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ISLAND HEROES

Lifesaving society honours islanders

Pilot and passengers commended for bravery

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Lifesaving Society of British Columbia is set to honour three Salt Spring Island residents on Saturday for their heroic rescue of a father and son from the Strait of Georgia's frigid waters.

"It's what I hope was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," pilot St. Clair McColl said Monday of the March 2007 rescue. "I would not want to be in that position again."

McColl was on a routine flight from downtown Vancouver to Ganges last March when passenger Mary Paul spotted two people standing on an overturned boat in the middle of the strait.

"I looked out there and wondered if they were out there for fun; then I noticed an arm waving for help," Paul said in an interview shortly after the incident.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SIGN OF SPRING: Shael Lampard pets a rabbit at the annual Salt Spring Island Cheese Farm's Easter open house. Easter arrived early this year, but there was no shortage of baby animals for visitors to pet at the Reynolds Road farm. See more photos, Page 30.

VANDALISM

School vandals sadden students and staff

Donuts in field
force locked
Fulford gate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students and staff at Fulford Elementary school have spent the past week and a half reeling over the wanton destruction of their beloved soccer pitch by weekend mischief makers.

"We came to school last week and everyone was just looking out the window at the field," said Andrew Sinclair, a Grade 4 student. "It makes us really sad."

Staff members first discovered the damage when they arrived at the property on March 17.

It is believed vandals partying on the property left wheel marks on the field after doing donuts on the school's field late on the Saturday night of that weekend.

This is the second such incident to befall the school this year.

The worst thing is the vandals' insensitivity to the community, according to principal Shelly Johnson.

She said the school district will limit weekend access to the site by locking the parking lot gates, forcing field users to park along South Ridge Road.

"It's too bad that everyone has to suffer because of this senseless act," she said.

Though monetary damage is minimal, School District 64

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RAINFOREST APPEAL

Creekside campaign in home stretch

Salt Spring Conservancy's extra \$25,000 brings goal in sight

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Maureen Moore was apologetic on Tuesday. "Our voices are all worn out from telephone calls," the Save Salt Spring Rainforest campaign coordinator said before providing the latest results in the campaign to save the Creekside

rainforest property near Beddis Beach.

Moore has as many as four or five volunteers working in her home at any time, which has become "Rainforest Central Office," the headquarters of an intense effort to save the 19.5-acre forest lot from development. Despite the looming March 31 deadline to come up with close to a million dollars, morale at the base camp is high.

"We are all optimistic, and we are all working more than full time on the project now," Moore

reported Tuesday.

There is reason to be optimistic. At presstime the amount raised was \$940,000, a mere \$35,000 short of the net cost. Fees and GST will bring the amount to just over the one million mark. It seems more and more segments of the community continue to bring whatever they can to the cause. A big boost came last week when the Salt Spring Island Conservancy board voted to

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NEWSBEAT

Field field damage draws school ire

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facilities manager Dave Henshall said it will probably take several months before the grass can recover. "It's more of an eyesore than anything else," he said. A part of the field at Gulf Islands secondary is only just now recovering from a similar incident that occurred late last year. "This kind of behaviour comes and goes depending on their mood," Henshall said of the vandals. "They think it's fun, I guess." Sunset Drive residents also reported that troublemakers overturned signs and address markers late last week. Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact the Salt Spring Island RCMP at 537-5555.



Fulford Elementary School students Shaye Unger, left, and Andrew Sinclair stand tall against further "donut damage."

McColl, Paul and Yardley receive medals

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McColl, Paul and fellow passenger Jonathan Yardley landed the small de Havilland Beaver floatplane near the stranded boaters and proceeded to lift them into the plane. The pair were on their way from the mainland to Valdez Island when their small aluminum boat capsized in rough seas 90 minutes before help arrived. The father and son were transferred to medical per-

sonnel waiting at the Richmond sea plane terminal. They were treated for hypothermia and recovered from their injuries. "The winds were strong and that's why their boat capsized," McColl said. "If the winds had been a tad stronger I wouldn't have been able to land. It was just on the edge." One year after the incident, McColl said, he still makes a point to scan the water in the event of a similar emergency. "There's a lot of action on

the water and it's not a rare occasion," McColl said. During a flight several weeks after the rescue, Yardley witnessed rescue personnel coming to the aid of crew members aboard a small fishing vessel sinking just off the coast. "It's getting to the point where nobody wants to fly with me anymore," he joked. Yardley added that he had no fear during the rescue, a fact he credits to McColl's professional handling of the incident. "He's an extremely talent-

ed pilot," he said. The Lifesaving Society aims to reduce water-related deaths and injuries. This weekend's ceremony at the Hotel Vancouver is a chance to credit people who have helped fulfill that mandate. "This is an auspicious and important ceremony, as we recognize British Columbians and Yukoners who have shown courage and bravery in saving life in an aquatic environment," the Lifesaving Society's executive director Dale Miller said in a press release.

YouTube video added to fundraising arsenal

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donate an additional \$25,000, making the group's total contribution \$50,000. "We are excited at the opportunity to support Maureen Moore and her team and The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC) in their excellent efforts to save these important lands," said Jean Brouard in a press release on behalf of the board. "We strongly urge everyone who has not yet contributed, or who can give a little more, to make a donation to help protect this rare and fragile land. It will only take a few more generous donors to bring this campaign to a wonderful conclusion." "We're very happy that the

conservancy decided to give us this incredible support," said Moore, adding that all the individual donors are extremely appreciated as well. While the team of volunteers is busy phoning people to call in pledges, additional donations continue to come in every day. "Some people are dropping off cheques at Salt Spring Books and some people are making donations directly to The Land Conservancy marked for the Creekside appeal. Even more children are giving from their allowances, and they will see their names in the ads as well." Individual challenges issued by members of various island professions are

also bearing fruit, Moore says. Responses to a challenge made by massage therapist Kelly Johnson include Masayo Hora and Salt Spring Island Chiropractic. "These challenges add another element that shows that many people in different parts of the community are supporting this cause, and it just seems to add to the really uplifting idea that this entire community is involved," Moore observed. "We've also had 800 hits on our YouTube video so far, and many of those people are calling me to make donations. Some of those people are from out in the world, and some of them are former Salt Springers who remember walking [on the rainfor-

est lot] as children." With just days to go until the final deadline, and no extensions possible, Moore remains confident the community will pull through. "I think because of the momentum that has been created and because community support has been so strong, the people who haven't donated yet will come forward, and also the people with the means to give more will come forward." The six-minute video by Brandy Glovka on YouTube can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7-AP1zp60U>. Donations can be made at Salt Spring Books, or through Moore at 538-1732.

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ENVIRONMENT

Bateman blackens painting to mimic oil spill

Robert Bateman web video protests Kitimat pipeline

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Artist Robert Bateman willingly destroyed one of his favourite prints, Orca Procession, by covering it with black paint during the making of a YouTube video in his Salt Spring studio.

Protesting a potential increase in coastal B.C. oil tanker traffic, the video, uploaded last week, shows Bateman smearing black over the images of whales and seabirds to show the effect a future oil spill could have on marine life.

"Living on the coast of British Columbia couldn't be more perfect for me," he says in the video. But an oil spill "... could be lights out for countless thousands of individual things, faded to black, to extinction."

Sponsored by the Dogwood Initiative, a Victoria-based watchdog group, Bateman's video Not a Pretty Picture has been viewed over 3,000 times since it was posted on March 13. It prompts viewers to sign an online petition at notankers.ca, urging a legislated ban on tankers in order to "protect our coast forever."

Although protected since 1972 by a moratorium on foreign oil tanker traffic transiting the waters of Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound, it has not been formally written into legislation.

And the moratorium does not apply to oil tankers sailing to or from B.C. ports — a detail of concern for environmentalists in light of Enbridge Inc.'s announcement to the National Energy Board last month that it will be taking up plans for building its previously tabled Gateway Pipeline.

The project, rekindled by the interest of a Chinese investor, proposes a \$4-billion petroleum export pipeline to transport oil from the Alberta tar sands to a new marine terminal in Kitimat where it would be shipped by tanker to China, other Asia-Pacific markets and California.

"This is upping the ante increasing the scale of [tanker traffic]," said Bateman from his Salt Spring home on Tuesday.

"It's going way too fast," he said of the rapid expansion of the Alberta tar sands project. Oil is going "in exactly the wrong direction" and extracting it and bringing it to the surface is "increasing carbon and we should be putting money into other alternatives."

The release of Bateman's video, said Charles Campbell, communications coordinator for the Dogwood Initiative, coincides with the current threat to coastal waters posed by the Gateway Pipeline. It would bring 400,000 barrels of oil a day to the B.C. coast and up to 156 tankers per year, he said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DOGWOOD INITIATIVE

Artist Robert Bateman defaces his own art to illustrate potential oil spill.

The B.C. government could regulate tanker traffic, but Campbell is concerned the B.C. government supports the pipeline, citing Richard Neufeld, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum, who wrote in a 2005 letter to Enbridge Inc.: "The government looks forward to working with Enbridge as your work on the Gateway project continues."

Online viewers have responded to Bateman's video; notankers.ca has collected over 19,000 petition signatures

as of Tuesday that will be issued to the federal government in the upcoming months.

Bateman said he hopes his video and the petition will discourage the government from giving the "go ahead" to the Gateway Pipeline.

"[Oil spills] could be a disaster for one of the most glorious parts of the planet," says Bateman in his video. "If we allow tanker traffic there is going to be an oil spill. One accident is too many. And accidents do happen."

News briefs

Alcohol, drugs in RCMP news

Police attended several alcohol and drug-related matters leading up to and through the Easter weekend, including road checks, a head-on motor vehicle collision and noise bylaw complaints.

On Wednesday, March 19, police stopped a vehicle at 10:29 p.m. driven by a 27-year-old male who had consumed marijuana. He was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving and his vehicle was towed.

Just a few minutes later, police stopped another vehicle where there was a smell of burnt marijuana in the vehicle and an odour of liquor on the driver's breath. The 25-year-old male driver was investigated for refusing to provide a breath sample and will appear in court in May. His vehicle was towed.

Police attended the scene of a head-on collision near the intersection of Rainbow and Booth Canal Roads at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday. Both drivers were taken by ambulance to hospital with undetermined injuries. One 49-year-old female driver was later released from hos-

pital and faces charges of impaired driving and "over .08." She was released on a promise to appear in court in the near future.

On Friday, March 21, police attended a house party on two different occasions in the Vesuvius Bay area and issued a noise bylaw violation ticket to the homeowner. Police phoned the guardians of one female minor to pick her up; a second 11-year-old girl was taken by ambulance to the hospital due to her state of intoxication.

Also on Friday, officers en route to a noise complaint noticed a vehicle depart-

ing from a nearby residence at 10:27 p.m. A smell of liquor was evident when the vehicle was stopped. A 20-year-old male driver with an 'N' licence, carrying two passengers, was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police observed a vehicle swerving in its lane towards the centre line on Saturday at 1:21 a.m. Officers stopped the vehicle and noticed a stale smell of marijuana from inside the vehicle. The driver admitted consuming the drug and was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving.

OCP Review

Affordable housing and density transfers will be front and centre at a day-long Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) review meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 27.

The meeting follows community meetings held earlier this month to gauge public opinion on whether or not to legalize secondary suites and seasonal cottages, and how to proceed with the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's position on amenity and density transfers.


Thursday's meeting will

include a review of information trustees received during those public meetings.

"These are crucial issues as we continue reviewing the OCP and we want to hear from the community before we move to the next stage," Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring said in a press release for the event.

The public meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Proposed OCP changes can be downloaded from the Islands Trust website at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/ss/default.cfm>.



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2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

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3 Vesuvius - Monday-Saturday

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8:30	8:40	8:45	9:00	9:05	9:10
12:15	12:25	12:30	12:45	12:50	12:55
2:30	2:40	2:45	3:00	3:05	3:10
4:30	4:40	4:45	5:00	5:05	5:10

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4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire candidates, hall question set

Voting day April 21

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustees have settled on a referendum question regarding the purchase of land for the construction of a new Ganges fire hall.

The question asks Salt Spring Island property owners if they are in favour of "enacting Bylaw No. 103 authorizing the borrowing of \$540,000 plus applicable standard closing/adjustment costs to purchase the 300 Upper Ganges Road land for the purpose of constructing the new #1 fire hall?"

The question will appear on the ballot in conjunction

with the names of four nominees vying for two vacant trustee positions.

Derek Barrio, Dave Collette and Jay MacAulay, along with incumbent Mary Gillies, will vie for three-year terms, according to returning officer Thomas Moore.

Trustee Bruce Patterson announced earlier this year that he would not be running for another term.

The election date is set for Monday, April 21 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Advance voting is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Voting will take place at the Ganges fire hall.

Fire trustee Mark Wyatt said Tuesday that he and

fellow board members are close to finalizing details for an open-house tour of the property at 300 Upper Ganges Road in order to address questions and concerns the public may have about the proposed site of the new Ganges fire hall.

The date and time of the event will be made public as soon as they are confirmed by trustees, he said.

Trustees meeting on March 17 voted to pursue a referendum on the purchase of the Upper Ganges Road property after learning that final construction plans for a fire hall would not be ready before the end of May.

Trustees believe settling on a parcel of land now will

provide a logical starting point for replacing the aging fire hall in Ganges.

A second referendum, expected before the end of 2008 is required to authorize the borrowing of additional funds to build a fire hall.

To qualify as an elector, voters must be a resident of B.C. for at least the past six months, a Canadian citizen and an owner of property within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

Qualified voters who do not appear on the electors' list may register on voting day provided they produce two pieces of identification such as a driver's licence and assessment notice.

CLIMATE CHANGE

It's lights out for Earth Hour on Saturday

On March 29 between 8 and 9 p.m., lights will be switched off across Canada to honour Earth Hour, a World Wildlife Fund event to raise awareness about climate change.

Earth Hour, which began as a single event in Sydney, Australia in 2007, has ballooned into a global happening that will see more than 20 cities participat-

ing this year, from Toronto to Montreal to Vancouver.

Individuals, businesses and towns can sign up to participate at www.earthhour.org.

The WWF website aims to get thousands of participants to "...show the nation and the world that Canadians are leaders in addressing climate change."

None of the Gulf Islands has officially signed up to participate in Earth Hour.

However, the Salt Spring Energy Strategy encourages attendees at their 2 Degrees of Fear and Desire theatre performance at Fulford Hall to turn their lights and appliances off at home before leaving.

ENVIRONMENT

Residents urged to go pesticide free

Online pledge system set up

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Forty-four per cent of Capital Regional District (CRD) residents applied pesticides to their lawn, flower garden, trees or shrubs in the past two years, according to a 2007 survey.

In response to the continued use of pesticides, the CRD Roundtable on the Environment has launched an online pledge site where residents can commit to pesticide-free lawn care.

To "err on the side of caution when it comes to the non-essential use of pesticides," the roundtable aims to reduce pesticide use because it poses environmental risks and because the health risks associated with low-level pesticide exposure are uncertain, especially in children.

While many Canadian communities have opted to enact a bylaw prohibiting pesticide use on residential lawns, only one CRD municipality — Victoria — has taken this route so far.

"A lot of municipalities are not wanting to enact a bylaw,

but from a regional perspective we can reduce pesticides by educating people about the alternatives," said roundtable staff liaison Andrea Mercer.

Participants receive an "I've taken the pledge" lawn sign which the CRD hopes will get the public thinking about pesticide alternatives. The CRD also encourages participants to take leftover pesticides to an authorized dealer for safe disposal.

On Salt Spring, leftover pesticides can be dropped off at no charge at the Salt Spring Recycling Depot. Staff will accept pesticides in their original containers, with lids securely fastened and unmixed with any other product.

The pledge is phase one in a multi-year CRD pesticide use reduction and education initiative, which has also received financial support from the Islands Trust.

Laura Stringer, Islands Trust communications specialist, said she hopes the pledge will encourage people to follow through with the action of reducing pesticides.

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PUBLIC HEALTH



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Bruce Patterson gets ready for new provincial government regulations that forbid display of tobacco products in retail outlets where minors could see them.

Tobacco "denormalized" by strict new regulations

B.C. rules now among world's most stringent

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

New tobacco regulations coming into effect on Monday will literally push tobacco products under the counter at retail outlets on Salt Spring and across the province.

As of March 31, retailers will no longer be permitted to display tobacco products or tobacco-related advertising material in any stores accessible to persons under 19 years of age.

Regulations also ban smoking within three metres (10 feet) of public doorways, open windows and air intake vents. Smoking will be prohibited in all indoor public places and work places.

"These new regulations are largely aimed at taking away the normalization of tobacco use," said Dr. Richard Stanwick, chief medi-

cal officer for the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) on Tuesday. "It will be monitored much more closely and regulations will remove the temptation."

Fines for people caught violating the provincial government's new regulations had not yet been established on Tuesday morning but, Stanwick said, VIHA's immediate priority is on education, not punishment.

"Heavy handedness is not the approach we have used in the past," Stanwick said. "The idea is to stop kids from being faced with a barrage of tobacco products every time they go into a store. Cigarettes will still be available, but signs will not be as prominent."

When contacted for an opinion about the changes, Patterson Store owner Bruce Patterson joked that he is considering masking customers when they enter his store. Advertising cigarettes in braille is another way he is pondering to avoid removing his prominent display of

cigarettes and other tobacco products behind the counter at his Fulford shop.

"I could soon be operating a speakeasy-style operation behind the store," he said.

All joking aside, he said, new regulations probably won't have an impact on his customers.

"As long as we still carry them, people will still smoke," he said. "They're still not illegal."

Tobacco-related illness is the leading cause of preventable death in B.C., causing an estimated 6,000 deaths each year. Smoking kills more people in B.C. than all other drugs, motor-vehicle collisions, murder, suicide and HIV/AIDS combined, reads information on the provincial government's tobacco-control website.

More information on the new rules can be accessed on the government's website by following the links at www.gov.bc.ca/health. Violations can be reported to VIHA by calling the tobacco control line at (250) 360-1450.

BC FERRIES

Fares up April 1

Islanders are reminded that B.C. Ferries fare increases go into effect on April 1. Routes between Vancouver Island and both Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands will go up four per cent, while routes connecting Vancouver Island and the mainland go up 7.3 per cent.

Rates for prepaid discounts will also increase April 1. A press release warns that as of April 16, passengers with prepaid paper tickets not stamped with the new, higher price will be required to pay the difference at the ticket booth.

Fare increases are attributed to the cost of fuel, as well as operating costs and capital expenditures.

"If world oil prices remain at the current historically high levels, B.C. Ferries expects a fuel surcharge will be automatically implemented by the fall," notes a press release.

With the April 1 increase, the price of an off-peak ticket for an adult foot passenger traveling from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour goes from \$8.35 to \$8.70, while vehicle costs rise from \$23.85 to \$24.85. Peak fares, in effect from June 27 to September 7, will increase to cost \$9 per foot passenger and \$28.70 per vehicle.

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Hummers sighted

Salt Spring's first Rufous hummingbird sighting of the year to come with photographic evidence was reported March 11 by Jean Brouard of Roland Road.

Brouard, a hummingbird aficionado, feels it's unlikely an earlier sighting by Deb Hamilton on Feb. 4 was a Rufous.

Juliette Laing of Wilkie Way saw her first Rufous male on March 19, a second on the 21st and several more since. Laing says the Rufous' return coincides with the flowering of the wild currant plant.

"It's always exciting and I try to be ready for them when they come," said Laing. Her preparations include having a feeder ready with a sweeter solution than usual to help the hummers recover from their long journey; Laing uses a 3-1 water/sugar mix instead of 4-1.

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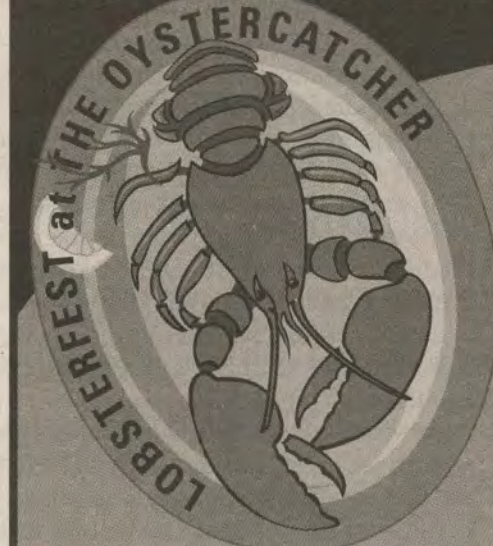


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NEWSBEAT

Ferry commuters — a community of their own



The 6:15 a.m. walk-ons —
An inside look at a floating
community.

