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FULFORD VALLEY

Islanders split on mining proposal

Jones Road plan seeks solution to aggregate shortage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Supplying a local demand for gravel versus preserving Fulford valley's rural character proved the main vein of contention among nearly 100 participants at a public meeting at Fulford Community Hall Friday evening.

"I have no problems with the proposal to supply our own gravel, but my problem is that we have to live with the impacts," audience member Claire Heffernan told the gathering. "We can't continue to develop, develop and develop and not build any infrastructure."

Heffernan, a resident of Jones Road, fears the impact of a commercial gravel pit and quarry operation at the end of her street will contribute to a level of noise and traffic the valley is not equipped to handle.

"There is going to be an impact," she told the crowd.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Stagecoach makes bid for school studio

Organization seeks PARC land

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has asked a local non-profit organization to provide more details about a plan that could see the construction of a 4,800-square-foot dance and theatre studio beside the Rainbow Road Recreation Centre.

Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

LYNN AND JIKAN: Lynn Demers is seen with one of her bronze sculptures installed last week at Grace Point Square. See story on Page 18.

OLYMPIC TRIALS Islander on brink of Olympic dream

Rustad and teammates take on Mexicans

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Most Salt Springers head down to Mexico with visions of blue skies and sandy beaches, but that's not the case for island-raised soccer sensation Clare Rustad.

The 25-year-old has spent the past 10 days competing against some of the best female soccer players the world has to offer.

Last week, Rustad and her teammates on Canada's senior women's team defeated Trinidad and Tobago 6-0 at the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. On Sunday, the team solidified its position in Group B with a 1-0 victory over a strong Costa Rican side.

Despite their solid performances, the Canadian women will need a victory on Wednesday afternoon against Mexico if they want to begin planning their trip to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

"If we lose we don't qualify, so we really don't have a choice. We have to win this match," Rustad said in a telephone interview from her team's training facility. "Things should be interesting."

Interesting indeed. The 22,300-seat Estadio Olimpico Benito Juarez is expected to fill with enthusiastic Mexican fans cheering against Rustad and her Canadian teammates.

"The Mexican crowd is very patriotic, very large and very loud," Rustad said.

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administrator Shelley Mahoney told commissioners at last week's monthly PARC meeting that her group has funding of up to \$400,000 for construction of a steel-framed building on land owned by the commission.

"When you start looking for land, everything suddenly becomes half-a-million dollars just to begin," she said.

"This location is ideal for our school as most of our students can either walk or catch the bus to this central location," she added.

Stagecoach Theatre's eight staff members and 100 students move from venue to venue depending on availability. Scheduling conflicts often leave teachers scrambling to find a place to hold their classes.

Mahoney added that teachers' closets and attics are often the only place available to store the school's props and supplies.

"It would be nice to consolidate and have a school of our own," she said.

STAGECOACH PLAN continued on 2

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NEWSBEAT

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MUSIC

ArtSpring group stands up for CBC

ArtSpring executive director George Sipos hopes droves of Salt Spring classical music enthusiasts will join a nationwide demonstration to protest the erosion of classical radio programs at CBC Radio Two.

"Classical music represents an accumulation of centuries of serious musical

history," Sipos said. "To support the health of our culture, it has to be supported regardless of statistics."

Starting this fall, classical music will virtually disappear. In March, the CBC announced that the CBC Radio Orchestra, a 70-year-old tradition devoted to bringing the

work of Canadian composers and musicians to a wide audience, will be disbanded.

"This on top of the termination of classical recording on CBC Records, the cancellation of the CBC Young Composers Competition, and on and on, clearly indicates a massive betrayal of

classical music in this country by our national broadcaster," Sipos said.

The Salt Spring contingent of protesters will depart from Fulford for the CBC's Victoria office on Friday, April 11 at 6:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Sipos at 537-2125.

Audience debates gravel pros and cons

GRAVEL PIT
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The province's mines ministry is reviewing a December 2007 application submitted by Akerman Farms and Gravel Supply that would see a sand and gravel mine and adjacent rock quarry created on a lower portion of the forested slope of Hope Hill beyond the end of Jones Road.

Taje was on hand to record and address comments brought forth by members of the public. All comments will be considered before the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources reaches a final decision.

The province will impose measures to ensure there is no disturbance to creeks and farmland near the proposed site, Taje added.

With sources of aggregate becoming increasingly hard to come by on the island, gravel pit proponents say the new facility will reduce the need to barge in material from off-island sources.

"Gravel has to come from somewhere on this island," said a representative of the island's excavating community who preferred his name not be used. "We demand aggregate just like our society demands lumber and everything else."

Environmental benefits of not building the site on the island would be outweighed

by the amount of diesel fuel required to import material, he added.

Fewer barges delivering material to the wharf in Ganges, he said, would mean fewer traffic tie-ups and less dust in the Ganges area.

"We have to do it for ourselves," he said. "If it isn't here, it'll have to go in somebody else's backyard."

Akerman said he is open to working with area residents to determine what type of work could be done to minimize inconvenience to pedestrians, cyclists and homeowners in the area.

Akerman told the crowd work would be limited to between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Initial plans would require approximately 10 blasts per year to provide the maximum amount of material allowable under the permit.

The audience heard that a "worst-case scenario" would see approximately 20

truck-loads of material per day leave the site when it is in use.

A majority of participants speaking at the meeting expressed worries the operation would have a substantial impact on views of the Fulford Valley.

"You will see this scar forever," said Keith Visser.

Participants expressed further concerns the creation of a gravel pit in their neighbourhood would adversely affect property values in the area.

Once reclamation work is complete, Akerman said, the project will likely result in a clearcut-like patch on the hillside until replanted trees mature.

He could not provide an opinion as to how the project would impact the value of adjacent properties.

"To say there will be an increase or decrease in property values is a hard question for me to answer," he said.

Stagecoach confident it can acquire funding

STAGECOACH PLAN
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Stagecoach offers roughly 40 hours of instruction per week to youth aged three to 19. The group is open to making the facility available to other community groups and PARC-related programs.

director Gary Holman said considerable effort to draft user agreements and establish zoning requirements would be required before PARC commissioners could arrive at any decision on the proposal.

"Offering broader public uses [at the school] would certainly make it easier to say 'yes,'" he said.

Mahoney agreed completing the project by September, as initially anticipated, may prove more difficult than expected.

Following her presentation, she said

she remains hopeful commissioners will seriously consider the proposal when more details are made available at the next PARC meeting on April 28.

Stagecoach's status as a non-profit youth organization makes it an ideal candidate for grants and loans from foundations and various levels of government, she said. Costs to run and maintain the facility could be covered by the organization's operating budget.

"I'm sure we can find the funds, the only thing we need is a site," she said.

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ISLAND MUSICIANS

Success sets stage for next generation of musicians

Film producers set up Beethoven Fund

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It has been nearly four years since filmmaker Christa Schadt came up with the idea of making a movie about how a low-key Salt Spring piano teacher could very well be in the process of rewriting musical history.

This weekend, the results of what became a truly island-wide collaboration will be available for all to see at the world theatrical premiere of *Roll Over Beethoven: Paul Verville and Beethoven's Last Piano Sonata* at ArtSpring.

The film traces the history of Paul's life and career and follows his efforts to establish his rendition of Beethoven's 32nd symphony in C minor, the Opus 111, with audiences and classical music experts in Canada, in Germany and around the world.

"It was an easy decision to make," Schadt said. "The more I read about it the more I liked the story. I really like personal stories and am often drawn to help create films about underdogs and people who are very unique."

What makes the weekend premiere even more exceptional is that all money raised will be placed in a fund to help Salt Spring youth learn to master their piano playing skills under Verville's guidance. "I really wanted to find a way to give back to the community and thank Paul for participating at the same time," Schadt said.

An open-ended and intuition-based approach to teaching has helped make Verville a popular teacher among his many regular students on the island.

The scholarship fund is already off to a great start, though final numbers won't be released for some weeks, Schadt added.

Verville made his discovery seemingly by chance in 2004 while looking over the music to Ludwig Beethoven's mysterious Opus 111 sonata, a piece of music neglected for 200 years because of its jarring and awkward nature.

The two-century-old mystery came to an end when Verville tried playing the piece in a 6/16 time.

"There it suddenly was: beautiful Beethoven," Verville told the Driftwood soon after making his discovery.

"I was so excited that I didn't sleep for three days. As soon as I'd played it, I knew I'd discovered how it was meant to be."

The discovery was lauded by piano greats the likes of Canada's Arthur Ozoinis and representatives from television networks in Canada and Europe, but not everybody was quick to embrace Verville's discovery.

As filming progressed, Schadt realized that a significant number of the "Beethoven elite" were reluctant to admit the mystery behind the piece was no more.

Creating the movie took film crews from Verville's former



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A scene in *Roll Over Beethoven* shows Salt Spring's Paul Verville playing to a group of islanders on a remote islet.

home in Peace River, Alberta to Beethoven's birthplace in Bonn, Germany.

Whereas people from Verville's past celebrated the event, Schadt said, members of the "Beethoven elite" had difficulty admitting that a piano teacher from the wilds of Canada could have solved what so many talented and professionally trained musicians failed to see.

Here on Salt Spring, the reception couldn't have been any warmer. More than 50 Salt Spring residents and businesses made major contributions of time and services in the making of the film.

"Without their help, the film could not possibly have afforded to shoot much of the best footage in it," said the film's co-producer David Hallam in a media release. "In part, the theatrical premiere is a way to thank them for their help and support."

One shot near the end of the film features a finery clad group of Verville's friends and students surrounding the pianist as he plays a \$50,000 piano on an islet in Ganges Harbour.

The day-long shot, Schadt said, required a helicopter, loads of food, a ton of patience and a superb volunteer effort.

The film's world television premiere is on BRAVO! on April 12 at 5 p.m.

Prior to Sunday's screening, Verville will provide a brief talk about his experience. His students will also play short pieces. Admission to the event is by donation and begins at 7:30 p.m.

Islanders who wish to contribute to the fund but who are unable to attend the performance can call David Hallam at 653-4333.

News briefs

RCMP survey sent to island households

Islanders are being asked to give the Salt Spring RCMP detachment a little direction.

All households have been sent a "community voice survey" to determine residents' opinions about local policing priorities.

RCMP seek feedback on how they are performing and what priorities the detach-

ment should be focussing on.

Completed survey forms may be returned to the Salt Spring RCMP office, Fulford post office, Ganges Village Market, Thrifty Foods or Ravenstreet Market.

Hall site info sessions spark interest

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustees spent four hours Saturday answering questions and providing a tour of the pro-

posed site of a new Ganges fire hall.

Board chair Michael Schubart, the district trustee and several staff and volunteer firefighters were on site to handle public comments and display maps of the property at 300 Upper Ganges Road.

The property came out on top of a selection of properties in and around the Ganges village on the basis of cost, response times, access and zoning regulations.

Schubart said the department is still open to including limited training facilities

on the site. He said offering room to the B.C. Ambulance Service remains under discussion.

Trustees held a public meeting about the site after the Driftwood went to press Tuesday evening. An article on the proceedings will be made available at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com on Wednesday afternoon.

The 3.5-acre property is the subject of an upcoming referendum, held in conjunction with the election of two fire district trustees on April 21. Advance polls are

set for Saturday, April 12 at the Ganges fire hall.

