**SIMS ON STAGE:** Christine Villadsen plays the flute as various music groups — both instrumental and vocal — perform at ArtSpring during Salt Spring Island Middle School's band concert last Thursday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Human family gospel-singing workshop takes place on SSI

Salt Spring Islanders will have the opportunity to refine their gospel singing techniques with former Harlem Gospel Choir arranger Eric Dozier at a weekend workshop for singers.

The workshop, which is for experienced and novice singers, is on February 23, 24 and 25 at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Dozier will also lead workshop participants in a benefit afternoon concert with proceeds going to the Copper Kettle Society, and the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID).

"Eric's vibrant, uplifting repertoire includes spirituals as well as traditional and contemporary gospel music," describes a press release. "He emphasizes music that develops bonds of friendship across racial, religious, cultural, age, gender and socio-economic lines."



Harlem Gospel Choir arranger Eric Dozier

"His goal is 'uniting the world one song at a time.' One participant called his music 'the equivalent of ingesting manna from heav-

en . . . a feast for the thirsty soul.' Training includes vocal warm ups, listening skills, rhythmic technique, rhythmic expression and music history."

The weekend workshops begin Friday, February 23 at 6 p.m. and continue through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday afternoon performance takes place at 2 p.m. Registration is \$75 for one or \$125 for two participants.

The fee covers the entire weekend's events, which take place at GISS. Space is limited, so interested participants are urged to register early. Contact Debbie Wrate at 537-5071 or Lee Evans at 537-4543 to register.

The Sunday afternoon benefit concert is open to the public. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Copper Kettle and SOLID.

## 'Everything Blue' flick found for upcoming Film Festival Café

Everything Blue: The Colour of Music, a much anticipated film at last year's film festival, mysteriously disappeared before the screening, leaving many filmgoers disappointed.

Organizers are happy to announce that they have obtained a copy of the film through Niccolo Roveda, the film's editor, who lives on Salt Spring Island.

The award-winning film will be screened at Film Festival Café on Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. at Barb's Buns along with another Brazilian short, La Garota (The Kid).

Billie Woods will perform Brazilian music from 6-7 p.m., and a discussion with Roveda follows the film.

"La Garota is a film that

came to us unsolicited," said Dick Grier, a café organizer. "We received an e-mail from Brazil asking if we'd like to take a look at it. It's a charming animated short, with no dialogue, which leaves the viewer to his or her own conclusions about what it means."

Everything Blue, according to notes describing the film, "is an investigation of the music of the favelas in Brazil, namely samba.

"While that vibrant music is considered an expression of the soul of Brazil and a realization of the people's joy, [the director] Jesse Acevedo still has the guts to contextualize samba in terms of racism and the long struggle of blacks to resist discrimination since first being brought

to the Americas as slaves."

"We're so pleased that we can finally screen this film. It is beautifully shot and the music is wonderful," continues Grier. "In fact, music is a major focus of our 2007 festival which will be held March 2-4 at GISS and The Fritz.

"If you like Brazilian music, don't miss Favela Rising, not to mention our opener on Friday night, Tocar y Luchar (To Play and to Fight), which will be preceded by food and live local music."

The full schedule and lineup of films is on our website at <http://www.saltspringmediagroup.com>. Film guides will be available in the February 21 Driftwood.

## Pegasus show opens: Travis Shilling oils

Islanders can brush away the mid-winter blues with a February 22 art party at Pegasus Gallery.

That's when the exhibit of Travis Shilling oil paintings is unveiled at an opening reception from 5-7:30 p.m.

"Travis Shilling has excellent artistic credentials," notes a Pegasus press release.

He is the son of nationally known artist Arthur Shilling, who lived on Salt Spring for several years. Although self-taught, Travis has also attended art schools in Ontario.

"Travis' oil paintings evoke a deep feeling of silence. He calls his portraits 'Mindscapes,' expressing his interest in exploring the inward thoughts of his models.

"His landscapes also stand out through his unique use of strong contour lines, confident brush strokes and back-lighting."

Thomas G. Beckett of Beckett Fine Art Ltd. in Toronto has stated: "Travis Shilling's reputation and following as a brilliant young Canadian artist continues to build. It's very exciting and a great honour to be working with him. There is a wonderful soulful quality in his painting. His depth of talent and vision is well beyond his years."

Shilling's paintings can be viewed at Pegasus Gallery daily until March 8.

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# Compelling non-fiction works shared

What do the North Saskatchewan River and the south of France in World War II have in common? More than you might think, at least in the telling.

Two distinguished Canadian writers will read from their new books on these subjects at ArtSpring on Friday, February 23.

Myrna Kostash, a prolific and eclectic writer originally from Edmonton, and author of such well-known titles as *Long Way from Home: The Story of the Sixties Generation in Canada* and *No Kidding: Inside the World of Teen-*

*age Girls*, will read from her brand new book *Reading the River: A Traveller's Companion to the North Saskatchewan River*.

The book explores 21 communities along the river from its origins near Saskatchewan River Crossing in the Rockies to its mouth at Grand Rapids, Manitoba.

In covering everything from geology to First Nations legends to personal encounters with people along the way, the book seeks nothing less than to give the river a voice so it can tell its own story through time and geography.

Rosemary Sullivan's book, *Villa Air-Bel: World War II, Escape and a House in Marseilles*, seeks to recover the story of a desperate episode in the story of mid-century Europe.

For a period of time between the outbreak of the war and 1941, three American émigrés turned a Marseilles chateau into a safe haven for dozens of prominent artists and intellectuals waiting for a chance to emigrate in secrecy from Vichy France. They included the likes of Hannah Arendt, Marcel Duchamp, Marc Chagall, Andre Breton and many others.

"Sullivan offers a gripping look at the desperate and joyous days — with artists hanging paintings from trees — as musicians, scientists, and intellectuals waited for the visas that would give them safe passage," says one recent review.