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For four months out of the year, they see Salt Spring only in darkness.

Leaving their Fulford homes on foot before dawn, the commuters each make their way by flashlight down to the ferry terminal's loading deck. As they collect at the pedestrian gate there is little chatter, though the group of 12 know each other well — many have commuted together for years. They are not fully awake so words are reserved for necessity.

Every weekday, the 6:15 a.m. walk-ons ride the ferry from Fulford Harbour to work on Vancouver Island, most returning via the 5 or 7 p.m. sailing. Their lives divided between city and rural island, they say it's sometimes difficult to know

"We have the same bus driver and Larry makes sure we're all on before the driver takes off."

LYNN WANAMAKER,
Regular commuter

to which community they belong. But during their two 35-minute trips per day on neutral waters, the walk-ons pride themselves on being a community of their own.

On this Friday morning in March, the Skeena Queen is carrying some 40 passengers: about 30 drive-ons and 10 walk-ons (some commuters; others are drivers of industrial vehicles).

When the pedestrian gate lifts, a group of five long-term commuters take over their usual ferry lounge: the front left. They take papers, laptops, coffee thermoses and breakfast sandwiches from their backpacks and settle in.

Other walk-ons grade student papers, prepare for lectures, check e-mail or eat breakfast from a Tupperware container while looking out one of the large window panes into the dark.

During peak tourist season from April to September, ridership on the Skeena Queen spikes. But during the off-season, it's the commuters who populate the morning ferries during the work week. Even the ferry workers know this group of walk-ons by name.

Commuters contribute to the Salt Spring economy by earning wages off-island. They support transportation infrastructure, which, in addition to the B.C. Ferries system, includes B.C. Transit and carpool and rideshare programs. As walk-ons, their environmental footprint is lighter than those of their drive-on counterparts.

Watching the group pursue their individual diversions on plastic benches, under fluorescent lights with the rumbling engine below, one wonders what toll the daily journey might take.

"It takes a certain constitution to commute," said UVic political science professor Larry Woods, who explains travelling in the dark and getting home late can be difficult. "I get home, spend a few minutes with my family and then I go to bed."

For Woods, commuting is a trade-off. As a professor at the University of Victoria, he must leave Salt Spring to pursue his line of work. While he points out Internet technology allows commuters to work part time from home, some professions require travel five days of the week.

Ben Cooper, for example, works full time as a mechanic at the airport in Sidney. Since his skills are highly specialized, it would be difficult for him to make a living without commuting every day.

The reflector-clad Cooper rides his bike for the land portion of the journey. He said he enjoys the ride, it saves him money and driving a car would only shave five minutes off of his commuting time.

In addition to the environmental benefits, reduced costs are mainly what prompt this morning's group to travel on foot. For a return fare during off-season, walk-ons pay \$17 less per day than drive-ons. Using prepaid tickets, each return trip costs a walk-on \$5.70, but it costs \$22.80 or one person driving an undersize vehicle.

Woods chooses to ride the bus. For a month's travel he uses a \$33 monthly

worth of prepaid ferry passenger tickets. His total transit-related costs are \$153 per month or \$7.29 per day.

Woods said he feels this cost is minimal when the driving alternative is considered and once maintenance, gas and insurance are factored in.

Fortunately, his workplace encourages transit use — Woods' monthly university pass costs him \$33 per month when other commuters pay \$73.25 for a monthly adult pass from Victoria's transit system.

Another bus rider is early childhood educator Lynne Wanamaker, who works in Sidney. She said she enjoys the combination of city and country living, feels at home with her group of ferry riders and takes comfort in knowing there are others like her who make the journey.

"We all look out for each other," she said, "We have the same bus driver and Larry makes sure we're all on before the driver takes off."

Streamlined and efficient travel is critical to the commuter who does not have time to spare. The walk-on group finds their travel fairly seamless now, but that was not always the case. A few months ago, ferry departure was delayed at times and caused some of them to miss their connecting bus in Swartz Bay. And their bus was scheduled to leave the terminal just as the ferry was docking.

Woods said B.C. Ferries accommodated them by assuring prompt departure and Victoria Transit altered the schedule so they would not miss their bus.

"We had to be persistent," he said, "but they have been responsive."

Victoria Transit's new #70 express bus route, in effect as of September, is a step in the right direction, according to Woods and Wanamaker. Both will ben-



PHOTO CREDIT
ABOVE: The "commuter five" assemble as the Skeena Queen docks in Swartz Bay.



PHOTO CREDIT
BELOW: Jan Havelaar and Ben Cooper catch up on their reading while on the ferry.

rently, it takes 75 minutes on average to travel from Swartz Bay to downtown Victoria. Victoria Transit expects the new express route will cut that time in half.

"We have proven it can be done by ferry and bus!" Woods said.

As the Skeena Queen pulls into Swartz Bay, the five walk-on commuters pack up and move outside to wait again behind another gate. When released onto the berth there are no goodbyes. They plod individually up the ramp, knowing they will re-group again at the end of their work day for the commute

Transfer station continues to raise stink with Lee Road neighbours

Governments in no rush to litigate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Representatives from neither the Islands Trust nor the Capital Regional District (CRD) say they are in any position to act on neighbours' complaints over the ongoing operation of a waste transfer facility on Lee Road.

"It is an unfortunate situation, but we have no grounds to pursue litigation," Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew said. "We were engaged and this is the outcome. It is a decision we are required to live with."

Litigation involving the CRD, Islands Trust and transfer station owner Laurie Hedger concluded in 2003. An agreement between the three parties gave Hedger's property legal-non-conforming status, permitting the continued operation of a solid waste transfer station with a Class 1 licence from the CRD at the Lee Road site.

According to the ruling, Hedger can operate his waste disposal facility on no more than a quarter of the property.

Speaking at the Local Trust Committee meeting earlier this month, Patti Lavine voiced concerns over the scale of operations at the site.

"I've never experienced anything like this before," she said. "My yard is unusable because of the fumes and the dust. Please do something about this industrial attack on our neighbourhood."

Fellow neighbours speaking at the meeting complained of employees allegedly driving recklessly along Lee Road, a proliferation of vermin, wastewater leaching and noise in excess of 85 decibels.

Neighbour Harry Warner said the modest operation in place at the time of the ruling has grown well beyond limits imposed by the 2003 agreement.

Warner presented evidence that clearly states Hedger did not use the property to store solid waste before 2000. He wants the Islands Trust to enforce its bylaws and order activity on the site be maintained at pre-trial levels.

"These are some of the only properties in B.C. which have decreased in assessed value," Warner said. "Given the lack of bylaw enforce-

ment, it is highly unlikely I will ever retire."

Tom Pickett, a neighbour immediately adjacent to the transfer station is asking the Islands Trust and the CRD to provide written confirmation they have looked into the alleged bylaw infractions and an explanation outlining the reasons behind the 2003 court decision.

"I hate to say it, but it's not our bailiwick."

JOHN CRAVEIRO
Assistant manager,
CRD Solid Waste

"We've still had no details and no official response," Pickett said Tuesday morning. "The facts do not support the decision."

Despite the neighbours' complaints, conditions of the 2003 ruling do not place a limit on the transfer stations' scale of operations so long as the activities are

confined to the designated 2.2-acre area, said the CRD's assistant solid waste division manager John Craveiro.

So long as the operation falls within regulation governing what can and cannot take place on Class 1 transfer station sites, he said, there's little he can do.

"I hate to say it, but it's not our bailiwick" he said. "This issue has been in the courts and a decision has been made in accordance with the Islands Trust's land-use regulations."

Craveiro said the CRD can only issue an operating licence if a facility meets requirements set out by the Islands Trust, as is the case with the Hedger property.

So long as he is operating within the specified area of operation, Hedger said, he is acting fully within rights given to him under the 2003 agreement.

"It would be like telling the owners of a coffee shop they could only sell X number of coffees every year," he said.

He said he entered the business as a community service to islanders.

"I never knew I'd be in this business, but that's how it goes," he said. "This is the most positive thing I've ever done."



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MARKET MAVENS: Saturday Market in the Park staff, from left, Sharon Carroll, Krishna Rodriguez and Minzie Anderson were "on the beat" for the first time March 22.

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EDITORIAL

Joke's on us

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc couldn't have picked a better day to implement the latest in its series of fare hikes.

On April 1, fares for Salt Spring's three routes will increase four per cent. Fares linking Vancouver Island and the mainland will rise 7.3 per cent.

A B.C. Ferries press release further notes that "rates for prepaid discounts on the minor routes will also increase."

It's no wonder B.C. Ferries can no longer see the irony of hiking fares on April Fool's Day since costs are anticipated to climb even higher in coming years.

According to information on the Save Our Ferries website, fares on the Tsawwassen-Southern Gulf Islands will increase 153 per cent between 2003 and 2011. Fares between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island are projected to increase 96 per cent during the same period.

Fare increases, states B.C. Ferries management, are due to rising cost of fuel, operating costs and capital expenditures. There's no talk of declining provincial subsidies.

So far, it appears islanders have had little other recourse but to grin and bear the changes.

Consumer boycotts are great if you're faced with a choice, but more than a little self-defeating if the decision leaves you at home and paying a premium for gas and other goods.

THE ISSUE:

Ferry fare increases

WE SAY:

Step up or keep shelling out

Letter-writing campaigns may be well-intentioned, but often end up as a months-long one-way discussion.

Advisory committees fail to bring together the bigger picture facing coastal residents.

It's estimated that 20 per cent of the province's residents rely on the ferry network, yet no one group effectively shares information and mobilizes concern.

That's all started to change in recent months.

Thanks to www.saveourferries.com, coastal residents have a valuable resource to chart the changes and turn the tides.

Over the past several weeks, hundreds of island residents from Quadra and Gabriola islands have occupied ferry terminals, ships and local MLA offices to show their discontent.

As one of the most populated and stereotypically boisterous islands in the Strait of Georgia, it remains to be seen what will happen when Salt Springers add their voice to the chorus.

Only then can we hope B.C. Ferries will realize its ongoing charade is no laughing matter.



Mining in the Fulford Valley?

The clear-cut scars on the hills above the Fulford Valley are a painful reminder of the long-term impact of industrial logging. Now we face the possibility of also looking at an open pit mine.

On Friday, April 4 at 6 p.m., a public information meeting will be held at Fulford Hall regarding this proposed mine.

Yes, another gravel extraction and rock crushing operation is in the works, only this time, it's 100 metres from the Mill Farm Regional Park boundary. The permit also allows a quarry operation which involves blasting, crushing and screening 50,000 cubic metres of material a year (total of 250,000) until 2013.

The amount of material that may be removed from the site at the end of Jones Road would be equivalent to one football field to a depth of 15 stories. That number represents 21 dump truck loads a day, making a return trip, for a total of 42 truck trips a day (at peak periods), five days a week, for five years.

Many island residents see the Fulford Valley as the main agricultural area on the island. Blasting rock, excavating material, crushing and screening rock is really noisy, carries long distances and over a long period would be clearly incompatible with agricultural activities. Continuous noise and occasional strong vibrations from blasting can be extremely disruptive and can cause physical stress that is harmful to neighbours and wildlife.

Views of the bucolic Fulford Valley appear on many websites and tourist advertisements. For many visitors, this valley is the gateway to Salt Spring. Yet from the cross-section shown on the mine application, more than 60 per cent of the quarry would show as an unsightly 250-metre (825-foot) scar, visible above the trees on the north slope of Hope Hill.

This excavation would be seen all along Fulford-Ganges

VIEWPOINT

"... this valley is the gateway to Salt Spring."

Road and would also be visible from the popular Mount Maxwell Park viewpoint. Tourism is the island's major employer (22 per cent of jobs), second only to the public sector (at 25 per cent), so it is important to consider the negative implications of a mine for one of Salt Spring's major industries.

The proposed mine is located on a steep, unstable slope and right next to Kyler Creek, which contains salmon and trout and is also a tributary to Fulford Creek (salmon stream). As vegetation is removed, water flow to downhill properties will increase. Although the applicant has given verbal assurances he will provide a 30-metre buffer, dig settling ponds and slope the mine away from the stream, no hydrology or engineering studies have been done. Neighbouring agricultural properties and salmon streams are potentially at risk of being damaged by excessive run-off.

Islands Trust trustees will have a say in this matter. We urge them to consider the precautionary principle and not take chances with our health, environment or the tourism sector of our economy. They need to let the Ministry of Mines know this is not an appropriate location for an open pit mine.

The Provincial Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources gives final approval for a mining permit. It's important concerned residents attend this meeting on April 4 at Fulford Hall from 6-8 p.m. and write to our trustees Peter Lamb plamb@islandstrust.bc.ca and George Ehring geh-ring@islandstrust.bc.ca at 500 Lower Ganges Road V8K 2N8 with a copy to the Ministry of Mines Division, eddy.taje@gov.bc.ca, P.O. Box 9395 Stn Prov. Govt., Victoria, V8W 2V9.

The above was written by Salt Spring residents Maxine Leichter, Larry Appleby, Claire Heffernan, Kees Visser, Stan Windsor, Louise Windsor and Leah Gronow.

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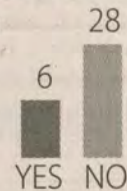
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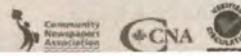
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Unbelievable

It's heartening, I suppose, to read that the Driftwood believes Salt Spring's gas station owners when they say they are not the ones setting the prices at their pumps. ("Getting hosed" editorial, March 19.)

I personally have a hard time believing it. If I did, I would also have to believe that off-island suppliers have purposefully targeted Salt Spring, among all the possible communities in Canada, to gouge with higher prices. This includes communities where one would expect to pay more because of their remoteness. And there is a big remoteness factor in Canada. Whitehorse pays less than us! And what about our own neighbours, Saturna and Mayne? We all know they're harder to get to than Salt Spring and yet it's almost worth the

trip over there to gas up.

So with all due respect to the folks trying to make a living selling gas on Salt Spring, and I know it can't be easy, until they are more forthcoming about how they arrive at their prices, I will continue to fill my gas tank off-island.

JOANNE BEALY,
SALT SPRING

South-end solution

South Salt Spring has always been poorly served for internet access. ("South-enders seek high-speed solution . . ." March 19 Driftwood.)

Even in the early days of Imagen the ability of southern islanders to complete and maintain a connection to the modem bank in Ganges was problematic at

best. This was/is due to the ancient infrastructure in place and the unwillingness of Telus to upgrade.

What the southern islanders should be looking at is, instead of everyone investing in a satellite connection themselves, pooling their resources, setting up a single satellite downlink, then propagating the signal from house to house with wireless connections. Given the proper antennae, routers, and line-of-sight, wireless links can be extended further than the default range.

Given enough funds, WIMAX would be the way to go. Unfortunately this is a rather expensive solution at the moment, and beyond the means of most small communities without governmental support.

ANDREW HAIGH,
SALT SPRING

Shoes to fill

Salt Spring Community Theatre has been supporting and encouraging fledgling actors and production crews for over a decade. Averaging one production a year, this informal group has devoted endless hours of volunteer time to mentoring theatre enthusiasts and producing fully staged shows.

Since 2004, the group has been headed up by myself as president and Therin Gower as treasurer, but both of us are finding ourselves occupied with other interests and are now looking to resign our posts.

A meeting will be held at Moby's Pub on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. in the hopes of finding new leadership. If anyone in the community has an interest in getting involved with this dynamic theatre group, in any capacity, please be sure

to attend the meeting.

MARIT MCBRIDE,
LONG HARBOUR

Objection

There's a hole in my heart where a little terrier once lived.

She was two years old, very feisty and full of life. She wasn't the kind of dog you cuddled, she hated that, but she definitely made her presence known. She caught rats, chased raccoons and even chased deer out of our garden, out of our orchard and off of our property. It's what she was genetically programmed to do.

Her final chase no doubt began on our property and ended on the flats in front of the Fulford Inn.

I don't wish to wade into the dogs versus wildlife debate save to comment that an on-island speed limit of 50 kilometres an

hour would go much further towards protecting deer, birds, etc. than the wanton destruction of errant dogs.

What I seriously object to is people taking the law into their own hands and creating holes in people's hearts. This has been going on for a long time on Salt Spring and, given the pet population here, is not appropriate in the 21st century.

No doubt there will be those who disagree with me. For them I'll quote the words of Anita Roddick, the Body Shop founder and environmentalist who, in a speech she once made — recognizing that no matter what position you take, you always have detractors — ended with "and to my detractors I say, up your bum!"

JERRY ALKOFF,
FULFORD

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We should, but we won't, boycott Olympics

Last weekend, I stumbled across a cluster of rag-tag, fashion-deprived lads shuffling toward Mouat Park, struggling to keep a Bob Marley Rastafarian Nation flag aloft in the breeze.

It turned out to be a rally protesting our heartless government's iron-fisted position on marijuana. Or, "legalize BC Hydro" if you prefer the vernacular. Organizers had dutifully filed their intention and the route with the local RCMP, ostensibly to deflect any confrontations with "The Man."

The irony is inescapable. That very day, a half a world away, Chinese soldiers were jackbooting, imprisoning and killing demonstrators protesting the Chinese occupation of their country, Tibet. The government employed its standard response to such disturbances. They shut down cell phones. They shut down the internet and YouTube, they shut down the town with curfews and expelled all the journalists. They were, as the old Chinese saying goes, "Closing the door in order to beat the dog."

Thousands of troops went door to door ferreting out "criminals" that had decided to take their chances hiding under the floor boards rather than buy the "leniency" offer proffered by Beijing. And a new one. They accused the Dalai Lama of orchestrating the whole thing, denouncing him as "a jackal in monk's robes." This is the same Dalai Lama who was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1989.

The Tibetan side claims about 85 were

killed in the crackdown. The official Chinese head count came in at 16, including three Tibetans who "jumped" from high buildings. Again, I'm serious. Jumped.

The Olympic Torch will soon go through Tibet on its way to Beijing. It is scheduled to summit Mount Everest, surely the most contrived, idiotic Olympic stunt to date. It will likely be carried up there by Tibetan sherpas, if they all haven't been tossed in jail. I assume the flame will have its own little oxygen tent.

Given the recent atrocities committed in Tibet by the host country, should the international community boycott the Olympics? Some take Bush's side, characterizing the games as nothing more than a sporting event. Some say it's all about the athletes, it's not about the politics.

Not political? In 1936, Adolf Hitler used the Berlin Olympics to showcase the intrinsic superiority of his "master race." Days before the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, the Mexican army killed 267 citizens who were protesting corruption in the government. In the 1972 Munich Olympics, Palestinian terrorists executed 11 Israeli athletes and coaches in their hotel rooms. Sixty-two countries boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics in protest of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. Four years later, the Communist bloc countries returned the favour



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

year's decree banning reincarnation without government permission? No, not for these alone. The world should boycott the Beijing Olympics because Tibet is just one notch in a belt full of deceptions and corruption emanating from the Red Dragon for decades.

Want to talk about track records? More than half the rivers in China are far too polluted to be used as a source for drinking water. Illegal, renegade coal plants are everywhere. Only five per cent of China's coal plants have any sort of emissions controls on them. Remember toys poisoned with lead paint? Remember the pet food that killed as many as 3,600 animals in North America? How about the 300,000 home heaters found to have faulty wiring? The collapsing baby seats? The 450,000 recalled tires? The sweat shops and child labour? Transgressions are legion in any corner you care to look.

With all this blood on the Chinese government's hands, shouldn't we send a message? Shouldn't we tell them "if you want to join

the community of nations, you might want to begin demonstrating compassion and environmental responsibility?" Of course we should. Will we? Of course we won't.

China has become far too large of an economic force to dismiss out of hand. They have bought up chunks of America's huge debt. Food imports to the U.S. have increased 69 per cent since 2002, to more than \$7 billion. In Canada, China is our #4 export nation and #2 in imports. You don't bite the hand that feeds you. The best our own Stephen Harper can muster is "Canada calls upon China to fully respect human rights and peaceful protest." Puss, puss.

And so the West will tuck its conscience away and pretend the Olympic images we see this summer on our flat screen, made-in-China televisions are the "real thing," that the happy Chinese Olympic dancers are representative of life in that totalitarian regime. The unpleasant prospect of empty shelves at Wal-Mart and Future Shop trumps conscience and integrity every time.