Should trustees purchase referendum will be required when plans and costs for a new fire hall are established.

Passport clinic set for Ganges

Passport Canada officials will host a clinic to review passport applications and accept completed forms during a visit to Ganges

on Monday, April 14 at the United Church from noon until 8 p.m.

Checkbooks, money orders (postal or bank) made payable to the Receiver General of Canada, VISA, MasterCard and American Express will be accepted. Payment by cash or debit will not be accepted.

Passport application forms are available at any Passport Canada office, Service Canada Centre or Canada Post office and can be downloaded from Passport Canada's website at www.passportcanada.gc.ca.



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2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

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3 Vesuvius - Monday-Saturday

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2:30	2:40	2:45	3:00	3:05	3:10
4:30	4:40	4:45	5:00	5:05	5:10

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4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

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FUEL PRICES

Gas prices: mix of off-island factors

Price tracker helps clear air on fuel costs

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With gas prices ranging between \$1.33 and \$1.38.9 per litre at some establishments in Ganges last week, many consumers are questioning what forces are governing island prices.

For Jason Toewes, the cofounder of gasbuddy.com — a website dedicated to tracking the cost of gasoline across North America — prices on Salt Spring are not as surprising as they may seem.

Though wholesale producers like Shell Canada establish prices based on the cost of crude oil and refinery expenses, a large proportion of regional price differences is the result of zoning boundaries, established by producers and well beyond the control of local retailers.

Hard numbers are impossible to come by, but Toewes said a city like his hometown of Regina, population 195,000, can be made up to 10 or 12 different zones.

"[Zone boundaries] are something refineries normally keep tight-lipped about," Toewes said. "It's conceivable that Salt Spring is in a zone all to itself. Even we don't get that kind of informa-

tion."

Furthermore, he added, competitive pricing among smaller market stations is usually not as intense as it is in higher-volume markets because of station-owners' fears of triggering a price war.

"They'll keep going back and forth and pretty soon they are not making any money or even losing money," he said.

Whereas many retailers offer convenience stores, garage services and car wash facilities to supplement lower fuel-sales revenues, such services are often non-existent or not as lucrative in smaller markets.

Additional retail expenses such as the cost to hire staff at full-service outlets can further impact the price, depending on the number of attendants and average wages.

Bruce Cran, president of the Consumers' Association of Canada, has spent more than two decades looking into various factors affecting the price of gasoline in Canada.

Information posted on the Natural Resources Canada Fuel Focus website last week, "The pricing system local retailers often have to deal with before fuel begins to flow from their pumps."

The site describes three areas affecting the prices at the pump: crude oil

costs, taxes and refinery/marketing expenses.

Each has an impact on the rack price posted at major bulk-fuel terminals across Canada.

Publicly available rack prices, often used as a proxy for wholesale gasoline prices in Canada, refers to the amount paid by small independent customers at Canadian bulk fuel terminals.

Conditions and contracts involving individual retailers have a further impact on regional pricing.

"Refiners traditionally offer a discount from the posted rack price to their branded outlets and their largest customers. The size of the discount will vary according to the volume purchased and the negotiated long-term supply agreements. Delivery or transportation costs are added if the product is delivered to the consumer," reads information on the Fuel Focus website.

"A branded dealer, who will sell the product under a specific brand name, will pay an additional cost for the national advertising, credit card systems and name recognition. The purchase price of the product will reflect the various conditions."

As a starting point for more information on fuel prices in Canada, visit www.fueelfocus.nrcan.gc.ca.

ISLANDS TRUST

Contractors crack Trust's soil bylaw

Meeting needed to resolve issue

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Concerns raised by island contractors have convinced the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to seek more public feedback in hopes of reaching a consensus for a planned soil removal bylaw here.

"I was quite confident we were really all on the right page," trustee George Ehrling said during last Thursday's LTC meeting. "I'm happy to have more discussion, but surprised by the suggestions we have not heard the contractors clearly."

Members of the Salt Spring Contractors Associa-

tion are upset about high fees, a cumbersome registration process and registration cutoff levels.

"We support a bylaw, but don't want it to become another millstone around our necks and property owners' necks," said Ron Spencer, speaking as a member of the contractors association at the meeting. "We want the controls in place, but I think this has gone beyond what anyone expected."

The Salt Spring LTC has attempted to complete a soil removal and deposit bylaw in hopes of monitoring companies seeking to remove soil and aggregate from island properties.

Trustees sought to strengthen an existing Capital Regional District bylaw

"I frankly don't understand where this is coming from."

PETER LAMB
Trustee

after members of the Stewart Road Residents Association complained of an allegedly illegal mining operation on Jennifer Way in 2005.

Development of soil removal and fee bylaws remain the Salt Spring LTC's top priority.

The latest version of Bylaw No. 418 would require contractors to obtain permits to "remove soil from or deposit soil on any lot anywhere in

the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area" unless otherwise indicated in the bylaw.

Contractors removing or depositing more than 40 cubic metres of soil would need to register their activity with the Islands Trust's director of local planning services, unless otherwise indicated.

Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb said he was "surprised and disappointed the agreement between a coalition of neighbourhood groups and the contractors association broke down."

"I frankly don't understand where this is coming from," he said. "I am not here to push it through as fast as we can, but let's get down to the details."

A public-hearing date has not yet been set.

CREEKSIDE CAMPAIGN

Rainforest dedication ceremony next Tuesday

On land and at ArtSpring

Those who donated time and money to help save the Creekside rainforest will be recognized at a special on-site dedication ceremony on Tuesday, April 15.

Hosted by The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC) and the many volunteers who coordinated fundraising efforts, the event provides the opportunity to officially dub the land a nature

reserve and to thank all the donors who helped save the property by the March 31 deadline.

TLC, a registered charity and land trust that protects natural areas and cultural landmarks in B.C., has protected over 120,000 acres of sensitive and threatened lands in the province, involving more than 300 projects. "TLC has grown to include over 7,000 members, and is now part of an international network of National Trusts

with over 7 million members."

At the dedication ceremony, TLC executive director Bill Turner, Save Salt Spring Rainforest's appeal coordinator Maureen Moore and local volunteer and scientist Briony Penn will each speak about the project.

Children from both the Salt Spring Centre School and the Fulford Elementary Nature Club will also join in the celebration.

"Iona Campagnolo, for-

mer B.C. Lieutenant Governor and TLC honorary president, will also be present to show her support," says press material.

Following the outdoor ceremony, donors, volunteers, local residents and partners are welcome to attend a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at ArtSpring. The dedication ceremony will begin at 4 p.m., taking place at the entrance to the Creekside rainforest near 184 Creekside Drive.



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LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Incorporation experts share insights

Trust role and future studies part of discussion

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With another incorporation study for Salt Spring appearing unlikely in the near future, Islanders for Self Government (ISG) is calling on outside reinforcements to gauge how a municipal government might work on Salt Spring Island.

Drawing upon the experience of guest speakers Dr. Brian White and Isabell Hadford, ISG supporters and other members of the public packed into Community Gospel Church on Sunday to hear the experts' viewpoints on incorporation and to decide what's best for Salt Spring.

"Salt Spring is different from other islands," said White when speaking about the applicability of the Islands Trust. "You can't have a one-size fits all. Every island is unique."

White holds a Ph.D. in human geography and is the director of the School of Tourism and Hotel Management at Royal Roads University. Involved as a graduate student in the initial development of the Islands Trust, White said it was never meant to be a form of government.

Envisioning how incorporation could look on Salt Spring, White said the Islands Trust could still have a formidable role in supporting its "preserve and protect mandate." Incorporation could perhaps deal with the capacity on Salt Spring, offer face-to-face accountability and provide a unified front for service and ecosystem planning. When it comes to transportation and ferry issues, he said, "a single voice really helps."

Hadford, chief administrative officer for the Bowen Island municipality from the time of incorporation in 2002 until 2007, showed how incorporation has worked on Bowen, which has a year-

round population of about 3,500 and 5,000 in the summer.

Bowen Island now has seven council members elected every three years, 25 employees and 17 public committees. Their municipality now manages 50 per cent of their water systems, has inherited the road system, received \$250,000 per year in local grants and aid, secured municipal land, have a strategic plan to accompany their OCP and an energy plan, among other achievements.

The Islands Trust and Metro Vancouver both continue to be involved in municipal operations, with the Trust approving bylaw amendments and providing policy input via Trust Council decisions on land-use issues.

Property taxes went up after incorporation, said Hadford, but so did services.

Audience members like Jillian Arsenault said, "It's not a question of if taxes will go up, but how much and

what do we get for it."

ISG president Ken Marr made it clear that ISG, with over 1,000 members, would like to move forward with developing some kind of plan, but lacks the information needed without another formal incorporation study like the one completed before the 2002 referendum. Support from local trustees and the regional director are required to initiate another study.

"You can't have a one-size fits all. Every island is unique."

BRAN WHITE
Royal Roads University

"We need up-to-date figures so islanders can make a decision about incorporation," Marr said.

For more on the municipality of Bowen Island, people can visit www.bowenisland.org.

Police clear roads of drunk drivers

Salt Spring police dealt with more alcohol-related matters over the last week, resulting in a few minor injuries and various charges.

On April 1, police attended two separate incidents where they say alcohol was most likely involved.

RCMP answered a call for assistance just before 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the beach near Gasoline Alley in Ganges. Three men had been drinking there and one was taken to hospital by ambulance after falling down and striking his head on a rock. After being treated, the man was then arrested and charged with intoxication in a public place, as well as causing a disturbance.

Also on Tuesday evening at about 10:30 p.m., police were called to a single vehicle collision near the intersection of Cranberry and Fulford-Ganges roads. The vehicle had driven off the road and ended up in the ditch of the southbound lane. Both the 29-year-old male and the 28-year-old passenger were taken to hospital by ambulance and treated for minor injuries. Police arrested a 58-year-old Salt Spring man

RCMPREPORT

on Wednesday night for assaulting a police officer after the man was stopped during a routine road check. Upon further investigation it was revealed that the man's driver's licence had expired in February. His vehicle was towed and he was issued a violation ticket for driving without a valid licence. He will be in court on May 13.

On Thursday evening, just after 10 p.m., police attended to a vehicle in the ditch on Fulford-Ganges Road where the driver, who was still in the driver's seat, exhibited several signs of impairment. The 46-year-old man was arrested for impaired driving and having a blood alcohol level over .08 and was detained until he was sober. He was issued a violation ticket for not having a driver's licence nor any vehicle insurance.

Another road check in Ganges on Sunday at around 1 a.m. resulted in a 28-year-old male being detained by police and charged with impaired driving.

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NEWSBEAT

Trustees look for votes

On Monday, April 21, Salt Spring Island property owners will vote for their choice of four candidates running for two positions on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board.

The Driftwood asked candidates to answer five questions to help readers get to know them.

The election coincides with a referendum seeking voter authority to borrow up to \$540,000 for the purchase of property at 300 Upper Ganges Road, intended as a new Ganges fire hall site.

Those unable to vote on April 21 can cast a ballot at the advance poll set for Saturday, April 12 at the Ganges fire hall.

