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RAINFOREST APPEAL

Campaign triumphs: island saves 19.5 acres

Creekside rainforest belongs to the community

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mixed feelings of exhaustion, disbelief and celebration characterized Maureen Moore Tuesday morning, the day after announcing the successful end to the Creekside Campaign.

"It was announced at the Gumboot Gala and the room just exploded in cheers," said Moore. "People are so happy because it's a sign that the community is strong, and that's what this really means."

Backed by The Land Conservancy, local volunteers had until March 31 to collect over a million dollars in pledges to purchase 19.5 acres of rare riparian rainforest, located just before Cusheon Creek meets the ocean.

Pledges and additional donations continued to pour in during the campaign's final days, meeting the required amount at the last possible moment. Although 10 per cent of the pledges have yet to be honoured, TLC agreed to temporarily cover fund-

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trust ready to look at legalizing suites

OCP takes on affordable housing

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) is poised to reopen the dialogue on the legalization of seasonal cottages and secondary suites in hopes of resolving the island's shortage of affordable housing.

"We are clearly losing families on this island. Way over half of the population is between 45



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SPRING SNOWMAN: In a somewhat incongruous move, Robin Marriott uses daffodils for eyes as she works on a snowman on the Ganges boardwalk last Saturday.

TENNIS PARC seeks bids for tennis bubble

Facility could be ready by September

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parks and Recreation Commissioners meeting voted Monday to take the first steps towards the construction of a new tennis bubble at Portlock Park.

Commissioners voted 4-3 to move forward with drafting a Request for Proposals package, following the Salt Spring Tennis Association's (SSTA) decision to commit a minimum of \$175,000 to the project.

In January, PARC commissioners agreed to contribute no more than \$100,000 to the bubble project once they had secured the cooperation of SSTA members.

The SSTA will be responsible for raising additional funds should the project's final costs exceed \$275,000.

Based on the agreement, PARC and the SSTA will each contribute \$3,000 to acquire the services of Salt Spring architect and consultant Neil Morie for the project's initial phase.

Commissioners Rob Wiltzen, Fraser Hope and Derek Topping voted against the plan, given the facility would only serve the estimated two per cent of islanders who play tennis on a regular basis.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners officially received an anonymous petition containing the names of 81 island residents opposing PARC's renewed attempt to construct

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Tennis bubble could be ready by Sept.

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an indoor tennis facility.

"The taxpayers are the stakeholders yet PARC continues to take advice from the SSTA and is not listening to the majority of taxpayers who fund PARC," the petition reads. "Do not spend \$100,000, or any more of our tax dollars on indoor tennis. Stop it now."

In 2005, PARC commissioners lost roughly \$300,000 after they embarked on a fruitless plan to construct two indoor tennis courts

beside the Rainbow Road Recreation Centre.

Revenue projections prepared by PARC staff and confirmed by the Monty Holdings consultant report earlier this year indicate that the \$100,000 advanced by PARC will be recovered through tennis bubble revenues within 10 years.

"I am considering this to rescue a portion of the lost money," commissioner Brian Little said. "I don't know how else we will get that money and if this goes to court, most of it will go to the lawyers."

Commissioner Carol Dodd remained firm in her support for the project as a way to fulfill PARC's mandate to offer recreation opportunities to as broad a range of islanders as possible. A new single-court bubble would replace the former tennis bubble at Portlock Park.

The facility, though unheated, would permit tennis association members and any other members of the public to play tennis in a sheltered environment over the winter months.

Following their vote, PARC

commissioners established a tennis bubble committee consisting of former PARC chair Rosemary Trump, Mike Best and two as-of-yet unnamed members from both the PARC commission and SSTA.

"I hope this committee will invite a constructive discussion," said Capital Regional District director Gary Holman.

According to a preliminary PARC timeline, bids for the project are due by the end of May. Completion of the project is anticipated for early September, 2008.

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ing to purchase the land. The legal documents have now been signed which give title to TLC.

As the coordinator behind the community-wide effort to save the rainforest, Moore has scarcely had a chance to breathe for the past four months. Her voice started to give way during the week before the deadline; now it is almost gone due to congratulatory phone calls.

Congratulations are certainly in order, and Moore is effusive in directing them back at the community.

"It's the community that has done this, and it will be there in the community for everyone to enjoy."

TLC's Executive Director, Bill Turner, said that he was never too worried about Salt Spring's ability to win the campaign.

"The biggest fear is that with nearly a million dollars in pledges, not all the pledges will be honoured, and pledges aren't real money until they're called in. But the people on Salt Spring are very good about that, too. The property's saved now and will be in perpetuity."

Turner reported nearly 900 people made donations, including school children, who held fundraising events or contributed their allowances.

Many people and groups helped make the campaign successful, Moore said, including a team of "fearless volunteers" led by Pat Barclay, Deborah Miller and Jo Yard.

"The walks led by Rick Laing and Matt Tobey were very important — this gave us an opportunity to show people how beautiful the land is.

"Judi Stevenson organized the biodiversity blitz, which was extremely important because it showed the land was not only beautiful but ecologically diverse."

Both Moore and Turner also credited the SSI Conservancy for giving the major donation of \$50,000, doubling its initial contribution during the final stretch.

Jean Brouard, gumboot dancer and SSI Conservancy Board member, echoed Moore by placing his gratitude with the community.

"I was at the folk club last night when Valdy made the announcement. I'm very pleased, in part because it's been such a broad range of the community [that was involved]."

High costs hold up washroom renewal project

Island residents and visitors were supposed to have a set of public washrooms to be proud of, but higher-than-anticipated costs could force the Parks and Recreation Commission to can the project once and for all.

"You can't just go off into

the stratosphere and then just ask to get paid," commissioner Carol Dodd said Monday.

Dodd made her comments after hearing that the Victoria-based architect contracted to come up with preliminary plans for a

new Centennial Park public washroom facility estimated the project could easily exceed \$400,000.

Earlier cost estimates provided by representatives from Stantec Architecture indicated the project could be completed for roughly \$200,000.

"If these numbers are anywhere close to accurate, this project is surely dead," said park operation and project manager Dave Gibbon in an e-mail to the company.

PARC has already paid the architecture firm \$6,000 for input into on the project.

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FUEL COSTS

Driftwood files official complaint as gas hits \$1.389/litre

Gas price disparity deemed inexplicable

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Driftwood newspaper filed an official complaint with the federal government's competition bureau on Friday to tap into reasons for the high price of fuel on Salt Spring Island.

The decision to pursue a complaint follows recommendations from representatives of the Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island and the Business Practices & Consumer Protection Authority of British Columbia.

Neither organization is mandated to monitor and/or investigate the prices of petroleum products sold in Canada, spokespersons said.

During an interview from Ottawa on Tuesday afternoon, Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn reiterated the importance of registering complaints with the federal government's competition bureau.

"You are asking legitimate questions. Seeing regional disparities is not anything new," Lunn said, after learning Salt Springers are being asked to pay nearly \$1.40 per litre for regular grade gasoline. "The market sets the price and if there is some collusion or unfair pricing the right avenue would be to register a complaint."

Lunn credited ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on individual and corporate levels with the higher price of gasoline in Canada.

"What we are doing is reducing personal taxes and reducing the GST," Lunn said. "We have delivered a broad-based tax-relief package and people are feeling those savings."

South of the border on Tuesday, U.S. Congress grilled the top executives at Exxon, Chevron Corp, ConocoPhillips, BP Plc and Royal Dutch Shell to explain why North American fuel prices continue to rise despite the companies posting combined profits of \$123 billion.

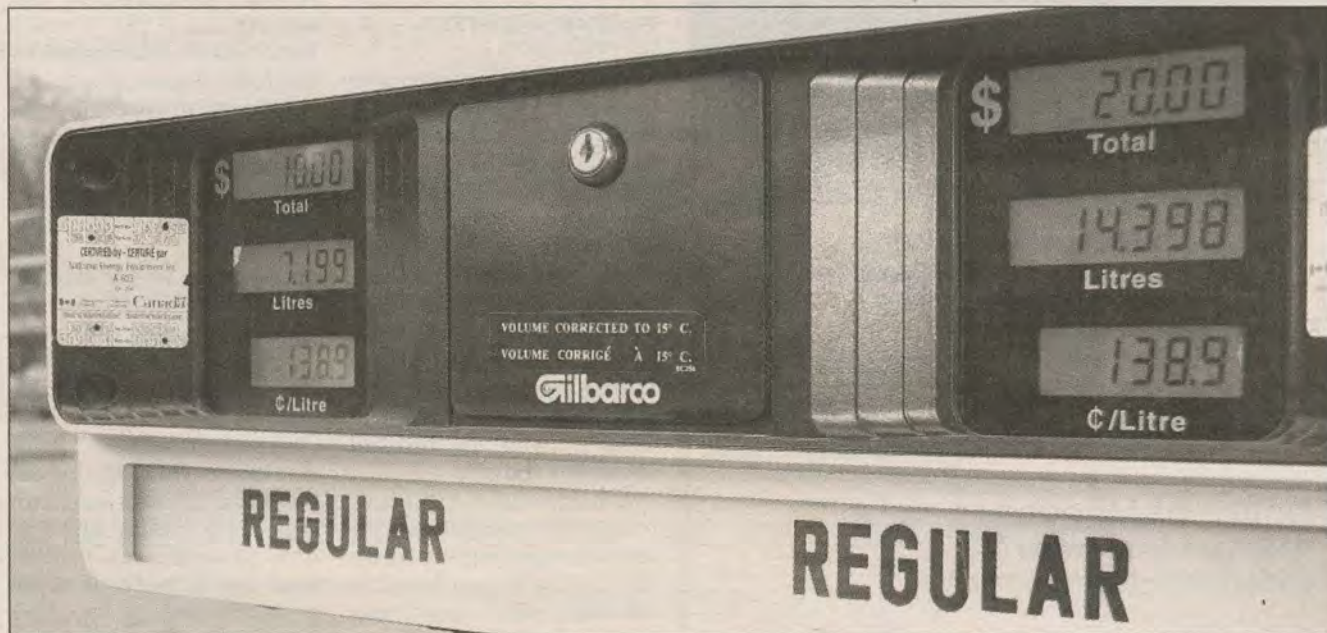
According to information on the Shell Canada website, prices paid at the pump by island consumers are determined by three factors: the price of crude oil, refining costs and local retailing forces.

Local market forces, the site continues to state, are determined by transportation costs, the amount of fuel a station sells and the level of competition in a given region.

The majority of gasoline sold on Salt Spring Island comes from a bulk fuel depot at Bear Point leased to Shell Canada by Columbia Fuels. Columbia Fuels delivers gasoline to the three service stations in Ganges.

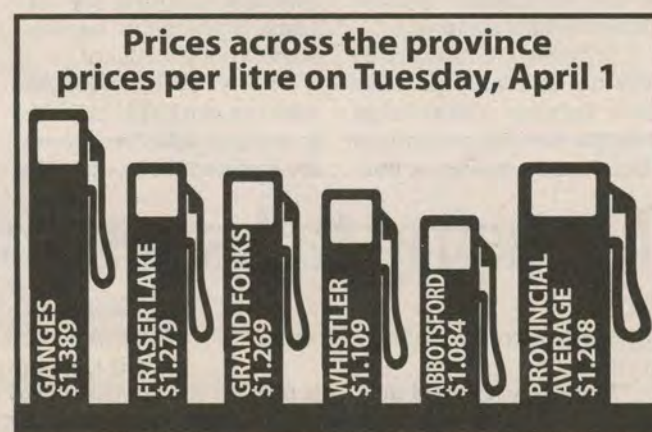
Johnson's Automotive and Payless are independently run as Shell Canada leases, while Save-On Gas is independently owned and operated.

Despite the appearance of a competitive market on Salt Spring, the prices of gasoline at lone service stations on Galiano, Mayne and Saturna islands remained lower than Salt Spring Island on Monday.



Gas prices hits record high on Salt Spring.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE



no, Mayne and Saturna islands remained lower than Salt Spring Island on Monday.

"I don't have a great answer for that," said communications spokesperson Kelli Stevens in an interview from Petro Canada's headquarters in Calgary. "Why competition isn't making it go in the other direction is a bit of a mystery."

Shell Canada spokesperson Jana Masters said her company sells fuel to individual retailers on Salt Spring at "competitive wholesale prices." She deemed it inappropriate to

divulge the specific price Salt Spring Island retailers were paying for gasoline or how those prices were established.

"This is a complex industry," she said.

Columbia Fuels vice president Bruce Nagel and Ballard Petroleum products sales manager Darrell Clarkson both agree three cents per litre sounded appropriate to account for the extra cost associated with shipping fuel to Salt Spring Island.

Clarkson, who expressed astonishment when hearing the price of fuel on Salt Spring, said he could not explain why the discrepancy exists.

"Competition, in theory, is supposed to drive the price of fuel down," he said.

The Driftwood received an e-mail message from the Competition Bureau Tuesday morning confirming it had received the request for an investigation into the matter.

Competition Bureau investigations can take several months to complete as investigators research and monitor local market activity.

The bureau is an independent law enforcement agency tasked with the administration of the Federal Competition Act, which includes provisions against price fixing, price maintenance and abusive behaviour by a dominant firm resulting in a lessening of competition.

Since 1990, the bureau has launched major investigations into six allegations of collusion in the gasoline industry, but found "no evidence to suggest that periodic price increases resulted from a conspiracy to limit competition in gasoline supply."

News briefs

PARC goes pro-active

A lack of public interest has forced commissioners to take a pro-active approach to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of a Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) member in January.

Commissioners meeting on Monday agreed to strike a committee tasked with seeking out potential candidates in hopes of filling the vacant position.

The tactic comes after PARC received no responses during a 30-day request for

island residents to step forward.

Potential volunteers should be prepared to attend monthly PARC meetings and to participate in special committees during their three-year term.

Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman said the opening offers the representatives of special-interest groups a great opportunity to voice their concerns in a public forum.

For further information about how to get involved, contact the PARC office at 537-4448 or parc@saltspring.com.

Trusts awaits decision

The Islands Trust expects a decision on its request to change the way Salt Springers are governed by early May.

The Islands Trust's Executive Council forwarded a request for a legislative change to the province's Ministry of Community Services in July 2007.

Demands include increasing the number of Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members from two to four in an attempt to give islanders greater representation.

tation.

Honoraria associated with additional trustees were included in the Islands Trust's 2008 budget, passed at last month's meeting of Trust Council.

The Islands Trust is also asking for the power to determine the size of its executive committee and the ability to use electronic meetings.

Director of Islands Trust area services Linda Adams said she doesn't think the delay is indicative of any decision one way or the other.

"We're hopeful we will

receive some indication now that the spring session is underway," Adams said Monday.

Adams said she remains confident a decision will be made well before local elections are held in November.

Church film postponed

The United Church has announced "Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity and Islam" will not be shown on April 6 as noted in Friday's paper. A later date for this event will be announced shortly.

FOR THE RECORD

• A typo in a March 19 letter decreased the financial impact of the letter writer's statement. The letter headlined "Use cheques for housing" should have stated, "Shame on our government leaders for not recognizing on their own that \$440 million is tantamount to housing B.C.'s homeless."

• Children pictured swimming in the Rainbow Road pool in a recent Driftwood were taking part in a series of water circulation tests not, as reported, in the centre's "soft opening" event.



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2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

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3 Vesuvius - Monday-Saturday

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4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

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ST. MARY LAKE

Management plan urgently needed

Aeration a cornerstone of greater effort

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A watershed management plan is required to preserve the quality of water in St. Mary Lake despite a plan to install two aerators in the lake this summer.

"Without a long-term management plan, no technology will work," said Ken Ashley, a lake biology specialist and engineer. "If you are not protecting the watershed, the phosphorous will catch up with you and will cause problems."

Ashley made his comments during an information session regarding the North Salt Spring Water District's (NSSWD) plan to install two aerators in the lake.

Nearly 30 people attended the Salt Spring Continuing Education-sponsored event at the Community Gospel Chapel Friday evening.

Elevated phosphorous levels in St. Mary Lake have been linked to summer algal blooms, causing potentially toxic cyanobacteria out-

breaks. Concern over elevated levels arose as St. Mary is the principle source of water for NSSWD customers.

While cyanobacteria levels monitored by the NSSWD have yet to reach health limits established by the federal government, the discharge of phosphorous from septic tanks and agricultural operations in the St. Mary Lake watershed will only aggravate the problem, Ashley said.

"It's not as sexy as Ibuprofen, caffeine and Viagra, but plain old boring phosphorous is still having an impact on Canadian lakes," Ashley said.

Based on research conducted in 1983, biologists working in conjunction with the provincial and federal governments discovered that 60 per cent of the phosphorous in St. Mary Lake comes from decaying organic matter on the lake bed. The study determined that 30 per cent of the phosphorous entering the lake came from "point-sources" surrounding the lake.

The NSSWD's \$450,000 aeration project is intended to reduce lake-bed generated phosphorous loading

by as much as 50 per cent.

"This is a key first step, but not a 100 per cent solution," Ashley said. "Any restoration strategy needs to look at the big picture. Government dollars are hard to come by these days and going after part of the problem is inadequate."

The aeration devices will bring water from 12 metres below the surface and return it to the lower levels of the lake. The aerated water's higher oxygen content will create a "crust-like surface" on the lake bed, preventing algal blooms from rising to the surface.

The only visible sections of the machines will be two "dock-like" structures at the lake's northern end.

Unlike a similar machine in use between 1986 and 1994, the new aluminum models are expected to last several decades, said Barry Chilibeck, an engineer and principle with Northwest Hydraulics, the Vancouver-based company charged with developing the aerators.

The only maintenance costs associated with the project, he added, will be to power the units' 575 watt

rotary air compressor

As one of the 14 members of the St. Mary Lake Management Plan steering committee, Murray Reiss agrees with the importance of completing a comprehensive approach to monitor what is happening in the lake's watershed.

"We are really following in the footsteps of those who helped create the plan," he said.

The group completed its first draft and meets regularly to address phosphorous loading in the lake among other issues.

With roughly two-thirds of the phosphorous coming from internal sources, he said, installing the aeration devices is a crucial part of the management plans initial draft.

"From everything I've seen, I think it's pretty well agreed upon that aeration will result in a pretty drastic drop [in phosphorous levels]," he said. "In many ways it's a chicken and egg thing."

Regardless of where the process begins, it's good to see phosphorous-curbing measures being taken, he added.

Housing talks resume at OCP meetings

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"There are a number of cottage-type housing options available that are way below acceptable standards," he said.

Should the Island Trust adopt a new policy, a one-year grace period would be provided for people to comply with regulations and familiarize themselves with whatever type of permitting process would be in place.

Ehring said he would like to see a "minimally bureaucratic" system in place to monitor how many units are available and where they are located on the island.

Special attention should be paid to minimize the impact of additional traffic and water use in any given neigh-

bourhood, Salt Spring Local Trust Committee chair Kim Benson said.

"It's important to limit concentration in a particular neighbourhood," she said. "We must remain aware of the two sides of this issue."

Discussion will resume at OCP review meetings scheduled for later this month.

Trustees also voted to consider redefining elements of the Islands Trust's amenity zoning and density transfer provisions to reflect settlement priorities for future residential development.

Proposed changes could see changing receiving areas and updating the list of community amenities developers could offer in exchange for additional densities.

Salt Spring trustees approved the

first-ever amenity zoning proposal in March when they accepted Three Point Properties' donation of Fulford valley farmland in exchange for the right to build an addition home along Isabella Point Road.

Trustees based their comments on community consultations where people expressed the need to repair or discard the controversial yet seldom-used land-use tools.

"Not all islands have amenity zoning provisions and of the ones that do, Salt Spring is the one that is the most open-ended," Benson said.

"The types and amount of bonusing available here is quite high."

For updated OCP review meetings schedules contact the Islands Trust's Salt Spring office at 537-9144 or visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

INCORPORATION

ISG sponsors incorporation forum

The benefits, problems and environmental issues associated with incorporation will be discussed at a forum set for this Sunday.

Sponsored by Islanders for Self Government (ISG), the April 6 event will feature Dr. Brian White from Royal Roads University and Isobel Hadford, who was the chief

administrator when Bowen Island incorporated.

White holds a PHD in human geography and is the Director of the School of Tourism and Hotel Management at Royal Roads University. Topic areas in the school include: tourism planning and development; human resource development for tourism;

cultural, arts and horticultural tourism; environmental stewardship in tourism; sustainability and tourism.

Hadford has worked 21 years in local government and has a diploma in public sector management. She has presented leadership workshops as far away as the Philippines.

The two speakers will engage in discussion of environmental issues as well as benefits of, and problems with, incorporation. There will be an opportunity for participation by the audience.

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Congratulations and thanks to everyone who has contributed money, time, creativity, and positive energy toward the preservation of Salt Spring's Creekside Rainforest. When all of our pledges come in, we will have accomplished the seemingly impossible. As campaign coordinator, I am thrilled to make this announcement on behalf of all supporters who have worked so hard and given so much to protect this precious temperate rainforest and salmon creek. It makes me so happy to live in such a vital and generous community. This island's passionate support made ANOTHER Salt Spring "miracle" come to pass. Together we have saved an example of one of the rarest ecosystems on Earth.

- Maureen Moore



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Salt Spring Island Chiropractic
Rasma Bertz

Chocolate Beach met the \$1000 Business Challenge

Pretzel Motors provided a \$200 Automotive Business Challenge
Imagine That Graphics issued a \$100 Graphics Design Challenge



Yipee, Creekside Rainforest Saved!

Thanks to all the organizers, contributors and supporters of the following Creekside Campaign benefit events:

- A play, "**Unless the Eye Catch Fire**," based on P.K. Page's short story about global warming.
- **Reading for the Rainforest:** a literary reading featuring 15 Salt Spring writers on the subject of nature within and without.
- **Art for the Rainforest:** Art Exhibit and Sale featuring works by both adult artists and children depicting the natural world.
- A **Silent Auction** featuring treats ranging from donated services, to art, delectable meals and holiday stays.
- A **Gala Fundraising Winemakers Dinner**, Special Guest Iona Campagnolo, Godfrey Brownell Wines, hosted by Falconshead Grill.
- **Save Salt Spring Rainforest Music Benefit Night**, Ocean Island Hostel, Victoria.
- **Pangea**, music and film for a unified planet.
- **Ian Tamblyn**, benefit concert by renowned singer-songwriter and naturalist.



Thanks For Increased Pledges!

The generosity of island residents is outstanding. Many donors raised their pledges by 10%, 50%, 100% and even 500%! It really helped in the final push toward success.

Quotes From Volunteers:

"A campaign that taught us that individuals can make a difference by taking action with confidence and from the heart."
Matt Tobey, forest walks coordinator.

"Those who have walked through Creekside Rainforest with open eyes and hearts will understand the significance of this wild place that must remain forever untamed."
Pat Barclay

"Like a quilt, piece by piece, ideas and words and music and photographs and walks and science and money were stitched together to make a blanket of permanent protection for this beautiful, ecologically vital piece of land. Yay, Salt Spring!"
Judi Stevenson

"I felt inspired by the optimism of this campaign. It will be one rocking beautiful planet when we all act with such vision and heart."
Megan Hyslop

"For us, this is a dream come true. This is the ONLY completely natural riparian area along a salmon stream on this Island."
Kathy Reimer, RP Bio. Island Stream & Salmon Enhancement Society

Thanks For The Biodiversity Blitz

A splendid contribution was made by a generous crew of biologists and bioregional geographers from on and off island, who arrived at "Rainforest Central" (Maureen's house) in January to assess the biodiversity of the Creekside land. The result? We found out we had a treasure, not just to the untrained eye but the trained eye as well. Thanks to all who participated. Extra special thanks to organizer Judi Stevenson and report writer Dr. Kathy Dunster.

\$4500	September 30	\$180,000	November 30	\$600,000	January 31	\$940,000	March 24	Success!	March 31
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NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ROAD WORK: Aidan Haigh works with others to help clear a path along the roadside near Brinkworthy.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Hedgerow hacking "out of control"

Islanders seek explanation for excessive cuts

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hedgerow maintenance is getting out of control, say Salt Spring residents who feel the extent of roadside trimming (the "brushing zone") is excessive and beyond what might be required for safety purposes.

Andrew Haigh, chair of the Salt Spring Hedgerow Preservation Society, has issued a letter to Mainroad South Island Contracting, the Vancouver Island-based company responsible for hedgerow maintenance on Salt Spring, asking for the rules to be clarified once and for all.

According to Haigh, a 1992 letter of agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and the Islands Trust specifies the brushing zone must be kept 6.9 feet wide or 6.5 feet wide without ditch.

Haigh has recently measured hedgerows buzzed to the ground that are up to 13-16 feet along some areas of Beddis Road.

"We don't need great big wide ditches," he said. "We want our roads look rural and beautiful and not like highways on Vancouver Island."

Haigh also finds the depth of cutting unnecessary at times when even ferns are cut down.

"The brushing area is supposed to be for visibility. Ferns don't block visibility."

Maureen Moore, from the Creekside Rainforest Appeal, described the "revolving head and giant arm" of Mainroad's roadside brushing machine with skepticism.

"There is supposed to be much gentler treatment given to road sides on the Gulf Islands," she said. Hedgerows, if left intact, can serve as important environmental corridors for plants and wildlife and can help protect sensitive ecosystems, she added.

Greg Galpin, area manager for the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), said they do not have an official agreement with Islands Trust. But they do have a memorandum of understanding that is currently in review.

"When [the review] process finished," he said, "hopefully we will have heritage roads included in there."

While they will try to accommodate concerned residents, Galpin said, Mainroad has already made attempts to reduce both aerial and horizontal brushing zones where possible.

He said it is currently understood that the allowable brushing zone for major collectors like Beddis Road and Sunset Drive is five metres wide from the road shoulder.

"But we will go wider on collectors if we need greater sight distance," he said, noting that safety is the number one priority.

Reasons he sites for maintaining a reasonable level of brushing include improving visibility at corners and intersections, clearing roots so they don't impede drainage or infiltrate the road base, minimizing limbs that could affect cyclists and pedestrians, noxious weed control and keeping debris like branches and fallen leaves off the road.

For Haigh, the first step in sitting down with Mainroad will be establishing clear guidelines about the extent of cutting necessary for safety. Next, they will negotiate special care for Salt

"We don't need great big wide ditches. We want our roads to look rural and beautiful and not like highways on Vancouver Island."

ANDREW HAIGH
Hedgerow Preservation Society

Spring that require a different type of treatment than urban roads, designated heritage roads like Beddis Road in particular.

"We want them to abide by rules and we want to see if there is any way we can help them abide by those rules," Haigh said.

"I'm not even sure last years' bosses knew a letter of agreement existed," he said.

David Turenne, road and bridge manager for Mainroad said last week that he and Galpin inspected the areas of concern reported by residents. He said a new operator went back further than Mainroad normally would in several spots and that the misunderstanding has been rectified.

Turenne said he is willing to go over the guidelines with residents but, like Galpin, he said safety is priority.

"Every time we do the brushing we get a lot of negative feedback. People don't want any brushing done and that's not feasible. We don't want to make things unsafe for general public for benefit of a few."

Proposed Fire Hall Site Visit

Saturday, April 5th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



You are invited to visit the proposed site for the new #1 fire hall at 300 Upper Ganges Road at your convenience on Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Following your site visit, please drop in at the Ganges Fire Hall for coffee to discuss any questions or concerns and to tour the Ganges Fire Hall.