The joint reading at ArtSpring, which will include a showing of a short film, *The Road Out*, based on the history of Villa Air-Bel, is jointly hosted by ArtSpring, Theatre Alive! and the Salt Spring Celebration of Writers.

It starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by donation.



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### Property tax deferral program benefits seniors

With most British Columbia property owners seeing an increase in their 2007 assessments, Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform, is reminding seniors of the advantages of the Property Tax Deferral Program.

"We're working to build the best system of supports for seniors in North America, and the Property Tax Deferral Program is an important part, providing a simple way for seniors to help manage their housing costs," said Thorpe in a press release last month. "Interest in property tax deferral already spans the province, with taxpayers in rural British Columbia and 132 of 156 municipalities currently benefiting from deferral, and we want to build on this awareness."

In 2006, the number of new applications rose to 4,563, an increase of 60 per cent. This total represents a fivefold increase in new applications since 2001, when just 908 British Columbians applied.

Under the program, the Province pays municipal or rural property taxes on behalf of eligible property owners who are 60 or

older, a surviving spouse, or a person with a disability. Participants may defer taxes on a home in which they live and have equity equal to at least 25 per cent of the current value, and may continue to defer as long as they own and live in the home. After paying a one-time, \$60 administration fee, approved applicants benefit from

simple interest charged on their deferral accounts at a rate two per cent below the bank prime rate, and they can renew annually for \$10.

In any given year, homeowners can apply for deferral at any time between receiving their property tax notice and December 31, the application deadline.

### Library aids visually impaired

• For the visually impaired the Salt Spring Library has two new pieces of hardware. The first is the generous donation of a print magnifier from Ursula Livingston. This machine allows you to place a book, pictures of your grandchildren, or that infernal medicine bottle label on the tray and the print will appear enlarged on a television-like screen.

The other marvellous technological device is a Daisy reader, one of the CNIB initiatives. This replaces the tapes and tape machine for the blind. Compact discs in a special "Daisy" format are supplied by the CNIB and can be put in the reader to listen to. We have one machine in the library as a demo and it can

be borrowed for three weeks to see how it suits the visually impaired person. After that, he/she can apply to the CNIB for a loan or purchase their own.

The third exciting addition is still being developed. It's a product called OverDrive, which allows anyone to download audiobooks onto a personal computer, burn them to CD or put them into an MP3 or other portable device. Unfortunately at the moment it does not work with Macintosh, but if you have a PC and a modicum of computer expertise, this will be a terrific way to get audiobooks for those long trips or for listening at home.

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**SWINGING IN THE RAIN:** Olivia Villadsen keeps dry in the rain, but still manages to swing in the playground at Fernwood Elementary School.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## New healing modality hits with Dublin Bio-Energy

A healing technique hailed in Europe comes to Salt Spring for four days beginning Monday, February 19 with practitioner Michael D'Alton.

Originally from Dublin, Ireland, D'Alton now resides in Vancouver and is director of the International School of Energy Medicine, which specializes in pain management using "bio-energy therapy" to help clients recover from conditions such as back pain, migraines and arthritis. Treatments also help reduce stress.

"Bio-energy therapy is non-invasive and suitable for all ages. It is renowned in Europe for bringing greater health and well-being to the body on the physical, emotional and spiritual levels," states a press release.

After visiting Salt Spring Island on his honeymoon last year, D'Alton was invited back by a patient who met him nine years ago on a trip to Ireland.

In his therapeutic practice, D'Alton addresses blockages in the bio-energy field, the electro-magnetic energy flowing around the body. This re-establishes the flow of healthy energy and kick-starts the body's natural ability to heal itself.

D'Alton adds, "Through my work, I have discovered that our intentions, ideas, thoughts and feelings shape our reality and experience. We can create great changes in our lives when we accept this."

For more information, see [www.daltonsbio.com](http://www.daltonsbio.com) or call 653-9387.

## Plan to Farm dialogue grows at Sat. session

The second of three Plan to Farm community dialogue sessions is set for Saturday, February 17 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Approximately 120 people from a broad variety of backgrounds attended the first Area Farm Plan gathering on January 20, identifying challenges and assets for agriculture on Salt Spring Island and commenting on

pre-identified Plan to Farm process goals.

For Saturday's session, which begins at 1:30 p.m., strategies for maintaining, improving and re-establishing agriculture as an island priority will be discussed.

"Community participation is a central aspect of the Plan to Farm process," states a press release. "The purpose of the three dialogues is to

establish a common base of knowledge.

"These sessions provide an opportunity for participants to discuss agriculture on Salt Spring and articulate a future vision for food and agriculture on the island."

The Area Farm Plan gives the agriculture community its say in the official community plan review.

## Raising kids help at lecture

The Circle of Courage is the topic of an upcoming lecture for school district staff and interested members of the public at ArtSpring.

Dr. Martin Brokenleg will take the stage for a district professional development day on Friday, February 16. He will describe his group called the Circle of Courage and how it can help School District 64.

According to Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Jim Lightfoot, Brokenleg was booked to lecture about a year ago.

The Circle of Courage is the philosophical foundation of Reclaiming Youth International (RYI), an organization that provides training for people who work with at-risk children.

According to information distributed by RYI, "For thousands of years, American Indian cultures nourished respectful and courageous children without employing punitive discipline. Now, recent youth development research is revealing the essential elements in raising confident, caring children."

Drawing on his research, Brokenleg will present the Circle of Courage, which "offers concrete strategies for creating environments in which all young people can grow and flourish."

He will discuss different ways of meeting the kids' needs, explained Lightfoot.