The Questions:

1. Why do you seek a position on the board?
2. What are the key issues facing the fire district within the next three years?
3. What could you contribute to the fire district?
4. Do you have any previous volunteer or professional board experience?
5. Do you have any previous experience as a firefighter or with fire department-related activities?



JAY MACAULAY



DEREK BARRIO



DAVE COLLETTE



MARY GILLIES

MaCaulay: issues need fiscal responsibility

1. I like to be actively involved in the community I live in. I was lucky enough to retire early to Salt Spring, so I still have some energy left to contribute to the community.

2. The fire district published a 10-year plan in January. Among the important issues it identified, three were characterized as "urgent and immediate:" the need to strengthen and build the volunteer character of the fire-rescue service, the main fire hall in Ganges is obsolete and must be replaced, and the

need to improve the training facilities for our firefighters.

The challenge will be to address these issues in a fiscally responsible manner that Salt Spring taxpayers will support.

3. With a professional education in engineering and business administration and 30-plus years in business, I can bring some skills and experience to the job of trustee.

Before retiring to Salt Spring, I owned a chemical manufacturing business serving the forest industry. Prior to that I was

vice-president of a Vancouver-based trucking company. I can contribute experience in planning, budgeting, financial management and personnel administration to the job of trustee.

4. On Salt Spring:
• Driver with the Seniors for Seniors program.

• Volunteer with the Island Natural Care Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

• Current treasurer of the golf club and on the board since 2006.

• Past-president of the tennis

club and on the board since 2002. Prior to moving to Salt Spring:

• Various industry and labour relations associations, including director of the B.C. and American Trucking Associations.

5. I have not been a firefighter, but after my years in the trucking industry, I have plenty of experience with equipment and vehicles. It is my understanding that fire district trustees deal with overall policy and management issues.

Barrio: fire hall replacement top priority

1. As residents of this beautiful island, we tend to take fire protection for granted and don't spend much time thinking about what keeps a fire/rescue department running. Past and present trustees have contributed many hours of their lives, some for many years, to the running of the the island's fire protection district and I feel it is now time for me to contribute what I can.

2. Replacement of fire hall No. 1 with a modern, cost-efficient building to accommodate present needs, as well as allow for future expansion when that becomes necessary.

• Locate No. 1 Hall in the most strategically effective location possible.

• Getting the new training ground in Fulford up and running without further delay.

• Keeping fire trucks manned by volunteer firefighters.

3. A positive and open-minded approach to problem solving. Many years of working with people and dealing with their concerns.

4. Past president of the Northeast Coquitlam Ratepayers' Association. Past rear-commandore of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, an all volunteer-

run organization. Current member of the Islands Trust's Advisory Planning Committee.

5. Twenty-six years of service in the only "all-volunteer" fire hall in the City of Coquitlam, an area in the northeast sector geographically similar to Salt Spring in that many of the calls were to remote areas with limited or non-existent water supplies.

Collette: getting involved

1. Being a long-time resident and having a young family, I care about island issues that affect everyone. This is a way I can be involved in the community. I feel that there are many issues facing the fire department in the next few years that affect us all and I look forward to being involved.

2. Recruiting volunteers, along

with their training, the new fire hall No. 1 and equipment purchases.

3. Professionalism, communication skills, resourcefulness, team player, motivated and a sense of island life.

4. None.

5. Yes, I was a volunteer firefighter here on Salt Spring for seven years and for one year in Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast.

Gillies: build a new hall with reasonable budget

1. I have just completed a three-year term as a fire-district trustee during which the board made progress, especially with regards to locating a site for the new fire hall. I would like to continue to work through the issues to get the new fire hall completed.

2. The key issues are building the new fire hall within a reasonable budget; providing better facilities for on-island training of firefighters; making sure the fire district has the equipment and staff to meet the increasing needs of the community.

3. I plan to continue to build on the knowledge and experience I have gained as an active member of the board.

4. The most recent is the last three years as a volunteer fire trustee.

5. I gained first-hand knowledge of emergency operations as a project manager by installing computer systems for police, fire and ambulance services in North America and Europe.



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THE PROPOSED NEW FIRE HALL

- Without public consultation the Fire Protection District has placed a non refundable deposit on a property at the corner of Long Harbour Road and Upper Ganges Road.
- On April 21st a referendum will be held to seek approval of Bylaw 103 for the District to borrow \$540,000 plus applicable closing and adjustment costs, to purchase the property – this despite the fact that no design plans have been completed and it is not known if the property, which has several Hydro rights of way across it, will be suitable for the location of a new fire hall. The Fire District did a review of all sites 5 years ago and felt the proposed site was unsuitable. Ferry arrivals and traffic volume have increased significantly since then.
- The final cost of construction, preparing the site, providing water, septic system and safe access will not be known until well after the referendum.
- A second referendum to seek approval to borrow the funds for construction will not be held until some time before the end of 2008. Should the second referendum not meet with approval this raises the real possibility of the District owning a piece of property, overpriced for any other use, which they cannot use for a fire hall.
- Several other possibilities have been put forward but apparently have not been considered. We ask you to attend the referendum on April 21st, and vote NO to Bylaw 103. This large outlay of public money should not be made until the full costs for the new fire hall are known. Only then will the public be in a position to make an informed decision.
- We would like to see a completely independent consultant, with no connection to the Fire Protection District, the Islands Trust or the CRD brought in to evaluate the needs of the Fire Protection District and advise as to the best way to meet those needs.
- Please attend the referendum, at the Ganges Fire Hall, on Monday, April 21st between 9 am and 6 pm or the advanced voting at the Fire Hall on Saturday, April 12th between 11 am and 4 pm and vote **NO** to Bylaw 103.

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EDITORIAL

Directing gas gripes

Salt Springers are well known for making their feelings known on a variety of issues. Of late, it's the price of gas that has people asking questions.

People understandably want to know why a disparity exists between the price of gasoline on Vancouver Island and other Gulf Islands communities.

While many islanders have developed strategies and routines that require purchasing fuel off of Salt Spring, they would no doubt rather buy it on the rock, if possible.

And with potential customers leaving the island to gas up and shop elsewhere, the pricing issue adds up to more than a few cents per litre in terms of the island's economy.

Questions are certainly justified, but it's important to focus those questions where they can have an impact.

THE ISSUE:

Gasoline prices

WE SAY:

Local retailers don't have answers

Within hours of last week's publication of a Driftwood story calling for the federal government's competition bureau to examine the pricing of gasoline on Salt Spring, local gas jockeys and their bosses became recipients of the public's questions, complaints and frustrations.

Despite being a captive audience while they are pumping our gas and checking our oil, it's no surprise gasoline station employees or the business operators have little to say when it comes to the larger issues of fuel-price negotiations, corporate profits and the realm of the volatile world-wide oil market.

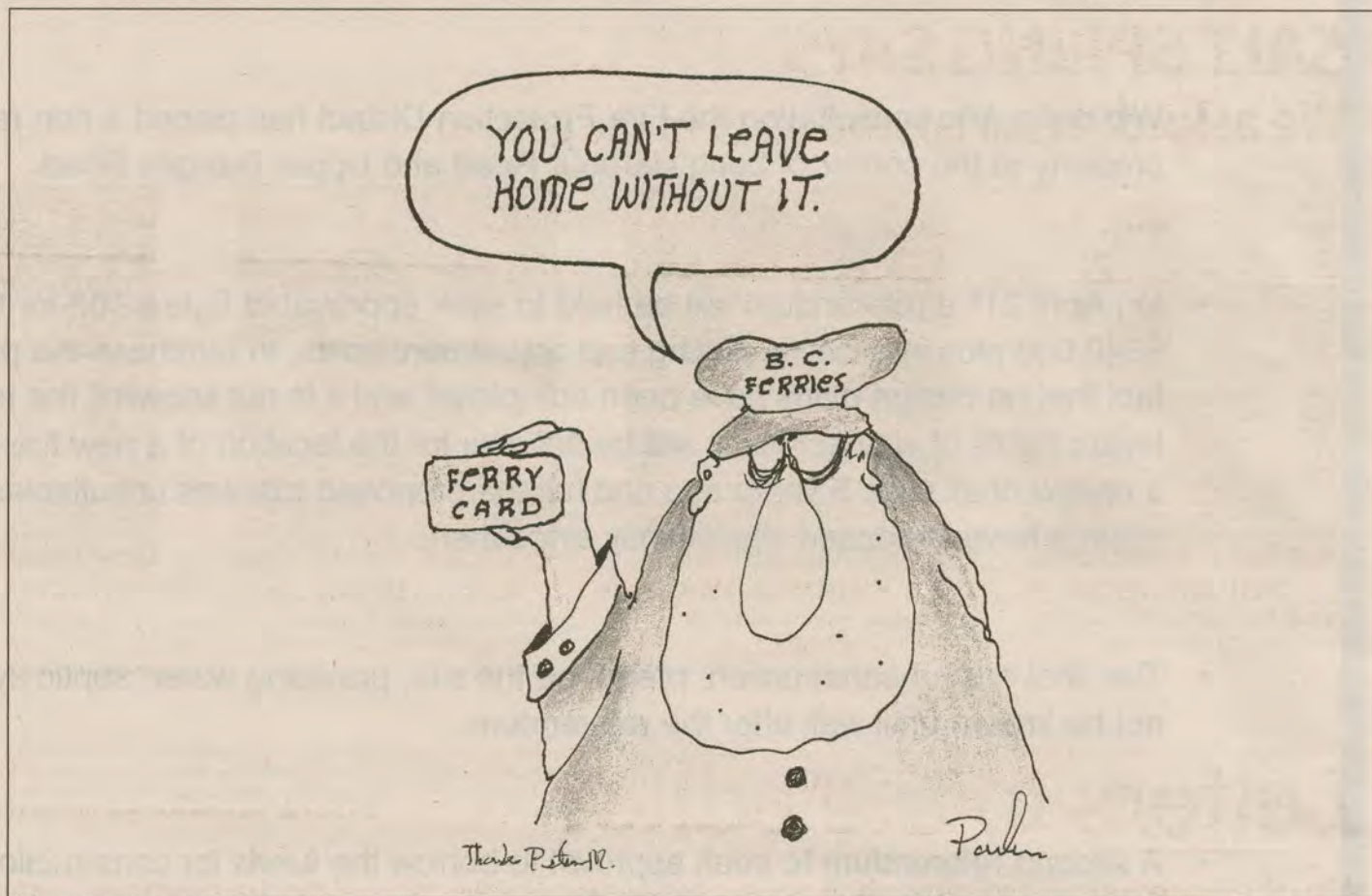
Not only that, but the latest word from industry analysts is that Canadians could be paying between \$1.50 and \$1.60 per litre for their fuel this summer.

Most Canadian oil companies have a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions on their websites.

Answers often vary and each one seems to offer a variety of reasons for Salt Spring's pricing system. With some luck, enough queries to the right people could help isolate the real reason we are paying more at the pumps.

As the gasoline industry's first line of service, station attendants or operators are often the first to hear customer complaints.

But as with so many issues like this, they're not the ones able to fill our ears with the truth we'd like to hear.



FACs working on the big picture

BY TONY LAW

I certainly share your frustration with the relentless ferry fare hikes ("Joke's on us," Driftwood, March 26). However, it is most unfortunate that you chose to dismiss the many islanders who serve on the ferry advisory committees (FACs) as "failing to bring together the bigger picture facing coastal residents."