And Salt Spring Island Fire District Trustees Public Forum

7:00 p.m. - Tuesday, April 8th

A public forum with candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and to discuss any other issues will be held at the Ganges fire hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, April 8th.

You are most cordially invited to attend.

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WEATHER

Slushy snow slogs island

Just when we thought it was spring

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Spring daffodils on Salt Spring covered in snow — a sight local weather observer “Banana” Joe Clemente said he hasn’t seen in the 15 years he’s been tracking the weather here.

“I remember in 2002 it snowed six inches during spring break, but that was still earlier in the year than this,” he said.

The snowfall had Blaine Johnson, owner of Johnson’s Automotive Services pulling 13 vehicles from roadsides over Friday, Saturday and Monday.

He said he took Sunday off because he was exhausted from towing so many vehicles on his own.

Another tow truck company, Me and Ron’s Towing,

had the weekend off. So slogging it out in the slush was left to Johnson and Blue Angel Towing and Recovery.

“It was really slippery out there,” Johnson said.

The RCMP received reports of three snow-related vehicle accidents on Friday, beginning shortly after the snow first hit. No injuries were sustained.

The first reported accident occurred at Ganges and Cranberry roads at 12:30 p.m. when a vehicle slid off the road and down an embankment.

The driver and two passengers were taken to hospital where they were released with no injuries.

At 1:30 p.m. a vehicle did a 180 spin on on Cusheon Lake Road and ended up in the ditch on the opposite side.

The final Friday accident resulted when a vehicle hit ice on Vesuvius Bay Road at 10 p.m. The vehicle flipped

off the road and landed in the ditch landing on its roof.

Clemente measured some three and a quarter inches of snowfall on Southey Point and up to four and a half inches near Cranberry Road on Friday.

Due to variations in topography some locations on the island, near water for example, did not get any snowfall at all while others like Cranberry Road received five inches or more.

He said the snowfall was likely the result of a cold Siberian air mass infiltrating the south coast.

“It doesn’t often happen, but sometimes it does. Some like to blame it on global warming, but I’m not going there.”

“The really funny thing,” he said, “is on the North End this year we saw no snow at all in winter, yet we saw it in fall in late November and now it’s snowing in spring.”



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

A Mainroad snow plow blasts through the snow Friday, clearing Fulford-Ganges Road.

POTHOLE COUNT

Salt Spring Islander puts potholes front and centre

Island vies for national notoriety

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After coming up short in a 2007 CBC Radio competition to locate the country’s greatest hippie, Salt Spring Island is making another attempt for national media attention.

This time it’s for the title of the nation’s pothole capital.

In a letter sent to producers of CBC’s Sounds Like Canada radio program last week, Salt Spring’s Lorraine Norfolk highlights the latest statistics compiled during the island’s third annual pothole count conducted in early March.

“Some of the work was completed last summer and more is to come, but almost none was done on some of our worst side roads, the one’s that the tourists never see,” Norfolk states in her

letter. “One of our local auto-repair shop owners who had been doing a booming business in shock absorbers, tie-rods, bent rims and new tires was almost wistful when he heard the news about the paving project.”

According to statistics compiled in the count, islanders discovered more than 4,096 potholes on 79 island roads, an average of 51.8 per road.

Norfolk said she credits news-

paper and television coverage of the island’s roads with getting transportation crews started on the repairs.

National recognition on CBC radio, she said, could help finish the job.

“Our pothole count started as a cheeky way to bring attention to the problem we had,” she said. “It resulted in action that while not nearly enough, is better than nothing.”

Producers at the Sounds Like

Canada radio program are accepting submissions at soundslikecanada@cbc.ca.

“Like other signs of spring potholes are a regular appearance at this time of year,” host Shelagh Rogers told listeners on March 27.

“What’s your pothole story? Do you live in Canada’s pothole capital?”

The program can be heard Monday through Friday at 10:05 a.m. on 90.5 FM or 690 AM.

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As required by the Letters Patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
- To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
- To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
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EDITORIAL

Let's get talking

On April 21, island property owners will be asked to vote in a referendum on whether to grant the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District permission to borrow \$540,000 to purchase land at 300 Upper Ganges Road for the purpose of replacing the fire hall in downtown Ganges.

Early birds will have the opportunity to cast their ballots in the advance poll on April 12.

This past weekend, fire trustees agreed to schedule a walkabout of the proposed site between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5. Trustees will hosts a public forum to address further questions on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m..

It may be short notice, but it's better than nothing.

Over the past several years, fire trustees have searched exhaustively for a suitable property on which to build a new fire hall to serve Ganges and the central island area.

THE ISSUE:

Proposed Fire Hall Site

WE SAY:

Now's the time for questions

They've looked at properties beside schools, near the hospital, on ALR land, beside ALR land, in Ganges and near Ganges.

In each case, public input and careful analysis led them to reconsider their options.

As with previous locations, islanders still have questions about the site. They want to know about the facility's impact on traffic near Long Harbour and Upper Ganges roads, how much it will cost to run water to the site and install an adequate septic system. There are questions about the number of B.C. Hydro right-of-ways running over the property and how the new site could impact the department's commitment to expanding its fire training facilities in the Fulford valley. Some would like to see expansion of the Central fire hall as an alternative to any new site.

At last, it seems everyone has agreed that the Ganges fire hall, though picturesque, is on the verge of collapse.

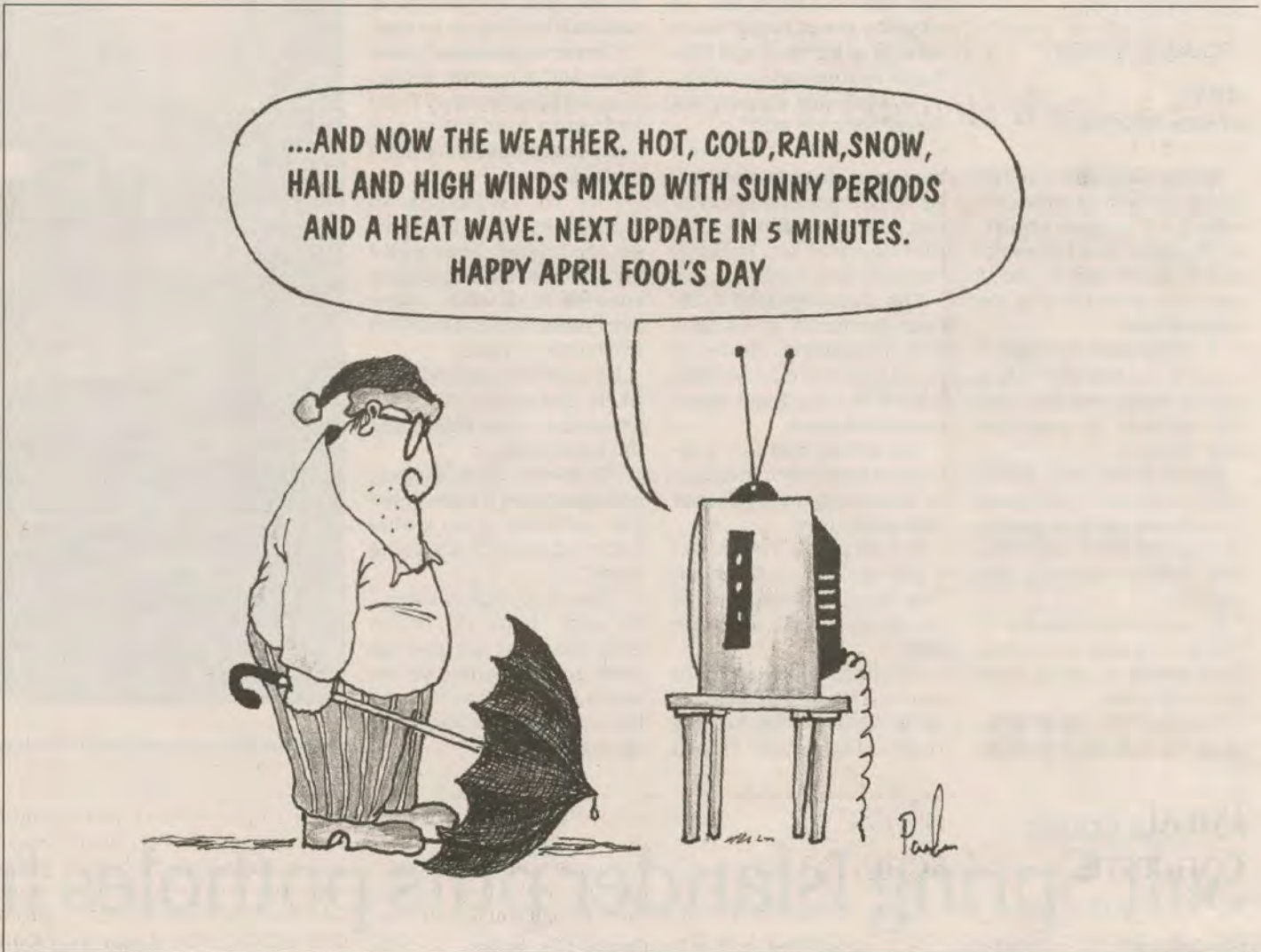
What to do next remains a subject of debate.

Plans for the actual structure will be the subject of a referendum anticipated to occur before the end of the year, but this month's referendum will pretty much determine how and where the fire department operates for the next 50 years.

The new fire hall site should be based on broad-based community consensus, and not wanting to retain the \$14,000 non-refundable deposit on the property if no action is taken by month's end.

Making sure it's in the right spot is in the interest of every islander concerned about the safety of their friends and family.

Surely that's worth an hour or two of our time.



Thoughts on the community farmland

BY ASHLEY HILLIARD

Our trustees have decided to accept, on behalf of the community, 63 acres of farmland in exchange for the creation of one additional waterfront lot and the relocation of part of Isabella Point Road.

The decision was controversial, as such decisions inevitably are.

However, it should be noted that our trustees, elected to make just this kind of difficult decision, did so after listening carefully to all points of view, and appear to have secured a much better deal from the developer than the original proposal. So now it's time to move forward with a discussion on the best use of the land.

I understand the Farmers Institute will take title to the land and be responsible for deciding how the land will be used and managed.

As a start, I suggest that the Islands Trust or the Farmers Institute summarize for all of us any reports that exist on the farming potential of the land. Some say it is scrub, others say it is invaluable. What are the facts?

Next, it seems to me that the Farmers Institute needs to establish, with public input, the principles on which the land will be farmed. Principles that might be considered include: (1) that all Salt Spring residents who are interested in participating in farming this land be given an opportunity to do so — a cooperative model may be the right one to use; (2) that any farming on the land not undercut existing private growers who are struggling to make a go of it, i.e., there can be no public subsidies; (3) that the farming

VIEWPOINT

be done on strict organic principles, although not necessarily certified organic; (4) that the allocation of land be on a use-it-or-lose-it basis, with no one getting a vested interest; and (5) that everything that is grown on the land should be grown for and directed exclusively to the local Salt Spring market and consumption.

Then, the Institute will need to consider Salt Spring's agricultural priorities and whether some or all of them can be accommodated on the land.

Three come to my mind:

First, suitable animal feed crops that would find a ready market on Salt Spring. This would help ease the supply problems of the local dairy and other animal farms that are such an important part of our Salt Spring fabric.

Second, plots that could be leased to local growers to grow organic produce for the local market throughout the year, in particular to lessen our dependence on winter and spring produce from Mexico and California. This would necessitate greenhouses.

Third, small allotments for individuals or families without access to suitable private land for "kitchen gardens."

I am sure those who are involved with agriculture on Salt Spring will have more ideas.

All in all, we have been presented with an exciting opportunity. Let the discussion — and the digging — begin.

The writer lives on Meyer Road

"All in all, we have been presented with an exciting opportunity."

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should an indoor tennis bubble be built here? Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support a boycott of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing?

YES	NO
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Island Voices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I think it's critical we get some kind of community-based farmland approach on this island."

JULIA GRACE, MOONSTRUCK ORGANIC CHEESE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How did you spend earth hour?



STEVE ABBOTT

I was at a house warming party at a farm on Mayne Island. We walked a maze lit by candles and sang.



JOAN PHIPPS

I was running around with my miniature horse in his pasture.



FRANCOIS FAUCHER

I was on the Internet and the Google page went black and said "we did our part, now it's your turn."



CHRISTINA CHISHOLM & SIENNA ROODENBURG (baby)

I was giving my baby a bath.



SARAH ROBINSON

I was playing glow-in-the-dark dodgeball.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less.

Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

Read and reply to Driftwood letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

Pond concerns

I recently heard about the plans to build a housing complex over Swanson's Pond.

As a Salt Spring Island youth attending Gulf Islands Secondary School, I believe it is extremely important to save this valuable pond, wetland and stream, which is an essential part of the Ganges creek watershed.

It is essential for the spawning of salmon, and home to so many rare frogs and birds and many other animals.

Development over this site would destroy its fragile ecosystem and have a massive impact on all the surrounding nature. This area is supposed to be part of the "green corridor" reserve in the Ganges centre, and it also serves as a living biology lab for the three neighbouring schools.

Please protect this land from development!
DANIELLE TOPAZ,
SALT SPRING

Money scheme

Just a reminder to everyone that our ferry fees are going up yet again . . . for all those with prepaid tickets, don't forget B.C. Ferries will start asking you for extra money after April 16.

That's right, your prepaid tickets will no longer get you back on the island! The extra money that you will have to pay on all those unused tickets will more than likely completely zero out any gain you had by prepaying for tickets in the first place. Not only that, but those people who have prepaid are actually going to be losing out as B.C. Ferries has made lots of lovely interest on your money that has been sitting in its bank account since you paid them back whenever, but haven't yet used their services.