Brokenleg is the director of Native Ministries Programs and Professor of First Nations Ministry and Theology at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver. His areas of specialization include counselling and psychotherapy, education and minority populations, and intelligence testing. He is also a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

The free public presentation runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees must pre-register due to size constraints of the hall. To register, or for more information, contact Jim Lightfoot at 537-4990 and leave a message.

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# Year of Pig: happy-go-lucky time

**By LING WESTON**  
Special to the Driftwood  
Squeals of joy and contentment herald in the Year of the Pig on February 18, 2007.

The pig was the last astrological animal to appear at Buddha's side when summoned; thus completed the Chinese astrological cycle of 12 years; each represented by a zodiac animal.

The year 2007 also belongs to the Fire Element according to the five-element cycle of Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal and Water. So, the combination of these

two cycles designates a baby born between February 18, 2007 and February 7, 2008 with an astrological sign of a Fire Pig; repeated only once in every 60 years.

Both the zodiac sign and the element sign give a baby inherent characteristics and talents; including silver spoons. That explains why each person is so unique. I dare not delve into the other factors like the exact hour and the place of birth, as Northern Hemisphere babies are born under different stars than the Southern Hemisphere babies. I leave

these complications to the experts.

Now back to the basics. Pigs are endowed with the following characteristics:

They are easily contented in their lot; being the happy-go-lucky type of animal of all the 12 zodiac animals. They are home-loving; enjoy gourmet cuisine and love to socialize.

If pigs didn't have to work, they wouldn't. However, if in the workforce, they are well-liked and make enthusiastic team workers in whatever field they choose. Most of the pigs end up pursu-

ing their own independent careers. Pigs make few friends. But those they have become life-long buddies. Above all, they are nurturers and peacemakers.

Since babies born in 2007 are Fire Pigs, the fire element does not make them roasted suckling pigs, but fires up their latest endowment of eagerness and ambition. They seek travel and adventure to liven up their lives. No wonder the Chinese welcome little piglets into their homes and count themselves lucky to have a Pig as a family member!

# Ling Weston shares Chinese culture

**By DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

Artist, activist, humanitarian, writer, gardener, biologist, teacher and resident expert on Chinese New Year, Ling Weston is a true island treasure.

The house that she shares with husband Rick is filled floor-to-ceiling with artwork, sculptures, paintings, ornaments and beautiful artifacts from her past. Loving art since

childhood, she has found that retirement has finally allowed her the time to follow her passion.

Weston settled on Salt Spring in 1988 and has been giving generously to the community ever since.

She has created a beautiful collection of hand-drawn cards, including historical churches of Salt Spring and Chinese lunar calendar images and all pro-

ceeds from their sale goes to UNICEF.

Weston has also been involved at Fernwood Elementary School with salmon hatchery and garden projects and plans to talk to kindergarten children later this month about Chinese New Year.

In addition, Weston will visit Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) to do a class in calligraphy.

"We will do it the right way, with proper pens," she said, displaying an impressive rack of hand-carved calligraphy pens from China. "I will show them how to hold the pen properly and I will grind the ink myself."

In addition to her art, Weston

has also written a book detailing her childhood growing up in China. Titled A Muddle Head's Childhood, Weston has created versions in both Chinese and English.

The Chinese version is stunning, with individual characters painstakingly hand drawn, and including photographs, illustrations and maps. Published by Lightning Press in 1998, any proceeds that Weston receives go to charity.

Weston has written the Chinese New Year articles for the Driftwood for the last six years and when the 12 elements of the cycle are complete, she plans to create a calendar and — you guessed it — donate the proceeds to charity.

# SIMS releases honour roll

*Salt Spring Island Middle School commends the following honour students for their academic performance during the first term of the 2006-07 school year. These students all received letter grades of "B" or better in each of the core subject areas of language arts, math, social studies, science and languages.*

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**LOCAL STARS:** Members of the Salt Spring branch of the Order of the Eastern Star are seen with Ruth Foster, assistant director of Canadian activities (second from right), plus a few platters of Valentine's Day cookies at the Masonic Hall last Saturday, marking Eastern Star Day.

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# Eastern Star Day celebrates years of local contributions

Salt Spring Island marked Eastern Star Day in fine style after Kim Ball, Worthy Grand Matron of the B.C. and Yukon Order of the Eastern Star (OES), declared February 10 as Eastern Star Day.

The B.C. and Yukon OES has a long history of service to humanity through making dressings for cancer patients, as initiated in the 1940s by OES member Grace Shane of Vancouver.

"Shane was shocked to learn of the number of their members who had been cancer victims," explains OES Trincomali Chapter #93 Worthy Matron Trudy Sloan in a history compiled for the Driftwood.

"The unfortunate statistics gave her an inspiration. In line for the 1945-46 term as Worthy Grand Matron for B.C., she bombarded her family doctor with questions about cancer. He supplied some answers and referred her to cancer scientists. From them she learned about and observed the work of cancer clinics. From information garnered during her survey, Shane considered that making cancer dressings would be an ideal assignment for volunteer workers."

By 1946, about 900 women were making cancer

**"Over the past 60 years, we have made more than 20 million free dressings achieved by OES members giving approximately 3,000,300 hours of time."**  
— Trudy Sloan

dressings at 12 stations in B.C. as a result of Shane's efforts. In 1967, she received the Canadian Cancer Society's certificate of merit in recognition of her work.

"Over the past 60 years, we have made more than 20 million free dressings achieved by OES members giving approximately 3,000,300 hours of time," writes Sloan. "Last year the OES donated a total of \$64,638 to our various cancer projects."

That included \$18,000 through the Grace Shane bursary to support doctors and other medical personnel engaged in cancer treatment or research.

The OES cancelled stamp fundraiser raised \$367,000 for cancer projects to date, including \$14,500 last year. Salt Spring's OES chap-

ter participates by collecting stamps from various businesses and the public.

"The stamps are trimmed and sent to Victoria, sorted and sent to our convener in Vancouver where they are sorted and sold," said Sloan.