This is unnecessarily discouraging both to residents who assume their FACs are representing their interests and to the committee members who put in countless hours doing exactly that. The FACs are articulating the big picture with an expertise and persistence that is impressive considering they are all volunteers.

Over 110 people up and down the coast serve on 12 FACs that provide advice to B.C. Ferries at the route-specific level. However, we have moved beyond this local role through the coordinated efforts of our chairs who are in daily communication.

The chairs meet regularly with executive members of B.C. Ferries and the ferry commissioner, specifically to address the "bigger picture facing coastal residents."

A Coastal Community FAC has now been established involving the FAC chairs (or their delegates) with the assistant deputy minister for transportation planning and policy and the director of the marine branch of the Ministry of Transportation.

The non-government members of this committee have prepared well-researched papers that show clearly the impacts that government policy is having upon our communities. Through this consultation process we hope to provide our communities' perspectives to the senior bureaucrats who develop the policy options for the minister.

While the FAC chairs are not advocates at the political level, we have met with the minister of transportation, we provide advice to our local governments and we provide information to the media through regular news releases.

VIEWPOINT

"However, we have moved beyond this local role."

Currently, we are researching how other governments operate their ferry systems. We are working with students at Malaspina University-College who are preparing a report on the impact of ferry fares on tourism and communities. We are offering support to Powell River Regional District which is organizing a meeting of representatives of coastal local governments with the minister. We are also setting up a web site <http://facc.gabriola.org> (thanks to the volunteer work of Gabriola's chair, Andre Lemieux).

Save Our Ferries certainly provides some valuable information. However, the Save Our Ferries Advocacy Group was formed by the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union specifically to fight back against the Coastal Ferry Act. The group strives to "motivate the public to a response to the Liberal Government's privatization agenda."

While the unions, the Liberals and the NDP pursue the political debate about "privatization," the well-being of our communities is continuing to be eroded. The political debate is not going to be resolved quickly or easily. Meanwhile, we need immediate action to halt the damage to coastal communities and a long-term strategy to sustain an affordable and accessible service, however it is delivered.

This requires increased provincial contributions to the ferry system, whether it is managed directly by the government (as in the past), is owned by the province but operated at arms-length (as at present) or becomes owned by the private sector (as some fear might happen in the future).

Please don't minimize the importance of a continuing stream of letters landing on cabinet ministers' desks. While writers may not get immediate satisfaction, the cumulative effect of letters can be significant and supports the efforts of your local governments and FACs who are working on your behalf.

The writer is chair of the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Canada's one-cent coin be abolished? 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:

Should an indoor tennis bubble be constructed on Salt Spring? YES NO

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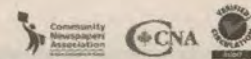


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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are you up to in the garden?



NEIL PATERSON
I'm building an arbour and putting up a birdhouse.



WENDY ROSIER
Starting to plant earlier so I have longer colour.



ELEHNA DESOUSA
I am going to do container gardening on my balcony and back patio.



DANNY BEDFORD
We're going to plant a whole whack of sunflowers for my stepdaughter's wedding.



JACKIE JENSON
Nothing yet — it's too cold.

Letters to the editor

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Pool progress

With recent photos of our new pool in the Driftwood and almost everyone knowing someone who's been in for a swim, the question now being asked is "When will the pool open?"

The answer: our projected grand opening date for the pool will be sometime in mid-May. While the pool looks complete, there are several outstanding issues that need to be addressed before the pool is ready for full and normal operation.

First, the gutter system surrounding the pool tank. Designed to continuously overflow, the gutters skim surface water from the pool to help ensure proper water circulation and filtration. Ideally, the gutters should be of uniform height to skim equally on all four sides. Unfortunately our situation has two sides scant millimeters higher than the others resulting in two of the four gutters having a potential to "flood." With the

pool operational for several weeks now, and the commissioning process proceeding, this condition has all but been eliminated.

Numerous finishing touches also remain, such as completing the signage in the pool hall, installing the vending machines and mounting towel bars in the change rooms to name a few. Most have been addressed at this point.

Recreation Excellence (RecEx), the company hired to oversee the daily operation of the facility, is clearly putting safety first. To that end, it has requested a full month for staff training before full and normal operations commence.

During this time, it plans to continue to accelerate the "soft-opening" program currently being employed.

High school gym classes, the swim club and Splash events will hopefully ensure a good cross section of the community gets an opportunity to experience the facility

before the grand opening. By doing so, staff will be afforded the time to familiarize themselves with the facility, practise and evaluate operational and emergency procedures and further optimize the mechanical systems.

I can almost guarantee nobody is more anxious than me to get this thing open but it's tough to argue when safety is the issue.

In short, PARC wishes not to rush a good thing. We are about to take possession of a fabulous facility, something the community has been wanting for years and something we can really be proud of. Just a bit longer ... thanks for your patience.

STEVE PETERSON,
PARC CHAIR

Vote no

Given the fact that the Salt Spring Island Fire Department has two adequate sites with buildings, why is it a logical and practical solution to purchase and build on yet another site?

If the fire department believes the buildings to be inadequate for their comfort and machinery, those present buildings could be renovated and enlarged at a much lower cost than buying a piece of land that is not viable and building a large new facility. Perhaps it is time to ask the fire department and the board of trustees to rethink the spending and to plan expansion to meet the needs and the pockets of us, the ones who pay the bills.

Please vote NO on the upcoming referendum.

MARY DAVIDSON,
SUNNYSIDE DRIVE

FCA

We would like to thank the Driftwood and Elizabeth Nolan for the article describing our recent success in gaining signature status in the FCA (Driftwood, April 2). One small correction though: the organization is properly known as the Federation of Canadian Artists, not the Canadian Federation

of Artists. The position of the adjective is significant, and the designation is AFCA.

Your readers may be interested in knowing that the FCA hosts an excellent website — www.artists.ca — outlining the history and objectives of the organization, galleries of member artists and a synopsis of recent shows.

Complete information on membership is there too. The FCA also has a permanent gallery located on Granville Island in Vancouver. About 20 juried shows are held each year, featuring a broad range of themes, subject matter and painting styles. The gallery is always worth a visit during those off-island trips to Vancouver.

ROSAMONDE DUPUY,
AFCA, AND
DON HODGINS, AFCA,
SALT SPRING

Tennis

I write to clarify an impression left by a recent article ("PARC seeks bids for tennis bubble"). The Salt Spring

Tennis Association has only agreed with PARC to split the cost of engaging an architect/consultant who will estimate the total cost of the project. Unless the cost was shared, PARC would not have continued to pursue the process.

Without knowing what the predicted costs might be, the SSTA cannot commit to anything. Under the preliminary agreement, PARC says that the SSTA will be responsible for any costs in excess of \$275,000 (\$175,000 from the SSTA and \$100,000 from PARC) and the revenue from the rental of the bubble would be kept by PARC.

Obviously the SSTA cannot agree to proceed with an open-ended cost overrun. Until these estimated costs are known, there is no agreement between PARC and the SSTA. If the estimates are too high, the SSTA will have to look at other alternatives.

ERICA ROSS,
PRESIDENT, SSTA

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Last cinched hole of working poor's belt in sight

"Say a prayer, for the hard-workin' people." Truer words never spoken when it comes to the working poor on Salt Spring Island. The working poor get whacked from all sides here: food, transportation and housing. But before I dive into this, let me define the working poor, Salt Spring style.

If you have a salaried job (with the exception of those embedded in one of the unions) you are most likely a member of the working poor. If you ply the Saturday market, work the crafts fairs or are on the artists' tour, you are likely a member of the working poor. If you massage bodies, work a trade or tickle the keyboards in one of the island's watering holes, you are likely a member of the working poor. In fact, if you arrived on Salt Spring Island within the last seven years and you aren't packing a heart-stopping bank account, you are likely a member of the working poor.

It all starts at the dinner table. My favourite grocery store used to reserve a bit of shelf space in the back for banged-up cans, dated cereal, old stock and various other undesirables. I have borne witness to harried single moms, grizzled seniors and plain hard-working stiffs running a day late and a dollar short poring over these shelves, trying to stretch a tattered budget one more day. The shelves are gone now. The grocery

store thought it prudent to truck it all to the local food bank. While the working poor are not too proud to run the half-price food past a cashier, they mostly draw the line at queuing up at the food bank on Tuesdays looking for a handout bag of groceries.

Pride is a tough thing to lose. Many Salt Springers are working two and three jobs. Many worked hard all their lives only to retire with an inadequate government pension. The 2006 government census counted 400 single parent families on Salt Spring Island. You want to talk about the working poor? Try working full time and taking care of a child. Or two. Or three. For some, the prospect of the food bank line is their last shred of human dignity washed away.

The grocery store most assuredly thought they were doing the right thing. Their little charitable act certainly bolstered the food bank inventory, but once again a slice of forgotten Salt Springers end up feeling the pinch. There is little they can do, but cinch the belt and pay the price.

The trouble doesn't stop at the dinner table. You won't find many of the working poor passing through the turnstiles on our



Peter Vincent

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newly christened bus system. For many, the bus is not an option. Some have an old pickup full of tools and three job sites. Some have a car full of kids who have to be picked up and deposited over hurried lunch hours or coffee breaks. And as we are reminded ad nauseum, Salt Spring gas is more expensive than Yellowknife gas. But if you can't make the bus work, what choices do you have if your work truck logs more miles than a taxi on New Year's Eve?

I have some friends advertising their one-bedroom guest cottage for \$1,800 per month. They are not gouging. In fact, they are two of the most generous people I know, and the cottage is magazine material. But it's a supply and demand market. Victoria's vacancy rate is about one half of one per cent, and I am guessing it's a similar number on Salt Spring. There is just nothing out there to rent. In 2005 the Sustainable Salt Spring Coalition stated that 47 per cent of Salt Springers were making less than \$30,000 a year. How can anyone make it here when they are shelling out 60 to 70 per cent of their take-home pay for a roof over their heads? Once again, there is nothing to do about it

but cinch the belt and pay the price.

Everyone's heart is in the right place: the grocery stores, the food banks, the bus system, the government-sponsored housing projects like the Murakami project. Nevertheless, something needs to be done for the working poor falling through the cracks. First and foremost, the Islands Trust must legalize secondary suites. Victoria has recently done it. Vancouver, Surrey and North Vancouver have done it. Colwood and Saanich are on the verge of legalizing them. Salt Spring should follow suit, if we want to keep this island healthy.

We need to legalize in-law suites island wide, without all sorts of politically correct barricades such as "increased traffic perils" or that extra toilet "putting the fragile ecosystem at risk." No more studies. All that nonsense boils down to thinly veiled NIMBYism. If the idea of sharing the community is repugnant to some, may I suggest one of the many lovely gated communities dotting the Victoria landscape.

The stock of rental housing needs to be increased now. It will provide security to both landlord and tenant, and dramatically increase the rental pool. More rentals should mean more affordable rents. After all, there are only so many cinches left in the belt.