Yes, as it was pointed out by one of their customer service reps, it does basically say on the tickets that B.C. Ferries can raise their fares by whatever they want,

whenever they want and that includes being able to charge you any amount they like at the ferry booth, even though you have a prepaid ticket.

Well done, B.C. Ferries, in four years you've decreased our sailings/services, sunk a ship, lost a couple of passengers, crashed a ferry into a marina — and we're not even going to get into the Fast Cat episode — but you've still managed to put fares up by nearly 30 per cent and now you've concocted a new scheme to make even more money from us, get as many people as possible to prepay for tickets, falsely by implying they are getting a deal, only to stick their money in your own bank account to earn as much interest as possible, and then charge them whatever you want extra when they show up with their prepaid tickets. Sounds a great money making scheme to me!

Multiply all that interest and extra charges by the number of islanders who still have prepaid tickets

and I think you can give the guys at B.C. Ferries a resounding pat on the back. What a great money-making scheme based on the fact that people would never take them to court individually — it would cost too much! Maybe this time it's time to call their bluff!

I have asked B.C. Ferries for a refund of my remaining prepaid tickets as well as the amount of interest that they've earned on my money that they've been holding. Needless to say they've declined! As far as I can see, I bought the prepaid tickets under false pretences. Either that or I'm pleading insanity. No one in their right mind would prepay for any ticket if they were fully aware that the operator could, at any time, ask you for as much extra money as they liked before you were allowed to use them! On second thoughts maybe we are all a little bit daft!

L. WILLIAMS,
SALT SPRING

Preserve pond

At the recent Salmon

and Stream Enhancement Society meeting I saw the proposed plan for development of the Swanson's pond property submitted by Eric Booth.

How can such a thing even be considered for a spring-fed, fish-bearing pond and wetland? Disruption of the water flow by the developer in this part of the Ganges creek watershed has already caused flooding on nearby properties.

Do you need any further evidence that this land and pond area is totally unsuitable for residential use of any kind? This was to be part of the green corridor for the village of Ganges. Add to that the fact that the pond's water retention and slow release during heavy run-off and dry times alike is essential for the survival of spawning salmon in Ganges Creek, and protection from flooding for nearby properties. Its value to this community is far too great for it to be destroyed by the proposed development.

And is Kathy Reimer and the salmon enhancement

program's work during the past 20 years in this part of the watershed to be wasted? Have the efforts of children raising baby salmon in school and releasing them into Ganges creek, to have them return here to spawn . . . has this all just been a stupid waste of time? I should hope not!

Besides this, it is important habitat for thousands of frogs, rare birds, muskrats, otters, deer and many other creatures which will die or be displaced, and the fact that this pond and wetland lies between three schools and is a priceless living biology lab, and its protection and preservation in its natural state is what the preserve and protect mandate is there for.

Once destroyed and built on it can never be replaced. We need the Islands Trust to preserve and protect Swanson's Pond for now and for the future.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

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A year of nature highlights at Bold Bluff

BY TAMAR GRIGGS

So many of you have asked how I am doing after my horrendous basement flood that occurred in December 2006 — January 2007, I thought it would be considerate to let you all know that I am fine!

We barged in an excavator last summer and dug down to China creating a proper drainage system around my old log house. It was exciting and fun, but I am glad it is quiet now. The basement is dry! Thank you to my community for your concern.

You warm my heart every time I hear "How are you?" In spite of my busy year in running Bold Bluff, I made some interesting nature observations of life in my cove and around the bluff.

Nature highlights for 2007 at Bold Bluff:

1. The two mute swans in my cove during the winter are obviously the same pair every day. I feed them either barley or oats — one cup per day. They follow me up and down the boardwalk like puppies, greeting me when I arrive at the dock, and saying goodbye when I leave the cove.

2. During the herring spawn, between February 21-24, there were an amazing number of bald eagles on the bluff — more

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than I have ever seen in my entire life. My notes record 50 for two days. I know I saw 65 one day, all perched, not flying, so this was a pretty accurate count. I took a photo of 17 bald eagles in one old growth Douglas fir on the bluff.

There were a gazillion gulls in my cove at the same time, pecking at the surface at high tide.

3. J-Pod went South in Sansum Narrows on April 9. We followed the Orca from Bold Bluff Point to Musgrave Landing. They were leaping, jumping and slapping their flukes. They made it to San Juan Island that afternoon.

4. On May 8, a giant dead octopus washed up on the beach. Two bald eagles, one adult and one youngster, fed first on it. One flew off with an octopus leg dangling in its talons, writhing in the air like a snake.

Later, six turkey vultures feasted. The next day, as a turkey vulture was eating, an adventurous crow hopped up to the big bird and pulled its tail feathers! The vulture lifted

its huge wings and the crow hopped back to safety.

The crow did this over and over, tormenting the big bird of prey. It was a sight to see!

A gull was on the beach, too, gathering a large piece of octopus leg and pulling it back and forth over the mud flat. Could this octopus have been a mother who died after brooding her babies?

5. Two purple martins flew past our wharf in the evening of May 10. We have seven purple martin nest boxes on our dock, so I hope they were checking it out. In 1984 there were only 4 nesting pairs left in BC. Now there are over 400 pairs. This is encouraging.

6. We banded 35 rufus hummingbirds on May 22 with Cam Finlay and Robin Anshild. Thirty four were females, one was a male!

7. One great blue heron and three Canada geese (one gosling) shared the big rock at low tide on June 29. The gosling rubbed against the legs of the heron which paid no attention — it just kept peering into the sea for fish. A seal swam close by to this harmonious group.

8. On August 27, a giant school of dogfish came up into the cove at night, making swirls and dashes of bioluminescence.

9. On October 16, guests at Salty's Cabin witnessed a sea lion take down an adult bald eagle at Bold Bluff Point. They were out on the deck and heard a big commotion in the ocean and looked in horror and amazement as the giant sea lion had the eagle's talons in its mouth and pulled it under.

Three times they rose to the surface, with the eagle screaming and struggling. Then it was over. They never saw the eagle again.

Imagine swallowing a bird with a wing span of six feet!

Unfortunately, they did not witness the beginning: had the eagle grabbed a fish that the sea lion was after? Did the sea lion in fact eat the eagle?

In any event, the eagle's mate watched the drowning from a nearby fir on the bluff, and hung around for several days, diving where its mate had disappeared and chasing away all the gulls which came close. And we never saw a glimpse of eagle feathers in Sansum Narrows.

This was the most amazing incident of the year!

The writer lives at Bold Bluff on Salt Spring.



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Money to burn?

I am the owner of the property on the southeast corner of Upper Ganges and Long Harbour roads. It is 3.2 acres and directly opposite the property that the fire department wants to purchase for \$540,000 — \$100,000 over the assessed value.

In 2006, my property was assessed at \$440,000 (\$114,000 for land \$326,000 for house).

In 2007, it was assessed at \$144,000 for land and \$361,000 for house. I appealed and the review panel reduced the taxable amount of land value by \$25,000 to \$119,000, while the house remained the same. The land value was reduced because of the B.C. Hydro right of way and two transmission towers and wires over the property, as well as having two roads bisecting it, and Madronna creek, which crosses Long Harbour Road through my lot down to Churchill Road.

So why am I telling you this? Because while I am trying to keep my property taxes low the fire department wants to offer \$100,000 over the assessed value for a property that is very similar to mine. It seems that while the fire department may be good at fighting fires, it has money to burn — yours and mine!

No offence to the volunteers who do a great job and are much needed and valued.

Vote "no" to this inflated price as well as "no" to this location.

I do not believe that my property will increase in value with a fire hall across the road.

JOHN M. STEEL,
SALT SPRING

CBC woes

The air these days is filled not so much with snow (as I write this) but with cries of pain at what is happening to CBC Radio Two.

With the alarming news this morning, Friday March 28, that the CBC Radio Orchestra, the only remaining radio orchestra in North America, is being given the chop, I suddenly realized what could be the reason for this musical genre-cide.

The concerned among us have vainly, I think, sought the reasons for the dastardly excision of hours and hours of classical music as a (misguided) search for "new audiences," "younger listeners," a "broader spectrum," etc. Perhaps not.

The search may well be for ways to save money. Stop paying Canadian orchestras for programs like the late lamented Sunday morning Symphony Hall, eliminate "extra" staff like Dan-

ielle Charbonneau and expensive, veteran staff like Jurgen Gothe, Tom Allen, and Eric Friesen and drop an entire, unique, orchestra and there may be money in the bank. But at what cost?

These are obviously measures of the most desperate sort. Actions like these mean changing the whole face of the CBC, of forsaking one of its key mandates: preserving, protecting and presenting an entire genre of human accomplishment. Perhaps our gnashing of teeth should be directed at the federal government.

But wait.

Are there not other ways to save or obtain funds? How about public subscription? 860 NPR stations in the states do it; PBS does it and at least one Canadian radio station does it, all very successfully.

If that is not the answer consider this: Years ago someone — only half joking, I'm sure — reported that for every word spoken on CBC radio there were, behind the mike, seven other people — producers, directors, operators, librarians, researchers, etc. Probably a slight exaggeration, but only slight.

For eight years I broadcasted five hours of classical music (two programs) every weekday.

I produced the program, selected the music, found it in the library, arranged it into a play list, announced it on-air, operated the "board" and then put the recordings away.

All by my lonesome. The CKUA network in Edmonton, with its giant AM and 17 FM transmitters covering virtually the entire province, could ill afford seven, let alone two, people behind those words and music.

Is the CBC stuck in some sort of time warp where it still believes half a dozen souls are needed to produce its Disc Drive? Maybe not: Rick Phillips may well create his invaluable Sound Advice programs (also about to vanish) with, as they say today, "a mike and a laptop." Is it not possible for the Ceeb to tighten its belt and rethink the whole concept of radio broadcasting?

A decade ago there occurred a giant campaign to "Save the CBC." We all got on board and the "Mother Corp" is still with us.

But, given its recent unexplained actions (with more still to come) and its flagrant disregard for at least one of its most dedicated and supportive audiences (indeed the very people who also contribute to the nation's hard-pressed symphony orchestras and opera companies, let alone its broader arts scene) one wonders if the venerable and trusted CBC can any longer be saved. Or perhaps it shouldn't be.

RICHARD MOSES
BRINKWORTHY ROAD

Real villain

Your editorial in last week's paper was a surprise. I do not think I have seen a Driftwood editorial that encourages the manning of the barricades to achieve an objective. Before we all heed your advice and rush off to Long Harbour and Fulford carrying Salt Spring Island flags, a brief pause to marshal some facts may be in order.

A review of the Save Our Ferries website is certainly in order, but one should also review the B.C. Ferry Commission website where more detailed information is available. Your editorial has picked up the general theme of Save Our Ferries, which appears to discredit B.C. Ferries and the Coastal Ferry Act.

As former chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, I have studied both these entities and neither are as black as they are painted. The villain in the excessive rise in cost of local ferry fares is the provincial government. Rallies at MLA doors may well provide fodder for local media but is not likely to make much headway in Victoria. A more sophisticated approach is needed.

You are correct in saying that the ferry advisory committees have made little headway; however, a lesser-known body, the chairs of the FAC's are doing good work for their communities. This group is remarkably knowledgeable and dedicated. They are respectful in their dealings with authority, do an immense amount of homework and take a strictly non-political approach to the problems. As part of that group for two years, I admired the business-like and intelligent conduct of presentations.

This group, whose formation was facilitated by B.C. Ferries, has developed a rapport with government at the deputy minister level. Ferry fares will not go down. A limit to price escalation is the best that can be achieved and this can only be done by increasing the service fee paid by government to B.C. Ferries to maintain the transportation fabric of our coastal communities. The Coastal Ferry Act makes provision for this, all the government has to do is use it.

To repeat, neither B.C. Ferries or the Coastal Ferry Act are the villains.

It is my understanding that well-documented and researched submissions to the provincial minister of transport do in fact gain some attention even though we think it's like water on a stone. The Ferry Commission website is a valuable resource; it's a pity that the mandate of this commission is excluded from considering the effect on local communities of the actions of both government and B.C. Ferries. Perhaps this is what is really needed.

BOB JONES,
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Results of incorporation from Bowen perspective

Responding to Holman view

BY PETER FRINTON

I'd like to respond generally to some of the statements in regional director Gary Holman's March 19 Viewpoint in the Driftwood.

• "One of the first acts of the new municipality on Bowen was to shift property taxes from commercial to residential properties," says Holman.

From 2000, and subsequently to this date, Bowen has instituted parity in mill rates for commercial and residential properties. Over 97 per cent of our tax base is residential, so the actual tax shift was marginal.

The reasoning was quite simple — commercial properties have not received more benefits or services for their taxes. We have indicated that when projects are undertaken that would have a positive impact on business, we would impose local area service charges or have sector mill rate adjustments.

Notwithstanding Bowen's internal taxation, both the Islands Trust and our regional district still tax those commercial properties at about three times the residential rate, so Bowen collects and forwards those outside taxes.

• "... a municipality can set road standards."

Yes, we can, and do set standards that are different from MOT.

We allow single lane roads with pullouts in some areas. As to costs, Gary Holman has a very good point — they are expensive. We took over some ghastly roads, and their condition has deteriorated over time — first because during the four-year transition period MOT contractors did little but the barest maintenance, and after that we were slow to build capacity and reserves. That has turned around and things will slowly improve over time. But we are not paying more than we budgeted.

• "... the 2002 incorporation report made clear that a municipality can end-run the Trust," says Holman.

Yes, a municipality under the Trust could appeal a decision of the Trust execu-

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tive to the provincial government. It hasn't happened, and the likelihood is low — partly because there is no guarantee of success, more so because it would signal a real failure in the Trust/municipal relationship. But I like the idea that there could be adjudication of an egregious decision. We already have that for all LTC's, at the Trust Council table comprised of an additional 23 non-local trustees. It hasn't happened on any Trust island since I came aboard in 1999.