Meanwhile, the blood and bullets strategy of dealing with unruly Tibetans will continue apace. And on our streets the lads will grumble about not being allowed to roll a fatty at the park.

The lads, and indeed the rest of us in the West, are in for a very rude awakening in the very near future as the Red Dragon comes of age.

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Something rotten

Your March 19 front-page article on the price of gasoline on Salt Spring rouses me to comment.

Each and every gas station in Victoria carries identical prices at the pump, but studies over the years have concluded there is no collusion in setting fuel prices.

Fuel prices on Salt Spring are much higher than those in Victoria and even more so than in Duncan but no one seems able to explain it.

Other merchants don't seem to experience the same disparity. Despite their merchandise having to travel from the mainland or big island to Salt Spring, Home Hardware advertises sale prices that apply in all their stores, including Moutat's. The same is true for Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer, which advertises Ganges Village Market specials.

However, for reasons unknown, the gasoline companies cannot match prices here with those in Duncan or even Victoria.

Do we really believe the ferry ride to Salt Spring can possibly cost 15¢ to 20¢ a litre? Most unlikely, but that is the mark-up we continually face here on the rock.

As the old saying goes, it appears "there is something rotten in Denmark" and it would certainly seem that Salt Spring drivers are being fleeced!

Finally, not to let our Salt Spring retailers completely off the hook, I have no reason to disbelieve that they have no input into the prices of gasoline, but wonder why

they no longer use the big signs which used to clearly display the prices of the fuel they have for sale. It is possible they are ashamed, but if they really have no choice in the setting of prices, it is not they but the gasoline companies who should be ashamed. The customer should be advised on prices before entering the station.

JOHN K. FRAZER,
SALT SPRING

CBC update

I would like to provide Driftwood readers who are concerned with the coming cuts to classical programming at CBC FM with an update. CBC has stopped accepting new listener posts at its website: <http://www.insidethecbc.com/category/a-hot-topics/r2changes>. You can still read the 227 posts there, almost all vehemently opposed. You can comment at: <http://www.cbc.ca/contact/>. Your comment will go to "audience relations" and be tabulated in a weekly summary circulated within the CBC. However, in order for your comment to actually reach the executives, you must mail them to: Jennifer McGuire, executive director of radio, and her boss, Richard Stursberg, executive vice-president, English services, both at 250 Front Street West, P.O. Box 500, Station A, Toronto, ON, M5W 1E6.

Russell Smith wrote a second column on this topic in the Globe and Mail on Thursday, March 20, 2008, which can be found at the Friends of CBC web-

site: http://www.friends.ca/News/Friends_News/archives/articles03200802.asp. Friends of CBC is a Canada-wide organization with 60,000 supporters, whose mission, in its own words, is "to defend and enhance the quality and quantity of Canadian programming in the Canadian audio-visual system." Given that the CBC brass seems deaf to its audience's response, the only hope I hold is that Canada's cultural community, and particularly its cultural leaders, will take a stand. If you know someone who is in that category, you might ask them to help.

ASHLEY HILLIARD,
MEYER ROAD

I-SEA thanks

A big thank you from I-SEA to Jack Woodward and Harbour House staff for being a wonderful host last Thursday for the fifth Green Drinks evening. We had the best crowd yet, with over 20 people coming to chat about sustainability issues and enjoy some great food and drink, provided by Jack! Green Drinks will alternate between the Harbour House and Fulford Inn on the third Thursday of each month. (Next one is April 17 at the Fulford Inn, 5-8 p.m.)

Also, I-SEA would like to thank the many, many people who contributed items for the fundraiser garage sale held this last Saturday to raise money for summer internships at I-SEA. We raised almost \$600.
MARGERY MOORE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, I-SEA



OH LET ME GUESS...THAT'LL BE TWO FOR THE SALAD BAR

Editor's note: Last week's published cartoon by Dennis Parker was missing its caption so we've reprinted it above, intact.

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OPINION

Islanders should think for themselves and avoid pitfalls of misinformation

BY RICK WESTON

Gary Holman's excellent article in the Driftwood of March 19 ("ISG ad campaign still rankles") again draws attention to the incredible amount of misinformation that is being spread by the promoters of the Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) campaign.

Misinformation has become something of an "in" phrase lately and it is not to be taken lightly. At a Trust meeting some months ago I came across blatant attempts to use this misinformation in an attempt to stop the installation of a radio transmitting tower on Mount Belcher.

In this case the attempt was successful, not because the information was correct, but because the local residents obviously did not want such a tower.

So be it; but I sat through the most amazing and hysterical diatribe against transmission towers in general that it seemed as if an attempt was being made to install some sort of vast station for interstellar communications, not for a very small radio station. Microwave ovens would malfunction. TV sets would not work properly. Electric garage doors would not open. The list was endless. A small modicum of truth was there, but it was mainly hysterical misinformation.

The recent act of vandalism in the cutting of trees

on Crown land on Walker's Hook Road has demonstrated more examples of this same thing.

For example, I have heard that if those trees had been cut down on private land, then nobody could stop it because one can do whatever one wants on private property. Again, misinformation. The Trust has had occasion several times to restrict the clearing of trees and shrubs near creek beds that run through private property, even forcing owners to regrow some areas.

It is a fallacy to believe that one's actions on private property are immune from the rules of the general population.

The recent controversy regarding noise from roosters is a good example, and to suggest that the so-called developers of Swanson's Pond can simply do whatever they wish is founded on misinformation of the most dangerous kind.

Then there is the whole question of water conservation versus development. Here misinformation almost runs wild. I have recently heard that this island really has no shortage of water at all because all we have to do is build a desalination plant — or a string of them — and the

problem is solved.

Now a desalination plant may eventually be one answer. They work, and they work well. They are also expensive and can create a lot of problems on their own, depending on the process being used. So, some day, perhaps sooner than later, we may well have to have one. That day, however, is not going to be in the immediate future.

In the meantime, the misinformation prompts all sorts of nutty solutions — plugging in to Lake Cowichan, for example. Just how is that going to be done? And what would the residents of the Cowichan Valley think about that?

Then there is the old chestnut about building a bridge. We simply build a bridge from the mainland and have that bridge carry a pipeline that plugs into the Lower Mainland water supply. Easy. The cost? Just increase property taxes.

There is no immediate solution to our water problems other than to cut down on the rate of so-called development.

A bigger population does not mean the resulting tax income will allow us to have a higher standard of living. That again is a fallacy, founded on misinformation.

Of course there will always be people who complain about everything. It's the old "other man's

grass" syndrome. Margaret Thatcher called them "Moaning Minnies" and that old phrase seems to sum them up perfectly.

They moan a lot but they never, ever seem to do anything. They never run for any form of public office. They never take part in any form of public discussion. Yet they seem to have the answers to every problem. If solving these problems means spreading more misinformation, then that's all part of the game.

To these people I would say this: support the Islands Trust and simply look a lot closer at the ISG arguments. Support the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, even if it's just with an annual donation, and support the various other groups and societies working to make this beautiful island an even lovelier place to live in.

Define what you really want the word "progress" to mean and really think about the many great things we have here, from the ArtSpring theatre to the hospital, from our schools and their dedicated staff to our firefighters and the many other volunteers.

And really think about what you read and hear. Do not be fooled by the misinformation that too many people wish to spread.

The writer is a North Beach Road resident.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A truckload of flat tires to the person or persons who keep wrecking our field at Fulford school. We're really disappointed in your behaviour. The students at Fulford Elementary School

To the losers who have taken to partying in the woods at the end of Quarry Road. What kind of people leave a fire burning in the bush and all their cans piled in it — that is, those that aren't strewn along the road on the way to the party?! You're not welcome back! A. Williams

Roses

I'd like to send one hundred magnificently fragrant wild roses to Candice May of Soaring Spirit Ayurveda for helping me along my new path to better health.

Where are all the pot-holes? A hearty thanks and a big bunch of roses to those involved in resurfacing Musgrave Road.

A wide circle of roses to all participants of the SWOVA Widening the Circle - Respectful Relationships at Home program. Over the six weeks, Chris Gay and Peter Morin had the privilege of facilitating 10-15 enthusiastic and respectful adults who were keen to share, learn, coach and guide each other through strategies that encouraged and supported respectful relationships with self, youth and community. And an enormous bouquet to the five youth who joined

for the final session to share their wisdom with us all.

A lovely bunch of blooms to Ballet teacher Jill Smith for organizing the Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts students' inclusion in Ballet Jorgen's Anastasia. It was an exciting opportunity for young dancers. Great job, dancers! Andrea

Roses back to ya to Foxglove for donating flowers to the Salt Spring Folk Club on March 10, and to Edith Yardley's old tree for being generous with its early cherry blossoms. K. Horsdal

Roses to the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. Thank you so much for your support. Catherine, Therin and Amanda

A wheelbarrow overflowing with organic roses of every hue for our dear friends, the organic farmers who honoured us with such unexpected and delicious gifts on March 12. AM, PR and EW

A beautiful spring rose to Esther of Re:Design Interiors. I love my Zen alarm clock! How exquisite, to be awakened gently each morning by delicate, long-resonating Tibetan chimes. A perfect start to another day in paradise. Bless you for this lovely, and much-treasured prize! S. Cole

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NEWSBEAT

WATER ISSUES

Aeration expert speaks on St. Mary Lake water quality project

A public forum on the upcoming aeration project for St. Mary Lake will give islanders a chance to learn more about ongoing efforts to reduce algae blooms and improve water quality.

Dr. Ken Ashley, one of North America's most knowledgeable scientists working in lake aeration, will speak about the process at an event co-sponsored by Community Education and

the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

It runs Friday, March 28 at Community Gospel Chapel at 7 p.m.

As a scientist of lake ecology, Ashley looks at what makes lakes operate, including how water quality is affected by what people do in the watershed.

"If the quality is suffering as a result of human activity, we look at what you can do

to improve that quality."

Ashley's work designing aeration systems for B.C. lakes includes Glen and Langford lakes on Vancouver Island, the Nanaimo Reservoir and around 25 other projects mainly centred in the Thompson Okanagan.

He is also no stranger to St. Mary Lake, having built its first aerator, used from 1986 to 1994 when it wore out with old age. Ashley was

invited by the Waterworks to come inspect the "new and improved" aerator and give a talk about the process as part of a public consultation plan.

Most residents living around the lake already know something about aeration, said Ashley, so this talk will serve to remind them why it is in place and what makes it ideal for this particular location.

"This is just to remind people about why this is an appropriate strategy and give people the chance to ask questions."

Ashley explains that one reason the strategy is ideal for St. Mary is because over 50 per cent of the phosphorus in the lake is coming from the mud at the bottom, a condition called "internal loading." Phosphorus is the primary element that fuels

plant growth. Because the lake's bottom is the primary phosphorous source, there is no point taking other measures such as banning geese.

"Aeration mimics the natural process of the lake that happens when the wind blows over it, adding oxygen. It's natural, non-chemical; you're not adding anything, just enhancing how much air gets to the bottom."

ISLANDS TRUST

Latest official community plan draft awaits public comments online and in Trust office

BY PETER LAMB AND
GEORGE EHRLING
ISLANDS TRUSTEES

A revised draft of the official community plan (OCP) continues to be available for public comment on our website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and at the Trust office. Further revisions will be considered by the trustees tomorrow (March 27) at a special Local Trust Committee meeting (see notice in this issue) including a proposed vision statement, possible changes to policies for density transfer and amenity zoning, and proposals for legalizing the long-term occupancy of secondary suites and seasonal cottages. Three public meetings are being scheduled in April to seek further public feedback on the draft OCP.

Trust Council

At its latest meeting on Hornby Island, Trust Council approved a Trust-wide budget of \$6.16 million for 2008/2009, representing

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a property tax increase of 5.9 per cent and responding to our three strategic objectives of a sustainable environment, healthy communities and excellence in governance. We also considered a bylaw enforcement management review and consultant reports on recommended changes to local elections administration for the Islands Trust.

Climate Change
and Energy
Efficiency

Increasing concern over the impact of climate change has prompted legislative action by the provincial government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In support of these initiatives, the Trust and CRD, along with many other local governments, have signed on to the B.C. Climate Action Charter. The charter commits us to develop strategies and take action to achieve carbon neutral operations by 2012, to measure and report on our community's GHG emissions, and to create more energy efficient communities.

In this regard, we have introduced a new section in our draft OCP to address appropriate objectives and

policies. Also, with funding from the provincial Community Action on Energy Efficiency, we are participating in a joint Trust/CRD project to consider the feasibility and implications of requiring higher energy efficiency standards in homes, including consultation with contractors, realtors and the community.

Affordable
Housing
Assessment

The Murakami Gardens development for rental housing is nearing completion and a number of other opportunities to address the issue of community or affordable housing are pending.

To provide more reliable information on which to consider development proposals, the Trust and CRD have contributed \$5,000 and received \$15,000 from the Real Estate Foundation to undertake a housing needs assessment for Salt Spring Island.

The goal is to provide the Trust, CRD, housing providers and the community with an objective view of the current and forecast housing situation.

It will include a community-wide survey (assisted by high school students) and will allow for the identification of gaps in the existing (and planned) housing stock as well as where "inefficiencies" exist.

Healthy
Communities

We recognize that the health of our community depends on maintaining the health of our ecosystems, which are vulnerable to increasing development pressures. A prime example is the deteriorating water quality in our lakes. Together with the CRD and community donations, we are supporting a \$10,000 first phase of an island-wide initiative to provide a comprehensive "health check-up" on our island ecosystems. As noted in the proposal, "Ecosystem health is about sustaining our livelihoods without compromising the vitality of the ecosystems on which our lives depend." For further information and to donate to the project, call David Rapport or Luisa Maffi at 538-0938.

Soil Removal and
Deposit Bylaw

First proposed in 2004, it has been a long process of consultation with contractors, neighbourhood groups, environmental organizations and advisory committees on an appropriate level of regulation of on-site land development. A revised draft of the proposed bylaw has now been distributed to community groups for comment and may be considered for first reading at the next regular LTC meeting on April 3.

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Islands Trust
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Special Business Meeting
Official Community Plan Review

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a special business meeting as part of its ongoing review of the Official Community Plan (OCP). The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Local Trust Committee (LTC) to review material relating to the OCP review project. A town hall session may be held at the beginning and end of the business meeting, time permitting.

Thursday, March 27, 9 am-noon & 1-5 pm
ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Key background documents and maps related to the OCP review can be viewed on-line at the Islands Trust website (<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>).

Opportunities for public input on the review will be announced in upcoming issues of the Driftwood.

To receive e-mail updates on the 'Latest News' on the official community plan review go to: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/subscribe/default.cfm>

To provide your comments, use our online feedback form from the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area homepage of our web site at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm> or

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PUBLIC MEETING

Akerman Farms Gravel Supply
Jones Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
Application Under the Mines Act

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Anyone interested in this application is invited to attend.

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CONTEMPORARY DANCE



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Gulf Islands Secondary School dancers rehearse their piece called Sunshowers, which will be performed as the curtain opener at the April 12 show called The Late Edition performed by the Vancouver troupe Dancers Dancing.

Sunshowers fall in dance studio through visiting choreographer

Teen dancers rehearse for opening of The Late Edition

BY AMY GEDDES
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Imaginary rain fell for a total of nine hours on the Gulf Islands secondary dance floor during the second week of March. But the climate in the room was anything but gloomy.

Sunshowers, a dance piece by renowned Vancouver choreographer Judith Garay, was created exclusively for a group of 12 dancers in Grades 9 to 12, who were selected because of their demonstrated dedication to dance.

Students from Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) and the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) dance program learned the choreography from Garay in just three days.

Dancer Chloe Melious, 17, said Garay worked them hard during the brief March

12-14 rehearsals.

"It was exhausting but it was worth it," she said.

Melious and the other dancers learned to splash barefoot through imaginary puddles and leap with open orange, blue, red and yellow umbrellas. But while Melious' sister Anna, 14, called it a "feel-good kind of dance," the dancers say the piece was challenging.

"You kind of have to get in touch with your inner four-year-old."

ANNA MELIOUS,
 GISS dancer

Splashing through puddles was more accurately a combination of "petit jetes" with flexed feet, "pas de chats" in parallel and "piques" executed while travelling across the floor.

And leaping with umbrellas was actually a series of "soutenu turns while spinning the prop."

Nina Morales, 16, said Sunshowers was "different from how we usually dance."

The umbrellas proved a challenge to coordinate.

As Garay said during rehearsal, "You need to train the prop. The umbrella does not take [dance] class."

The puddle jumping theme was Garay's way of giving the piece some West Coast flavour. She customizes the choreography for each youth group she teaches on the MadeInBC Dance on Tour — an outreach project bringing contemporary dance to eight B.C. communities.

Garay — who has 30 years of international professional experience as a dancer, choreographer and teacher — said about her choreography, "I try to make it a fun challenge for them and make it accessible to the audience. It's different creating a piece for young people as opposed to professionals, which is what I'm used to. With young people

you want to help them. It's not just your vision. The piece should suit them."

Morales and the Melious sisters all plan to continue dancing after high school. Career-wise, they said, it was useful learning a routine from Garay in addition to their regular GISS dance teacher Sonia Langer.

The girls said they were "impressed" they learned Sunshowers in just three days.

Talking about the puddle jumping theme, Chloe said, "It takes a certain confidence not to worry you look goofy."

And she agreed with Anna, who said, "You kind of have to get in touch with your inner four-year-old."

Sunshowers, performed by the group of GISS and GISPA dancers, will be the opening act for Garay's The Late Edition at ArtSpring on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m.

The Late Edition will be performed by her professional dance company called Dancers Dancing.

For more information, visit www.dancersdancing.com or call ArtSpring at 537-2102.



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MUSIC & MUNCH

Canadian repertoire highlighted by Women of Note choir

Weston Lake premiere also on April 2 program

Women of Note, the well-known Salt Spring choral ensemble, is preparing a selection of contemporary Canadian songs in various genres for a Music and

Munch concert on Wednesday, April 2.

The program will include Nancy Telfer's Butterfly and the contemplative Meditating at Midnight by Leslie Uyeda.

"The singers have enjoyed the challenge of exploring the unusual harmonies and dissonances in these beautiful songs," notes a press release.

Familiar Canadian favourites will include Connie Kaldor's haunting Wood River, and We Rise Again, the poignant song by Leon Dubinsky made famous by The Rankins.

Weston Lake, a song written especially for the group by musical director Linda Quinn, will receive its premiere performance. The song describes the magic of

swimming in the lake soon after dawn.

For those who enjoy jazz and blues, Coloured Memories and Life is a Mystery to Me are two heartfelt songs written and performed by Hannah Brown.

"Things for Everyone by the late Ray Newman is a gentle song with an ever-changing rich palette of harmonies, sung a cappella

in a new three-part arrangement by Quinn."

The choir, now in its 15th year, meets once a week to celebrate the joy of singing.

"The group sings at many community events, the most recent being the Japanese garden groundbreaking ceremony, the December 6 vigil in Centennial Park, with Salt Spring Musicians for Climate Change Action

and at International Women's Day.

"In addition, the women entertain at Greenwoods and Braehaven and like to give in-home concerts to people housebound or recovering from illness."

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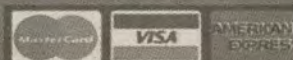
Wash, drain & chop **1 medium head Romaine lettuce** (Endive salad mix is a great tasting alternative). Thinly slice **1 red pepper** & **1 green onion**. Zest **1 lemon**. Add **3 tablespoons olive oil**, **2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar**, **1 tablespoon raspberry cooking wine** (or cooking sherry). Toss together to coat all salad. Top with **1 cup chopped cooked chicken**, **1/2 cup crushed smoked almonds** & **1/2 cup pineapple drained**. Enjoy!

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INTERACTIVE THEATRE

Islanders' enviro stories needed for 2 Degrees of Fear and Desire show

Vancouver theatre brings earth-changing event to Fulford Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One of the most important questions facing the planet today is how we can best change our behaviour to halt global warming. Is it up to the individual? Or is individual action useless without strict legislation and large-scale corporate change?