Trincomali chapter also raised more than \$6,500 for an OES contribution to the cancer agency built in Victoria a few years ago.

"Because of the substantial donation we were invited to submit a time capsule to the Victoria Cancer Agency. Carol Spencer was Worthy Matron at the time and she wrote an inspirational note and signed and sealed the tube. The tubes are at the agency and its website talks about them."

Trincomali chapter also gives to other OES charities such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, theology bursaries and bursaries for further education. In addition, each year the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron visit the cancer agency and choose a special equipment project for the patients. Enough funds are often raised to buy more than one item.

Anyone who would like to help OES with fundraising by saving stamps is encouraged to call Trudy Sloan at 537-2975.

# Bat facts focus of slide show event

A presentation on some "remarkable but mysterious animals of the night" swoops into Lions Hall next Friday night.

Using slides, recorded sounds, and personal stories from his many years of research as a curator with the Royal B.C. Museum, Dr. David Nagorsen will reveal various aspects of bat natural history, including their abilities to fly, their use of sonar to navigate and track prey, where they roost, and how and where they hiber-

nate in winter.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy event, which runs February 23 at Lions Hall, will see Nagorsen provide an illustrated presentation about bats of B.C. with a focus on Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands. Nagorsen is co-author of Bats of British Columbia and a consulting scientist in the field of mammalogy.

Our bats are of special concern as indicators of healthy ecosystems and nearly half of B.C.'s bat spe-

cies are considered at risk or of conservation concern by the Provincial Conservation Data Centre.

Nagorsen's talk will explore the various threats to bats, and a variety of conservation measures including the construction of bat houses and bat-friendly methods for exclusion from buildings.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

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Events that may trigger a spiritual emergency can be a Near Death Experience, meditation, being separated from one's spiritual teacher, a loss of faith, a kundalini experience, changing one's religious or spiritual beliefs or inter-dimensional, extra-terrestrial contact.

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This is usually when families and friends start ringing up the local mental hospitals looking for a cure.

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**HIGH SCHOOL ACTION:** Above, Amanda Hoy, Kristi Lee and the senior girls basketball team defeat GISS staff in a close 44 to 43 game. Below, senior boys wait to see if the ball drops into the basket in a game against Ladysmith on Friday.

Top photo by John Cameron; bottom photo by Evelyn Edwards



## Senior boys roll into basketball playoff event

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Boys (GISS) basketball team is heading to the Southern Vancouver Island Championships on a high note after defeating the top-ranked AA team from Ladysmith 81-57 on Friday afternoon.

"This definitely gives the boys some confidence," said Lyall Ruehlen, the Scorpions' head coach.

The home team wasted no time taking the early lead in front of a near capacity crowd at the GISS gymnasium.

Right from the start the Scorpions appeared on the ball and prepared for the league's best, although Ladysmith was also missing its number one player, noted Ruehlen.

Bob Byron, the Scorpions' point guard, said his team is proud of their performance regardless of who was or wasn't on the court.

"We started out strong and didn't let up. There was no change in momentum because we always had it," he said. "I suppose it's possible missing their key player may have made a difference but this was still one of our best games of the season."

Byron said it was difficult to single out any one player from the team since everyone played a positive game.

"We were all playing our best," he said. "Passing and shooting and everything worked out so well. Hopefully it'll continue this weekend."

On Friday the senior boys travel to Victoria for the Southern Vancouver Island Championships.

In other Scorpions basketball news, the GISS senior girls team didn't let a slow start get them down in a Victoria tournament last weekend.

After playing one of their poorest games of the year against Willingdon Secondary School, the Scorpions put together a two-game winning streak and finished the tourney in sixth position out of 10 teams.

Player Kayla Gromme earned the most valuable player honours in the team's final match after sinking a series of free throws and scoring a last-minute lay up to give GISS a 43-42 victory over Dover Bay.

The players thank the GISS improv team for fan support during the game.

## Hoops success at SIMS

Basketball fever is not letting up at the Salt Spring Island Middle School as the boys and girls teams capped off yet another winning week.

"The quality of play is very high," said Jude Shugar, SIMS athletics director. "There is a lot of physical play and everybody is playing really well."

Despite dropping their first match of a weekend tournament in Nanaimo to Springwood 46-9, the midget boys mounted a successful comeback against Nanaimo District Secondary School to earn a spot in the B-side final against Kwilicum.

A solid effort from the opening quarter gave the boys an early lead and they didn't look back. The boys went on to win 52-19.

In other basketball action, the SIMS girls kept their winning streak alive in a nail-biter of a match against Duncan's George Bonner school.

Thanks to a last-minute surge, the midget girls pulled off a 26-24 victory in the game's dying moments.

The girls finished off last week on a winning note by defeating Kwilicum 34-20 in a game on Thursday.

"Both games featured great offence and defence from everybody on the team," Shugar said.

SIMS students are showing an unprecedented interest in basketball, he added. Numerous competitive and intramural teams have been set up to make sure all students get a chance to participate.

## Fog brushed aside in latest bridge club play

By JILL EVANS  
Driftwood Contributor

For most of the players on January 22 it was a horrible evening of bridge, full of unmakeable contracts which seemed perfectly reasonable before they were doomed to the Slough of Despond.

But for Isabelle Richardson and Conhor Vane-Hunt there was no problem and they finished in a resounding first place atop the Delectable Mountains.

### BRIDGE TRICKS

Next in altitude were George Laundry and Paul Retallack. Third place had double occupancy, with the Ian Thomas/Zelly Taylor and Sandy Thompson/Blanche Poborsa partnerships climbing side by side.

Fog was the order of the day on January 29.

Best at finding their way through it were Jean Elder and Patricia Hewett, with Joan Conlan and Sue Mouat close behind. Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor retained their position in third place and the rest hoped for clearer vision the next time as they wended their way home through the near-zero visibility.