• "The Bowen experience is that the Trust has virtually disappeared from the local scene," says Holman.

This is simply not true. Our status as an island incorporated within the Trust remains the same, and our planning staff submit all LUB/OCP amendments to the Trust as a matter of course. They follow the same or similar checklists as Trust planners. Referrals are either vetted for conformity to the Trust Object and Policy Statement, or approved/disapproved by the Trust executive, as per the stipulations in the Islands Trust Act.

On the street, there appears to be less awareness of the Trust. But remember Bowen Municipal Council meets weekly, so people have that weekly opportunity to either simply speak or be a formal delegation.

In addition, we have myriad committees, including an APC and Sustainability Framework Working Group, which reference Islands Trust documents regularly.

So it is easy to understand that the Trust is not front and centre — they are not the frontline governance entity. But they are there in the background.

As to pressures on municipalities to favour developers, yes, they exist. However, our rate of rezoning approval is low (just ask any of our local developers and they will complain bitterly), and we have hugely elevated the sophistication of amenity rezonings.

Those same tools are available to any LTC, but the culture has clearly evolved

on Bowen to one where we always use them.

Holman talks about SSI potentially "renewing on [its] responsibilities to other Trust islands," but that doesn't jive with our experience.

Bowen is putting \$191,000 this year into Trust coffers. For Salt Spring, multiply that by about three to get an idea of what an incorporated Salt Spring would still pay to the Trust.

For that we get to belong, go to Trust Council quarterly, get the support of Trust on Crown lands issues, Trust Fund projects, etc. All valuable, but expensive! I certainly don't feel Bowen has abandoned its responsibilities to other Trust islands inasmuch that we pay about 15 per cent of all Trust wide servicing costs.

"So it is easy to understand that the Trust is not front and centre — they are not the frontline governance entity. But they are there in the background."

Bowen Islanders have repeatedly elected decidedly green councils. And those councils have pretty much reflected the interests of the voters.

Today, the form of government on Bowen is less at issue than the quality of decisions made by the elected officials.

I'd be pleased to have Gary Holman, or anyone else with an interest, pay us a visit.

Take in a council or committee meeting, and find they are very similar to those back home. Or look up information at the municipal website: <http://www.bimbc.ca>

The writer is a Bowen Island Municipal Councillor and Trustee.

named by the early colonists.

Bert Webber, a Canadian/U.S. biologist who first proposed the name nearly 20 years ago both to the Canadian and U.S. governments, as well as his friends across the border, did so while working on an oil spill strategy.

Anyone who works on any issue concerning this shared inland sea, recognizes what a mouthful it is to be talking about impacts to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Strait of Georgia, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Trincomali Channel, etc.

What we need is one

name that describes the whole inland sea and all its creatures that are affected by what we dump in it.

It is akin to not having a name for the Mediterranean Sea.

The name came from Bert's collaboration with the Lummi and Saanich people, including Tom Sampson who formed the Coast Salish Sea Aboriginal Council (who are Coast Salish people) out of respect for the fact that they were living here long before some faraway king called George claimed title.

BRIONY PENN,
SALT SPRING



SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING OF TRUSTEES AND OTHER VOTING

ELECTION BY VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District an Election by Voting is necessary to elect, for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 21, 2008 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2011, to fill the offices of two (2) Trustees on the Board of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and that the persons nominated as candidates at the Election and for whom the votes will be received are listed below:

TRUSTEES - two persons to be elected:

Surname	Given Name	Residential Address
BARRIO	Derek	106 Frazier Road, Salt Spring Island
COLLETTE	Dave	171 Cormorant Crescent, Salt Spring Island
GILLIES	Mary	206 Roland Road, Salt Spring Island
MACAULAY	Jay	2351 North End Road, Salt Spring Island

OTHER VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that a vote will be held on the following question:

Question:

"Are you in favour of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District 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?"

Yes
No

Synopsis: Passage of Bylaw No. 103 will authorize the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District to borrow \$540,000. plus costs to meet the cost of purchasing the 300 Upper Ganges Road land as a site for the new #1 Fire Hall.

VOTING DAY for the election of Trustees and Other Voting will be open on **Monday the twenty first (21st) day of April 2008, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** at:

Ganges Fire Hall, regular training room

AND SUCH VOTING PLACE SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **nine (9:00) A.M. and six (6:00) P.M.**

ADVANCE VOTING for election of Trustees and Other Voting shall be open on **Saturday the twelfth (12th) of April 2008 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT between the hours of eleven (11:00) A.M. and four (4:00) P.M.** at the Ganges Fire Hall, regular training room.

Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C. this twenty fourth (24th) day of April 2008.

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

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- (c) Resident in the Province for at least six months before Voting Day
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Water body mouthful

The headline writer for "New name proposed for the Georgia Strait" (March 19 Driftwood) missed the main part of the story.

If you read the article, it states that it was never proposed by those of us who have been using the name Salish Sea to rename just one strait.

The intention was to provide a new name for an inland sea that was never

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OPINION

Study would aid incorporation decision

BY KEN MARR

Islanders for Self Government (ISG) wants a study on incorporation for Salt Spring so our citizens can make informed decisions on incorporation with current unbiased information. The current CRD director and Islands Trust trustees do not want this study. ISG wonders why.

The last incorporation study found that an incorporated Salt Spring will have improved eligibility for infrastructure and other grants. CRD director Gary Holman does not disagree with this in his letter of March 19. He states Salt Spring has received over \$20 million in these funds during the last six years. Given the conclusions of the independent study in 2002, it is clear that islanders have missed out on other grants and ISG wonders if these grants would have been spent differently had a council of seven made the decisions, rather than one person.

Mr. Holman also does not disagree that Salt Spring would be able to set its own road standards if incorporated. However, he fails to paint the complete fiscal picture and resorts to the same scare tactics used during the last debate on incorporation. The last incorporation study stated that taxes would increase an average of \$105 per household in total (including all other municipal expenses) if Salt Spring spent \$2,500,000 on roads

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over a period of eight years (and \$192 per household if we spent \$10,000,000, a figure far exceeding the current situation.)

We would decide if, how much, when and where we would spend the money. We currently have no input on roads. Considering where our taxes have gone since 2002, (Trust taxes have increased 83.9 per cent and CRD taxes 75.3 per cent, including special items like the swimming pool) and the conditions of our roads and local government or lack thereof, ISG feels this would have been a small price (if any) to pay.

Mr. Holman seems to agree that Salt Spring would experience less planning costs under a municipal government. However, he connects this incorrectly with hospital and school taxes being paid by the other islands. We all pay provincial school taxes to support schools province-wide, and to the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) for local hospitals including Duncan, Victoria and Saanich among other health services. He does not mention the tremendous support Lady Minto has had from local donations and volunteer efforts over the years. In addition, he fails to note that this year Salt Spring taxpayers will pay \$675,000 or \$106 for the average household to VIHA. Salt Spring has higher assessments than other islands generally and about 40 per cent of the population of the Trust area are paying proportionally more for these services individually and in total than the other islands.

More importantly, ISG

does not believe the other islands would suffer a drop in planning support if Salt Spring incorporated. In fact, the per capita funds available to non-municipal Trust citizens could be 8.9 per cent higher than it was three years ago if Salt Spring incorporated. For details, visit www.islandgov.org. This is a win/win scenario.

Mr. Holman does not disagree with the fact that a municipality would have greater budget flexibility. However, Mr. Holman misses the point regarding the ability to tax. A Salt Spring municipality will have seven people accountable to the taxpayer for any increases, a much better opportunity for a range of opinions on how to apportion the resources and a much more accessible forum to listen to those debates. This is in contrast to the present system. Decisions for tax increases for Salt Spring for the CRD are made in Victoria; one Salt Springer is involved. This year Trust tax increases for Salt Spring were approved on Hornby Island; two Salt Springers were involved. A municipality requires decisions be made locally, by the locals, for the locals.

The Independent Study on Incorporation states that a municipality would have access to more tools to improve the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust. It would be our responsibility to use, implement and enforce them.

ISG is encouraged that our CRD director has not disagreed with many of the advantages of incorporation and hopes that continued constructive dialogue will

enable all groups to come to agreement in the near future. ISG invites him and others to meet with our board and establish areas of agreement so that we can push forward in Salt Spring's journey to improved governance.

The two current Trustees and CRD director do not support incorporation and have worked hard during their term to improve governance on the island. ISG commends their efforts, but believes that islanders need the governance tools only available to them under a municipality.

In 2002, the citizens of Salt Spring were told to wait for improvements before we decided on incorporation.

We have waited. ISG is now the largest group ever formed on the Gulf Islands. Our membership funds our campaign with \$20 membership fees and they cross all political, social and economic lines. ISG wonders why our elected officials are opposed to having the provincial government produce an unbiased and independent study when so many islanders want it to happen.

ISG has made full reports on incorporation, governance and all related documents available on our website for anyone to examine all sides of the debate. Join ISG, write to our local representatives and Ida Chong and help us press for a new study so we can more accurately determine the benefits and liabilities of a municipality versus our current system of distant, fractured governance.

The writer is president of ISG



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- Sustainability and tourism

Isabell Hadford was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Bowen Island Municipality from the time of incorporation in 2002 until 2007. She holds a Diploma in Public Sector Management.

Come and hear what these two experts have to say about incorporation, ask questions and decide what you think is best for Salt Spring.

Sunday April 6
2:30 pm
Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road

Islanders for Self-Government,
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MORE LETTERS

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Re ISG

There has been a lot of hype in the last while from the Islanders for Self Government, and a vigorous campaign to recruit supporters for whatever it is they wish to accomplish.

It seems pretty clear that they are unhappy with the Islands Trust for starters.

However, those of us who have been around long enough will remember very well why this unique piece of legislation was created with its "preserve and protect" mandate.

There was every indication that something had to be done to forestall the enormous pressure for com-

mercial development that has ruined so many other locations. And it was to be inclusive of all the Gulf Islands — a sort of special region, not a collection of separate fiefdoms.

So what would incorporating as a municipality do for us? There are three things ISG should do to begin to shed some light — instead of opinions — on what is involved.

1. They say, "we can have both." So they should provide a clearly-articulated statement of their interpretation of what the phrase "preserve and protect" means to them, and an explanation of just how it would be implemented.

2. Show us a comprehensive organization chart of the structure they propose,

starting with the mayor and working down to file clerks, including the number of personnel in each category, and the reporting relationship between them.

3. Provide a pro forma budget which would be required to make the above organization operational.

I well remember an admonition given to us students by one of our engineering profs. He said, "If a person can't speak to you in quantitative terms about a subject, you know he doesn't know much about it."

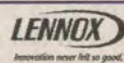
So there it is, ISG. Let's have a look at exactly what it is you are promoting. Perhaps we will be surprised. Perhaps you will be surprised!

HAROLD PAGE,
FULFORD HARBOUR

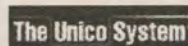
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SURPRISE FUN: Karol Esquivel enjoys the Friday snowfall on a hill at Gulf Islands Secondary School. With spring in the air, the snowfall was unexpected.

MORE LETTERS

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Think twice

When I search the CBC website and find the commentary below about how wonderful and effective the CBC Radio Orchestra is and has been, I am truly confused as to why it is being terminated.

"There's nothing else like it! The CBC Radio Orchestra is North America's only broadcast ensemble, a legacy of the days when radio orchestras were to be found all over our continent. With an audience as diverse as the Canadian experience, we create engaging musical radio programs, commission and perform new works as well as established classics, and showcase exceptional Canadian performers and conductors."

An orchestra, recognized around the world for its musical legacy and ability to serve the musical world, "with an audience as diverse as the Canadian experience," sounds like a bargain to me.

Please think twice.

Some things in our lives can never be replaced. This orchestra symbolizes our respect for the music, the composers, the musicians and people of our country. It is of value for so many reasons.

Please let everyone involved at the CBC and in government know how we feel about the possibility of losing a national asset.

**RONALD BAIN,
SALT SPRING**

Dog attack

Thank you to whomever reported the injured ewe they saw out on their walk in Ruckle Park on Sunday, March 30.

The poor old ewe had been badly injured and driven out onto the beach by someone's dog, now afraid to come back in.

It took two people to carry her back up to safety once they found her.

Her upper lip was torn half off, lacerations above and below one eye, hide totally removed from her hind end, as well as numerous other obvious bite marks.

You might imagine how terrified she was. Dogs must

be leashed in a Class A Provincial Park, never mind the fact the farm is right here in the middle, full of sheep and more than 125 young lambs.

No one has come forward to claim responsibility for their dog or dogs being out on a rampage off their leashes on a nice Sunday walk in the Park.

Be reminded the trail is coming through the farm, dog owners should review the consequences with our local CRD animal control officer who's recommendation is for the farmer to shoot the offending animal.

Apparently, the recent dialogue on this hasn't come home to those that need to know.

**MIKE & MARJORIE LANE,
RUCKLE FARM**

Two Andrews

It appears that another Andrew Haigh has slipped onto the island in the night. Last week's letter regarding southend Internet service was not written by Andrew Haigh of A.A.A. & C., Salt Spring Books and other associations.

**ANDREW HAIGH
MCPHILLIPS AVENUE**

Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project

**CONSTRUCTION NOTICE UPDATE
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ON GALIANO ISLAND**

Meeting the electricity needs of growing communities on Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands

BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) is replacing and upgrading the existing 138 kV overhead transmission lines and submarine cables connecting Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands to the Lower Mainland with new 230 kV infrastructure.

Overhead line construction on the existing transmission line right-of-way within Gray Peninsula at Montague Harbour Provincial Park is currently underway.

Two of the existing overhead transmission towers in Montague Harbour Provincial Park on Gray Peninsula needed to be modified. BCTC has received a Park Use Permit from BC Parks for the use of the existing trail on Gray Peninsula.