David Diamond, artistic director for Vancouver's Headlines Theatre, argues that both individual and legislative changes are strictly necessary. The problem is, even with all our knowledge, we are still making choices every day that we know negatively impact the planet. Diamond helps communities explore the multitude of factors behind our individual choices, and provides some tools for overcoming them, in the interactive piece 2 Degrees of Fear and Desire coming to Fulford Hall on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Headlines Theatre got its start combining interactive performances and commu-

nity issues during Vancouver's housing crisis of the early 1980s. Artistic director since 1984, Diamond has been heavily influenced by Augusto Boal, the Brazilian creator of Theatre of the Oppressed. Headlines productions are known for taking on important issues in an additively fun environment. Two Degrees of Fear and

Desire (which takes its name from the two degrees of atmospheric warmth that would plunge the planet beyond its capacity to function) began as a fully staged theatre piece. When funding fell through, Diamond took that to mean a grassroots approach was required. Two Degrees was re-imagined with just Dia-

mond as facilitator and the audience: "no play, no script, and no actors." After some jokes and warm-up routines with the audience, Diamond asks three audience members to volunteer a personal story about a choice they made themselves which they knew was harmful to the environment. After listening to the three stories, Diamond explains, "The room chooses the story that resonates most with the room."

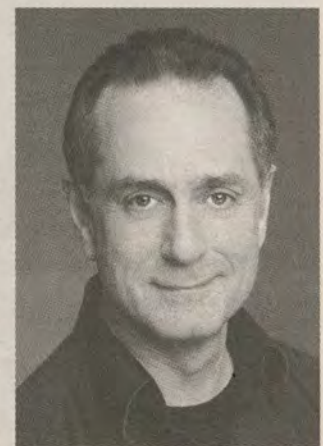
"I'm looking for the moment when I know all the voices are active in this person's head; and for the rest of that evening we are frozen in that moment."

Calling on audience members to portray the "shapes" which characterize the various voices, Diamond helps untangle the complex web of influences that effect the choices we make in daily life.

"Using techniques of interactive forum theatre, we deal with the voices one at a time. Because it's improvised, funny things happen, and profound things happen, but people walk away learning really a lot about their relationship to the issue."

As Diamond explains, there are many advantages to the interactive approach.

Because everything comes from the audience, the issues raised are directly relevant to that community. And by removing global warming from the political level and putting it on the personal level of living culture, he



David Diamond, Headlines Theatre's artistic director.

shows us how to overcome those voices in our collective heads.

"This is not about carbon levels or statistical data. Those things are important, but there's not a lot we can do with that. What we need to do is challenge cultural practices from the inside."

Admission is a \$5-\$10 donation with funds for the Community Energy Strategy.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

FRITZ' FAN: Louise Nye sells copies of her new book *Fritz the Cinema Cat Gets His Wings* during a blustery first market day of the season on Saturday.

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FOLK CLUB

Gumboots get shined up in time for March 31 folk club celebration

Folk Club ends stellar season

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If there's one occasion when North Enders don't complain about driving "all the way to Fulford," it's surely for the Salt Spring Folk Club concerts that run through the fall and winter. That may be doubly true for the Gumboot Gala, the club's yearly season-end party.

Lynn Partridge, the folk club's coordinator for the past season, is ready for a party. With a successful run behind her, including many sold-out events, Partridge is definitely looking forward to the March 31 finale.

"This is the most fun event of all," the coordinator said. "The club has this fantastic ambiance anyway — all the performers enjoy playing for our audience — but the Gumboot Gala has this extra energy about it. The place is packed and people just love it."

The gala is when everyone involved in the club comes together to celebrate their passion for music and to congratulate themselves for bringing it all together. Scores of volunteers, musi-



Bill Henderson

cians from throughout the season, season's pass holders and those lucky enough to buy tickets come out in their best finery and their most trusted gumboots. Outrageous costumes are strongly encouraged (and awarded with prizes) and many are happy to comply.

For the 11th annual gala, artists Bill Henderson and Valdy return to the tradition of headlining the show, to be joined by a group of "unusual suspects" for the third and final set. With an unconfirmed guest list at time of press, the final concert is known for its loosely planned musical escapades.

Both Henderson and Valdy will be joined by guests dur-

ing their short individual sets, while the third set typically involves almost everyone in various combinations. In the past these jam session type events have included a wealth of musical styles, including folk, old rock hits, music from the 1930s and '40s, and hits from the artists' recording careers. And there will be lots of chances for audience participation.

"It's a tradition in folk clubs for people to exchange data in song, or just join in a merry chorus," Valdy reported.

"We don't actually know what's going to happen," explained Henderson. "We get two types of musicians: the first are those that are so skilled and flexible they can be put into any musical environment and respond. We get them up there and make them think fast."

"The others just do one thing but they do it really well, so we get them doing that. It's a party for us — it's a blast and the audience seems to love it."

This year, the duo is especially excited to bring in some Cuban and Brazilian music, which Valdy promises is "wild."

"Cuba is the most literate and musical country per



Valdy

capita on the planet," he exclaimed, crediting "ethnomusicologist" Henderson for bringing Cuban music into the act.

Although tickets to the gala officially sold out last week, a small number of extra tickets may be distributed at the door if season's pass holders do not claim theirs.

The folk club thanks the community for its ongoing support: in addition to its army of volunteers, accommodations through Anchor Point B&B, Caprice Heights B&B, The Fulford Inn, The Salt Spring Way B&B, and Salt Spring Vineyards B&B; flowers through Foxglove and private gardens; and ticket outlets Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books, and Stuff & Nonsense.

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What's On This Week

Wed. Mar 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Open Stage. Shipstones. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Colour Wheel & How to Use It. Painters Guild workshop. ArtSpring. 9-noon. Register: Jose, 537-1211.
Fitness 4 Families. Program meets at Community Gospel from 1-2 p.m. Family Place-sponsored program.
Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Talk. President Gil Schultz speaks on the importance of the foundation. SS Seniors. 2 p.m.
Painters Guild Portrait Drawing. Drop-ins welcome. ArtSpring. 9-noon.
SS Garden Club. Gary Lewis speaks on 'weird and the wonderful' plants. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
Tooning Around. Cartoon workshop with Donald Gunn at ArtSpring as part of Creative Kids Spring Break series. 1-2 p.m. Pre-register: 537-2102.
Dem Bones. Children's library program with Bristol Foster. 1-2 p.m.

Thurs. Mar 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mike. Thursdays with Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn Pub. 7-10 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Socially Responsible Investing. Free talk with Pinch Group reps at I-SEA office, 124 Lower Ganges Road. 7 p.m.
OCF Review Special Business Meeting. Trustees' public meeting to discuss latest input on OCF Review. ArtSpring. 9-noon and 1-5 p.m.
SS Public Library Association. AGM at SS United Church, lower hall. 3:30 p.m.
Writing for the Movies. Two-day workshop begins at ArtSpring as part of Creative Kids Spring Break series. Pre-register: 537-2102.
Look Who's Talking. Character voices workshop with Jan Rabson at ArtSpring as part of Creative Kids Spring Break series. 1-3 p.m. Pre-register: 537-2102.

Fri. Mar 28

ACTIVITIES

Children's & Teens' Belly Dance Classes. With Oriana. Fridays at The Gatehouse. 3-4 p.m. Info: 653-0028.
Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement. Classes on Fridays at Cats Pajamas Studio. 10-11 a.m. Info: Anna, 537-5681.
Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch & Bridge. Fulford Hall. Noon. Tickets: 537-0897.
What is Happening to St. Mary Lake? Public forum on the new aerator for the lake. With guest speaker Ken Ashley. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.
Amazing Eyes. Children's library program with David Denning. 1-2 p.m. 8:00 pm
Songs for Morning. Tuned Air choir concert with director Bruce Ruddell, plus string quartet and pianist Chris Kodaly. All Saints. 8 p.m.

Sat. Mar 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Songs for Morning. Tuned Air choir concert. All Saints. 3 and 8 p.m.
2 Degrees of Fear and Desire. Vancouver theatre troupe brings interactive show to Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Guided Creekside Walks. See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walk. Meet at the corner of Creekside and Hillview Dr. 10 a.m. on Saturdays.
Fabulous Flea Market. Fulford Hall fundraiser. 10-2.
Designing Your Own Memorial Service. SS Unitarian Fellowship workshop. SS Seniors Services Centre. 10-3. Register: 537-4567.
Florals in Mixed Media. Two-day painting workshop with Joyce Kamikura begins today. Register/info: 537-1121.

Sun. Mar 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. Fulford Inn Pub.
Galitcha. Performs at El Zocalo. 7 p.m.
Lobby Dance. Free presentation by community dancers in ArtSpring lobby. 2:10 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Guided Creekside Walks. Meet at corner of Creekside & Hillview Dr. at 1 p.m. on Sundays.
Partners Creating Pathways. Work party for north Ganges path. Meet at Islands Trust parking lot. 10 a.m.
Book Exchange and AGM. Central Hall Book Exchange and AGM. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. AGM at 2 p.m. 537-0049.
Margaret's Museum. Showing of acclaimed film at The Fritz. 7 p.m. Benefit for Graffiti Theatre. Q&A with film's director Mort Ransen follows.
International Landmine Awareness Month. Special lunch & video at SS United Church. 11:30 a.m.
Vocal Improv Workshop. With Ella Topaz. Info: 653-4261; ella_topaz@hotmail.com

Mon. Mar 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gumboot Gala. SS Folk Club year-ender hosted by Valdy and Bill Henderson. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Amrita, 537-2799.
SS Toastmasters. International speech & evaluation contest. ArtSpring. Spectators welcome. 7 p.m.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Amrita, 537-2799.
Monday Life Drawing. 3rd floor Core Inn. Info: Jose Campbell, 537-1121.
Bones for Life. Classes at Cats Pajamas Studio. Info: Anna, 537-5681.
Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society. AGM at Lions Hall. 1:30 p.m.
Digital Photography Fun-101. Begins at ArtSpring as part of Creative Kids Spring Break series. Runs to Fri., April 4. 10-1. Pre-register: 537-2102.
Earth Keepers: Fun with Flowers & Faeries. Kids camp with Oona McQuat begins today and runs through April 4. Info: 653-2088.

Tues. April 1

ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Marielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages.

Wed. April 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Women of Note. Choral group performs for Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Life Drawing. Painters Guild event at ArtSpring. 9-noon. Drop-ins welcome!
Composition - Putting the Pieces Together. Painters Guild workshop with Gillian McConnell. Register/info: 537-1121.
Aliens in the Garden. Children's library program with Brian Smallshaw. 1-2 p.m.

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CINEMA

Be Kind Rewind - Jerry (Jack Black), a junkyard worker, attempts to sabotage a power plant that he believes is melting his brain but when his plan goes awry, the magnetic field that he creates accidentally erases all of the videotapes in a local video store where his best friend Mike (Mos Def) works. The two friends team up to keep the store's only loyal customer - a little old lady with a tenuous grasp on reality - from realizing what has happened by recreating and re-filming every movie that she decides to rent. From "Ghostbusters," to "Robocop," to "Rush Hour" to "The Lion King," Jerry and Mike become the biggest stars in their neighbourhood by starring in the biggest movies ever made. Hilarious entertainment from start to finish.

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CABLE TV

- **Attention Shaw Cable TV Channel 11 viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. The Salt Spring Arts & Entertainment report runs on Tues.-Wed., April 1-2. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Guantanamo**, by PEI artist Hilda Woolnough, shows at **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive until April 13th. Entrance by donation to benefit Amnesty International. For gallery hours, call Margaret Day at 653-0089.
- **Country Life** — an exhibition by **Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** members runs daily in the ArtSpring lobby through March 31.
- The **multi-artist** and multi-media **DanceArt** show hangs in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of April.
- **Verna Meyer** shows paintings at **Island Savings** until June.
- **Justin Beckett** is the featured artist this month at the **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges. His show includes new landscapes of local island views.
- **New life drawings** by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.
- **Jana's Bake Shop** shows new photos from Salt Spring photographer **Deb Hagarty**.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTSPRING CALENDAR

Theatre, silver screen faves and dance series all unfold on stage

Visiting professionals and community groups perform in April

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

• **DanceArt** — April 1-30. To celebrate International Dance Day, the ArtSpring lobby presents a special month-long exhibition of painting, photography, weaving and ceramics by over 20 Gulf Islands artists, featuring images of dance and dancers.

• **Hockey Mom Hockey Dad** — Fri.-Sat., April 4-5 at 8 p.m. A Vancouver Arts Club touring production starring Jackson Davies and Caitlin Stadnyk. Directed by David Millerd and written by Michael Melski. Just in time for the playoffs, here comes the team to root for! Donna and Teddy, both single parents, meet at the rink while watching their sons play minor league hockey. Between periods, during penalties, and amid the whirl and thrum of a Zamboni, an unexpected romance soon blooms in the bleachers. Cheer on the pair as they lick old wounds and take tentative, humorous and sometimes painful steps back into the dating game, all against the backdrop of our national obsession. "One of the best plays of the year [2003]" — Toronto Star. "Brilliantly comic and touching" — The Halifax Chronicle Herald. Best play nominee from the Nova Scotia Theatre Awards.

• **Lobby Dance** — Sat., April 12, 7:40 p.m. Fifteen Salt Spring dancers perform their free, popular Lobby Dance before selected ArtSpring shows, including the April 12 Dancers Dancing production of The Late Edition.

• **The Late Edition** — Sat., April 12, 8 p.m. Produced by Dancers Dancing with choreography by Judith Garay. Judith Garay made her mark in a 25-year career as a dancer with Martha Graham.

When she founded her own company in Vancouver, she wanted to give other dancers a chance to stretch themselves similarly by having the opportunity to perform



The Late Edition - April 12

a wide range of works. The Late Edition is an evening of ambitious and varied pieces for male and female duets and for pairs of duets. "This kind of repertory company is all but extinct in an era where most modern dance troupes serve as vehicles for the choreographers who run them." (Globe & Mail)

• **Jodi Prosnick** — Sun., April 13, 2:30 p.m. This program has been re-scheduled from its original April 6 date to allow Jodi to attend the Juno Awards, where she has been nominated for her work as one of Canada's most outstanding jazz bassists. In addition to her brilliant work on the bass, Jodi really comes into her own as a leader, and her quartet has been widely praised as "fresh, intense and highly interactive, featuring some of the finest young musi-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Sounds of the Silver Screen runs April 18.

cians in the country." Garry Oaks Winery tasting at 1:30 p.m.

• **Sounds of the Silver Screen. Concert Band** — Fri., April 18, 8 p.m. Sounds of the Silver Screen is a musical tribute to a century of incredible music written for movies and film by some of the world's greatest composers. Enjoy famous melodies from The Sound of Music, Exodus, Lawrence of Arabia, "More" from Mondo Cane, The Magnificent Seven and The Legend of Zorro. Move into the modern age with Superman, Spiderman and Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. A special feature is Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi from Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, which will be performed accompanied by a premiere screening of a film inspired by this music and created especially for the Salt Spring Concert Band by filmmaker and composer Matt Kollar.

• **Will of the Mist.** Stagecoach School of the Performing Arts — Thurs.-Fri., April 24-25, 7 p.m. and Sat., April 26, 2 p.m. In the middle of the swirling mist of the Yorkshire moors lies an old manor. The year is 1908. Can the family of the deceased Lady Clare Rogers solve the mystery and bring to light the secrets of this lonely

place? What are the housekeeper and gardener keeping silent about, who hired the clueless detectives, why are the relatives from abroad so strange, does the hidden Will have all the answers?

Come and unravel the clues in an entertaining evening of mystery and comedy.

The original story and songs have been created by the staff and students of the Mainstage class.

• **Turned.** Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts Spotlight Programme. — Mon., April 28, 7 p.m. This one-night-only term-end performance highlights theatre studies monologues and scenework, and also physical explorations through clown and mask work. The dynamic ensemble of students shines in creating realistic characters and relationships in material from Shakespeare to Dickens to contemporary themes. They will take you on a journey through seasons and moods to find insights into the twists and "turns" of life. Taking it in turns, the Spotlight students promise a "turn" of events, a "turning" point, and a "tour" de force.

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Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

2007 was an exciting year for PARC with construction of the indoor pool at center stage. Behind the scenes, community groups along with the pool management group, continued to guide PARC in establishing schedules, admission rates, and all the other minute details that have gone into making this project a success. At the onset of construction, cost to complete was estimated at \$5.9 million. Now near completion, the actual cost is in the \$6.35 million range. The difference pales when compared to average provincial construction cost overruns and becomes more significant again when one considers our location. I personally want to thank all those involved with special recognition to the site supervisor, Charlie Wells.

The Market in the Park put in another successful year. Drawing an estimated 80,000 tourists last season, it was one of the most successful on record. PARC is currently budgeting for and working towards a replacement washroom facility for the park, something long on the wish list both by market vendors and permanent retail outlets in the downtown core. Outdoor ware-washing stations for market vendors will be a welcome addition to the facility. PARC also continues to work with the R.C.M.P. with a goal of making the park more family oriented during non-market hours.

Record numbers attended Camp Colossal last season and with the new pool, it could prove even more successful this year. Camper visits totaled 835. The Bike Rodeo and Super Hero Day were popular, but the favourite, among the leaders AND the kids, was Japan Day with activities such as paper making, origami and making sushi. Off-island trips included Mini Golf at Mattick's Farm, the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Pacific Northwest Raptor Birds of Prey, "Munschworx" at the Chemainus Theatre, the Marine Ecology World, Mineral World, and of course, All Fun Waterslides. Thanks to counsellors, Gisele Contant, Nicola Temmel, and Noella Weinert, for an excellent summer of activities.

In 2007 PARC provided grants totalling \$14,500 to the SS Farmers' Institute, SS Dragon Boat Club, SSI Football Association, Greenwoods Eldercare Society, Fulford Hall Society, SS Co-op Preschool Society, School District No.64, Ruckle Park Farm Days, and Partners for Pathways. Any group interested in assistance from the PARC Grants-in-Aid Program is encouraged to contact the PARC administration office for further information. Grants are awarded twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall.

Those that play tennis certainly missed their bubble this past winter. Although PARC made efforts to achieve such, in the end time restraints and the desire not to rush things meant we went without. PARC did receive a one-time variance for Portlock that will allow a bubble to be on the site through to 2022. With that in mind, PARC plans to work with the Salt Spring Tennis Association to have a new bubble up for the 2008-2009 winter season. The facility will be owned and operated by PARC with the expectation that it will generate a positive cash flow for the community.

Comprehensive maps detailing all parklands, trails and water accesses were completed this year. These are available for viewing at the PARC office and will be added to PARC's website this year. PARC continues to work toward the long-term goal of an interconnected trail network on the island. Park land dedication, or cash-in-lieu of land, is contributed to PARC from residential subdivision projects. This has significantly increased the parkland inventory --- some developed, some left in its natural state. In addition, PARC has increased its land acquisition fund, which will allow the purchase additional lands that fulfill community needs, when opportunities arise.

By the end of 2008, PARC intends to have completed a survey of community opinion to determine future priorities. Previous surveys identified an indoor pool as a priority. With this number one priority now reality, PARC wants to hear your opinion on where we go from here. If you have a specific project in mind, I encourage you to think also of creative ways to fund your project.

Manager Dave Gibbon will be leaving PARC in 2008. I would like to express my appreciation for his years of dedicated work supporting the Commission and PARC's activities. His expertise in many areas will be missed.

Steve Peterson
PARC Chair



Workers look on as a few lucky high school students provide the waves for testing the new pool systems.

Trails Advisory Committee

PARC has stewardship over trails, parks and water access points enjoyed by Salt Spring Island residents and visitors year round. Trails can be found in every part

of the island and range from short walking trails that are shortcuts between roads, to kilometres of trail networks that cover hundreds of acres. Neighbourhood trails provide local recreation, useable pedestrian transportation corridors and liveable communities with natural beauty, while helping to preserve the island's unique biodiversity. Working towards a vision of an island-wide trail network, the Trails Advisory Committee meets monthly to plan connections and advise PARC on opportunities for new trails. For more information

on trails, or if you would like to be involved with trail planning, construction or maintenance, contact the PARC office at 537-4448.