On February 5 there was still thick fog but a good turnout anyway.

Best at brushing it aside were Sandy Thompson and Blanche Poborsa, just half a point ahead of a tie between the Ian Thomas/Zelly Taylor partnership and the Bob Morrisette/Paul Retallack combination.

If you'd like to have a go at duplicate bridge and would like some information, please call George Laundry at 653-9095 or e-mail [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca) (that's a new e-mail address).

## Sports Schedule



### GO, SCORPIONS, GO!

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The shorthanded visiting team tried hard to keep up with the Dragons until a late first-half goal placed the hometown squad in front for good.

"The opposite team put up a strong defence but they were playing short and were unable to match our offensive strength," said Louise Doucet, a Dragons player and team spokesperson.

With help from a long and perfectly placed cross-field pass from Mardon Dary, Kym Sheppard Bellavance headed a solid shot past the opposing keeper moments before the first half whistle.

The half-time break did little to curb the Dragons' momentum as Meghan Guti-

erez and Cheryl Johnson helped get the ball to Sue Anne Donaldson, who landed a strong shot past the Vic West keeper.

"Donaldson's ball handling and speed were very evident in this game where she repeatedly attacked the net and broke through an organized defence," Doucet said. "Jeannie Gray also stood out with her ability to play any position required with skill and finesse."

Doucet said the Dragons' defence worked well throughout the game, offering the opposition few shots on net and little hope of making a comeback.

"The defensive end worked solidly together to move the ball up in quick accurate passes to the mid-field, who then distributed it up the third in solid triangular passes," said Doucet. "Unfortunately, not every-sweet play resulted in a scoring opportunity."

## Strong game spells victory over Sooke

Players on Salt Spring FC finally quenched their thirst for victory with a 1-0 victory over Sooke Celtic Saturday afternoon.

Despite multiple chances for the early lead, the home team made things suspenseful for loyal fans lining the Portlock Park field by waiting until the game's final minutes to score the day's lone goal.

"We spent most of the first half in their half and had multiple corner kicks, but couldn't seem to score," said Jordon Morrison, FC team manager.

"We really deserved the win. Everybody played a strong game."

The game's winning goal came late in the second half when Jesse Fisher completed a stellar bicycle kick to get one by the stunned Sooke keeper.

According to Morrison, the victory gives FC payers an added boost as they prepare for the season's final weeks.

Conditioning issues from an extended winter break played a major factor in a loss earlier this month but, Morrison said, are now a thing of the past.

The Salt Spring defence limited the number of shots on goal and keeper Jonathan Macdonald stood his ground to make some crucial first-half saves to keep FC in the game early on.

"He really came through," Morrison said.

The victory gives Salt Spring FC sole possession of seventh position in the Lower Vancouver Island Soccer League's first division.

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The shorthanded visiting team tried hard to keep up with the Dragons until a late first-half goal placed the hometown squad in front for good.

"The opposite team put up a strong defence but they were playing short and were unable to match our offensive strength," said Louise Doucet, a Dragons player and team spokesperson.

With help from a long and perfectly placed cross-field pass from Mardon Dary, Kym Sheppard Bellavance headed a solid shot past the opposing keeper moments before the first half whistle.

The half-time break did little to curb the Dragons' momentum as Meghan Guti-

errez and Cheryl Johnson helped get the ball to Sue Anne Donaldson, who landed a strong shot past the Vic West keeper.

"Donaldson's ball handling and speed were very evident in this game where she repeatedly attacked the net and broke through an organized defence," Doucet said. "Jeannie Gray also stood out with her ability to play any position required with skill and finesse."

Doucet said the Dragons' defence worked well throughout the game, offering the opposition few shots on net and little hope of making a comeback.

"The defensive end worked solidly together to move the ball up in quick accurate passes to the midfield, who then distributed it up the third in solid triangular passes," said Doucet. "Unfortunately, not every sweet play resulted in a scoring opportunity."

## Strong game spells victory over Sooke

Players on Salt Spring FC finally quenched their thirst for victory with a 1-0 victory over Sooke Celtic Saturday afternoon.

Despite multiple chances for the early lead, the home team made things suspenseful for loyal fans lining the Portlock Park field by waiting until the game's final minutes to score the day's lone goal.

"We spent most of the first half in their half and had multiple corner kicks, but couldn't seem to score," said Jordon Morrison, FC team manager.

"We really deserved the win. Everybody played a strong game."

The game's winning goal came late in the second half when Jesse Fisher completed a stellar bicycle kick to get one by the stunned Sooke keeper.

According to Morrison, the victory gives FC payers an added boost as they prepare for the season's final weeks.

Conditioning issues from an extended winter break played a major factor in a loss earlier this month but, Morrison said, are now a thing of the past.

The Salt Spring defence limited the number of shots on goal and keeper Jonathan Macdonald stood his ground to make some crucial first-half saves to keep FC in the game early on.

"He really came through," Morrison said.

The victory gives Salt Spring FC sole possession of seventh position in the Lower Vancouver Island Soccer League's first division.

FC's next game is against sixth-place Vantreights (6-4-2) in Victoria on Sunday afternoon.

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6 DEATHS

### Evelyn Tillie Blair



Born May 17, 1919 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Passed away peacefully on February 7, 2007 at Lady Minto Hospital.

She now joins her husband Wallace John to explore the mysteries that lay before us. "Tillie" leaves behind her daughter Cheryl Blair and son Bill, as well as her loving sisters Mabel Gottschau and Mary Petroni.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the staff of Lady Minto for their constant and unselfish care during my mother's lengthy stay. Their support gave me strength.

I will miss my mother deeply; in her eyes I could do no wrong and her smile made my heart fly.