Construction Activity	Schedule (subject to change)
Development of a temporary access trail from the existing trail leading to the two existing transmission towers on Gray Peninsula	Completed
Individual tree removals, brushing and site preparation around the base of the towers	
Modification of the two existing towers	
Removal of existing wires from the towers	Continuing through to end of April 2008
Installation of new wires	
Site clean-up and restoration	

After construction activities are completed, BCTC will plant native trees and shrubs along the temporary access trail to re-establish natural habitat.

To maintain public and worker safety, there will be no public access on the transmission line right-of-way for hiking or other purposes during construction.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and patience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION www.bctc.com

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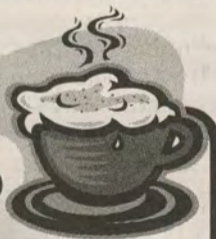


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THE INSIDE STORY

Unique healing experience



For 20 years Chrislon Robinson has been combining Shamanic practices with bodywork to create a wholly unique healing experience.

"You can apply shamanism to anything and everything," says Chrislon, sitting sipping chamomile tea at her peaceful Cusheon Lake home, where she has lived for 20 years and runs her bodywork practice.

"I became aware that my bodywork began to cross over into my shamanism work and my shamanism work began to cross over into my bodywork."

Chrislon lived with a Mohawk Elder as a herbalist apprentice, she's studied with shamans from Siberia, Mexico, Europe and Africa, to name a few, and was a member of the Svaha Spirit Lodge, a shamanic community in Washington State. For over two decades, she's been facilitating shamanic workshops across North America.

“I start by asking you to find your breath, consciously inviting energy in, and then exhale, letting go.”

"My role is to set up a protected space using prayer, chanting, singing, and drumming," explains Chrislon. "And then get out of the way and let presence of spirit manifest."

One of the guiding principles in shamanic work is never do healing unless a person requests it and this is something she carries over into her bodywork.

At the beginning of a session Chrislon

will invite a client to sit and ask them if there's anything about their body that she should know and how they feel about their body.

"In the first question I'm looking for any obvious health issues and in the second question I'm looking for the response. I can tell a lot about where a person is...by staying open," says Chrislon.



She attended the Fairhaven School of Massage and was licensed in Washington State for fifteen years. She has also studied and continues to study Shiatsu, aromatherapy, process work, yoga, Chinese medicine and holistic health, all of which lend themselves to her comprehensive healing treatments.

"If you think of the physical body as only a machine, you limit its capacity.

It is also a vehicle for the mind, soul and spirit," says Chrislon. "By bringing in all these different aspects of healing, you create a deeper experience of life... allowing the body to heal itself."

Using her years of experience and intuition, every treatment is personally tailored to each person's needs and comfort level. Chrislon aims to create a safe environment where a client can do what they need to heal, be it a deep emotional release or simply allowing oneself to relax.

"I start by asking you to find your breath, consciously inviting energy in, and then exhale, letting go," says Chrislon. "There is constant checking in through the session...it is a flowing experience."

While Chrislon's hands work the tension

from muscles, her voice gently guides you through a number of visualizations. Making her way up the seven charkas, or energy centres, along the spine, she uses breath, shamanic symbols and channeled energy to release and reenergize the mind and body.

"I'm committed to healing ourselves, each other and the earth. [Shamans] create harmony and balance between heaven and earth, inside the body and through the world," says Chrislon. "I love using my hands to do this. They have their own language that's not limited by words."

To experience this deep healing process, Chrislon Robinson can be reached at (250)537-5019. She charges \$70/hr. with a minimum of 1 1/2 hours for home visits.



On April 5, she is facilitating an introductory workshop called "The Shaman's Journey", which explores the mystery and beauty of the Spirit World. She will help participants tap into the creative life force and learn the way of the Shaman: to help others for the benefit of all creation.

It runs from 11 am to 5 pm with a \$50 donation. Chrislon is also available to facilitate private and group shamanic journeying sessions.

Please contact her for more information or to register for the workshop.



RANTS and Roses

Rants

A big bunch of skunk cabbage to the owners of Grace Point retail mall for removing the garbage containers from their property. Now a lot of this refuse will be carried to our park. Surely the owners can help keep our island clean. Gerry Small-Wolf

Rants to the person who hit my brown Blazer in the Patterson's Store parking lot and didn't leave a note! I hope you do the right thing. Sarah Fraser, 537-6960.

Roses

A sweet African rose for each of our wonderful youth in the Global Awareness Group at GISS. Thank you for fully funding the school uniforms for Siphos' orphans. I am thrilled to be able to carry that message to him when I visit Swaziland this month. You are an amazing group of kids; it's a pleasure and honour to work alongside you. Thank you for making Siphos' wish come true and for all that you do for our global community. Meron

Armloads of fragrant roses to Kathleen Rathwell, an octogenarian gardener on Salt Spring, who sets a great example for the rest of us. She is constantly winning contests at the garden club and this year at the fall fair won four firsts, four seconds and four thirds in competitions. How inspiring, Kathleen. Thanks.

A beautiful yellow rose to Moe, a great chef, and a pink rose to each of the crew, who put on a fine Robbie Burns

supper at Fulford Hall in January. The food was spectacular and much appreciated by all. Thanks for the fine community effort.

A beautiful bouquet of red roses to Valdy for all the great work he does for the Salt Spring Folk Club. He usually does the sound if he is in town. Often he has a concert somewhere else the night before, so the next morning he gets up very early to drive back here for 2:30 p.m. set up. He is at the hall right through to concert time and then is the last person to leave the hall after the concert. What a spectacular effort from our own local celebrity. Thanks, Valdy, you are the greatest.

A mountain of admiration and respect to: Jade Beauvais, Becky Mason, Emmy Lyytikainen, Jasmine Cooper, Zorah Wiltzen, Maya Dammel-Sherrin, Brenna McIntyre, Nima McDuff, Maggie Birch and Becki Steel. Forced to play their cup semi-final with only 10 players to the opposition's 17, they gave everything they had, and came so close!

Bountiful bouquets to Mouat's Clothing, Salt Spring Soapworks, and Cafe El Zocalo for great prize contributions for the folk club's season wind-up Gumboot Gala. Lynne Partridge

Climate-neutral roses to everyone who turned it off and carpoled to Fulford Hall on Saturday night; your donations will help keep the Salt Spring Energy Strategy energized. And a huge bunch to all the volunteers, and especially to the Salt Spring Coffee Co., for

organizing the 2 Degrees of Fear and Desire event. Many thanks, Marion Pape and Elizabeth White.

Roses to the people who donated to the WWF at the Kids for Wildlife bake sale on March 22. We made \$326. We thank you all for making such generous contributions. And a special shout-out to Bruce Patterson for letting us use his space. We couldn't have done this without you.

A lovely and hardy Nootka rose to all those volunteers who turned out in the snow on Friday and the rain on Sunday to work on the Partners Creating Pathways project on Lower Ganges Road from Wildwood to Blain. Truly above and beyond the call of duty. Island Pathways and Trail and Nature club thanks: Mark Ritchie, John Healey, Richard Shead, Sheryl Taylor Munroe, Jay McCauley, Ben Goodman, Peter Lamb, Jan Steinman, Harold Page, Barry Head and others! A special rose to George Horel Bobcat Service for donating four hours of work to this community project.

Roses to Bruce Ruddell and every member of the Tuned Air Choir. A dozen roses for each of you for every choir practice attended. Thank you for your creation and production of Vigil, in memory of the murdered women on the downtown eastside and the Highway of Tears. Laura Dafoe

Moving-trucks-full of snowy, white roses to those who made our "spring" move up the mountain bearable. To Claire for moral support and

constant weather updates, to Dan, the one-man pro and furniture-mover extraordinaire. For Rita and John for the helping hands with the actual move and for Lisa and Lucas for braving it up the mountain to be our first visitors. Thank you, thank you. Meghan and Nathan.

Thank you Embe Bakery for putting on the Easter contest and for winning the chocolate! I thought it was very nice of you and your staff to be so generous! Monica Kiarra George. P.S. The chocolate was very, very good

Roses to the kind couple in the snow-worthy jeep for picking me up on Beddis, after I was compelled to abandon my car, and for delivering me to my front door. EW

I'd like to thank Cyrus and Dylan for helping the 11-year-old girl at the Vesuvius Bay party. XOXO Maia B



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

A public information meeting will be held on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Fulford Community Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road

Regarding a proposed Gravel, Sand and Rock extraction/land reclamation project located at south end of Jones Road, Salt Spring Island, Section 62, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichian District. Parcel Identifier: 009-743-499

For further information contact Akerman Farms Gravel Supply, Patrick Akerman 250-653-4352

Anyone interested in this application is invited to attend.

FARMING

MLA stops here on rural tour

Corky Evans on SSI tomorrow

Corky Evans, Opposition Critic for Agriculture and MLA for Nelson-Creston, will visit Salt Spring tomorrow (Thursday) as part of his tour of rural B.C.

Local farmers and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives about the critical issues facing B.C.'s farming communities.

Evans states that NDP caucus members report huge constituent dissatisfaction on agriculture files.

Issues he has voiced concern over include the "contradictory and impossible to meet" meat regulations; producers' desire to bring back the "highly

successful Buy B.C." brand; skyrocketing feed costs and rock bottom market prices; and the contradictions between the province's new Agriculture Plan, the rules on what a farm is, and tax laws that may force farmland onto the market for development.

Evans says in a press release: "I am touring the province over the next few months to ask farmers and consumers a couple of critical questions: Are we committed to farming and food production in B.C. or not? If we are, what would it take to make farming pay and to make new farmers want to do the work and afford to get started?"

The event takes place on April 3, 7-8:30 p.m., upstairs at the Farmers Institute.

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- Uptown Pizza
- Uniglobe
- Vesuvius Store
- Vesuvius Ferry on Board

Local renaissance man expands horizons with clown act

Local renaissance man Patrick Akerman, who has been performing as a clown for over 20 years, is coming to Salt Spring Island for the first time. Akerman, who is also a professional singer and actor, will be performing at the Fulford Community Hall on Friday, April 4, 2008. Akerman's act is a mix of clowning, singing, and acting. He will be performing a variety of songs and skits. Akerman is a member of the Salt Spring Island Community Centre and is a past president of the centre. He is also a member of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Akerman is a very talented and entertaining performer. He is sure to bring a lot of fun and laughter to the community. Akerman's act is a mix of clowning, singing, and acting. He will be performing a variety of songs and skits. Akerman is a member of the Salt Spring Island Community Centre and is a past president of the centre. He is also a member of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Akerman is a very talented and entertaining performer. He is sure to bring a lot of fun and laughter to the community.

NEWSBEAT

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LANDMINE EDUCATION:
From left, pastor Ruth Cairns, and Jon and Jennifer Healey raise awareness and \$1,000 at a landmine awareness luncheon held at Ganges United Church on Sunday.



LIBRARY

Book circulation improves despite last year's setbacks

Library AGM optimistic about upcoming year

BY AMY GEDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In spite of last year's flood disaster at the Salt Spring Public Library, circulation has gone up, according to the library board. An additional 4,679 books were signed out over the past

year from 126,802 in 2006 to 131,481 in 2007.

"That's despite being closed for a short time," said chief librarian Marilyn Ming at the library's annual general meeting at the United Church last Thursday.

Attended by 23 members of the public and 15 board members, the AGM was a peaceable process that offered as much rebuke as the tea and cookies laying

complacently on the side table.

Not even the annual balance sheet — that treasurer Peter Sharpe admitted had not been externally audited — received any audience disapproval.

"You are owed an apology from the board," he said, "But I'm confident the figures you see in front of you really do have some reliability."

The last externally audited statement the board has in possession is from 2004. The board is taking steps to rectify the situation, all statements are expected by June 15 and the public will be notified as soon as they are available.

The un-audited balance sheet distributed at the meeting showed \$16,319 surplus revenue over expense. Revenue was \$169,139, up six per cent due to Capital Regional District tax support. Expenses were \$152,820, up eight per cent due to increase in personnel, technology and flood damages of around \$8,300.

The board approved a 2008 budget with most items remaining about the same with increases in personnel and technology. Property funds are budgeted separately and show a surplus for 2008. Rent surplus from the property of the future library site will go toward the board's building fund which is currently at \$75,848.

Notable amendments to bylaws included a move to make card holders automatically a member of the Public Library Association, expanding Library Board membership to include any past chair or board members in a non-voting capacity and adding a treasurer to the list of officers elected a month after the AGM.

Ming reports the current Athena system is outdated and she has put the Salt Spring Public Library on the list for migration to the province-initiated system presently called B.C. Pines or Evergreen.

"The cost to us should be negligible due to our participation/initiation in a federation," she said.

Statistical highlights of 2007 include 2,134 individual library visits in one week in July and 1,881 in a typical October week. They estimated that to amount to approximately 104,000 people walking through library doors in one year. And the library currently has 6,700 patrons registered on file.

Retiring board members were Kelda Logan and Ron Hawkins and resigning were Lindsay Neville and Andrew Peat. But stepping up to rejuvenate the library board were Rita Archer, Derek Lundy, Stan Shapiro and Drew Thornton, who were all new candidates

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HEALING SPACES

Aloha!

Having recently returned from Hawaii, I've had the opportunity to see and be in the presence of healing places. A chain of islands, which has cool fresh breezes, hot noonday sunshine, and balmy salt waters is, in itself, very healing. But the ancients chose specific places of refuge (pu'uhonua), of worship (heiau), and of petroglyphs according to the spiritual power (mana) of the land.

On top of The Big Island's Kilauea Crater, lives Pele, the goddess of volcanoes, fire, and lightning. With tears of recognition, I stood on this desolate piece of lava - reminiscent of a derelict lot full of broken asphalt but moderated by lush cliffs of tropical greenery and birds. Inside of me a voice spoke words of welcome and told me 'to be strong' and 'to take strength from me'. She who destroys also creates life in an eternal circle of transformation and renewal.