SALT SPRING ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Operating Period ending December 31, 2007

SOURCES OF INCOME

Requisition.....	1,270,890
Market.....	47,403
Programs.....	62,131
Rental Units.....	1,742
Carry Forward - Prior Years.....	189,489
Other.....	17,395
Total	1,589,050

EXPENSES

Active Parks.....	105,969
Trails and Passive Parks.....	143,628
Market.....	46,375
Programs.....	110,017
Rental Units.....	3,221
Grants to Community Groups.....	12,636
General Administration.....	312,026
Capital and Major Repairs.....	21,761
Transfer to Reserve Funds.....	164,740
Debt Servicing.....	361,073
Total	1,281,446

Surplus/(Deficit)..... 307,604

The difference of revenue over expenditures, of \$307,604, is the result of reduced start up and operating costs due to the delayed indoor pool opening, lower interest rates on borrowing for the new indoor pool, and repair projects that will be completed in the coming year. This amount has been carried forward into the 2008 budget, so that these projects can be completed without increasing the tax requisition.

PARC COMMISSIONERS FOR 2007

- Robert Brewer
- Carol Dodd
- Gary Holman, CRD Director
- Brian Little
- Steve Peterson
- Derek Topping
- Rob Wiltzen
- One vacancy

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Commission Chair: Steve Peterson
Parks Operations and Project Manager: Dave Gibbon

Commission Meetings.....

PARC usually meets on the last Monday of every month, in the PARC Portable at 7:00pm. These meetings are open to the public.

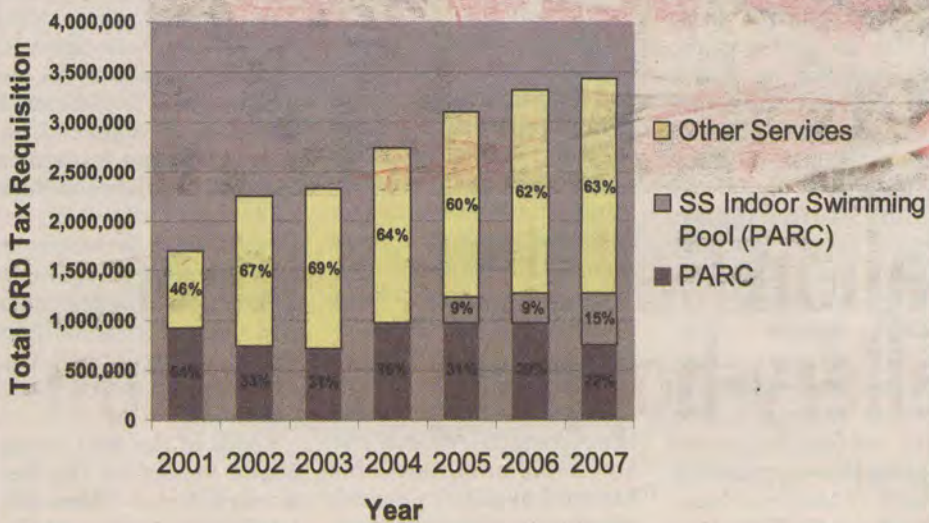
To speak to the Commission.....

PARC invites comments or suggestions from members of the public at the beginning of each meeting, but we ask that your presentation be limited to 5 minutes. Please email the PARC office at parc@saltspring.com, at least one week before the meeting, to be put on the agenda. Time has been allotted for 3 delegations per meeting.

To have the Commission speak to your group.....

Please contact the PARC office at 537-4448 to arrange a time and date.

CRD Tax Requisition



Manager Retires

In 2008 the staff and Commission must bid farewell to Dave Gibbon, Park Operations and Project Manager for the last 6-plus years as he moves on to other pursuits. We wish him all the best in his next endeavours and are extremely grateful for his tireless efforts and depth of knowledge supporting all PARC projects and activities.

Did you know

Founded in 1998, Dunbabin Park is a 7 acre park, in a majestic west coast rain forest setting. With its many large cedars and firs, this park provides a wonderful walk through the forest and along the creek. The trail is an easy hike, though there are some stairs and moderate slopes. It is a 20-minute walk one way. Enter the access 500 meters either east or south of the corner of Robinson and Stark Roads.

Salt Spring community parks are for everyone. There are nature parks and hiking trails, sport parks, beach parks, quiet parks in the downtown core, and public walkways. Located all over the island, our parks provide beautiful views, majestic forest trails, contemplative corners, sunny beaches with sea breezes, and places to play and picnic.

Visit our website <http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc> for information on other community parks.



FINE ART



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY
At left, Derek and Lynn Crawford ponder Chroma Key Blue Boy by Hamza bin al-Wathan at the Mahon Hall's exhibit forming part of the Easter Art Tour show. Below is Susan Haigh's piece called Forgotten. Gillian McConnell, pictured in last week's Driftwood to promote the tour, was the third participating Mahon Hall artist. The second annual event, sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council, helped create a busy first visitor-oriented weekend of the year on Salt Spring Island.



Mahon Hall show anchors gallery-hopping Easter tour

Weekend opening showcases range of possibilities

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who associate Easter weekend with a semi-nude male body had their expectations upended at the Salt Spring Art Council's annual Easter Tour opening last Friday.

It was not the revered, lifeless body of Christ, but an ever-so-alive male model wearing only cap and boots that caught one's attention upon entering Mahon Hall's historic doors.

Although it would be unfair to focus all the attention on Hamza bin al-Wathan's eye-catching piece, it was equally difficult to ignore. bin al-Wathan (who also goes by the name Anthony Matthews) took up the south-facing wall with three oversized panels in the piece called Boy. The outer two were painted with oversized silhouettes in blue on white. The central blue panel, mimicking the blue screen used in movie production, served as backdrop

for the live model. According to Matthews, the silhouettes leave all to the imagination, putting it on the viewer to confront their own thoughts about what the boy represents. In contrast, the model leaves nothing to the imagination, but assuredly brings up an entirely different set of emotional responses.

Gillian McConnell's striking abstract paintings took up the north wall, gaining momentum and power in their relation to one another. The 13 canvases inspired by Australian poetry are McConnell's reflection on her "experience of relating to her social and physical environment."

McConnell is liberal in her use of black, which she combines in bold patterns with bright colours such as orange, tropical green or purple. Her brushwork is bold and confident but can also be delicate, as with her tentative bars of orange stripes in Spinifex and Sand. In Terra Australis, an early work that begins the series, her dark strokes have an almost Japanese sensibility. This delicacy is also

seen in the tiny miniature of itself that each painting has collaged in. Overall, it is McConnell's wonderful feel for composition that makes each painting a delight.

Susan Haigh's paintings took over the hall's stage area. The artist is well known for her realistic but close-up and large-scale flowers of all types. Forgotten brings a rare glimpse of the outside world into her work, depicting a stop sign being overtaken by a field of poppies.

Forgotten is also one of Haigh's few works to take the long view, showing the poppies tumbling over a green rise with a glimpse of trees on the horizon. It therefore immediately brings to mind Monet's Red Poppies at Argenteuil, although Haigh works in a realist rather than impressionist style. Haigh may be thought to reference the enduring power of beauty — in nature and in art — to overcome our more mundane material or social concerns.

The second annual Easter weekend event was a self-guided tour of island galleries and studios, in addition to the Mahon Hall exhibit.



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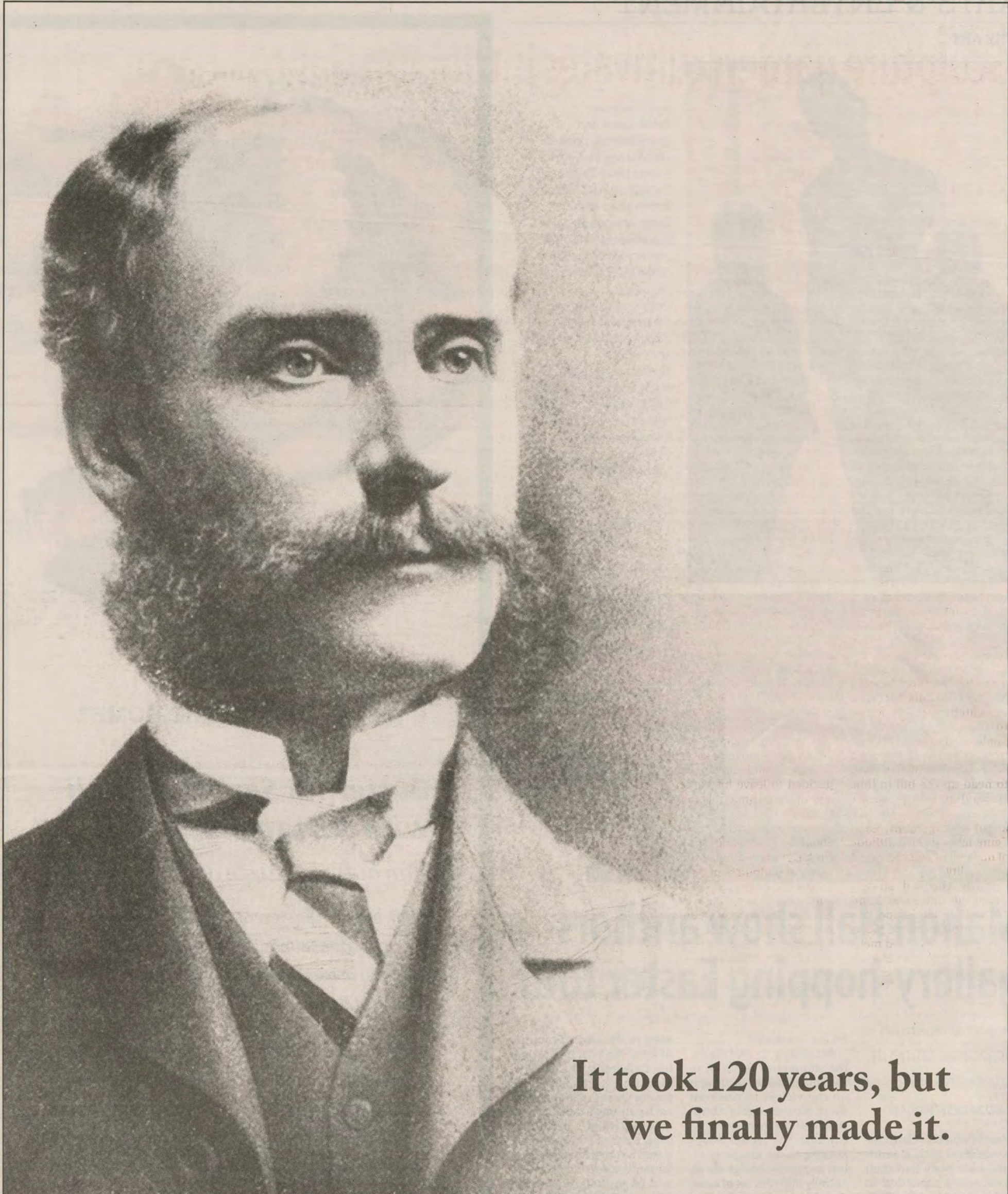
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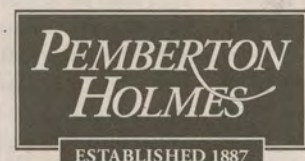
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ARTBEAT

Sculpture garden cultivates intriguing Ganges partnership

SS Woodworks and Hastings House collaborate on new sculpture grounds



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ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

Travellers on Upper Ganges Road may have noticed some congestion lately that has nothing to do with ferry traffic, nor road work. Cars slowing down are more likely pausing to take a look at the striking new sculpture installation in the Hastings House pasture.

The Gatherers by Michael Dennis is the first example of a new partnership between the Hastings House and Salt Spring Woodworks owner/curator Celia Duthie. Duthie launched a sculpture garden last year at her gallery, and will now be bringing in work to be exhibited on a semi-permanent basis on the Hastings House grounds.

In addition to carefully placed pieces that will be viewed mainly by Hastings House guests and visitors, the resort is opening up a trail through its forested area for public use. That will hopefully be ready some time in May.

The series of nine sculptures by Denman Island's Michael Dennis form an eye-catching introduction to the new partnership. Made of upright driftwood trunks draped in salvaged car hoods, the figures seem to head up the hill in line. Depending on the wood's natural shape and Dennis' artful arrangement, each figure takes its own attitude of movement and individual personality.

While the red shawls cause the figures to stand out from the landscape, they don't appear out of place. The slightly degraded metal (salvaged from old vehicles) has an organic, rather than artificial tone.

While for some the red-coloured metal shawls suggest a military connection, the name of the piece dispels this association at

once. The Gatherers bring to mind an extended family group out in the early morning, collecting berries or mushrooms. Knowing that they are part of a larger series called The Ancestors increases that connection. For Duthie, the red mantles represent the stiff, woven cedar capes worn by West Coast peoples.

For all the heaviness of the materials, there is a decided lightness and mobility to the figures. The casually draped coverings belie the fact that these are made of heavy steel and probably took some difficulty to shape and place. The Gatherers look like they may have just paused for a moment — one in mid stride, apparently embracing the day with vigour.

Artist Michael Dennis is one of many who have given up entirely different lives elsewhere to live in the Gulf Islands. Duthie says he was a celebrated professor of physiology at institutions, including Harvard and London University. While in San Francisco he began visiting Denman Island and one day decided to leave his career and make Denman his new home.

Duthie is enthusiastic about the quality and type of work Dennis is doing. Monumental sculptures in cedar have so far been seen as the domain of First Nations artists, but Duthie feels Dennis is creating a style that pays homage to First Nations art without replicating its motifs.

"Michael has brought a Western idiom that we haven't seen before, and I think it's marvellous," Duthie said. "There was never an idiom we were intimate with

and his is — being in cedar it really speaks to us here. And I don't think it's derivative of anything else."

Duthie has recently returned from visiting some major outdoor installations in Washington and Bellingham. The opportunity to bring more art into our local landscape is clearly exciting for her. With ideas on having different themed exhibits each year and guest curators, Duthie's plans go beyond the immediate future.

For now, bringing together the absolutely right pieces by local and other artists with Hastings House's estate grounds is occupying Duthie's time; this is a partnership we can all look forward



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Michael Dennis' wooden figures are part of the first sculpture garden exhibit this year.

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ART SHOWS

Explorations reveal island through Beckett's acrylics

A Vancouver artist's impressions of Salt Spring are being dramatically displayed in 13 images on show at Salt Spring Coffee Co.

Justin Beckett says his work is a testament to a new-found love of the island, which he discovered about six months ago.

He has since travelled to Salt Spring, documenting "many ideas, sketches and painting plein air studies of this beautiful place," says press material.

The resulting 13 acrylic paintings are on display and for sale until the end of March.

Only 21 years old, Beckett has been painting and drawing since age five. He is a self-taught professional artist and photographer, who has learned through "trial and error."

Based in Kitsilano, Beckett paints mostly in oil and acrylic, focussing on landscapes and portraits.

He is further inspired by "old and modern day masters, their studies and rough paintings, movies with strong art direction and music. The way light and shadows work. Colour harmony (a big one), and paintings with good use of colour theory. Nature is definitely the biggest inspiration for me, though."

Beckett says he will "definitely be continuously coming back to the island to paint and study."

Beckett's website is www.conception-studio.com.



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Jennifer and Ary Nelson admire Justin Beckett's Cliffside at Mount Maxwell painting, part of Beckett's show at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe.

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ARTSPRING NEWS

Lobby walls mimic stage action

Multi-media dance-themed art on display

ArtSpring features an exciting pairing of creative expression in its lobby for the month of April.

Dancers and show curators Robbyn Scott and Anna Haltrecht have compiled work by more than 20 artists from Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands to help celebrate International Dance Day on April 29 and the Made in B.C. sponsored dance performance on April 12.

Photographers, painters, sculptors and a weaver have been inspired by dance themes to create work especially for this exhibition. Tango dancers and artists Stefanie Denz, Gail Sibley and Julianna Slomka bring unique insight to the exotic dance, as do photographer Shari Macdonald and Melissa Searcy's ceramic work.

ArtDance features many fine photographers, including Dahlya Smolash, Cylla Von Tiedemann, John Deniston, Amy Melious and Larry Melious. Jerry Davidson presents portraits of famous ballerinas from his career as photographer for the National Ballet.

Artists who capture the idea of dance in nature include Osman Phillips and Patricia Brown. Painters Diana Dean, Evelyn Edwards and Tina Farmilo reveal the inspiration of the moving human form, while Laura Hughes-McGrath shows how artists dance with their paint on the canvas. Weaver Hamza bin al-Wathan has created an intriguing portrait of modern dance pioneer Martha Graham.

Susan Haigh, Andie C. Wicherts, gynette_me and Nancy Angermeyer experiment with new form and style on par with contemporary dance.

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SATURDAY MARCH 29

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Toronto (Live)	400 fois Québec	Miss BG/(15) Dive, Oily	IRL Auto Racing IndyCar Series - Miami Indy 300 (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy Da Boom	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Future's End (Part 1 of 2)	Relic Hunter Diamond in the Rough	MGM Presents	(3:00) NASCAR According to Jim	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow Kelvingrove	(3:30) NCAA Basketball	(4:00) "Casper's Scare School" ★★	(4:00) Billiards	
6:00	Le Téléjournal	Lemur Street	World of Gardens	That News Show (N)	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo! Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	News	News	Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report	Regional Final - Teams TBA (Live)	Prank Patrol Gone Fishing	Poker European Tour	
7:00	NHL Hockey - Edmonton vs. Calgary (Live)	3600 secondes d'extase	National Geographic Killer Crocs of Uganda	SportsCentre	Diya	Global Currents (N)	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Stargate Atlantis The Return	CSI: Miami Pro Per	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	Rosemary and Thyme Raquets Espanol	Tropic of Capricorn (Part 2 of 2)	Ghost Trackers	MLB Baseball - Boston vs. L.A. Angels			
8:00	Le moment de vérité Les meilleurs moments	Heartbeat Laying the Ghost	"Second Sight" (Dra, '07) Lexa Doig.	Martial Arts WEC 33 - Card TBA	Sikh Virsa	Andromeda Decay of the Angel	Whistler Road Trip	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	The Murdoch Mysteries Child's Play	The King of Queens	Cops Coast to Coast	"Catch Me If You Can" (Adv. '02)	Paid Program	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News Sat. Live	KIRO 7 News Special	Mystery Hunters			
9:00	Pour un soir seulement Pour un soir seulement	Midsomer Murders Straw Women																			
10:00	Hockey: After Hours (Live) CBC News	Le Téléjournal	Délect. Inc. Le retour de pépé	Billiards '07 Trick Shot	True Hollywood Story (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Pretty Dangerous	Law & Order Tango	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical	CSI: Miami Murder in a Flash	Q13 FOX News	Law & Order Tango	Soundstage John Fogerty	Doc Zone The Climb	48 Hours Mystery	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected (Live)				
11:00	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	The Whistleblowers No Child Left Behind																			
12:00 MID	"Le génie du crime" ★★																				

SUNDAY MARCH 30

5:00 PM	"Eight Below" ★★ (Adv. '06) Paul Walker.	Oniva	Miss BG/(15) Dive, Oily	(3:00) NBA Basketball	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Endings and Beginnings	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Smallville Veritas	(4:00) World Poker Tour World Poker Finals	Everybody Hates Chris The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) Masterpiece Theatre	Who Killed Diana?	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Corpse Bride" ★★ (Ani, '05)	Poker Million Dollar Cash Game		
6:00	Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon The Sound of Silence	That News Show (N)	What Happened?	According to Jim	News	News	"Tu Ki Thandeaa" (Dra, '06)	Relic Hunter Roman Holiday	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill 4 Years, 6 Months, 2 Days	Family Guy	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Garfield" ★ (Com, '04) Jennifer Love Hewitt.	B.D. Sports Show Best Damn Dreamgirl				
7:00	Geologic Journey The Appalachians	National Geographic Bug Attack	El News Canada	Voices of Hinduism	Renegade-press.com	Cold Case Andy in C Minor (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos	Role That Changed "Stealth" ★ (Act, '05)	Josh Lucas.	Everybody Hates Chris	The Simpsons	King of the Hill (N)	American Dad	Countdown With Keith Olbermann (N)	Antiques Roadshow San Antonio (Hour Three)	Up the Yangtze (N)	60 Minutes	NHL Hockey - Calgary vs. Vancouver (Live)				
8:00	"The Trojan Horse" (Dra, '08) Paul Gross. [Part 1 of 2]	Doc Martin Always on My Mind	Ext. Makeover: Home Latif Family (N)	Sikh Virsa	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Medium (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Kyle XY Great Expectations	America's Next Top Model	The Game (N)	Family Guy	Oprah's Big Give (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Savant	Masterpiece Theatre (N) [Part 1 of 2]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Andy in C Minor (N)	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected					
9:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	(15) Le Téléjournal	The Whistleblowers Fit for Purpose	Score Golf TV (N)	Pop Fiction (N)	Leprosy Mission	King of the Hill (N)	I-Watch News	Pass Da Mic	Careers TV	"Ein Fall Fuer Abel: Kaltes Gold" (Dra) Anke Sevenich.	Stargate: SG-1 The Scourge	Here Come the Newlyweds (N)	Seinfeld The Little Jerry	Q13 FOX News	Here Come the Newlyweds (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Savant	PBS Previews	Up the Yangtze	Dexter Circle of Friends	Falcon Beach Vigil	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
10:00	News	On fait tous du show business	The Leading Edge	Undersea Explorer	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(05) Popoff Ministry	(05) CSI: Miami Lost Son	"Ein Fall Fuer Abel: Kaltes Gold" (Dra)	"What Planet Are You From?" ★★ (Com, '00)	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	24	(05) Da Vinc's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	In the Life	The Mad, The Bad and the Ugly	(35) Face the Nation	"Garfield" ★ (Com, '04)		
11:00	the fifth estate	Big Ideas for Planet Cities Design: E2	TSN the Reporters	IIHF Hockey	Wild On	Kingstar Media																
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MONDAY MARCH 31