6 DEATHS

### Robinson, Margaret

January 13, 1917  
to  
February 10, 2007



Passed away peacefully at Greenwoods. Margaret is survived by her son Bryan Conley (Mary) of Los Angeles, sisters Kathleen and Jean, Brother Bryan, granddaughters Sarah and Laura, great-grandchildren Roman and Sophia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

We wish to thank the wonderful staff at Greenwoods for the loving care Margaret received.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greenwoods Foundation.

The memorial service will be held at Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Ave. at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 15. A reception following.

6 DEATHS

**HOPKINS, STUART 1924 - 2007**  
STU PASSED away peacefully in Lady Minto Hospital with his wife of 60 years at his bedside. Stu was preceded by his son, Brad and his six brothers. There will be no service at his request. Left to mourn, his wife Jean, daughter Linda, and two grandchildren. Sincere thanks to the staff at Lady Minto, Dr. Woodley and Dr. Gorenson. Rest in peace Stu.

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464

8 CARD OF THANKS

SPECIAL THANKS to my friends and neighbours at Brinkworthy for their sympathy and kind thoughts extended to me for the loss of my husband Brian. Brian loved the island and had many friends, he will be sadly missed by friends & family. Thank you all Sandra Hooker.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

**SSI ROD & GUN CLUB AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL meeting. Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. 221 Long Harbour Rd. Join us for coffee & dessert at 7 p.m.

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](mailto:mgreggains@bc.cancer.ca). Let's make Cancer History.

20 COMING EVENTS

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1  
February 19th, 2007  
PUBLIC WELCOME

20 COMING EVENTS



**Auntie Kate and The Uncles of Funk & Guests**

A benefit for **Caroline Gibson**  
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**Saturday, February 17 7:00 pm**  
**Mahon Hall**  
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20 COMING EVENTS

**Salt Spring Concert Band**  
7th Annual **SOLO Competition**  
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**Salt Spring Historical Society**  
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February 14: *Mouat's Store History* - Kevin Bell  
March 14: *South SSI Women's Institute*  
April 11: *Geological History of SSI* - Jack Gunn  
May 9: *AGM, Capitaine Paul Bion* - Chris Arnett  
All programs are on **Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Central Hall**  
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## 32 MEETINGS

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**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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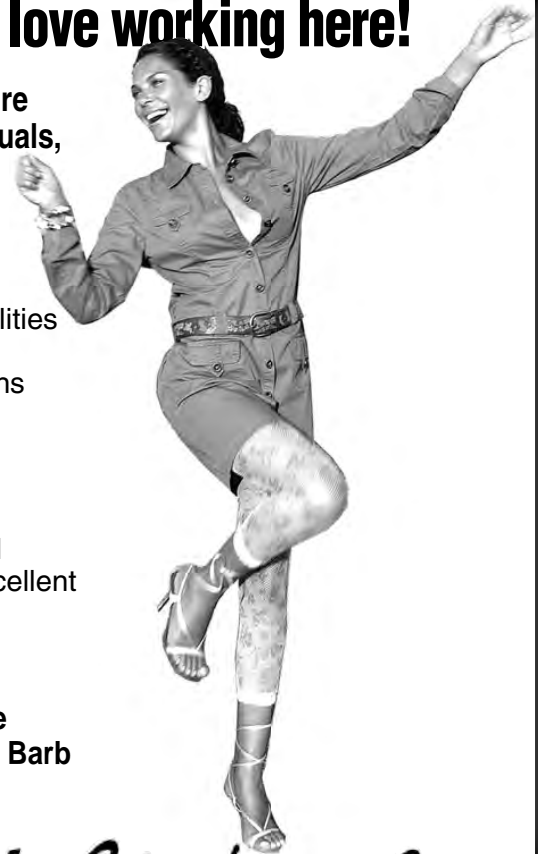
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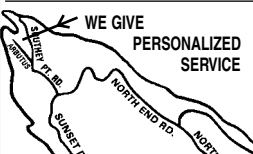
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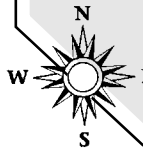
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*This Week's Horoscope*

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

Your power potential continues to brew. At this time you are awakening to and actualizing some of the deeper reaches of your individuality. At the same time, you are wondering who you really are and what constitutes actual dream visions of your future. You do have a destiny so why not tune-in to that rather than remain lost in the popular delusion that you create your own destiny. Sure, we are co-creators but the bigger creation is already in place and was before you were even born. Are your choices and will larger than that of life itself. No! So, make the wise choice to surrender your little ego will and tune-in to who you really are and what life actually has in store for you.

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

Living life while you are waiting for your life is actually life. Yes, more Aquarian riddles. This means that we often impose our opinions on life and trick ourselves into believing that it will really begin one day when actually it really began a long time ago. We are often just a couple of subtle shifts of perception away from seeing the truth of who we actually are and the exquisite beauty of the eternal now shining brightly in every facet of life. Socially stimulated beliefs and perceptions combine with our own to remove us from the mystery of our own flow with creation and the mind gets disappointed. From the heart it is all God.

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

Do you realize that it is your destiny to be a dream weaver? It takes love combined with faith and higher imagination to activate the high side of this power. If you allow fear to win you will actually express the dream decoder; the low side of your power capitalizing on the fears and confusions of others. Of course, this is how much of the world operates and that is why the world is in such trouble. You're most basic challenge is to learn to control your imagination. It will work for or against you. Fear, doubt, worry, pessimism - these are the signs of fear. They arise naturally yet we can choose to recognize them as the mind slayers that they are and intentionally turn each respectively into love, faith, visualization and confidence.

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

A stripping of outdated patterns, values and ego-assertions towards a deepening of energies and dream visions with others of like mind has continues as a deep end process for you. Beyond the drone of daily mundane events a deeper purpose is underway. Clearing the old can be confusing and uncomfortable, even

painful if there is resistance. However, it can also be very liberating and rejuvenating as well. Like cleaning the basement and sending junk to be recycled and garbage to the dump to make more room for a family member or a visiting friend, the shift in energy is noticeable.