Coming home, I've brought a deeper sense of peace with me as I shed and left behind old mental constructs, which no longer serve the essence of who I truly am. Today, my daily practice is to accept, hold, and love my nattering, chattering, judgmental thoughts. Once soothed with acceptance, this unruly abandoned piece of myself is tamed and easily lead back into the fold of rejuvenated oneness.

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What's On This Week

Wed. April 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Women of Note.
Choral group performs for Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation.
Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.

Life Drawing.
Drop-in Painters Guild event. ArtSpring, 9-noon.

Composition - Putting the Pieces Together.
Painters Guild workshop with Gillian McConnell. ArtSpring, 9a.m.-4p.m. Register/info: 537-1121.

The Shaman's Journey.
Intro. workshop by Chrison Robinson. Info: 537-5019.

Aliens in the Garden.
Children's library program with Brian Smallshaw. 1-2 p.m.

Thurs. April 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Blues Jam.
With Dave Roland and friends every other Thursday at Moby's Pub. 7:30-10 p.m.

Jazz and Blues Society presents Eugene Smith.
With the Dave Roland Trio. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SS Weavers & Spinners Guild.
Business meeting. ArtSpring, 10:30-noon.

Corky Evans Visit.
NDP Opposition Critic for Agriculture meets with farmers and islanders at the Farmers Institute in the meeting room. 7 p.m.

SS Local Trust Committee.
Meets at ArtSpring. 1 p.m.

Fri. April 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

House Party. Shipstones. 9 p.m.

The Medicine Wind. Michael Waters & Kinobe in concert. All Saints. 8 p.m.

Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad.
Vancouver Arts Club touring production starring Jackson Davies & Caitlin Stadnyk. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Inspiration.
Art show and sale opening reception. Salt Spring Painters' Guild. 5-7p.m.

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.

Prostate Cancer Talk.
What's new in diagnosis and treatment, with Dr. Stanley Brosman and Dr. Mark Scholz. SS Prostate Cancer Support Group. Farmers Institute meeting room. 1:30 p.m.

Jones Road Mine Application.
Public meeting at Fulford Hall. 6-8 p.m.

Flying Jewels.
Children's library program with Jean Brouard. 1-2 p.m.

J. Mitchell Gallery Spring Show Opening. 5-7 p.m.

Sat. April 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Relatives.
Dance put on by the SS Dragon Boat Club. Meaden Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Vaughn Fulford & The Folk Friends
The Local Bar. 8p.m.

Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad.
Vancouver Arts Club touring production starring Jackson Davies & Caitlin Stadnyk. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fulford Hall Rollerblading.
For this week only, Fulford Hall Rollerblading will be on Saturday instead of Friday. 7 p.m. for beginners and 7:30 p.m. for everyone else. Info, Brian, 653-4630.

Sun. April 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music With Tess & Buck.
Every other Sunday at the Fulford Inn Pub. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Klutzy the Clown Show.
Stewart Katz with Magic by Bob Twaites. Fulford Hall. 2 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Women's Circle.
Celebrate the Divine Feminine. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7 p.m. Info: Rasma, 537-4728.

Vocal Improv Workshop.
With Ella Topaz. 10-3. Register: 653-4261.

Mon. April 7

ACTIVITIES

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.
Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Monday Life Drawing.
Every Monday, 3rd floor Core Inn. Info: Jose Campbell, 537-1121.

Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.
Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Salty Yarners Knitting Group.
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at Stitches. 7:30 p.m. Info: Alice, 538-0211.

Bones for Life.
Classes at Cats Pajamas Studio. Info: Anna, 537-5681.

SSI Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting.
Public meeting on ferry issues. Harbour House Hotel. 6-9 p.m.

Tues. April 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Love for Lindsey Benefit Night.
Local music artists. Proceeds to Lindsey Graham recovery fund. Oystercatcher Bar & Grill. 8p.m.

OTHER 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 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. All Saints. 10:10 a.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Painters Guild Portrait Drawing.
Drop-ins welcome. ArtSpring. 9-noon.

SS Historical Society.
Fulford history presentation by panel of speakers. Fulford Elementary gym. 1 p.m.

The Creative Photography Process.
Explore the creative photography process with Megan Burton. ArtSpring. Register/info: Jose, 537-1121.

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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.
- **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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	:30	Swimming	L'Épicerie	Undersea Explorer	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Damaged (N)	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Prank Patrol Giant Lizard	MLB Baseball - Houston vs. San Diego (Live)
8	:00 Sophie (SF) (N)	Le match des étoiles	100 Greatest Discoveries Genetics	Off the Record	Deal or No Deal (N)	Coach Father of the Year	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	The Moment of Truth	Vancouver Nights	Wife Swap Figaratto/ Martinez	Next Top Model If You Can't Make it Here... (N)	Next Top Model If You Can't Make it Here... (N)	The Moment of Truth	Wife Swap Figaratto/ Martinez	Deal or No Deal (N)	Cousteau: Ocean Adv. (SP) (N) [Part 1 of 2]	CBC News: The National	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Fries With That?	Houston vs. San Diego (Live)
	:30	Little Mosque Lucky Day				Coach													Monster Warriors	
9	:00 the fifth estate Life and Death in Kandahar	Une heure sur terre	Mighty Movers Hawaii Super Ferry (N)	UEFA Soccer Champions League - Quarter-final Leg #1 - Liverpool vs. Arsenal	Father Hood Vows (N)	The Standard	The Office	American Idol 1 of 9 Voted Off (N)	Sabor Latino	Supernanny Addis Family (N)	Rock of Love Show Me Your Hits	Girlicious A Look Back	American Idol 1 of 9 Voted Off (N)	Supernanny Addis Family (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Depths	Caring for Your Parents (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Damaged (N)	Futurama	
	:30				Wildest Court Show	Ustat	My Name Is Earl												Shadow Raiders	
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	For King and Country	Leg #1 - Liverpool vs. Arsenal	Inside Hollywood Celebrity Bodies (N)	Cold Case Dog Day Afternoon	Family Guy	CSI: NY DOA for a Day (N)	Hola Que Tal	Grey's Anatomy Comedy Inc.	Men in Trees Get a Life (N)	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Men in Trees Get a Life (N)	Law & Order Political Animal		Hidden Lives Homegrown Muslims	CSI: NY DOA for a Day (N)	Falcon Beach Vigil	Sportsnet Connected
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8	:00 Air Farce Live (SF) (N)	Paquet voleur	North and South	Off the Record	Life Is Wild Games People Play (N)	Sikh Virsa	Amnesia	Ghost Whisperer Home But Not Alone (N)	Weekly News Forum	Jeff Ltd.	Battlestar Galactica Crossroads	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Bones The Woman in the Tunnel	America's Funniest Home Videos	Amnesia	NOW	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Home But Not Alone (N)	Naruto	UFC All Access
	:30	Rick Mercer Report							CTS Night Club	Grand Star					Washington Week			Avatar	Canucks TV	
9	:00 iPOD Steve Leaves (N)	L'heure de gloire	Michael Palin's New Europe Baltic Summer	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Estrada vs. Whitaker	Women's Murder Club	The Standard	Canterbury's Law Sweet Sixteen (N)	Duel (N)	Here Comes Aajamma	"Dying Young" ★★ (Rom, '91) Julia Roberts.	Stargate: SG-1 Beachhead	Canterbury's Law Sweet Sixteen (N)	Duel (N)	DateLine NBC	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Price Right Million Dollar Spectacular (N)	Futurama Bend Her Bleach 3	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
	:30					3D Dialogue														
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Perfect Home	20/20	Cold Case 8 Years	Numb3rs Black Swan (N)	Nip/Tuck Magda and Jeff (N)	Open Concert			The Collector The Comic	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	"One, Two, Three" ★★★ (Com, '61) James Cagney.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Black Swan (N)	Death Note Frenzy	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30										Seinfeld									
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives Girl Inside	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Radio Wars	Family Guy Peterofica	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	S. Raiders [Part 2 of 2]	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30								CTV News	CTI News	(:35) The Tonight	Ed and Red's Night Party	Frasier Boo!	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight		(:35) The Late Show	Storm Hawks Siren's Song	
12 MID	:00 (:05) Swimming	La zone	RX for Survival Rise of the Superbugs	Off the Record	(:05) El News	Biothera Clinic	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami Pro Per	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911! SARS	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Bend Her	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(:35) Kenny vs. Spenny	(:45) Fosse aux lions	Motoring 2008	(:35) Late, Late Show	Biothera Clinic			Music Bank	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Burt Wolf: Travels			(:35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

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SATURDAY APRIL 5

5 PM	00:00	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Montreal (Live)	400 fois Québec	Miss BG /(:15) Oily	(4:30) NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. New Jersey (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	First Story Steven Point	(4:30) Swial Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Future's End [Part 2 of 2]	Relic Hunter	MGM Presents	Raymond Big Shots	(3:30) Racing	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	(-15) NCAA Basketball Final Four - Teams TBA (Live)	(4:00) "Balto III: Wings of Change" ★★★	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Detroit (Live)
	30:00		Le Téléjournal	Lamur Street Gizmo's Fate	That News Show (N)	What Happened?	Eagle Com Time Sale	Global National	First Story	Wiadomosci	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo! Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	News	Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report		Prank Patrol	
6 PM	00:00		Le Téléjournal	World of Gardens	El News Weekend	Diya	Global Currents	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Stargate Atlantis	CSI: Miami	2 1/2 Men Anteaters	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme	Buried at Sea			Ghost Trackers	UFC All Access
	30:00		Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Keeping Secrets	Beltran Jr. (Live)	"Gospel of Decel" ★★	Islam 101	Mutant X Possibilities	Whistler Rules of Attachment [Part 1 of 2]	Phoenix Gathering	Kool Countdown	The Murdoch Mysteries	The King of Queens	Cops 20 Years Caught on Tape	"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Antiques Roadshow	Saturday Report	KIRO News Special	Mystery Hunters	Poker European Tour
7 PM	00:00	NHL Hockey - Calgary vs. Vancouver (Live)	3600 secondes d'extase	National Geographic Inside the Tornado	Boxing Rumble at Rama IV - Molitor vs. Beltran Jr.	Sikh Virsa	Andromeda	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Asian Variety Show	"Cable Beach" ★★	"Protection" ★★ (Dra, '00) Nancy Sivak.	Fraser	America Most Wanted	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	New Tricks	Saturday Report	Entertainment This Week	Adrenaline Project	Ultimate Fighter		
	30:00		Le Téléjournal	Midsomer Murders	Boxing HBO After Dark - Casamayor vs. Katsidis	True Hollywood Story (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Pretty Dangerous	Comedy Now Russell Peters	Vanna Malargal		CSI: Miami	Q13 FOX News	Law & Order	Soundstage	Buried at Sea	Eyewitness News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected		
8 PM	00:00		Le Téléjournal	World of Gardens	El News Weekend	Diya	Global Currents	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Stargate Atlantis	CSI: Miami	2 1/2 Men Anteaters	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme	Buried at Sea			Ghost Trackers	UFC All Access
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10 PM	00:00	Hockey: After Hours (Live)	Le Téléjournal	Midsomer Murders	Boxing HBO After Dark - Casamayor vs. Katsidis	True Hollywood Story (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Pretty Dangerous	Comedy Now Russell Peters	Vanna Malargal		CSI: Miami	Q13 FOX News	Law & Order	Soundstage	Buried at Sea	Eyewitness News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected		
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11 PM	00:00	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	Le Téléjournal	Midsomer Murders	Boxing HBO After Dark - Casamayor vs. Katsidis	True Hollywood Story (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Pretty Dangerous	Comedy Now Russell Peters	Vanna Malargal		CSI: Miami	Q13 FOX News	Law & Order	Soundstage	Buried at Sea	Eyewitness News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected		
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12 MID	00:00	Délect. Inc. Le prix Nobel	New Tricks	Fins & Skins Advent.	IIHF Hockey	Spike Feresten	Full House	Jack Van Impe													
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SUNDAY APRIL 6