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Ça roule!	Timothy / (10) Mama M.	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Rangers (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Charlotte
6:00	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar	That's Hockey (N)	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	Family Guy	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie	The Leading Edge (N)	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Mad, The Bad and the Ugly (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle		
8:00	Kurt Browning's Gotta Skate VII	L'Auberge du chien noir (FS) (N)	With Glowing Hearts	Off the Record	Coach [Part 1 of 3]	Canterbury's Law Sweet Sixteen (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	The Big Bang Theory (N)	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Gossip Girl Roman Holiday	Canterbury's Law Sweet Sixteen (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 1 of 3]	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Fries With That?	Adrenaline Project	NBA Basketball - Dallas vs. Los Angeles (Live)
9:00	The Border Blowback (N)	La Petite Vie Belle-maman	Perspectives Girl Inside (N)	Deal or No Deal	The Standard	New Amsterdam Legacy (N)	(35) Corner Gas	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	Old Christine (SF) (N)	Girlicious A Look Back (N)	New Amsterdam Legacy (N)	(35) The Bachelor	Deal or No Deal	American Experience (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Futurama	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	RX for Survival Rise of the Superbugs	Paradise Hotel (N)	Cold Case Detention	The Unit Every Step You Take	CSI: Miami Ambush (N) [Part 1 of 2]	GMA Telesine	October Road	The Bachelor: London Calling (N)	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	London Calling (N)	Medium (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Retirement Revolution (P) (N)	The Mad, The Bad and the Ugly	CSI: Miami Ambush (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
11:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Profiles of Nature Snow White Killers of the Arctic	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested	(35) Rick Mercer	Mighty Movers Rock Eaters of Iceland	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	(35) Colbert Report (N)	Wladomosci	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H April Fools	(35) Conan O'Brien	Smart Travels	The Hour	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY APRIL 1

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Deux pour un	Timothy / (10) Mama M.	UEFA Soccer Champions League - Quarter-final Leg #1 - Manchester vs. Roma	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Happy Days	Global National	Phoenix World News	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Edgar & Ellen	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar	That's Hockey (N)	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	Family Guy	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	News	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie	World of Gardens (N)	El News	Accord Jim [Part 1 of 2]	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	2 1/2 Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Raised to be Heroes	Entertainment Tonight	Prank Patrol	NHL Hockey - Colorado vs. Vancouver (Live)	
8:00	Rick Mercer Report	René (N)	Michael Palin's New Europe Baltic Summer	In This Corner (N)	Coach [Part 3 of 3]	NCIS Lost and Found	American Idol 9 Finalists Compete (N)	II Caffe	"All" ★★ (Bio, '01) Will Smith.	Beauty and the Geek Lovelorn Science (N)	Beauty and the Geek Lovelorn Science (N)	American Idol 9 Finalists Compete (N)	Just for Laughs (N)	The Biggest Loser (N)	Nova Voyage to the Mystery Moon	CBC News: The National	NCIS Lost and Found	"Dennis the Menace" ★★ (Fam, '93) Walter	Matthau.	
9:00	To Be Announced	Casino	C.W. Jefferys: Picturing Canada	Leg #1 - Barcelona vs. Schalke	Barbara Walters Special (N)	Cold Case Debut	Very Bad Men The Cold Blooded Charmer (N)	CSI: Miami All In (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Schauplatz Europa European Journal	Entourage Aquamom	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Barbara Walters Special (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Streetwise	About Us Inlaws and Outlaws (N)	the fifth estate	CSI: Miami All In (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Chiets and Champions Allan Gregg	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	With Glowing Hearts	News	It's a New Day	News	News	CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight Show	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show	Nightly Business	(35) David Letterman (N)	Ghost Trackers		
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested	(35) Red Green Show	(45) Fosse aux lions	Off the Record	(05) El News	International Laser Clinic	(35) Late, Late Show	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	(35) Colbert Report (N)	Aina-e-Afghan	Pass Da Mic	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien	Travels to the Edge	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

CONCERTS

Meeting of musical minds leads to Waters-Kinobe tour and CD to follow



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Michael Waters, left, and Kinobe present The Medicine Wind at All Saints church next Friday night.

Duo performs on kora and guitar at April 4 concert

Islanders will have the chance to see a Ugandan world music star in action when Kinobe, along with Victoria-based guitarist Michael Waters, take to the stage at All Saints By-the-Sea on April 4 for a show called The Medicine Wind.

Kinobe, a young master of the 26-string African harp known as the kora, has been a rising force in the world and roots music scene in Uganda and has recently finished a 17-country tour with his band Soul Beat Africa.

Kinobe and Waters first met in Uganda in 2005, when Waters was recording local choirs for a charity he was working with.

"When I first heard Michael play, I knew we

were walking in the same direction, only he was many years further down the path," says Kinobe in a recent press release. "We have been planning to tour ever since, so now it starts."

Waters explains, "Kinobe's sense of tone and rhythm with the kora takes you very deep. You can feel the African earth and sky in his music."

Kinobe has been playing music since the age of five, and began touring with an African ensemble when he was 10.

"Based in Uganda's capital, Kampala, he spends much of his time travelling into the more remote parts of the country to play with musicians still steeped in the tribal traditional styles."

The musician's fascination with the kora came when he heard the Mali virtuoso Toumani Diabate play.

"As soon as I heard him play, I knew this was the instrument I would go deepest with," he explains. "Even though it is not a traditional instrument from my country, it still speaks to me on my land and people."

Waters has grown a following through local performances over the past two years.

"After 33 years playing guitar as a spiritual practice, Waters' encounter with the medicine traditions of the Amazon triggered a 30-month wave of composition and the decision to begin performing publicly."

"He combines acoustic virtuosity and a new genre known as psychedelic chill."

The two musicians plan to record a CD at the finale of their tour, which ends in Victoria in early April, with the CD supporting a planned European tour in the fall.

"Kinobe's sense of tone and rhythm with the kora takes you very deep. You can feel the African earth and sky in his music."

MICHAEL WATERS, Musician

Their Salt Spring show begins at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$20 at the door or in advance at Acoustic Planet.

WORLD MUSIC

Galitcha brings Indian-Western fusion

When traditional Indian rhythms meet popular Western instruments, an irresistible new sound is born.

A Salt Spring audience can experience the music of Ottawa band Galitcha, which plays music with a strong North Indian footprint overlaid with influences from Western folk, jazz and instrumentation from around the world.

The band performs at El Zocalo Cafe on Sunday, March 30 beginning at 7 p.m.

Members are Kuljit Sodhi on vocals and percussion; Stefan Cihelka, tabla, percussion; Linsey Wellman, flute, soprano and alto saxophones, vocals; and Chris MacLean on vocals, harmonium, guitar, dulcimer and ik tara.

Admission — \$12 by reservation or \$15 at the door. For reservations call 250-247-7123 or e-mail hey@zula.ca. The event is a Zula presentation. The band website is www.galitcha.com.

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On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star group, Tom David gives a \$300 cheque to John Herbert of the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association.

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PUBLIC FORUM: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ST. MARY LAKE?

Background. The North Salt Spring Waterworks district has arranged for the aeration of St. Mary Lake in an attempt to prevent algae blooms on the lake which can be unsightly and toxic. The equipment is being fabricated and will be installed early this summer.

Topic. Dr. Ken Ashley will be speaking on "The aeration project for St. Mary Lake". He is an ecologist/fisheries scientist who probably has more experience with lake aeration than anyone else in B.C. His talk will give background information on the lake, the reasoning behind the approach, and the hoped for results.

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An Easter visit to the cheese farm



Jan Pollard (above) plays the Easter Bunny for youngsters visiting the cheese farm for its open house on Sunday. Julia Hermani (right) reaches for an egg hidden in the tulips. The egg hunt is a popular part of the annual Easter Sunday event at the Salt Spring Island Cheese Farm on Reynolds Road.



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Kyle Roberge holds a bright yellow chick and shows how small it really is. A petting zoo with lambs, rabbits and chicks was a big draw for the kids.



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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Allies combat gay bullying

"That's so gay" is not okay!"

The sign seen last fall in a store window during Pride Week stood out as remarkable, as it brought a rare focus to homophobia. We are all familiar with the slurs and nudges. Homophobia is normalized in our culture and we've largely become desensitized to it.

Homophobia is the irrational fear of, aversion to, or hatred of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. It also includes fearing being perceived as gay; or the fear of one's own feelings towards members of the same sex; or the irrational fear of behavior that is outside traditional gender roles.

Typically, bystanders say nothing when hearing homophobic remarks, taunts or "jokes." These create an unsafe and oppressive atmosphere in our culture and should not be tolerated. No wonder the gay teen suicide rate is three times that of their straight peers! However, it doesn't need to be this way. Straight "allies" can and do make a difference.

For example, this fall, bullies taunted and physically threatened a Grade 9 boy at Central Kings Rural High School in Cambridge, Nova Scotia because he wore a pink polo shirt on the first day of school. Kindly coming to his rescue, two

12th-grade students brainstormed a campaign to support the younger student. They spread the word via the Internet that the next day everyone should wear pink in support of the harassed student, and then purchased 50 pink tank tops at a local discount store. Imagine his reaction when he arrived at school and saw a sea of pink solidarity! The campaign swept the province. Around 30 Halifax schools held wear-pink days, and one cafeteria even served pink mashed potatoes. An annual anti-bullying campaign, Stand Up Against Bullying Day, was recently declared by Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald wearing a pink tie. Bully for pink!

Last summer in our own community, multiple homophobic attacks on a well-known gay couple occurred. Spray-painted slurs marred their place of business more than once; posters plastered around town spewed hatred; and finally, a young man physically threatened one of them. They continue to receive hate mail.

A local straight couple along with friends and local businesses chose to mount a counter offensive on the gay community's behalf. Soon, miniature bumper stickers promoting justice, equality and respect sprouted all over

town, replacing the hateful posters, and a Salt Spring United website sprang up. A Vancouver weekly picked up the story.

There's no doubt that homophobia is still alive and well in Canada. What's remarkable about these two incidents is that reacting in a kind, supportive fashion in both instances made the news — when support should be the norm, not the exception.

An ally takes action out of the belief that eliminating oppression will benefit all people, not just those being targeted. For targeted groups, allies are welcome antidotes to homophobia, racism, sexism and other forms of oppression.

This article is one in a series on "Respectful Relationships" submitted to the Driftwood by the SWOVA Community Research and Development Society.

The Respectful Relationships violence prevention program addresses homophobia, and is a valued part of the school curriculum in four B.C. school districts.

To support the Gulf Islands' Respectful Relationships youth program this year, please contact SWOVA's office at 537-1336 or visit the group's website at www.swova.org.



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FINE DAY FOR A TUNE: Opening of the Saturday market for another season brings out the buskers. Dorah Prieto entertains market-goers on the inaugural day in Ganges.

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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Klutzy the Clown makes debut

Preschool benefit at Fulford Hall

Salt Spring Island children can prepare for a whole new era in children's entertainment when local comedian Stewart Katz unveils his latest outrageous theatrical creation on Sunday, April 6.

Entitled The Klutzy the Clown Show, the afternoon at Fulford Hall promises music, slapstick, puppets

and magic for children of all ages.

"Joining Stew will be local magician extraordinaire Bob Twaites, guest clowns Brian Box and Miss Eva Olynyk and a special appearance by 'Red' Power Ranger and other surprises," explains a recent press release.

A generous portion of ticket sales will be donated to the Salt Spring Preschool Cooperative.

"Already there have been generous donations from local businesses: Island Sav-

ings Credit Union, GVM, Harlan's, Sports Traders and Island Star Video."

Press material advises attendees to "bring your sweet teeth," since a bake sale to raise money for the preschool will also be held.

The fun begins at 2 p.m. Tickets for the Fulford Hall show are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12.

Advance tickets are available at Acoustic Planet.

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Smoke-free changes mean:

- All indoor public places and work places in B.C. will be smoke-free. Bars, restaurants, pubs, clubs and casinos will no longer allow indoor smoking or have designated smoking rooms.
- Common areas in apartment buildings, such as hallways and laundry rooms, must be smoke-free. Smoking is also banned in the common area of hotels. While smoking is permitted inside the private accommodation rooms, hotel proprietors are free to designate rooms as non-smoking.
- There will be a 3 metre smoke-free zone around most public and workplace doorways, opening windows and air intakes, and smoking is permitted on un-enclosed hospitality patios. (Proprietors and local governments can set more restrictive requirements.)
- All transit shelters must be smoke-free.

Tobacco sales, display and promotion changes mean:

- Tobacco retailers cannot display or promote tobacco products if minors are allowed in their store.
- Retailers cannot display or promote tobacco in such a way that anyone can see it easily from outside their store.
- New limits apply to retail signs that describe the tobacco products for sale.
- Tobacco products will not be sold in hospitals, public post-secondary institutions, provincial government buildings and local government recreational facilities.

Provincial tobacco laws will continue to be enforced by local health authorities.

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ON THE MOVE: Karol and Stefan Esquivi head to the Refund Centre in Ganges with their little red wagon loaded with goods.

GARDENING

'Weird and wonderful' in bloom at talk

Garden club hosts Gary Lewis on March 26

A perennial master speaks at tonight's Salt Spring Garden Club meeting, and will also bring some plants for islanders to purchase. Gary Lewis, the owner of Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, will speak about Weird and Wonderful Plants of the World. "Countless fascinating garden plants exist at the fringes of cultivation, including many that have

recently been introduced from far-flung corners of the world," notes press material. "On this virtual tour of six continents you'll discover a multitude of uncommon and underused perennials to add botanical intrigue to your patio and garden." The March 26 meeting is at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m. According to Lewis' website, he began botanizing his local fields and forests around the age of four, began collecting house plants at the age of 10 and began gardening at the age of 15. He holds a Masters of Science degree in plant ecology from the University of

British Columbia, training which, with its focus on the botany and ecology of wild plants, greatly informs his horticulture. Since becoming the owner of Phoenix Perennials in 2004, Lewis has greatly expanded the nursery to include one of the largest and most exciting selections of perennials in the Lower Mainland. "He strives to include cutting-edge new perennials, tried and true garden stalwarts, and the rare and unusual in his plant offerings," notes press material. "Lewis is the image bank coordinator for E-Flora BtC, an online atlas of B.C.

native plants, and serves on the recovery team for the streambank lupine (*Lupinus rivularis*), an endangered lupine species whose Canadian populations are restricted to the Lower Mainland." He is also a member of the Perennial and Bulb Selection Committee of Great Plant Picks, an educational awards program of the Miller Botanical Garden that works to build a comprehensive palette of outstanding plants for Pacific Northwest gardens. Non-club members are welcome to attend the Meaden Hall meeting for a \$5 donation.

ACTIVISM

Video and special luncheon put spotlight on landmine awareness

All welcome to United church event on Sunday

Despite a landmine ban treaty signed by 122 nations that's been international law since 1999, a civilian is still injured by a landmine every 30 minutes and some 60-70 million are still in the ground. Every year approximately 15,000 to 20,000 people are killed or maimed by landmines and, according to UNICEF, 30 to 40 per cent of all mine victims are children. Those statistics come from the Salt Spring United Church, which is holding a special lunch and video event on Sunday, March 30 to raise awareness about the issue and funds to improve the situation. March is International Landmine Aware-

ness Month and the United church has long been associated with the landmine ban cause. "[Landmines] have a great impact on entire communities," notes press material. "It includes virtually every aspect of life and prevents communities from fully recovering after war. It means people will not be able to use the land to grow food, rebuild their homes or access clean water. They live in constant fear that they will be blown up at their next step." Islanders are invited to the church for a light lunch on Sunday at 11:30 a.m., consisting of typical soups and breads from the affected areas, and followed by an inspiring video on landmine removal. Church service is at 10 a.m., but people can come to lunch and video event only. For more information about the landmine issue, visit www.canadianlinemine.org.

MEN'S HEALTH

Latest prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment news at April 4 meeting

The Salt Spring Island Prostate Cancer Support Group will host two special guests at a Friday, April 4 Farmers Institute event. Dr. Stanley Brosman of Santa Monica, California, who has a home on Salt Spring, has offered to speak to the group about what's new in prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment. Affiliated with the Pacific Urology Institute and Pacific

Clinical Research, Brosman also teaches at the urology department at UCLA. With him comes his friend and colleague Dr. Mark Scholz, who practises oncology and is co-founder of the Prostate Cancer Research Institute in Los Angeles. "Between them, says Dr. Brosman, there isn't much they haven't seen," notes a support group press release. "The support group wants to share their good fortune and welcomes anyone touched by prostate cancer — the men themselves and those close to them." The meeting will be interactive, allowing questions and answers. It kicks off at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Farmers Institute. Admission is free and a light refreshment will be served.

Celebration and Thanks

FROM

Amy, Andrew, Carlos, Christopher, Claire, David, Kandra, Marlys, Naomi, Pam, and Suzy

The individuals who are supported through GIFTS and their families would like to recognize and sincerely thank those who have created, enhanced and contributed to our many positive community activities over the years.

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LETTING THEM GO: Gintari Jankauskaite, left, proprietor of the new Flow spa, and her friends place leaves in Ganges Creek as part of a blessing ceremony for the opening of Flow. It's located in the Creekside building above Apple Photo on McPhillips.

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ISLANDS TRUST

It's time for community stewardship heroes to stand up and be counted

Seventh annual awards program opens nominations

If islanders know of a person, business or group that has helped make their island or community better, now is their chance to nominate them for an Islands Trust community stewardship award.

"There are many people who help to preserve and protect our islands and our communities and we believe those people deserve recognition," states Kim Benson, chair of the Islands Trust, in a recent press release. "This program has been designed to acknowledge the achievements of people who have worked on a project that supports the mandate of the Islands Trust."

Projects or actions can be nominated if they are innovative, support the Trust mandate, benefit a community or the Trust Area and if they have some level of community involvement.

The Trust's mandate is to "preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents and all British Columbians, in cooperation with other local governments, individuals and organizations."

This is the seventh year of the program, which is open to any individual, school or classroom, community group, non-profit organization or business that has demonstrated efforts to enhance a community in the Trust Area, while remaining consistent with the mandate. Trust staff, contractors or trustees are not eligible.

Two awards are given to individuals and two given out to organizations, providing there are sufficient qualifying entries to justify an award, explains the Trust release.

Nominations can be for a specific project or work carried out over a period of time. Other requirements for nominations are that the project or work must be ongoing or must have been completed within the previous 12 months.

Last year saw eight nominees for the awards. While previous submissions have included conservation initiatives, wildlife tree stewardship and beach cleanup, individuals and/or projects have also included those involving economic renewal, community improvement and public education. "The program is about

more than the environment — it's about community life," said Benson. "If someone or an organization has contributed to improving the community, culture or economic sustainability of an island we want to know about them."

New for this year's nomination process — in response to public input — is that each nominator can now submit two nominations per category. The nomination deadline is April 30.

Nomination forms and more details are available on the Stewardship Awards page of the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca or from local Trust offices. Award recipients will be announced following the June Trust council meeting and presented with their awards in the fall.