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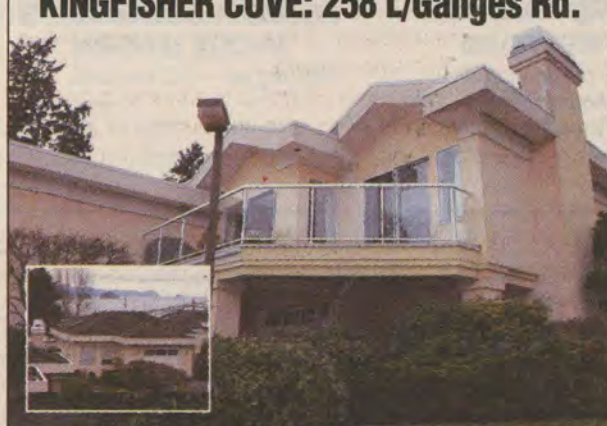
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Generous island

Our Creekside rainforest will remain beautiful and bio-diverse forever because of the collective effort of our generous community.

We did this together. It was not a single person, but many who gave of their time, money, creativity and support. Each act formed part of the whole wondrous outcome. Special thanks to Salt Spring's children who challenged us all and to our donors who number over a thousand people. Many, many other people deserve thanks too.

Thanks to the business challengers and those businesses who responded. Thanks to creators such as writers and artists who participated in our many events, our organizers and local businesses who contributed their skills and donations of delectable foods.

Thanks to all the people who wrote letters to the Driftwood to express their enchantment with the land after walking through the lush, mossy rainforest. Thanks also to our dedicated forest guides for making these walks possible.

Thanks to the scientific experts who scabbled in the damp leaf litter and investigated the Creekside rainforest during a cold winter's day and wrote a scientific report which is now on our website.

Thanks to The Land Con-

servancy of B.C. for its backing, inspiration and support — and for helping us create a memorable fundraising dinner.

Thanks to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy for their very generous donation, and to the Islands Trust Fund and The Nature Trust of B.C. who also supported us with donations. Thanks to the grant-writing committee (and friends) who negotiated these grants. Thank you all.

The title of the property has now been transferred to The Land Conservancy of B.C., which will protect it in perpetuity as a nature reserve. The walking trails will remain and be managed, the bridge will be made safer, and the land and creek will remain pristine. TLC was able to close the funding gap that remains (temporarily) as we wait for the final pledged donations to be sent in. If you have pledged and not yet sent in the funds, now is the time to do so.

"How to donate" information is available on our website: www.savesaltspringrainforest.com (for high speed) and www.savesaltspringrainforest.net (for dial-up).

One convenient way for locals to donate is to drop off a cheque to Salt Spring Books in Ganges.

In the years to come, we will all have occasion to feel delighted and grateful that so many have done so much, together, to ensure that this beautiful and bio-diverse natural treasure will be protected forever. Thank you, Salt Spring Island, for this miracle.

Please join us for two celebrations. The first will be a reception with words, music and finger food plus a children's activity area at ArtSpring, next Tuesday April 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. The second will be a dance, time and place to be announced soon.

MAUREEN MOORE
COORDINATOR (NOW RETIRED)
CREEKSIDE RAINFOREST
APPEAL

Black's best column

So... Arthur Black took the tongue out of his cheek and wrote a feel good, humble stanced article. I had to read it several times to be sure I read it right and concluded - best ever article from Mr. Black.

Thinking about the logical consequences of the "having a bad day" approach, I thought 'Whoa! Where would we be with that approach?' Probably lots more clear cuts, pot holes, untethered development and maybe even still trying to get the vote for women.

I appreciate people with an edge such as: Stephen Lewis, David Suzuki, Vandana Shiva, Maude Barlow, Naomi Klein, First Nations activists and, recently, Alexandra Morton. They take the fire, the anger, the annoyances, turn it into a passion and try to do something about it.

Probably the person who has the "just having a bad day" approach also has no stressing bills to pay, maybe even has his or her mortgage paid and a fat retirement pension to live on and can afford to eat in a restaurant where the kitchen hygiene is maintained by a person making \$8.00 an hour and living in a moldy trailer.

But perhaps I am digressing. Back to the response to a road rage situation or lack of it. I must admit, I have road rage every day. I face a near death experience every day and I'm not even driving. Drivers don't slow down for crosswalks. They speed through Ganges and on up the road. They park on roadsides so that pedestrians cannot get by. They idle. They back out of parking lots without looking out for pedestrians and they put out a pound of toxins and CO2 for every mile they drive.

If I chalked up this mindlessness to they're all "just having a bad day," I would need to withdraw my petition to the police and Ministry of Transportation to enforce

traffic regulations on the Lower Ganges Road, withdraw my plea to Gary Holman to do an air quality study in Ganges and surrounding area and probably unsubscribe to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Look at the consequences to the paper you write for, Arthur. There would be no more rants, only roses. Personally, I find the rants more interesting.

Do you get my drift?
MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Population, environment

In my lifetime, the world's population has increased three and one half times. We are now at 6.7 billion and climbing fast. It is we people who put additional carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, so with more of us comes more carbon dioxide. The sustainable carrying capacity of our planet is estimated by some to be one to two billion.

We passed that number in the early part of the last century at about the time of WWI (the war to end all wars). We lost that opportunity to cap our population. Instead the pulpits of our nations preached their various flavours of pie-in-the-sky, encouraged the fecundity of their congregations and condemned birth control. WWI veterans barely had time to get home, get married and produce the soldiers of WWII.

Today the remaining time to turn climate heating around is very limited. Recognition of population's role in climate change is still below the horizon. The organizations working hardest to slow climate change shy away from mentioning the role of exploding populations.

Discussion of the reduction of baby production is still taboo. Are we doomed to famines, wars and pandemics to reduce our populations?

GORDON BARNES
SALT SPRING ISLAND

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THE REAL STORY ON ISLANDS TRUST TAX INCREASES

Advertised increase in Islands Trust taxes	\$291,000 or 5.9%
Actual increase in Islands Trust taxes	\$342,000 or 6.8%
Actual increase in Islands Trust Budget	\$651,052 or 11.8%
Actual increase in Islands Trust Budget since current Trustees were elected in 2005	\$2,001,481 or 48.2%
Actual increase in Islands Trust taxes since 2002	\$2,435,306 or 83.9%

Bowen Island actual increase in municipal taxes 2002-2007 \$780,485 (31.5%)

See www.islandgov.org for links to source documents

ISG wants the provincial government to update the 2002 incorporation study. With the above information don't you? Ask your local representatives to support this.

Join ISG today and send a clear message to the Provincial Government that Salt Spring Islanders want the opportunity to assess the benefits of incorporation for themselves.

Write to your Trustees and CRD director, encourage them to join too. Write your MLA, Murray Coell and the Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong, and tell them what you think.

Imagine ... an Island Municipality within the Trust. We CAN have both!

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Ask for other side of story

BY ERIC BOOTH

Trying to squash a rumour is like trying to un-ring a bell.

With my ears still ringing, I would like to correct a number of incorrect assertions in published letters to the editor last week regarding Swanson's Pond.

Claims by writers Danielle Topaz and Nancy Wigen that the man-made pond is a naturally occurring and/or salmon bearing, and/or salmon spawning ground, are, for the lack of a better word — bogus.

The pond itself is not essential, in any way, shape or form, for spawning salmon.

Now, I don't expect any of my critics would take my word for it. However, if anyone is prepared to hear a qualified independent source on the subject, consider the following extracts from a study done on the pond in 2001, by Kathy Reimer, biologist, Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Association:

"The pond was sampled over a period of two months using five G traps . . . No fish were found. Not even sticklebacks were caught . . . A herring gill net was set across the pond several times in three of the deeper stations. After several days of monitoring no fish were captured. A muskrat and duck were caught accidentally and then released safely. . . The oxygen saturation was calculated to be less than 50 per cent indicating there is some Biological Oxygen Demand or pollution present . . . The pond is extremely shallow and would be susceptible to high summer temperatures causing even lower oxygen levels. The oxygen levels found in September were at the minimum required for fish . . . given the length of the assessment (two months) it is unlikely there are any (fish) present."

Add to those statements the following facts. The water in the storm water drainage ditch, which was constructed in 1956 to run through the property, now simply runs around it in the Ministry of Transportation ditches, meeting up in exactly the same spot where it used to exit the property.

During the drier summer months, and contrary to Ms. Wigen's assertion, there will now actually be a beneficial increase in water flow "downstream," as the water which now flows around the property will not be trapped, and evaporated, in the pond. Instead, any water will flow "down-

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stream" to provide riparian areas during the summer months with, from what I understand, much needed water . . . water which those areas would never have received.

Contrary to claims by Ms. Wigen that "disruption of the water flow by the developer in this part of the Ganges creek watershed has already caused flooding on nearby properties," I would point out that (a) this is not part of the Ganges Creek watershed, and (b) the estimated record five inches of combined rainfall and snow melt on December 3 resulted in widespread flooding in a number of areas throughout the island and southern B.C.

Some culverts and ditches were just incapable of handling the volume of water. I would bring to Ms. Wigen's attention, as I have previously and publicly stated in the Driftwood, we have been actively trying to get the Ministry of Transportation to clean out the ditches in the area since last October. Unfortunately, to date, with no success. Why not ask them why they haven't cleaned their ditches?

While it is true the size of the existing "extremely shallow" man-made pond (the majority of it less than two feet deep even in winter) will be decreased substantially, the current development proposal includes a number of smaller ponds and connecting water-courses to be constructed throughout the property (some of which are planned to be kept full all year long through ground water/rain-water supplementation), along with about 1,000 feet of vegetative rain garden ringing the property.

Both writers coincidentally noted the three nearby schools have (I would add unilaterally, and without permission) used the private property over the years, as a "living biology lab," as is evidenced, for example, by what appears to be an experiment to see how slowly pop cans, pizza boxes and plastic degrades when left on the ground.

I find it troubling that now that the owners want to clean up and develop their property, just like all of our neighbours have done to their properties over the years, and, in accordance with the allowable uses in the OCP, they are being taken to task by the very same group which has benefitted from their own trespassing.

It is unfortunate that some

people in our community, always with the best of stated intentions and usually cloaked in the umbrella, bulletproof shield of an environmental cause, publish unsubstantiated judgments of other's actions based on nothing other than the conjecture and gossip of other people's opinions. The weekly flow of misinformation dispensed through the Driftwood, and thereafter throughout the community, on any particular topic, such as Swanson's Pond, is unnecessarily, and unjustly, damaging to people's reputations.

**I'm reminded of an old saying:
"Spreading untruths about others slays three: the speaker, the spoken to, and the spoken of."**

Over the past few months I have been accused in the Driftwood of (a) breaking Islands Trust bylaws, and yet, no bylaws have been broken, (b) of contravening Federal and Provincial Riparian Area regulations, and yet no such regulations have been contravened, (c) accused of wanting to destroy a salmon bearing pond which has no salmon, and (d) accused of causing flooding, at a time of record rainfall and widespread flooding.

Published lies and mis-truths are subsequently repeated as fact around the community, simply because they were published, thereby becoming "the absolute truth" in so many small social circles and minds.

I'm reminded of an old saying: "Spreading untruths about others slays three: the speaker, the spoken to, and the spoken of."

So, the next time you hear the local gossip "bell" ring my name, I would greatly appreciate the common courtesy to inquire exactly how the bell ringer happens to know what they have just told you about me is "the truth."

Better yet, please feel free to call or write me for my side of the story.