5 PM	00:00	"Around the World in 80 Days" ★★ (Com, '04) Jackie Chan.	Oniva	Miss BG /(:15) Oily	(4:00) Mike Tyson's Greatest Hits Volume 2	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Did She Or Didn't She?	Spazio Libero	Smallville Siren	(4:00) World Poker Tour	Everybody Hates Chris	American Idol Rewind Top 4 to 3	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) M. Theatre	Fidel: The Untold Story	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Kicking and Screaming" ★ (Com, '05)	MLB Baseball - Atlanta vs. Colorado (Live)
	30:00		Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon	That News Show (N)	What Happened?	According to Jim	News	"Prem Rog" ★★ (Dra, '82) Shammi Kapoor.	Relic Hunter	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"The Bad News Bears" ★★ (Com, '76) Walter Matthau.		
6 PM	00:00		Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon	That News Show (N)	What Happened?	According to Jim	News	"Prem Rog" ★★ (Dra, '82) Shammi Kapoor.	Relic Hunter	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"The Bad News Bears" ★★ (Com, '76) Walter Matthau.		
	30:00		Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon	That News Show (N)	What Happened?	According to Jim	News	"Prem Rog" ★★ (Dra, '82) Shammi Kapoor.	Relic Hunter	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"The Bad News Bears" ★★ (Com, '76) Walter Matthau.		
7 PM	00:00	Geologic Journey The Canadian Shield	Laflaque	National Geographic	SportsCentre	El News Canada	Voices of Hinduism	Renegade-press.com	Etalk at the Junos (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Role That Changed	Next Top Model	King of the Hill	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	DateLine NBC	Antiques Roadshow	Radiant City	60 Minutes			
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8 PM	00:00	"The Trojan Horse" (Dra, '08) Paul Gross. [Part 2 of 2]	Tout le monde en parle	Doc Martin	ATP Tennis Sony	Ext. Makeover: Home Carter Family	Sikh Virsa	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	The 2008 Juno Awards	America's Next Top Model	Hates Chris (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Ext. Makeover: Home Carter Family	Monk Mr. Monk Makes a Friend	Nature (N) [Part 1 of 2]			Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected
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9 PM	00:00		New Tricks	Ericsson Open - Final	Psych Psy vs. Psy	Ground Level	Family Guy	Blue Harvest	"Actress" (Com, '07)	Oprah's Big Give (N)	The Game (N)	Family Guy	Oprah's Big Give (N)	Psych Psy vs. Psy	Masterpiece Theatre (N) [Part 2 of 2]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case	Falcon Beach	Ultimate Fighter		
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10 PM	00:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	Le Téléjournal	The Whistleblowers Starters	Poker '07 World Series	Pop Fiction (N)	Diya	King of the Hill	Dexter Shrink Wrap	Stargate: SG-1 Arthur's Mantle	Here Come the Newlyweds (SF) (N)	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	Here Come the Newlyweds (SF) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	New Tricks	Radiant City	Dexter Shrink Wrap	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected	
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11 PM	00:00	News	On fait tous du show business	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	ideaCity	Role That Changed	Without a Trace	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	News			News	Dark Oracle	Sportsnet Connected	
	30:00		On fait tous du show business	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	ideaCity	Role That Changed	Without a Trace	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	News			News	Dark Oracle	Sportsnet Connected	
12 MID	00:00	Swimming Canadian Olympic Trials	Big Ideas for Planet Wear	TSN the Reporters	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(-05) Popoff Ministry	(-05) The 2008 Juno Awards	"Actress" (Com, '07)	"Adaptation" ★★ (Dra, '02) Nicolas Cage.	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace	24	(-05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat	Bill Moyers' Journal	Hidden Lives	(-35) Face the Nation	Futurama	UFC Fight Night	
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MONDAY APRIL 7

5 PM	00:00	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Break dance	Timothy/(:10) Mama	NHL on TSN (N)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairy Odd Parents	(4:00) Playoff Preview (Live)
	30:00	Arrested Missing Kitty	L'Union fait la force (N)	(-35) Babar	NHL on TSN Stanley Cup '08 Preview Show (N)	News	Happy Days [Part 2 of 3]	Global National	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Simply the Best
6 PM	00:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Og/(:25) Wonders	(-35) CG Kids	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
	30:00		Le Téléjournal	Og/(:25) Wonders	(-35) CG Kids	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
7 PM	00:00	For Laughs: Gags	Virginie	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	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	They Chose China	NCAA Basketball Championship - Teams TBA (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	Canucks TV
	30:00		Virginie	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	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	They Chose China	NCAA Basketball Championship - Teams TBA (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	Canucks TV
8 PM	00:00	"The Robber Bride" ★★ (Myst, '07) Mary-Louise Parker.	Chère Betty	Glowing Hearts	Notman's Canada	Off the Record	How I Met Your Mother	Coach	House Que Sera Sera	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	The Big Bang Theory	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Gossip Girl	House Que Sera Sera	Dancing With the Stars (N)	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory	Hockeycentral Playoff Preview	
	30:00		Chère Betty	Glowing Hearts	Notman's Canada	Off the Record	How I Met Your Mother	Coach	House Que Sera Sera	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	The Big Bang Theory	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Gossip Girl	House Que Sera Sera	Dancing With the Stars (N)	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory	Hockeycentral Playoff Preview	
9 PM	00:00	Histoire de famille Tout bascule	Perspectives	Score Golf TV (N)	Motoring 2008	Deal or No Deal (N)	The Standard	New Amsterdam	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad	One Tree Hill	New Amsterdam	Deal or No Deal (N)	American Experience	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Futurama	Shadow Raiders		
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10 PM	00:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	RX for Survival	Motorcycle Experience	Paradise Hotel (N)	Cold Case	Very Bad Men	Medium	GMA Telesine	The Bachelor: London Calling (N)	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	The Bachelor: London Calling (N)	Retirement Revolution	They Chose China	KIRO 7 Eyewitness News	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected		
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11 PM	00:00	(-05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Profiles of Nature	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
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12 MID	00:00	(-05) Arrested	La zone	Mighty Movers	Off the Record	(-05) El News	Full House	(-05) Ent. Tonight	(-05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	Show With Jay Leno	(-05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(-05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Smart Travels	The Hour	News	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor	
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TUESDAY APRIL 8

5 PM	00:00	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy/(:10) Mama	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Oakland vs. Toronto (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairy Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	30:00	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(-35) Babar	(Live)	News	Happy Days [Part 3 of 3]	Global National	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Pratt & Taylor
6 PM	00:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Og/(:25) Wonders	(-35) CG Kids	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
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7 PM	00:00	Hockey Night in Canada: Playoff Preview	Virginie	World of Gardens	SportsCentre	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							

Sports & Recreation



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FOUNTAIN FOR YOUTH: Kim and (builder) Greg Bellavance show off a new water fountain at the Kanaka Road Skate Park.

SAILING

Low winds stump Sunday sailors

Club prepares for Bas Cobanli

Salt Spring sailors racing in the Walker Rock Race Sunday morning dropped out of the competition one-by-one as low winds and strong currents turned the 17.5 nautical mile into a battle of the slowest boats.

"We had fairly good wind just beyond Captains Pas-

sage, but it didn't last," said fleet racing captain Peter McGovern. "We drifted for a while and, by five o'clock, everybody had had enough."

Not one of the eight boats registered in the event finished the race, forcing organizers to reschedule the event to later in the season.

Sailors are hoping winds will return in time for this weekend's Bas Cobanli Memorial Trophy race.

In other sailing news, organizers are accepting registrations for the Round Salt Spring Race scheduled for May 16 to 18.

"Hopefully it will be as good racing again this year," McGovern said. "Last year was the fastest race on record."

For more information on the annual sailing calendar highlight, visit www.saltspringsailing.ca.

YOUTH SOCCER

Spartans off to cup final

U14 boys beat Gorge 2-0

Salt Spring's U14 Spartans continued their winning ways on Saturday against a feisty Gorge side, ensuring them a berth in the district cup finals in Sooke on April 5.

Although the game was slated for play on Salt Spring, the venue was changed at the last minute to Gorge's home turf in Victoria, thanks to Mother Nature's fury that left local fields snow-covered.

Pre-game preparations began in normal fashion, with one small exception, says coach Markus Wenzel.

Steve Fedberg, with his father in tow to watch the game, boldly announced on the ferry that he would score a goal in the game that day.

Wenzel says Fedberg's versatility and athletics enable him to play with confidence in any position. Wenzel planned to start him in midfield for the game against Gorge.

"Sure enough, late in the first half, with the help of a nice feed from Aidan Holmes, tipped by a sure-footed Sam Lewis, Steve lofted a solid shot above an out-stretched keeper," writes Wenzel in a press release.

The marker proved to be the winning goal.

Salt Spring carried much of the play for the balance of the game, out-shooting Gorge nine to four.

Cedar Rumsey was denied a goal by a crossbar late in the first, while Alex Hayes nearly capitalized on a few chances. Lukas Wenzel got the insurance goal in the second half, thanks to some smart passing by Dylan Bullach and Hayes. Keeper Byron Mussell earned the shutout, with solid play when called upon. The Spartans won 2-0 and will play for the bronze cup Saturday.

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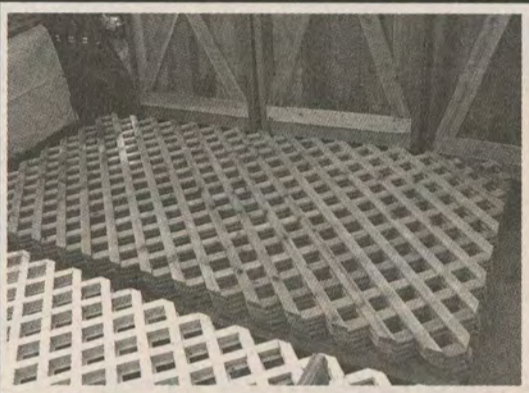
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EYE ON THE BALL: Eva Olynyk spends Sunday afternoon playing tennis at Portlock Park... after the snow melted.

Soccer season... it's not over yet

Cup play and tournaments still to come

Although the soccer season is winding down there is still plenty happening in the Salt Spring soccer scene, from cup matches to tournaments and even a big Friday night challenge.

District Cup

As of this article the SSIYSA still has six of its seven teams participating in District Cup semi-finals. The Girls U13, U16 and U18 teams, as well as boys U14, U15 and U18 all still had a chance to be in the District Cup finals being played April 5-6 in Victoria.

This is a tremendous achievement for all these players and their coaching staff and hopefully we can get most of them to the finals and bring some silverware home.

If you are interested in going to games and want to know about times please check our website at www.saltspringsoccer.com or contact me at mlegg@saltspringwireless.com.

SSIYSA Challenge Cup

This year the SSIYSA Youth Challenge Cup will be played on April 26 and 27.

Already there are 42 teams registered in the tourney, with the boys U14 section filled with five teams and the girls U18 at eight.

Other sections still have space, but we hope most of that will be filled soon. Once again we have teams from all



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

over Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria and Duncan, but also have a couple of special entries this season with two teams from Gabriola Island and a team from Edmonton.

There will be two main field sites, one at GISS, the other at Portlock and both areas will have a concession (GISS sports programs will do the school field, while the Boys U10 team will run the Portlock concession).

The tourney also hopes to have an April 25 double-header, as part of the Friday Series of Soccer, with the B.C. U18 indigenous boys team playing our boys U18 team, and the B.C. U21 ladies team also here in a game as well. On Sunday the 27th, there is a chance to see the B.C. Summer games team at 4 p.m. at GISS field as a tourney wrap-up (their

opponent is not known at this time).

As you can see there will be a busy weekend of games as the SSIYSA showcases its teams and soccer as a whole for Salt Spring.

SSIYSA Referees 11 Challenge:

This year local referees decided to put together their own team and challenge squads on Salt Spring and maybe even off-island.

Their first match in January was a heart-breaking loss to the combined boys U14/15 teams in a shoot-out, a match we felt had some suspicious officiating that led to our demise.

But we are back for more, and sporting our new uniforms have challenged the Mighty Dragons of Salt Spring on Friday April 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the GISS field.

The Referees 11, as we are called, plan to be Dragon slayers on this evening, as the team has regrouped after their loss and plans to use their youthful exuberance to dance circles around the old Dragons.

The Referees 11 will fea-

ture several Salt Spring gold level players who play on Victoria teams, several Metro Victoria players and a recently appointed young lady, Sierra Lundy, to the provincial team (are you Dragons getting nervous yet?).

Add to this the senior referees on Salt Spring with "Sure Hands" Grant Eckberg, "Punisher" Peter Young and myself from Barnstoneworth United fame and you have the makings of a powerhouse.

Next Friday will tell, as this will be the opening game of the Friday night Series of Soccer games, hopefully played every Friday until the May tourney is over — come on out and watch some great soccer or just enjoy watching a dragon or two being slayed.

As you can see, lots going on in the world of soccer, and lots more to come.

Why there is even a rumour of an English Premier league team playing in Victoria in July — team to be announced soon. Hmmm, maybe by then the Referees 11 could even challenge them!



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YOUTH SOCCER

Short-handed Gelato U13 girls take on Gorge with heart

Lose district cup semi final

The U13 Gelato girls were drawn away to Gorge for the district cup semi-final.

For whatever reason, the spring break here on island is different to Victoria's this year, consequently a large chunk of the Salt Spring defense and all the midfield, were away when kick-off was scheduled. Gorge, wisely, and unsportingly, chose not to re-arrange the fixture but to play their 17 players against Salt Spring's 10.

More players maybe, but more heart? No way!

Salt Spring's only option was to defend, and this they did magnificently. Almost all Gelato team members were play-

ing out of their usual positions, but, through sheer determination, they made a mockery of their opponent's supposed superiority, rendering the home team all but impotent.

Gorge did, however, find the net mid-way through the first half when Becki Steel made a miraculous save to tip the ball onto the crossbar, only to see it drop kindly at the feet of a lurking Gorge striker, who then couldn't miss.

So: 1-0 down at half time, and, against all odds still in the game.

Fatigue was the Gelato's biggest fear for the second half. Each Gorge substitution seemed a dagger blow in the first half; they would become Scud missiles as the game went on.

Undaunted, Salt Spring fought on with everyone fighting to repel the Gorge invaders, who never looked like adding to their tally. Fifteen minutes to go brought a last roll of the dice for Salt Spring, who unleashed their fresh-legged goalie into midfield, while Maggie Birch bravely donned the gloves in goal. The Gelato girls summoned every last ounce of strength and pressed forward for an equalizer — but it never came.

The relief on the Gorge players' faces at the final whistle, told the whole story. They might have won the game, but there were only 10 winners on the field that day, and none of them wore the black and white of the home team.

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Over medium heat sauté **3 tablespoons butter**, **1 small chopped onion**, **3 cloves minced garlic** until soft. Cool, then puree together with **10 roasted red peppers** (1 jar) **1 small can diced tomatoes** & **3 cups vegetable stock** in a blender or food processor until smooth. Mix the puree with **1/2 cup cooking sherry** or **red wine** (optional), **1 teaspoon paprika** & **2 teaspoons sugar**. Simmer over low heat for 15 minutes. Add **1/2 cup heavy whipping cream** & simmer for 5 minutes more. Add **salt & pepper** to taste. If you desire a thicker soup, mix together in a small bowl **3 tablespoons flour** & **3 tablespoons water** until smooth then add to your hot soup & stir. Top with a fresh sprig of basil or parsley. Serve with a fresh, hearty bread like Mountain Grain from our bakery department.

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