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

Seeing through perceptual blind spots and their associated expectations and other impositions towards realizing the higher love that is yours to enjoy continues as a central theme. Balancing personal realities and responsibilities with relationship dreams and ideals requires continued concentration. Here is a little formula that might help: 1) recognize and humbly acknowledge personal blind spots that are manifesting as pettiness, blame, abuse and tyrannical attitudes in your relationships. 2) Let go of how things were and step into how they are now. 3) Be grateful for the people in your life expressing your feelings in words, deeds and affections. 4) Nurture your and their creative spirit with love, vision and a spirit of adventure.

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

Changes in your lifestyle are reflective of the changes in your relationships and vice versa. Hopefully these are to your liking. If not, perhaps it is because you have not yet surrendered to your life reality and instead continue to exercise undo control. Signs of this are that you pay more attention to the letter of the law than the spirit. Such vigilance always backfires on the one who anally adheres to codes rather than learns to love people. The consequent stress of such holding will manifest as dis-ease of some kind. Being right is a luxury with a high price and is actually a false notion of superiority while being happy is pure, simple, innocent and divine like a child.

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

Creative genius is not something a few possess, it is a state of mind that some actually tap. The first requirement is clear intentions to do so and the second is action to achieve the goal. Avoid complicated questions about how it works and simply do it and you will see that like a switch, a user's manual is not always needed. Inspiration is a key ingredient in activating the magic yet sometimes the realities of our living environment are not inspiring. Are you bored or lulled into stagnant resignation due to some of the realities of your living space? If so, what can you do? Clean the closets, hang an inspiring painting or poster.

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

So, you are something of an enigma to both yourself and others. That mysterious side of you is actually a reflection of you mystified by your own depths. In there is the magic of your imagination. Perhaps you are sometimes horrified and that is what you are hiding. Beneath whatever darkness that may frighten you is pure light, are you aware of that? The challenge is to go deep enough to see that light and not to get lost in fear, dread or vice along the way. The key to this is the art and process of stilling the mind; you know meditation. If you imagine you can then you can but if you believe you can't then you are right.

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

Your mind has been extra active and alert these days. You are eager to expand your horizons yet you may feel or actually be blocked by other players. As passive and weak as it may seem, your challenge is to yield to rather than force the issue. This probably implies listening at least as much as being heard. It takes a lot of faith to yield especially when others behaviour is controlling. Imagine that whatever is happening is so "for" you and not "to" you. In the bigger picture, it probably has to do with pushing you beyond comfort, familiarity and security.

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

Making connections, building upon new foundations and stirring-up the possibilities are keeping you busy these days. Your imagination is extra active and this could both serve you very well and prove very enjoyable as you engage in the daily march. At deeper levels you are to understand that pushing through

and beyond out there requires that you are able to do the same within. Perhaps you have your habitual style and way and you are proud of it. However, imagine that they may not work as well as you might like. This is where being open to guidance or advice and or to activating new methods comes to mind.

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

A new vision is guiding your dreams and actions these days. A whole new quality of expression is rising. The momentum is large and there is something glorious at play. You may feel a little overwhelmed by it all just now so keep breathing and be patient and keep an open mind. Breaking through outer resistances, troublesome players, delays, issues, illnesses and the like is the other end of the deal. Maintain your focus by affirming rather than negating what you want. The time has come to more fully orient your conscious awareness to a level beyond that of mere logic, in other words, the higher mind.

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

Are you effectively taking some time out behind the scenes these days? This is ever a wise choice a month or so before the Sun enters our own sign. That you feel the call to expand your social horizons somehow is the other side of the story. It is likely that you feel a little cautious about it all yet also determined. Preparing the ground behind the scenes is a good idea. This can mean anything from actual meetings and activities designed to present a better outer show to working inwardly on breaking through fears, resistances and lacks of any kind. Your willingness to learn from others whatever you feel is lacking is key in this regard.

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**A BLAST ON BLADES:** Rollerbladers at Fulford Hall appear to be having a great time. Rollerblading takes place at the hall every Friday night.

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## Sidewalk Superintendent

### The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

#### Body piercing business newest show in town

Ganges has a new business with impact. **Body Piercing by Staci** has opened at 125 McPhillips Avenue beside the library, specializing in services for kids with a wide selection of jewellery to choose from. Health board certified, **Staci Hornucki** has moved from Vancouver with her husband and two children, and truly "takes pride in what I do." Anyone under 17 years of age must have a parent or guardian present.

• **Gulf Island Picture Framing** is pleased to announce the opening of their new store, right next door to the previous shop, in 3202 in Grace Point Square (upstairs).

**Gabrielle Jensen** invites everyone to drop by to view an even larger selection than before, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment at 537-1299.

• The coffee you've been enjoying at **Barb's Buns** for the last 15 years, provided by the first organic coffee company in Canada, can now be enjoyed at home — packaged up in all its goodness. Check

out the new yummy salads, soups and constantly evolving treats and breads that **Jason and Jennifer** dream up.

• Check out the **Salt Spring Inn** website for photos of the soon-to-be opened restaurant and inn, the latest project of business partners **Barry Edwards** and **Jeremy Milson**.

Salt Spring Inn held an appreciation night Saturday for island workers who have almost completed the project. Edwards dedicated the kitchen to **Rita Dod**, who also attended the event, acknowledging her years operating **Rita's Inn** in the same building.

• In light of attention now being paid to climate change worldwide, **Salt Spring Books** is selling **George Monbiot's** acclaimed book called **Heat: How to Stop Our Planet from Burning** for 20 per cent off the regular price, reports islander **Dorothy Cutting**. "Andrew from Salt Spring Books has also begun the process of lending this book to businesses around town and made a limited number of books

available for borrowing from the store," said Cutting.