The writer is a Salt Spring realtor.



Islands Trust

ISLANDS TRUST
GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL
TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee special meeting on the following proposed bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 199 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2008"
- Bylaw No. 200 – cited as as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2008"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the South Island Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Bylaw No. 199 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2008".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 199 is to amend Forest objectives and policies and amend Schedule "C" of the Galiano Island Official Community Plan to generally provide new or amended objectives, policies and mapping that relate to transportation, trails, emergency access, road and highways. The bylaw provides:

1. Three new Land Use policies; new and amended Forest policy to allow an accessory dwelling on lands zoned F1; policy regarding the siting, size and number of buildings in the Forest lands; and policy regarding transportation access requirements to allow a dwelling on Forest land;
2. New and amended Land Transportation objectives;
3. Two amended Land Transportation policies and four new Land Transportation policies that provide guidance to the management of proposed highway and emergency access locations and possible trail and utility routes, access requirements for Economic Activity Zones, and guidance as to the development of highways and statutory rights of way for emergency access at the time of subdivision;
4. New definitions that assist in the interpretation of proposed objectives and policies; and
5. A revised Map Schedule "C" that outlines existing and proposed highway and emergency access routes and road standards, land status, beach access locations, bicycle routes and roads that may be defined under Section 4 of the *Highways Act*. Various notations are provided on the map to assist in its interpretation.

Bylaw No. 200 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2008".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 200 is to clarify that exceptions to the limitations on use of accessory buildings for home occupations or human habitation can be contained in the land use bylaw; to clarify that cottages and accessory dwellings may not exceed a height of 9 metres and are exempt from combined floor area limitations for accessory buildings; to amend all references to "forestry" or "forest" uses to read as "timber production and harvesting" uses in zones that permit such uses; to allow a dwelling accessory to timber production and harvesting in the F1 zone subject to certain access requirements; to allow home occupations in the F1 zone on lots with highway access; to amend the screening requirements for F1, F2, F3, FH and FLR zoned lands and to allow enclosed accessory forest buildings in the F1 zone; to amend for purposes of clarification the setback requirements in the F2 and FLR zones; to amend for purposes of clarification the regulations that apply to permitted residential density in the F3 zone; to make various amendments to clarify references to subsections and to add a new definition for "lot coverage".

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing April 9, 2008.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, a copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may also be inspected at the Galiano Island Trustee Office, when the office is opened by Local Trustees. The binder will be in the Trustee Office by April 11, 2008.

Also for the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing April 11, 2008 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gi/bylaws.cfm>

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1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gi/meetings.cfm> and completing the "Public Hearing, April 26, 2008, Submission Form", prior to **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2008;**
2. after **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2008** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **12:30 PM., Saturday, April 26, 2008**

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

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 405-5170 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones
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OPINION

ISG: 'inaccuracies and zany assertions'

BY GEORGE EHRLING
AND PETER LAMB

A couple of weeks ago, the Islanders for Self Government ran an ad that claimed to be "The Real Story on Islands Trust Tax Increases." Unfortunately, it isn't the real story at all, but just another series of inaccurate and misleading figures in their propaganda campaign.

Budgets are not easy documents to read, and it's not hard to make mistakes, but if you're going to run ads, present them as truth, and try to persuade people to your point of view with them, then you have a duty to the community to get your facts straight.

When Ken Marr, president of the ISG, made a presentation to Trust Council in December, a number of trustees criticized him for the ISG's history of inaccurate information.

He asked Council to point out the ISG mistakes, and he promised to correct them. Trust Council chair Kim Benson replied with a three-page letter on January 15, 2008, which cited numerous examples of inaccurate or misleading information about the Trust passed out in one form or another by the ISG.

And their wrong information isn't just about the Trust. They've also published incorrect "facts" about the bus service, about the library, about various services managed by the Capital Regional District, and about grants the island has received. The list goes on, but it's hard to keep track, and really, we have better things to do than be an ISG watchdog.

IN RESPONSE

The Trust's January letter didn't mention the ISG's letter of May 6, 2007, which included the whopper that "Doubling the number of Trustees for Salt Spring would in effect double the costs associated with running the Trust office on Salt Spring." (As if the staffing would double, the rents would double, the phone bills would double, and so on.) Or their claim that the Trustees "have ventured into . . . activities for which they have no legal mandate" – an unfounded assertion that their spokesperson at Trust Council in June, 2007, could not substantiate.

Earlier this year, and for the first time since we were elected, the ISG requested specific financial information from the Trust. The Trust was happy to comply with their request.

But their most recent ad shows that they've misrepresented that data, too. They confuse actual with budget, taxes with expenditures, and fiscal years with calendar years.

For example, the ad says: that the "Actual increase in Islands Trust taxes" is \$342,000 or 6.8 per cent. If they mean our budget for 2008-09, this isn't true, and it's honestly hard to know where their numbers come from. Trust Council approved an increase in property taxes of 5.9 per cent for the fiscal year 2008-9, raising an additional \$298,502 over last year. This increase will cost a property taxpayer in the Trust area with

the average assessment of \$450,000, less than a dollar and a half a month.

The ad also says that the "Actual increase in Islands Trust Budget since current Trustees were elected in 2005" is "\$2,001,481 or 48.2 per cent." That's wrong, too. In 2005-6, Trust expenditures (this is what they seem to mean by "budget") were \$4,330,410. The expenditures in the budget approved in March for 2008-9 amount to \$6,161,948 throughout the Trust area, an increase of \$1,831,538, or 42.3 per cent.

There are other wrong numbers, too, but you get the point. At Trust Council last December, Mr. Marr explained that the ISG is a volunteer organization, and that they do their best. But their ads don't come with a disclaimer that says: "Caution. Produced by volunteers. Content may be wrong."

The consequences of our island incorporating would be serious – not just for Salt Spring taxpayers, but for all of the Trust area, which, as Trustees, we were elected to govern. It's irresponsible to base a campaign in favour of incorporation on misleading and downright wrong information.

Mr. Marr boasts proudly that "ISG is now the largest group ever formed on the Gulf Islands." Maybe so. Maybe not. Who knows? But it's hard to be proud of, much less trust, a group whose membership is built on a campaign full of serious inaccuracies and zany assertions.

The writers are Local Trustees for Salt Spring

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100 Mile Diet

I've just finished reading "The 100 Mile Diet" by two young Vancouverites. They talked a lot about Salt Spring, of course; Dan Jason's beans and George Laundry in the Burgoyne Valley. In 1893, the year our old orchard was planted, 90 islanders grew "74 tons of peas, 156 tons of potatoes, 185 tons of root crops, 12,000 lbs. of fruit, 2,210 lbs of butter, 4,500 lbs of wool, and 6,305 dozen eggs." It had been "a bum year" with a "cold, backward spring." We now grow 2 per cent of our food on SSI.

On Sunday, I drove out to Musgrave to hike. I put \$20 in the old tank, and it was almost gone by the time I got back to town. The world has changed. When the oil runs out, we'll need to grow 98 per cent of our food. Guess it's back to the old Burgoyne Valley!

Last week, a meeting re: a proposed "mine" at the end of the Burgoyne was poorly attended.

A local mining engineer pointed out the scar would be visible from Fulford-Ganges Rd., Mt. Maxwell and the Nature Reserve across the road. The noise will be horrendous.

What are we thinking? It's the 60's or 70's? We need more roads, driveways and monster houses?

I know, we've all got our causes; Isabella Point, Creekside, the oystercatchers...and here is one more thing to save.

Will we need to chain ourselves to heavy equipment again?

Will we come to our senses in time? When the trees, the birds and the poor little bees are gone from the living womb of nature that sustains us, who will we be?

When the deep sanctity of the forest becomes 'fibre', the harbour a potential mega-development, and the local hills an opportunity for strip mining, our community will have lost its soul. Perhaps it has.

I missed that meeting too. I had the flu. Besides, I'm a north-ender, and it's not my department. I save trees. And so on.

Our 'causes' need to become cause. Because we care.

What if 200 islanders 'just say no' again? Perhaps we can, once more, plant wheat in the Burgoyne. In that cold, wet year of 1893, we grew 144 tons of grain there!

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2. Class A land clearing machine piles always require a permit and the ventilation index must be observed.
3. There will be no incinerators, small hand piles, nor Class A land clearing machine piles allowed from July 1 - September 30.
4. Permits **may** be issued on a weekly basis for campfires and wood burning barbecues from July 1 - September 30.
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OPINION

Hedger land

I am writing to clarify some points raised in your March 26 article "Transfer station continues to raise stink with Lee Road neighbours."

Many times in the Driftwood, Islands Trust and CRD officials have referred to the Hedger land use matter as being the result of a Supreme Court decision.

That statement is false. No judge or jury has ever been permitted to examine or pass judgement on the details of the alleged existing nonconforming use.

What actually occurred was that a consent order was drawn up between the Trust and the Hedgers. Through it the Trust recognized a 2.2-acre waste transfer use under the Local Government Act, Section 911, and escaped Hedger's Supreme Court of B.C. legal action. The CRD got a location on which to put Chris North/Rons Disposal operations, which were operating without zoning or a CRD licence, and Hedger somehow got to use his neighbour's properties as buffer zones.

There are two distinct areas of government responsibility in this matter. One is the land use issue, which is the Islands Trust. The Trust says it is not responsible for Hedger's day to day operations like tonnage and types of material etc. That's a CRD responsibility.

With regard to the Trust's deeming an alleged legal nonconforming land use on Lee Road, there is significant evidence that indicates most of the area Hedger claims as a continuous garbage operation transfer was actually captured under a provincial gravel pit licence and other uses.

Several letters we have from the Ministry of Mines clearly state that non-mine uses like waste transfer operations are not permitted uses of their mines sites. So neighbours don't see how this alleged large scale recycle/garbage use can be considered to be legal, or continuous, when that would have been a violation of ministry regulations. We also don't see how the alleged, continuous, large-scale use, licensed by the CRD's solid waste division could have escaped the attention of the mines inspectors.

As we understand it, provincial jurisdiction over its mines sites tops local government jurisdiction. The Trust's current position is that it disagrees. Previous Trust positions were that Hedger was "only parking his truck." A later position taken was that the Hedger operation "was only temporary."

This jurisdictional disagreement should be of great concern to neighbourhoods facing mines applications. Neighbours may discover that a lot of industrial activities can be introduced into their neighborhood under the cover of a mine permit.

Contrary to the story's statement from John Craveiro of the CRD, the Hedger recycle/garbage operation is definitely the "CRD's bailiwick." Craveiro's department issued the license which set the scale and extent of the operations through tonnage and the types of materials allowed on site.

The CRD's own records clearly show the exact tonnage or scale of the Hedger operation that was taking place at the time the operation was deemed to be existing nonconforming. The records also show

Mr. Craveiro increased that existing scale of the operations approximately 300 per cent by issuing licenses which allowed the Hedger tonnages to expand, as well as to allow all manner of extra materials to be handled.

We believe that all these expansions of the alleged existing nonconforming use are in violation of Local Government Act, Section 911 (6). We have requested and are still waiting for a letter of explanation from Craveiro.