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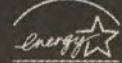
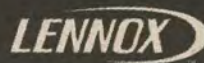


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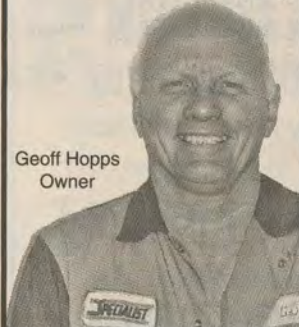
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THIS YEAR GISS Improv troupe off to national championships

It was a great night for the troupe as they performed in front of a large audience at the national championships. The troupe, consisting of several talented performers, showcased their unique brand of improvisational comedy. The night was filled with laughter and applause, and the troupe's performance was highly praised by the judges and audience alike.

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In February I wrote about counseling, craniosacral therapy, and somato emotional release.

Today I want to say a bit more about energy work.

What do our physical, emotional, and mental aches and pains have to do with energy?

The painful shoulder, the hurting knee, the stomach aches we feel, all our experiences are encoded as energetic information. Our emotional and behavioral patterns that we act and react from within ourselves and with others, all the thoughts and thought patterns that go through our brain day and night, exist energetically.

All information is energy.

All of our experiences, as well as our beliefs, feelings, and patterns are stored as information in an energetic field in and around us. It is as if we are carrying a big personal DVD with all the information imprinted. The energetic information on this 'DVD' is invisible to our eyes and silent to our ears.

Much the same as the DVD we pick up from the video store, we don't see or hear anything of the story that is encoded on the DVD. However, as soon as we play the DVD in our player, we have access to the stories with our eyes and ears. It is our translator of the imprinted story line.

A very similar process happens in energy work.

We access the energetic information directly, and sometimes it translates for us into the stored stories (memories of experiences, emotions, body sensations, thoughts, belief patterns) and sometimes it doesn't. We do not need to re-experience the old to change it.

Everything is connected.

The patterns of our emotions, beliefs and pains that we are aware of are part of a far bigger picture. Our personal patterns not only come from the lives we are living now. They are connected to other times; they are often 'inherited' through our ancestors, cultures, collective conditioning through human history, and our own journeys before this lifetime. These connections of our personal patterns to the bigger picture can be difficult to access through our minds, our emotions and our body sensations.

In energy work we follow the energetic information of our patterns into the bigger connections we ask for and make changes there that then affect our personal lives. We do not always need to know the details of the stories.

The guidance for this energy work comes out of energetic sensitivity and a deep trust in guidance through the eternal love that is always there for us - that is our very core of our being; that is all there is.

We all need different things at different times.

The effects and results of this kind of energy work can be quite amazing. Every change comes from a place of readiness for change, and that comes into our lives in many different ways in its own order and time.

In sessions / treatments we can easily move back and forth between counseling, cranio-sacral therapy, somato emotional release work, and energy work.

If you are interested in more detailed information and how any of this might be helpful for your personal situation, I'll be happy to answer your questions.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

World Wildlife Fund Earth Flotilla hits Salt Spring

Week-long camp informs and inspires

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students from across the province took to land and sea in the Gulf Islands last week in an attempt to learn how they can make a positive change on their environment.

"I hope to contribute fresh ideas about how my small community both contributes to global warming and the fight against it," said Megan Cail, a Grade 10 student from William's Lake Secondary School.

Cail was among 30 students between the ages of 13 and 17 who partook in the inaugural Earth Flotilla, sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund.

Participants spent six days sailing among the Gulf Islands, making landfall to meet with and learn from various island environmentalists, scientists and natural builders.

Practical experience was complimented by classroom study sessions aboard the ships serving as students' home away from home.

Salt Spring stops on the inter-island educational tour included Burgoyne Bay and Ganges Harbour.

"The trip is essentially a training seminar that hap-

pens to take place on ships, program director Jeff Gibbs said. "What makes this so special is that it is very rich in content."

Gibbs thought up the program while hiking up Mount Erskine during a short holiday on Salt Spring Island last year.

The islands' environmental significance in addition to the number of knowledgeable people living in the area made Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands an obvious choice.

"What's available on Salt Spring is really amazing," he said. "We received a lot of involvement from the island. Between the activities and the types of resource people, there is a tremendous capacity here."

On Salt Spring, the group spent the better part of three days touring ecologically designed homes, visiting a sustainable forestry site on the south end and an ethnobotanical tour of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Other stops on their voyage included the study of watersheds and a tour of the Norske paper mill in Crofton, where new technology has significantly reduced the level of greenhouse gases emitted by the facility.

Students met with more than 30 resource people during their six-day journey.

"I hope the participants

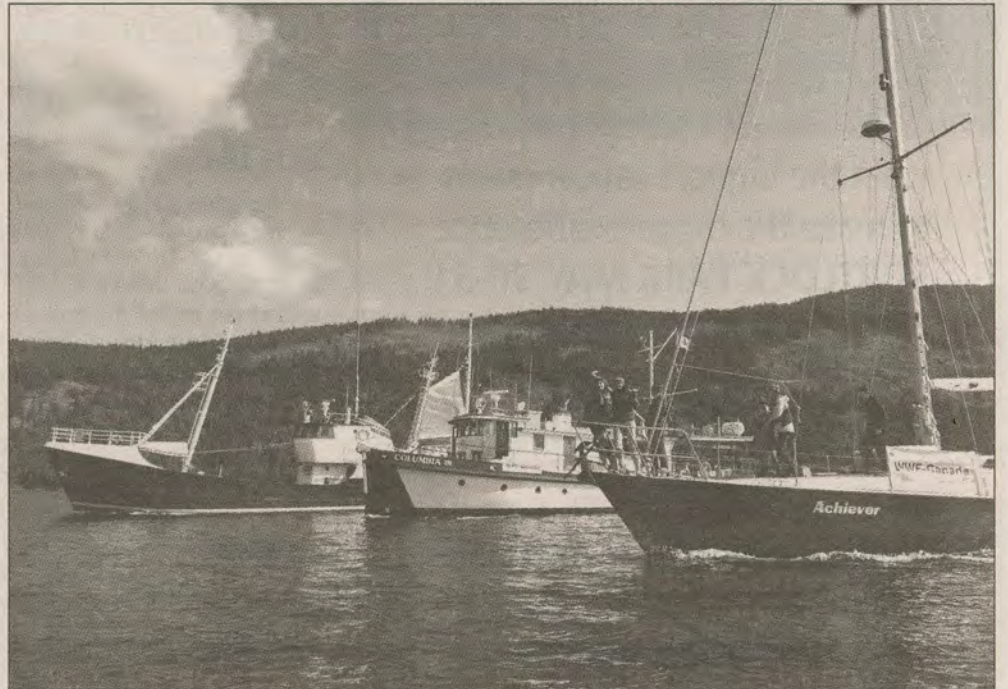
will return to their communities inspired by what they have seen," Gibbs said.

To qualify for the program, participants had to organize a "footprint challenge" in their school. Events, aimed at lowering students' environmental impact over a two-week period, ranged from letter-writing campaigns to implementing low-energy lunch hours.

"We received a lot of involvement from the island. Between the activities and the types of resource people, there is a tremendous capacity

here."
JEFF GIBBS,
Program director

"With the leadership skills they've developed on this trip, it's hoped they will be ready to become ambassadors for our planet's natural world," Gibbs said.



PHOTOS BY JEFF GIBBS

Earth Flotilla ships drop anchor in Burgoyne Bay last week, above, as Vancouver's Rachel Chen, at right, and 29 other B.C. students participate in the six-day event sponsored by World Wildlife Fund Canada.



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SOCIAL

The group's social will be on Thursday, April 24, again in the United Church at 7:30 p.m. Niece Visser will show slides on nature conservation and restoration in the Netherlands. At www.saltspringtnc.ca you will find more details on our activities.

HIKERS

April 1: A moderate hike to Mount Tuam, led by Lynn Thompson. Meet at

ArtSpring at 9:45 or at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

April 8: Mary Hoff will lead us on an off-island hike to Cobble and Manzanita Hills. This is a 4.5 to five-hour moderate hike, with good views. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool on the Vesuvius ferry at 9. We meet the leader at the Cobble Hill rest area, which is just past Dougans Lake on the Trans-Canada Highway, at 10. Probably count on the 4:30 ferry going back, but might make the 3:30 p.m.

April 15: Nigel Denyer will lead a hike around Mount Sullivan. It will be strenuous, with some bushwacking. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10.

April 22: Join Charles Kahn on a moderate hike in the Musgrave area, from the Mill Farm to the waterfall and back. Some steep sections. Please be prepared to

come back later than usual (4 p.m.) due to the long drive out to Mill Farm and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

April 29: Kees Visser will lead a moderate, long hike from Peter Arnell Park to the 80-acres park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or at the top of Stewart Road behind the barrier at 10 a.m.

WALKERS

April 1: Kees Visser will lead a moderate off-island walk to the historic Kinsol trestle. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 to carpool for the 9 a.m. ferry.

April 8: Niece Visser leads a walk up Mount Erskine from Toynbee. Some steep sections, especially at the start. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the intersection of Cranberry and Mount Maxwell Road (at the farm stand) at 10:10.

April 15: The monthly nature outing will be a tree and flower identification walk in the Isabella Point area, led jointly by Bill Earl and Nancy Braithwaite. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:20.

April 22: Harry Burton will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m., or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

April 29: Jacquie Severn will lead a moderate walk

from Beaver Point Hall to the Indian Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

RAMBLERS

April 1: Louise Fuoco will lead a walk along Duck Creek. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

April 8: Frauke Prystawik will take us on a ramble to the Ruby Alton House. After this, we will walk in the Isabella Road area. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:20 a.m.

April 15: Off-island trip to Honeymoon Bay to see the spring flowers. Beth Ranney is the leader. Arrange your rides ahead. Meet at and carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. Take 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

April 22: Sterling McEackern will lead a ramble in Ruckle Park to Merganser Pond. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. or from the Little Red School House at 10:20 a.m.

April 29: Leader's choice with Kathy Darling. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Players pumped for spring soccer

Coaches like what they see as senior girls and two junior squads take the field

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The coach of the Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior girls soccer team is optimistic his team stands a decent chance of improving over last year's drive to the provincial finals.

"We're going to stand a pretty good chance," coach Doug Pearson said last week. "Our goal is to get back to the provincials and we're taking that one step at a time."

Tryouts for the senior girls team wrapped up earlier this month, with a competitive field of aspiring soccer stars turning out to vie for the team.

An especially talented group of Grade 10 and 11 students, Pearson said, made selecting players for this year's team difficult.

"Things got pretty competitive," he said. "A lot of people were kind of upset they didn't make the team."

The younger players will get valuable experience playing at the senior levels, something, Pearson added, that bodes well for the years ahead.

Pearson named Kate Parker as the team's captain.

The senior girls Scorpions finished in ninth place at

last year's provincial finals, giving new and returning players high expectations for the 2008 season.

Pearson said one of the team's biggest obstacles will be to make sure players aren't overly confident before they take to the field.

"They've got higher expectations this year, but we are still in a pretty tough league," he said. "We'll just have to cross our fingers."

"Things should be interesting."

DOUG PEARSON,
Scorpions' senior girls
team soccer coach

The 2008 spring season gets underway on Tuesday, April 8. The team will play two games a week during the relatively short two-month season.

"Things should be interesting," he said.

In other GISS soccer news, Cardin Davis and Felix Payer will coach the junior boys squad while Clara MacKenzie takes the helm of the promising junior girls team.

No high school spring program exists for boys at the senior level.



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High school soccer resumes after spring break on April 8. Last year's senior girls Scorpions team, playing in the above photo taken last year, finished ninth in the province at the AA level.

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Brian Bleskie
March 29, 2007

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6 DEATHS

Keys, Gladys Bernice (Sollitt)

Born 1908 North Dakota and died March 15, 2008 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Predeceased by her first husband John Percy Sollitt in 1966 and second husband Jack Grant Keys in 1991. Jack and Gladys enjoyed their retirement to Salt Spring in 1979 until Jack's death in 1991. Gladys continued her life long love of painting. By 2002, she decided to return to Alberta, where her roots were deep, and stay with her daughter Judith-Ann.

She is survived by her sons Wayne (Yvonne) Sollitt, Qualicum and Bud (Lee) Sollitt, Salt Spring Island, and daughter Judith-Ann (Alan Miller), Edmonton. Also extended family Margaret (Gary Oberg), Lethbridge, Alberta, and Barbara (Harry Last), Santa Barbara, California.

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Jim was a gentle, kind gentleman who was loved by many. He was involved in the Scouting movement for 22 years, played golf with the "Fickle Fingers" for several years despite the fact that he was legally blind.

Jim served in the Australian Air force during World War II & then 10 years in the Canadian Reserves. Jim worked for the Hudson Bay Wholesale for 35 years.

Services to be held on April 2, 3 p.m., All Saints by-the-Sea. Reception to follow at the Brinkworthy Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Greenwoods Eldercare Society would be greatly appreciated.

Our thanks to Dr. Leavitt, Jane and every single staff member at Greenwoods for their love and kindness showed to Jim & myself. I will never forget you.

6 DEATHS

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#22 Merchant Mews
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SSI, V8K 2V9
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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. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date

8 CARDS OF THANKS



The Salt Spring Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Easter Bunny would like to thank Ganges Village Market and Island Star Video for making our annual Easter Egg Hunt a success.

20 COMING EVENTS

SCRAPBOOKING & CARD Making Workshop mini-classes, make & take, door prizes. Bring your own or start a project. Many cool tools, inspiration & expertise available! March 29, 10 - 4, @ Community Gospel. \$25 including lunch. To register: 538-

8 CARDS OF THANKS



Thank you

The Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team from SIMS would like to thank the community and parents for the incredible support and generous donations that enabled the team to travel to Pitt Meadows for the Provincials.

We couldn't have done it without your help!

B-Side Clothing • BC Ferries • Benjamin Luna (workbee) • BMO staff • Jennifer Bullach (bottle drive) • Misc. people on the street • PAC • Pharmasave Uptown • Saltspring Island Middle School • Saltspring Sound • Sam Graci • Sheri Dekoven (food organization) • Sports Traders • SS Natureworks • SS Veterinary Services • SSI Volunteer Firefighters Assn. • Studio One • Thrifty Foods • TJ Beans • Windsor Plywood • The Driftwood

10 CELEBRATIONS

Sandra, Happy Birthday!



Thank you for helping us find our way home!!

Love from your family

20 COMING EVENTS

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

Salvation, eh? Does it have meaning today? Are we born right the first time? 10:30am Sunday, Fulford Hall OAP. www.unitariancongregation.org.

LET YOURSELF SING!

Creative vocal play using improvisation. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary. Sunday, Apr. 6, 10am - 3pm. \$60. To register call Ella Topaz 653-4261.

ART AND YOGA ESCAPE

May 9 - 11 on Channel Ridge SSI. Two highly skilled teachers from Victoria; Joanne Thomson, a full time artist/ educator/ illustrator & Robin Cantor an Iyengar yoga instructor will lead a creative and fulfilling weekend for all levels. Cost: \$305 includes lunches and snacks. Limit 10 participants. joannedthomson@shaw.ca or (250) 881-1539.

MNL's GOLF mtg. Sunday, March 30, 10am at the Falcon-shead Grill. New members wel-

20 COMING EVENTS

DANCE

Meadon Hall, Sat., April 5, 7:30 pm

Music by "The Relatives"

Tickets: \$10 at the door
Brought to you by the SS Dragon Boat Club (the fun people).

Salt Spring FOLK CLUB

www.saltspringfolkclub.ca

GuMBooT GaLA

Bill Henderson & Valdy

March 31, 2008

Fulford Hall

Salt Spring Island

Door opens 6:45 Show starts 7:30

Tickets \$15 available at:

Acoustic Planet

Salt Spring Books

Stuff and Nonsense



SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SSI SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

AGM

Thursday, April 10 • 7 pm
SS Elementary School

- Annual Reports
- Financial Statements
- Election of Directors
- Reaching out

Everyone welcome!
Ideas welcome!
Opinions welcome!

20 COMING EVENTS

"2 DEGREES OF FEAR AND DESIRE"

An intimate evening of theatre (without a play) about global warming - sponsored by Salt Spring Coffee

Fulford Hall, Saturday, March 29th

Show starts 7:30 pm

Admission by donation to Earth Festival Society



Training for Courage Clinic & Wish Trail Ride

May 24th & May 25th - Soul Ridge Farm

All proceeds donated to the Children's Wish Foundation. Help make a difference in a child's life by bringing us one step closer to granting their wish!

Open to everyone, not only horse people...

Early Reg. Bonus for Clinic before April 1

Contact Jenn 537-4994

ssiwishtrailride@hotmail.com for more information.

www.provincialwishtrailride.com

BOOK EXCHANGE

Sunday, March 30, 10 am to 4 pm at Central Hall

come to exchange, barter, trade, sell or buy your gently used books

FREE!

tables are free but please call to reserve your space - 537-0049.

Light refreshments available.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

This event is hosted by the board of directors of your community hall. There will be a short interruption at 2 pm for the Central Hall AGM.

PRIZES will be awarded when the meeting concludes.

Returning to Salt Spring for 2 Workshops:

CORE TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Join us for powerful workshops with Ger Lyons, where, stagnation, deadness, fatigue, sickness & disease, old traumas & programming rapidly and permanently become a thing of the past. Come home to your power & full health now!

Intro Eve: At The Ganges Yoga Studio
Thurs., March 27th • 7:30-10:30

4-Day Workshop: At The Ganges Yoga Studio
Friday March 28th • 7-10 pm

Sat - Mon March 29th, 30th & 31st full days

6-Day Workshop: At The Lion's Hall
Friday, April 4th • 7-10 pm

Sat - Wed, April 5-12th Full days

Come & Experience the Miracle of Rapid Cellular Transformation! For more info & to register please contact/call Michelle Renick at (250) 538-8410 or email: michelle@tetretnick@hotmail.com.

Visit www.gerlyons.net for more info on Ger's healing work

20 COMING EVENTS

Win Krayenhoff MEMORIAL LUNCH & BRIDGE
Friday, March 28 at 12 noon
Fulford Hall
 All proceeds help sustain The Clinic in the Core Inn
 Tickets 537-0897

WEDNESDAYS WITH CELESTE


 9-10:30 Level I Yoga
 5-6:15 Wall Yoga
 6:30-8 Mixed Levels Yoga
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 www.gangesyogastudio.com

INTERNATIONAL LANDMINE AWARENESS LUNCHEON
 Every Year 15-20,000 people (30-40% children) are killed or maimed by landmines.
 Informational video & lunch (Ethnic Soups and Breads)
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United Church 111 Hereford Ave.

25 EDUCATION

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST KEYS! GVM/ Fields area, Sat. Mar. 15, double ring, Acura keyless entry and others. Possible reward. 537-5131, Melissa.
LOST: GANGES, keyring. Please return to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road.
FOUND: LICENCE plate on Atkins Road. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.
FOUND - PINK iPod. Call 537-5000.

32 MEETINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting of Central Community Hall. Sunday, March 30, 2pm. Public welcome.

34 NOTICES


Islands Trust SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
 The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.
DATE: Thursday, APRIL 3, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: ArtSpring 100 Jackson Avenue
 Starting at 1:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the agenda. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

25 EDUCATION


Become a Psychiatric Nurse in your own community

Psychiatric Nursing DIPLOMA

"We have a serious shortage of nurses, and the problem is going to get bigger... B.C. now has 2,400 registered psychiatric nurses and the number is diminishing every year as the number of retirements exceed the number of new graduates. There is zero-per-cent unemployment in this profession." - Donna Higenbottom, Executive Director & Registrar of the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC (CRPNBC)

Train Locally - The only program of its kind in BC, our Regional Psychiatric Nursing Diploma program allows students to learn within their local communities via distance education, local and/or regional clinical placements, and some regional classroom delivery. This 23 month program is recognized by the CRPNBC.


Program starts June 9.
 Government Student Loans, HRSDC, & other financial assistance may be available to qualified applicants.


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 www.stenbergcollege.com

34 NOTICES

SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTICES
 The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the Lower Hall of the Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Ganges.
 A resolution to amend the bylaws of the Association will be presented for approval by the members of the Association present at the annual general meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008. The full text of the proposed resolution will be posted in the Library, 129 McPhillips Ave., Ganges, between the publication of this advertisement and the annual general meeting.