• On Sunday, February 4, **Bellavance Welding** launched a 40-foot boat built in its Salt Spring shop for a customer in Ontario. It was the company's first large water craft built since **Gene Bellavance's** son **Greg** and family took over the business after Gene's death in his airplane in 2004.

• **Poets Cove Resort and Spa** is living up to its name by offering a weekend writing workshop led by Victoria poet, author and memoir-maker **Wendy Morton**.

The February 24-25 retreat includes overnight accommodation in a lodge room with private balcony and fireplace at **Poets Cove Resort & Spa**, a workshop on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, group dinner on Saturday evening, and Sunday morning breakfast. Cost is \$213 per person, based on double occupancy, or \$287 for single accommodation. Reservations can be made by calling **Christine Ball** at 250-655-9388.

# Hooligans can't cage Tigers in youth soccer competition

## SOCCER KICKS

Salt Spring's U10 boys Hooligans team was unable to avenge an earlier-season loss to the fast, opportunistic Gorge Tigers at a hastily improvised field at Portlock Park on Saturday.

It appeared the Hooligans would improve on their last encounter with several fine shots by **Brendan Elwell**, **Louis Everest** and, in particular, a rasping effort from **Luke Hylands** that "dinged" off the crossbar. Gorge capitalized on Hooligans' failure to clear their own goal area and scored three smash-and-grab goals for a quick lead.

Despite great efforts by **Dylan Shaver**, **Kai Lampard**, **Dhruval Shah** and **Nicholas Honour** to storm the Gorge goal, the visitors held on. Coach **Cotterell** put on his last reserves in an attempt to break down Gorge, with **Dustin Billwiller** and **Sebastian Howe** defending against further scores and the attack peppering the Gorge goal — but to no success.

Team spirit was epitomized by **Hylands'** comment "we had a moral victory" and a special team cheer for Hooligan **Johnny Caron**, who performed heroics in goal for the entire game.

• Two weeks ago Salt Spring's U12 girls team coach was away at an intensive coaching course in Mexico. In his absence, the team tied 2-2 with a great performance, including goals from **Becki Steel** and **Linda Her-**

bert, and a brilliant penalty save by **Madison Greggains**.

Now, armed with the "Jose Cuervo pocket coaching manual," the coach returned to try and guide the team to victory against **Gordon Head**. He wasn't needed!

From the first blast of the whistle, Salt Spring attacked with bulldog-like vigour. No chase was given up, every ball was won, and the keepers were commanding. Salt Spring's defence was solid and anticipated any move **Gordon Head** made. The midfield was tireless and creative, while the strikers were lethal, ambitious and intelligent.

By half time the girls were already up 2-0, with a brace from the inspired and hard-shooting **Hari Brooks**.

By full time it was 6-0: **Brooks** completing a hat-trick, **Brenna McIntyre** scoring her well deserved, first goal of the season and **Kim Rothwell** with a left-foot, right-foot double to round off the scoring. It could have been more.

The whole team played wonderfully and showed how good they can be, leaving the watching parents bubbling with pride.

The coach, meanwhile found time to consult the

coaching manual: "First take the juice of three limes . . ."

• Salt Spring's U18 boys team hosted **Prospect Lake** on Sunday, settling for a 3-2 loss.

The first home goal was scored when **DJ Lake** shot from the 18-yard line and it deflected off the goalie's hands to land in net.

In the second half, **Gordon Havelaar** chipped a high ball on a free kick which was then headed into goal by an opposing player.

The local squad generally outplayed **Prospect Lake**, keeping the ball in their third for most of the game. Still maintaining a 3-5-2 formation, **Isaac Raddysh** had a strong game at right defence, travelling up and down the wing, shifting quickly from defensive to offensive stance.

He was effectively supported by **Havelaar** and **Liam Johnston**. The midfield wall dug deep, fending off most of the offensive attacks and skillfully moving the ball up the field. **Jeff Pringle** and **Stuart Garside** as outside mids, assisted by **Rusty Fedberg**, **Callum Gunn** and **Eland Bronstein** in the centre, double-teamed and distributed the ball forward.

Unfortunately, **Lady Luck** did not smile on Sunday and **Prospect Lake** managed to score some very weak goals on sporadic breakthroughs.

## Team Trueman hits all the right buttons in Salt Spring action on the curling rink

An ardent group of 25 sports enthusiasts turned their back on the sunshine and headed into the cold for the fifth annual Salt Spring Island Funspiel curling tournament in Duncan on Saturday.

Despite one participant's claim the event is comparable to sweeping the inside of a gigantic deep freeze while occasionally stopping for refreshment in the lounge, even the lowliest of teams went home with prizes, smiles and more than a few sore muscles they never knew they had.

Only one team, on the other hand, won the honour of car-

rying back the highly coveted mock rock trophy and bragging rights for the boat ride home. That was three-time winner **Team Trueman** — **Mark Trueman**, **Chris Weber**, and **Margaret and Henry Leier** — who cemented their curling dynasty by finishing the event with a 6-0 record. **Trueman** outscored their opponents 36-5.

Even though the competition is getting stronger as more players make return appearances, **Weber** said, the tournament is still mainly focussed on having fun.

**Blake Gold**, representing the second-place **Big Rock**

rink, said he wouldn't have missed the tournament for anything.

"It's a great way to get people together no matter who they are," he said. "Every time I looked around, I saw people having a good time."

**Bank of Montreal** and **CIBC** teams rounded out the top-four positions.

The 12-hour curling marathon was the brainchild of **Jim Pasuta**, who wanted to give Salt Springers an opportunity to participate in a sport they wouldn't normally have the chance or inclination to try.



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