So here we have a situation where our bordering properties are being significantly devalued (approximately \$750,000 according to the 2005 Provincial Court of Revision) by a large-scale alleged existing nonconforming use that continues to expand. The use appears to be based on allegations of continuous violations of Mines regulations, which were later deemed to be legal by the Islands Trust.

Mr. Hedger's attempt to equate the expansion of his alleged legal nonconforming business and cups of coffee with garbage trucks is not reflected in the law covering his operations.

The provincial Local Government Act, in its wisdom, seeks to discourage the expansion of legal nonconforming uses, for good reasons.

TOM PICKETT,
LEE ROAD

Community what?

Something smells, and it ain't the manure. Perhaps it was just an elaborate April Fools' Day joke, and, if so, congratulations Driftwood staff! However, I was shocked, dismayed and yes, even gobsmacked upon flipping a page in last week's

Driftwood, our community newspaper, to see a loud full-page spread advertising Wal-Mart's garden centre!

Now, I am no fool. I understand that a community newspaper doesn't appear each week for free. Any newspaper runs on advertising dollars and in exchange, we get a weekly reminder that it is now Wednesday again, and that means a completely new section of "too late to classify ads," my personal favourite.

The ad in question, which I did not expect to see, was unmistakable and cost those poor struggling retailers at WM headquarters a pretty penny to appear in our beloved community newspaper.

I scanned down the large ad and saw that it was mainly showing off gardening supplies. Good thing there is an ad for an off-island retailer selling that sort of stuff because there is nowhere in our own community to pick up a cheap bag of potting soil.

I just started my meagre sundeck victory garden in pots bought on island, and I filled those pots with potting soil bought, right here. Boy, do I ever feel silly. I really wish I had seen that

ad for Wal-Mart specials before I wasted so much time. I could have gassed up my car and, if I had any cash left after opening my wallet at the pump, I could have taken a ferry to Victoria and with the last few dollars I had left, stopped at Wal-Mart for a bag of dirt.

Now really, it saddens me to see that the advertising revenue from such a large box retailer means so much that our community paper sold out.

I was once a retailer on Salt Spring Island and I can tell you all that it was not an easy ride, especially in the winter and spring months. I'm not saying that no one should go buying potting soil at Wal-Mart. But, perhaps check out the locals first. Foxglove has dirt. Pots too, I am sure. Maybe some nice basil seeds and a tomato plant or two!

Wal-Mart is by reputation a non-community-minded entity. Is the Driftwood following suit? Perhaps our community-minded newspaper could "donate" a full-page advertisement (I'm sure there are a couple bucks left over from the WM ad) next week to those local businesses that serve the

community by keeping us supplied in potting soil, and everything else, and do that so quietly.

DAVID BARNES,
WALKER'S HOOK ROAD

Pollution

Salt Spring continues to be an island of contradictions. On one hand, saving a rain-forest many miles away from the center of town is given wonderful publicity and community support, while pollution in Ganges Harbour is apparently ignored.

For the entire first week of April, a film of diesel oil coated much of the sea from the Kanaka docks out to the Sisters Islands. This is at a time when seals, sea lions and sea birds are following schools of spawning herring into the harbour.

As well, the marine holding tank pump out station in Ganges Harbour has been marked 'Closed' for several months, begging the question, "Where are boaters dumping their waste?" Perhaps in the harbour?

Ganges Harbour gives our many visitors their first view of our island. It shouldn't be ignored.

ALAN PAGET,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

RANTS and Roses

Infinity-and-one fresh, beautiful roses to Liz Gay for helping, driving and being there for all the kids that she helps. Bee-Kay

A bouquet of roses to my friends for their support in my project of opening a bake shop. Thanks to my husband Bruno, working so hard renovating the place and a special

bouquet of lilies for Lesley, who encourages me every day. Brigitte

To Alexandra Morton who may go to jail for trying to save the salmon from sea lice. Help her by donating to her cause: adopt a fry and if you know a free lawyer, let her know. The DFO has rejected her proposals.

Many purrrrrr-full of roses to my neighbour Jackie, who I put through so much stress due to my wild behaviour and even then after all the problems I cause you, you were kind enough to help me find my way home. Thank you for giving me a second chance. Quesito (the golden cat from Langs)

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

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
3. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
4. To elect one Trustee for a term of 3 years.

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support and generous assistance in so
many, many ways from
the day of the fire to the present.

Thank you! Thank you!

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

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Abide by agreement

In an article on Page 6 of last week's Driftwood (April 2), Mr. Greg Galpin of the Ministry of Transportation stated that there is no official agreement with the Islands Trust on the width of brushing on island roads. Mr. Galpin then goes on to say that "it is currently understood that the allowable brushing zone...is five metres wide from the road shoulder."

Mr. Galpin may want a five-metre brushing zone so Salt Spring's rural roads can look like highways, but that is not what has been agreed upon. There is a 1992 Letter of Agreement signed by two cabinet ministers that restricts the brushing on all island roads to two metres if there is no ditch and a variable amount if there is a ditch (but to a maximum of 0.6 metres up the back of the ditch).

In his capacity as area manager for MOT, Mr. Galpin should be aware of this agreement and should abide by this agreement.

ANDREW HAIGH,
MCPHILLIPS AVENUE

CBC misbehaviour

We are gnashing our teeth and beating our breasts over the latest shenanigans of the CBC. Only this time it appears that serious damage may have been done to the essence of this country and its cultural fabric.

We have been largely unsuccessful in learning anything from the Big Guys

about the whys and wherefores of what appear to be irresponsible acts. One of the problems with all this is the very arrogance of the corporation and its refusal to heed either comment or protest. Who, we are asking, does the CBC answer to anyway?

The answer is simple: it answers to the CRTC.

Every broadcasting license carries with it a Promise of Performance. Though this is not as formal a statement as it once was, the thrust of such a promise is a crucial part of that license. A broadcaster cannot suddenly reverse its course, radically alter its content without permission from the commission. It seems that perhaps the CBC, with its virtual abandonment of classical music, has reversed some part or another of its granted mandate.

In addition, the CBC is a tax-funded outfit, responsible to the folks who pay its way: namely, us. Instead of consulting or polling us — I mean all of us, not just a "representative" sampling — it has, alone and "in secret" made major decisions affecting the very nature of this country, decisions which will affect not only us, but our scions as well, perhaps another violation of its founding tenets?

Instead of writing to the politicians and other heedless head men and women, it may behoove us to communicate directly with the CRTC requesting a review of the recent misbehaviour of the Mother Corp. I would be happy to sit down with other concerned parties to draft a petition to the CRTC.

As Mrs. Loman pleaded: "Attention must be paid!"

We are scarcely used to all this when, suddenly, there is yet more consternation in the land. Petitions, protests, picketing! Medusa-like, the CBC has now murdered its own child; the CBC Radio Orchestra is dead!

Balderdash. The CBC didn't kill anything; it simply withdrew its support for a musical organization!

Save the CBC Radio Orchestra? It's not up to "them"; it's up to us. No other cultural organization in Canada has now, or ever has had, a big sugar daddy like the CBC.

Yet, with commercial sponsors, public donations, ticket revenues and some government grant money, they all (well, most of them) survive and thrive year after year.

With even some of these sources plus contributions from a measly 2.5 per cent of its viewers, British Columbia's Knowledge network does just fine, thank you. Alberta's CKUA radio network brings in over two million dollars annually from listeners. Minnesota Public Radio, from 16,000 donors, realized \$1.9 million from its recent campaign. So the former CBCRO needs \$600,000 a year to operate. Big deal.

Is it valuable; is it worth saving? We all seem to think so.

Why, then, are we bemoaning its "loss"? It's not lost. It's still there. It may have been betrayed by its biggest buddy, but so what? All it needs now is a little help from its friends and it will hardly miss a gig. Let's call it the Canadian Symphony Orchestra and start saving it.

RICHARD MOSES,
BRINKWORTHY ESTATES

INFRASTRUCTURE

Delays expected

Hydro crews out to improve island power systems

Islanders waiting patiently in traffic line-ups on Lower Ganges Road may be wondering what exactly B.C. Hydro crews are repairing as they slowly work their way up the hill to Central.

B.C. Hydro spokesperson Ted Olynyk revealed that the project is for general system improvement across the island.

"It's work to improve the general reliability of the system," he said. "We want to create better ways to feed the hydro needs of customers and improve resiliency of the system."

Islanders can expect the work to continue on Lower Ganges until the end of this week. At that point, crews will head over to Maracaibo Bay where they expect to be out in force for about eight weeks.

"We are doing our best to minimize outages with the work," said Olynyk. "We

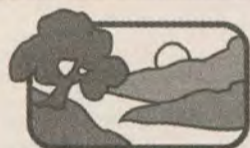


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Ganges traffic squeezes around Hydro trucks.

try to notify customers and keep the interruptions to a minimum."

"We appreciate islanders' patience with the situation," he added and reminded drivers to drive slowly and be mindful of flag bearers and crews.



Islands Trust

Salt Spring Island – Shaping the Future Official Community Plan Review

First Draft Now Available For Your Input

The Local Trust Committee is undertaking a review of our Official Community Plan. After months of hard work by many focus groups, many community meetings and comments from the public a first draft of the OCP is now available for public input.

Come to a meeting

The Local Trust Committee is holding public meetings where you can ask questions and speak to the trustees and your fellow community members about changes to the OCP. We would like your input before the draft OCP proceeds to the public hearing stage later this year.

Fulford Hall (2591 Fulford Ganges Road):

Monday April 14 – Open House from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Town Hall meetings from 2:30 to 4:00 pm & 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Lion's Hall (103 Bonnet Avenue):

Sunday April 20 – Town Hall meeting from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Lion's Hall: Wednesday April 23 – Open House

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Town Hall meeting from 2:30 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

You can view the draft OCP, key background documents and related maps online at the Islands Trust website <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>. You can also get copies by contacting the Islands Trust office at:

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Phone: (250) 538-5600

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Other ways you can provide input

You can also provide comments by using our online feedback form from the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area homepage of our web site at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>

These meetings are part of the ongoing opportunities to provide your input to the trustees as draft amendments to the OCP are prepared. The Local Trust Committee welcomes your input and encourages everyone to participate in the OCP process.

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NEWS

AGRICULTURE

Evans urges farmers to unite

Opposition critic hears rural farmers' concerns on B.C. tour

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

At a courtyard table at Salt Spring Island Cheese on Thursday, three long-time friends — Corky Evans, David Wood and Jerry Barenholtz — mull over the future of B.C.'s farming communities.

Evans sits with a coffee mug in hand and a farm dog asleep at his feet. It is a moment of pause, but certainly not one of rest for the opposition critic for agriculture and Nelson-Creston MLA, who is visiting Salt Spring on a rural tour of the province.

To hone in on critical issues facing Salt Spring farmers, Evans listens to cheese company owner David Wood describe key developments of his agri-tourism business since Evans last visited in 1998.

"This is like watching a little kid you used to know grow up into this wonderful adult," Evans says after Wood described Salt Spring Cheese's progression towards a thriving agri-tourism business with a world-wide market.

The men discuss how Wood's operation works because it has become specialized and takes advantage of a niche market. In 2004 Salt Spring Island Cheese stopped milking its own goats — a financial trade off that now has the company out-sourcing milk from a farm on Vancouver Island.

To expand its market it has just signed on with Dominion, a grocery chain that will help Salt Spring Island Cheese stay financially afloat.