Salt Spring Island Public Library


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Send application by April 21, 2008 to:
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 232 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2M3
 *Application details available at GISS Counselling Office or by visiting www.gulfislandssecondary.ca/scholarship.html

EMPLOYMENT

50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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55 HELP WANTED
PART-TIME DRIVER needed. Bring drivers abstract and resume. to Salt Spring Garbage 360 Blackburn Road.

55 HELP WANTED

HOUSEKEEPER - Weekdays/Weekends. Must be flexible, have an eye for detail and be able to work independently. Duties include maintaining cleanliness of cottages and upkeep of laundry. Some reception, painting and light groundskeeping duties may be required. 20 - 32 hrs/week. Please reply in writing to Box 11, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

WANTED: CARPENTER'S helper and part time bookkeeper. Contact 537-1332.
EXPERIENCED PAINTERS wanted. 538-1685.

FULL/PART TIME baker to help create small line of baked goods for new island bakery. Please call 653-9689.

LOOKING FOR A summer student. Help your environment and come apply for a job at the bottle depot. Saturdays now, full time in the summer. Drop off resume to Leah at the Salt Spring Refund Center 537-8784, Tuesday to Saturday.

DINNER COOK/COMPANION. Four evenings / week for 2 to 3 hours. Single, older gentleman, comfortable home, close to village. Reply to Box 12, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

JOIN THE Harbour House team! Openings are now available for part-time front desk clerk, & janitor. Please drop off resume to front desk @ Harbour House.

BLOOM BREADS, requires part time baker's assistant, experience preferred, please call 653-9689.

BODYSHOP MANAGER REQUIRED. Looking for an individual who is a self-starter and willing to grow a Bodyshop. Successful candidate will have industry experience and earn a compensation package worth six figures. If you are ready for a positive change please call Chad Bannister at Bannister GM in Edson, Alberta, 1-888-227-0566. Fax 780-723-6134. Email: chadb@bannisteredson.com.

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MEAT MANAGER - Freson Market IGA is currently seeking a Meat Manager to join our management team. This is a key position which will require a strong individual capable of dealing with the challenges of working in a fast paced and ever changing environment. Above-average compensation, deferred profit sharing, a comprehensive benefit package, performance bonus plan and career opportunities across the province. Please send resume to: Mike McGeein, Store Manager, 632 Carmichael Lane, Hinton, AB T7V 1S8. Fax: (780) 865-5353. Email: mmcgeein@freson.com.

55 HELP WANTED

GROCERY MANAGER - Freson Market IGA is currently seeking a Grocery Manager to join our management team. If you are team player with strong leadership interpersonal & organizational skills, we are looking for you! Fundamental to your responsibilities to ensure a quality fresh produce and exceptional service standard. Competitive base salary with a additional performance bonus plan, deferred profit sharing, comprehensive benefit package, family grocery discount and career opportunities across the province. Please send resume to: Tom Dunlop, Store Manager 10904 - 101 Avenue, Fairview, A TOH 1L0. Fax: (780) 835-3030. Email: tdunlop@freson.com
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Meadowbrook

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Meadowbrook Senior's Residence invites applications for the position of Second Cook with duties to begin immediately. Working directly under the Head Chef, the Second Cook is responsible for the planning, preparation and service of three evening dinners per week. The incumbent also supervises our professional and hard-working kitchen staff during her/his working hours.

Meadowbrook offers excellent wages with a pleasant and friendly working environment. If you see yourself as a part of our team please call Kate at 538-1995. You may also drop your resume at Meadowbrook, 121 Atkins Rd. or you may send it by fax to 537-2719. Meadowbrook is an equal opportunity employer.

Hastings House

Country House Hotel

Hastings House is seeking application for the following positions:

- Room Attendants** - for part time, day and evening shifts
- Houseman** - this position includes a variety of responsibilities including some heavy lifting. A valid BC drivers license is required.
- Gardener Assistant** - Approximately 32 hr./week, seasonal. Must have experience in general garden maintenance.
- Spa** - an experienced Esthetician to work on-call shifts throughout our season
- Kitchen** - part-time breakfast cook
- Office** - a seasonal full-time front desk receptionist.

A positive, friendly attitude and general knowledge of computers is required. Applicants must be willing to work evenings and weekends.

Please mail or drop off your resume to 160 Upper Ganges Rd. or email to info@hastingshouse.com

FIELDS

Join Our Growing Canadian Team

Assistant Manager

We have an immediate opening for the above position in our Salt Spring Island, BC location.

We are looking for energetic people with a winning attitude. Candidates should also be aggressive, outgoing and comfortable in a hands on environment. Prior experience in a similar retail outlet would be an asset.

FIELDS, a division of the Hudson's Bay Company, is a rapidly expanding B.C. based chain of small box retail stores. We are continuing an aggressive store expansion during 2008.

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 Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V7

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We're looking for someone who enjoys working with the public in a busy office environment.

Duties include reception, classified advertising, and administrative work. Typing skills, knowledge of MS Office and Macintosh computers essential. Bookkeeping experience an asset.

Send resumes to:
 Eva Kuhn c/o the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3. Or email to: ekuhn@gulfislands.net




SALT SPRING COFFEE

Salt Spring Coffee Company is looking for a reliable person to work with our great production team! Light physical labour, standing for long periods of time, and the ability to roll up your sleeves when things get really busy.

Full-time permanent position, flexible hours. Starting wage \$12.00/hr. Eligible for a company health benefit plan after a 3 month probationary period. Contact Dan or Doug at 537-8593.

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60 WORK WANTED

JM CARPENTER - Contractor available. Additions, renovations, solariums, sun decks, concrete work. Two decades on Salt Spring. Quality experience and integrity. 537-0779. References.

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340 GARAGE SALES

FABULOUS FLEA MARKET Saturday, March 29, 10am - 2pm at Fulford Hall. Rentals: 8' table \$20, 4' table \$10. Homemade food, bargains. Info. 537-5482.

MULTI-FAMILY 215 Baker Road, Saturday, Mar. 29, 9 - 3. No early birds. TV, books, ornaments and more.

MULTI-FAMILY, 100 Reid Rd. Sat., March 29. 8am - 3pm. Curio cabinet, antique vanity w/stool, huge book sale, dog kennel, clothing, furniture and more. 10% of proceeds to the SSI Foodbank. Early birds will be eaten for breakfast.

MOVING SALE: Sat. March 29, 9 - 4. Futons, dressers, dining table, queen & single beds, Bentwood rocker, designer marble coffee & end tables, patio table, lamps, pictures & lots more. No early birds! 145 Fairway Drive, lower level.

MULTI FAMILY, baby clothes/items. Micro suede couch, elliptical, pet supplies, much more. 266 Lower Ganges Rd, 10 - 3pm. Sat. Mar 29.

MOVING SALE, #38 Brinkworthy 9am - 1pm. Lots of stuff! March 29.

LOTS AND lots of new found stuff. bookshelves, vintage iron bed, wood stove, garden tools, hockey gear etc. "Boat bits", ceramic collectibles, pots and pans etc. 208 Stevens Rd. at Forest Ridge. Definitely worth the drive. Sat. March 29 from 9am to 1pm. No early birds.

HOUSE CLOSING, sofas, bed, tables, chairs, lamps, bed, bedding, drapes, cushions, rugs, pictures, bistro set, garden tools. Saturday March 29, 2891 Fulford - Ganges Rd. 10 - 2 p.m.

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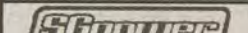
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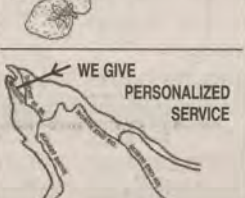
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This Week's Horoscope
by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spring is here and you are on the march... Cleaning and clearing will prove empowering. Re-arrange the furniture in your home for a new perspective. Renovations of some kind are a distinct possibility. It may take a little longer than you expected however, so begin now and pace yourself. In the bigger picture, you are coming to new levels of power. This year is a seed year for us all, each sign with a different theme as ever, and offers a sneak preview of things to come. Yet it will also prove to be a year of tending to unfinished business. Follow through to completion is often the hardest part. So, this spring plant new seeds and tend to your house and personal affairs. All, the while, huddle in and nurture dreams to remember!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
Exploring your psychology in greater detail will begin this week. Your goal is to assess what you truly desire. This soul searching will help you get clear on your motives. This will help you to be motivated. Listening to our heart's desire is the key self realization. The overcoming of desire from Buddhism implies the excessive desires of anything. The middle path is one of balance and tempering. If you are repressed or have been, you may feel like you are exploding. Once you realize your heart's desire, ask for what you want. Start with the small desires perhaps to soften the edge. Mars in Cancer is a particularly energizing sign placement for your sign. You may feel moodier than usual with peaks and valleys. Aim to stay cool in the heat.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Meeting new people and making friends is the highlight now. You can hardly contain yourself, no matter what else is happening in the background of your life. Possible romantic opportunities are a source of excitement as well. Things change, life goes on. Be thankful for your experiences, affirm and visualize to create interesting and stimulating new contacts. There are plenty of fish in the sea and you are one of them. Meanwhile, you want to feel more secure and are willing to work for it. Activate clear visions and intentions so that you are working smarter than harder. Embrace the flow of change and stay lively amidst the turbulent undercurrents. Sing and dance and laugh and be merry, for us all.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
New beginnings in your public and/or professional life are underway or will be soon. You want to shake things up

somehow - awaken yourself and others to higher realities and greater possibilities. The music is a psychedelic; can you feel the new pulse? Move with the inspiring sprouting energy of early spring. It's all about energy and it is important that you activate yours now. Aim for a whole new angle of expression. Use your imagination and associate pleasure to the prospects of new pursuits. Learning is implied and is reason for excitement. If you are feeling threshold fears, acknowledge them and breathe into them, reign in your imagination and take small initial steps and you will soon be on to bigger ones with momentum.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Big plans and projects are getting you all excited. However, to succeed, you may have to do plenty of homework. This is likely to include research, note taking and maybe even writing. The need to confront and overcome fears and doubts is also likely. Keep an open mind about how to proceed with full discipline to do so. Don't rely upon Jupiterian inspiration alone, focus and discipline to follow through is the Saturnian part of the deal. Be willing to exchange ideas and listen well, engaging and respectful. Practise non-assumptive communication by asking questions and qualifying what is said. Collaborative creative projects are a shining star of opportunity available to you now. These will launch you into new levels of creative possibility.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
A deep incision to cut away the past is the metaphor describing your current attitude. You want to break free from trying to be all things to all people. It is good to know your limitations, be honest with your feelings and make healthy boundaries. Send a clear message to yourself by defining healthy boundaries and then share these with others. All the while, your love life is perking; do what you can to tune-in and engage. There is a flow of healing moving through your relationship life. Like an operation to heal, you simply need to know what you are healing. Identification with sub-conscious wounds allows you to target them. Energy psychology is launching in the new paradigm of healing, try some even if you already practice it yourself. If you do not consider it, the mind/body link is simple science.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
New beginnings and/or assertions on relationship fronts is a central theme now. You feel ambitious and want take some risks. Since energy flows where attention goes, get clear on what or who you want. This is a great time to train or be trained somehow. Avoid reactively jumping into things; later perhaps wishing you had been more patient. Yet, something major is stirring. Since the next major move you

make stands to be a very important one, take your time and look to the bigger picture over the long-term. If you have already done so and feel secure in your new scene, keep an open mind about what you feel you actually need to feel secure. Freedom from need is true freedom and it is nurtured from within. All the while, enjoy your wants and desires with your loves.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
A new job or contract is likely now. Alternatively, you are working on yourself, especially your health. Your ambitions may be running high these days. Yet your mood now is strong and silent. Be careful not to be too rebellious and want to do it your way, no matter what. Meanwhile, new love interests are also stirring your passions. You may feel eager to pounce and probably will. Yet, you also need time and space to heal a deeper connection with your own spirit. Be at peace with yourself about this. Be willing to listen more, both inwardly and outwardly. Enjoy creative conversations. Diligent efforts made in the past few years will pay off now so do not hesitate to act upon your new skills.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
A creative fire has been lit in your heart. You feel inspired, perhaps by someone you love or something you love to do, or both. Your passions are deep and your emotions are strong. This is the beginning of a whole new chapter in your life. Both surrendering to the flow and exercising disciplined action within it is the balance you seek. Shake off the sleep of winter and launch into spring with some extra focus and determination. Keep your ideals simple and realistic. Affirm, 'I am responsible for everything in my life and I am choosing and creating more integrity than I have ever before.' Making commitments is implied. It may take until January before you are really sure about the big stuff. Aim your arrows for long-term success.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
It is time to get started with new projects on the home front. You want to

make some big changes. Working in nature, or creating a more natural environment, or making your space brighter and healthier, are all possibilities. Call upon a muse to inspire artistic imagination. In fact the muse may be holding the mop; pushing you into action. Accept this invitation and reveal your power to act decisively and effectively. There is heat in the water and it could feel as good as hot springs, if you approach it with the right attitude. Rewards come to the ready, willing and able. Allow others to ignite your passions. Risk is implied and so too is the poetry and pleasure. Be willing to learn and try new approaches.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Spring season is a time of inspiring new perspectives. For you this year it will awaken you to some hidden talents. Getting out of your own way means letting go of what once was and how you were. Embrace the deep changes unfolding within. Make extra efforts to get new alliances off to a positive start. These cooperatives hold a lot of promise and this is not the time to work entirely on your own. However, you are meant to take an active lead for your part. Unity in diversity is the key to synergy. Be open to new ways of doing things. Draw upon your well of resourcefulness. The next several weeks will prove exciting, full of hopes, sharing and sweet surprises...!

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The time has come to explore a wider scope of your talents. Aim to get creative. Perhaps you simply want to expand your existing business. Look to what others are doing for leads and ideas. Rise to the occasion and focus with discipline. External forces are pushing you to action. Draw upon your existing resources to uncover others that have not yet been activated. See your every minute and dollar spent as a sure bet investment. Follow through steadily even if that means completing several rounds before all the parts can come to full completion. All great productions usually undergo a final review and edit. Avoid trying to complete one part at a time. Focus to refine your art and improve your offerings.

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BEESSNESS TIME: Richard Milburn of Beeswax Works bundles up for the market on Saturday.

BC FERRIES

Regular ferry users ready for paperless ticket world

Experience Card introduced March 19 on southern Gulf Islands routes

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new BC Ferries Experience Card was released last Tuesday — an electronic payment card that will phase out the pre-paid paper commuter tickets come summer time.

Instead of buying books of tickets, frequent ferry users will soon be loading cash or transferring money from VISA or Mastercard to a plastic card they can use to pay for ferry trips.

Money can be added to the cards at B.C. Ferries terminal booths, online or over the phone.

Minimum amounts, however, apply to the new card. Foot passengers must load a minimum of \$40 and drivers a minimum of \$75.

B.C. Ferries media relations advisor Deborah Marshall said the card will offer passengers enhanced loss protection.

While paper tickets can get lost or stolen, if the experience card goes missing it

can be reported by phone or in person to freeze their balance or to transfer it to a new card, providing the card has been previously registered.

And from an environmental viewpoint, Marshall said "printing thousands of tickets every year can waste a lot of paper." She thinks customers will be pleased the new card reduces paper use.

A switchboard operator at Swartz Bay who has found passengers "to be pleased with the card so far," said a few customers have mentioned they like the idea of a card because they no longer worry their cars will be broken into on the ferry by people looking to steal ticket books.

For the first time, the Experience Card will allow passengers to print out travel history reports to provide a proof of purchase to assist in getting tax rebates.

Marcus Gasper, a Salt Spring resident who commutes to Victoria four times per week, said the travel history feature is one of many aspects he likes about the card.

"Overall it seems it has all good features. I haven't

seen any down side to the card yet."

Because passengers can opt into an auto-load feature they can keep their experience cards loaded with money at all times. They can specify that when their account falls below a certain amount it can be replenished by their Visa or Mastercards.

"It didn't make sense to me to be using these paper tickets," said Gaspar.

While he does not have an Experience Card just yet, he said he looks forward to using one for the auto-load feature in particular.

"Then I won't have to worry about running out of tickets at the terminal," he said.

The experience card will give commuters the same discounted rates they received with the prepaid paper tickets.

As of March 19 the experience card was available on the Swartz Bay-Southern Gulf Islands and Crofton-Vesuvius routes. And as of March 26, the card will be available for use on all remaining southern and northern Gulf Islands routes, as well as the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale route.

Canadiana Crossword

A Melange of Mastheads

By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

ACROSS

- 1 Rule, to Ramgottra
- 4 Expect
- 9 Murk
- 12 Sense of self
- 13 Cricket sound
- 14 Dispose of, in a way
- 15 Cutknife
- 17 Role model
- 19 Boorish
- 20 Hockey Hall of Famer Sid
- 21 Ocean raptors
- 23 Gabriola
- 26 Proximate
- 27 Calluses
- 28 Regarding (abbr.)
- 29 Each and every
- 30 Barrier
- 31 Word after Corner
- 32 Tantalum symbol
- 33 Plant life
- 34 Desire
- 35 Aylmer
- 37 Taber
- 38 Biblical yeses
- 39 Mens clothing line
- 40 Femme fatale
- 42 Montague
- 45 Metal source
- 46 Wildcats
- 48 Palm leaf paper
- 49 Stan Getz inst.
- 50 Perch
- 51 Shade tree

DOWN

- 1 Recreation, slangily
- 2 Back then
- 3 Dieppe
- 4 Hydrochloric and others
- 5 Cry from a roller coaster

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- 6 Ventilate
- 7 Iridium symbol
- 8 Williams Lake
- 9 Word before stone or house
- 10 Wood sorrel
- 11 Colloid
- 16 Regretter
- 18 Hideaways
- 20 Heart part
- 21 Blood relative
- 22 Chill out
- 23 Rises
- 24 Obliterate
- 25 Takes a break
- 27 Cranky
- 30 Huntingdon
- 31 Detective
- 33 At liberty
- 34 A speech affliction
- 36 Oven-proof kitchen ware
- 37 Cheers or skoal
- 39 Undergarments
- 40 Distress sig.
- 41 Irish paramilitary org.
- 42 Miracle (plant food)
- 43 Ailing
- 44 Shaft feature
- 47 Greeting for a dude or a bro

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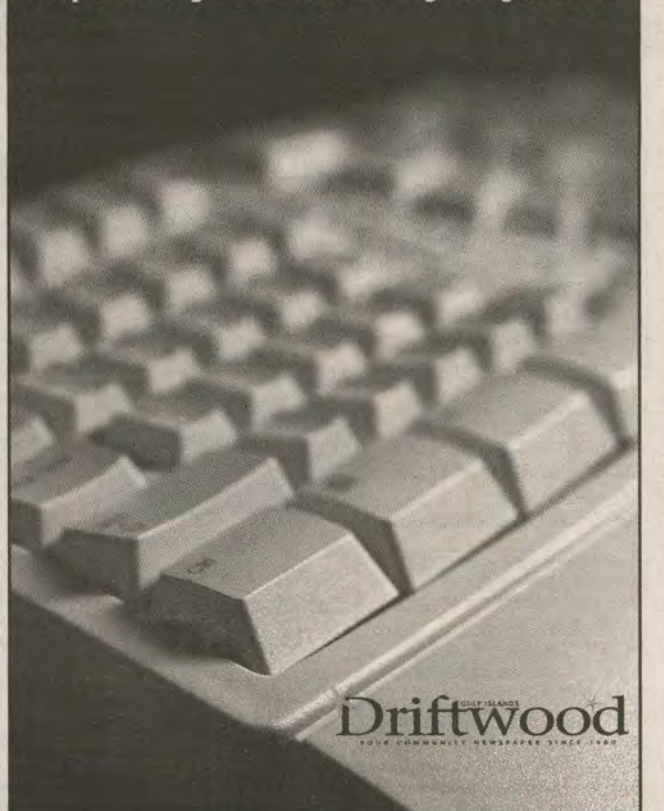


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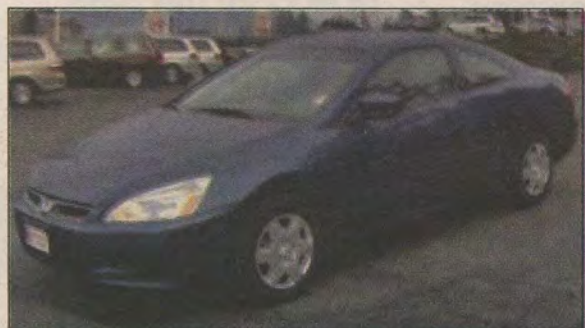
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