"We would have kicked ourselves if we didn't take it," Wood says. "Although we were selling more cheese each year, our bottom line stayed exactly the same. We were not getting anywhere."

While Wood says local markets continue to take priority, he sometimes gets heckled by other farmers who nitpick at the definition of a "true farmer."

With a cheese factory that boasts lab-coated workers who punch gourmet cheese from molds with clinical precision, Wood's operation lacks the kind of "grit" that earns respect in some farming circles.

"You're not a legitimate farmer unless you get your hands in the soil," he says.

Petty disagreement among farmers and, more specifically, that B.C. farmers are not pulling together on a common front is why Evans says the government, for years, has had no reason to have an agricultural platform.

"I beg you to figure out a way to start by making a coalition between the farm community — never mind the 10,000 things we love to argue about," Evans says later that evening at a public presentation at the Farmers'

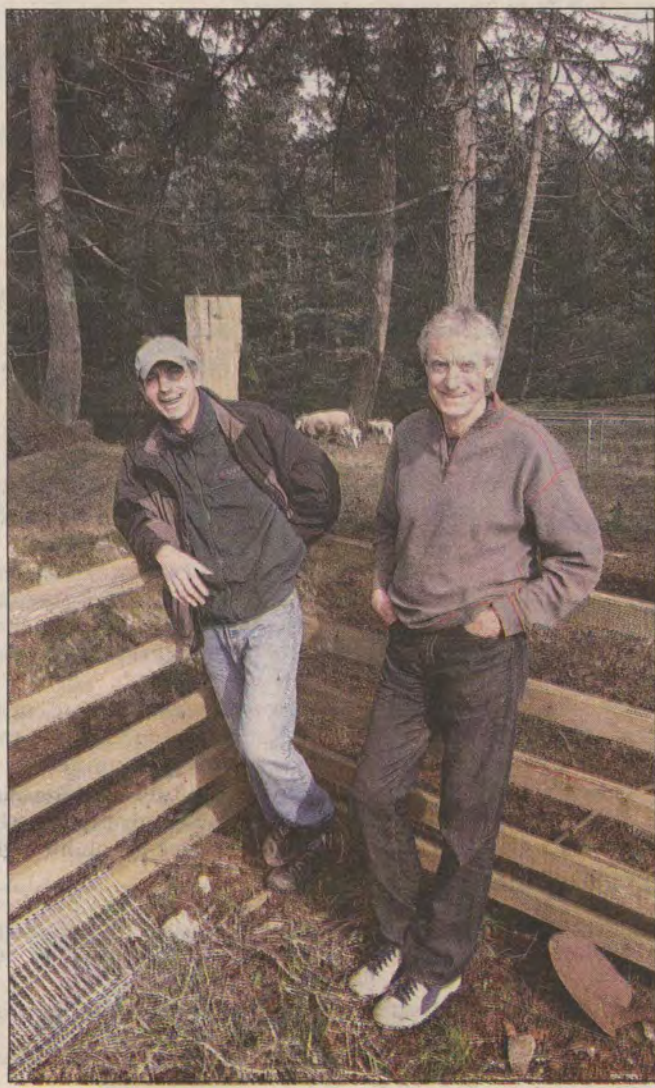


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Corky Evans and David Wood at Salt Spring Island Cheese.

Institute that drew over 30 people with a stake in the agricultural industry.

While he met Salt Spring's Area Farm Plan with approval saying it is a "beacon" to other communities, Evans' message for farmers to get organized was maintained throughout the presentation.

"I beg you to figure out a way to start by making a coalition between the farm community — never mind the 10,000 things we love to argue about."

CORKY EVANS
Opposition critic for agriculture

"Since 1996," he says, "there has been no farm organization speaking for farmers and as a result there is no political party that has to answer for an agenda."

When the B.C. Federation of Agriculture fell apart in 1996 the B.C. Agricultural Council replaced farmer-driven leadership with what Evans says is "not a coalition of farmers, but a collection of business groups."

"You can't run a union by running 20 of them in competition for the same bucket of money," he says.

In addition to lack of farmer cooperation, Evans voiced concern over "contradictory and impossible

to meet" meat regulations, skyrocketing feed costs and the lack of provincial funding for agriculture which, in 2006, was 3.3 per cent of agricultural GDP compared to the national average of 16.4 per cent.

The audience met Evans' oratory with approval, frequently applauding his sophisticated arguments or laughing at his comedy of manners.

Many also appreciated his honesty.

"He is always a straight shooter," says John Wilcox, who Evans says holds "the world record for having written to me more times than any other living citizen."

Although Wilcox supports cooperation among Salt Spring farmers, he says it is happening here already with the farm plan's push for a Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance.

The "only difficulty" he sees is that "when you're involved with farming its very difficult to take your time and devote it to something on a volunteer basis."

Luckily, he says, there are "a lot of good people without farms helping out."

Audience members told Evans they want government to make more funding available to farmers, make a provincial body of general farm workers and, on a local scale, to make lands in Burgoyne and Ruckle parks available for agricultural development.

Evans will use comments made by Salt Spring and other B.C. audiences to force agriculture into the governmental platform.

"I would like the next election to have an agenda for agriculture from all the political parties and that means the ideas have to come from you guys," he says.

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<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SS Historical Society. Fulford history presentation by panel of speakers. Fulford Elementary gym. 1 p.m.</p> <p>GI School Board. Public trustees meeting at GISS. 1 p.m.</p> <p>Family Fitness at Portlock Park. Fitness, stretching, walking, health tips. Bring a buggy. Meet at Community Gospel Church. Info: Family Place, 537-9176.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Mike. Thursdays with Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn Pub. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>One Night Stand. With Matt & Tom at Shipstones. 9 p.m.</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SS Weavers & Spinners Guild. Show, Ask & Tell. Newcomers welcome. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.</p> <p>SSI Community Ed Society. AGM at SS Elementary School. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Monik Nordine Trio. One of Canada's finest saxophonists. Cafe El Zocalo. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Gene Grooms & his Band of Locals. At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to midnight.</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Endangered Species & Climate Change. With guest speaker Keith Ferguson from Ecojustice Canada. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Come & Read. New reading program at SS Library for kids 8 & under, led by 2 Grade 6 students. Fridays, 3-5 p.m.</p> <p>Human Trafficking Forum. With Eric & Rebecca Proffitt. Mormon Church. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Story Time: Hurray for Spring! With Clare Cullen, the story lady. At the library. 1-2 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Zapato Negro! The hottest Latin music this side of Havana. Cafe El Zocalo. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Harry Manx Live. Performs at Fulford Hall. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Lobby Dance. Free presentation by community dancers in ArtSpring lobby. 7:40 p.m.</p> <p>The Late Edition. Produced by Dancers Dancing of Vancouver, with GISS dancers opening. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SS 4-H Animals. Visit the club's animals at the Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply garden show. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Scott Point Waterworks District. AGM at pavilion of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Barley Bros. Every other Sunday at Fulford Inn Pub.</p> <p>Harry Manx Live. Performs at Fulford Hall. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Unde Muck & Friends. Part of the Legion's open house event. 1-5 p.m.</p> <p>Jodi Proznick & Friends. Juno-nominated jazz artist at ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.; wine tasting at 1:30.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>Passport Canada Clinic. Applications accepted at United Church event. Noon to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Tues April 15</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Creekside Dedication Ceremony. 184 Creekside Dr. at 4 p.m., and then 5:30-7 p.m. at ArtSpring.</p> <p>North Salt Spring Waterworks District. AGM at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.</p> <p>Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.</p> <p>Poker. New Wednesday poker series. The Local.</p> <p>John Newlove Event. Documentary and readings at ArtSpring. 8 p.m., with wine tasting at 7.</p> <p>Painters Guild Life Drawing. Explore the creative process as it applies to photography with Megan Burton. ArtSpring. 9-noon. Info: Jose, 537-1121.</p>

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EXHIBITIONS

- **J. Mitchell Gallery** presents the Spring Show, with work by 37 gallery artists, from April 4 to 22.
- **Tina Spalding** is the featured artist for April in the **Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe** in Ganges.
- **Inspiration** — a SSI Painters Guild show and sale. April 4-20 at **ArtSpring**, from 10-5 daily.
- **Size Matters** — Small works by gallery artists. **Steffich Fine Art**. Sat., April 5-19.
- **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 Dance Art show** hangs in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of April.
- **Verna Meyer** shows paintings at **Island Savings** until June.
- New life drawings by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.

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Bill Henderson belts out the blues at the Salt Spring Folk Club's annual Gumboot Gala, held last Monday night at Fulford Hall.

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FOLK CLUB

Gumboot Gala rocks season finale

Island 'stars' thump out folk club entertainment

BY MARIT MCBRIDE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Salt Spring Folk Club wrapped up another great season at Fulford Hall on March 31 with the traditional Gumboot Gala.

Pimps, prostitutes and pirates mingled among the crowd and awards were given for best costumes. The evening kicked off with Salt Spring gumboot dancers, plus guest performers from Victoria, who thumped and slapped out some lively numbers.

The rest of the night was divided into three distinct sets.

Valdy took the stage first and gave an entrancing performance. Most of us have seen Valdy perform numerous times before, but he brought so much fresh enthusiasm and energy to his set that it was like seeing him again for the first time.

He was mesmerizing. With his mouth anchored never more than a couple of

inches from the microphone, his body billowed around like a flag waving in the wind.

From Thank You Harry (for Harry Warner, sung to the tune of Pretty Woman) to the final medley of popular folk tunes, Valdy's set was varied and interesting with songs that have not been over-performed.

Next up was Bill Henderson with tributes to those who stand strong in the face of opposition, such as Cindy Sheehan, Percy Schmeiser and Emily Carr.

Henderson also surprised the crowd with unusual selections — such as Superman's Song by Crash Test Dummies and Hello Walls by Faron Young with accompaniment by Jaime R.T. and Ian Van Wyck — before finishing up with some classics from his Chilliwack days.

Henderson is fascinating on stage. When he really gets going on his guitar, his entire being is captured by the music and his fingers fly as the sound pours out of his soul.

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Suspects, the third set was a superb creation of the musically gifted Van Wyck (bass), Derek Milton (trumpet), Jaime R.T. (fiddle), Jose Sanchez (percussion), Valdy and Henderson (guitar/vocals) and Najma Manx (vocals).

Jaime R.T. kicked it up with some northern fiddle tunes and Milton brought his trumpet talent to Twilight Time. From there the group changed it up to a Latin beat with songs from Cuba and Brazil with smooth vocals from Manx, interspersed with the Jack Johnson hit Breakdown.

The Gumboot Gala was an entertainment accomplishment due to the ability of the stars (Valdy and Henderson) to step outside of what we expect from them, the addition of outstanding island musicians and vocalists, and the variety in types of music presented.

How fortunate we are that the Salt Spring Folk Club brings such fantastic talent to our humble Fulford Hall which, along with great food and appreciative music fans, always guarantees a show that is one of the best entertainment values on the island.

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PUBLIC ART

Bronze sculptures inspire emotion

Demers pieces installed last week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring is widely known as a centre of the arts, but until recently most art was found within the walls of the gallery space.

Celia Duthie and the Salt Spring Woodworks Gallery changed that last year with the opening of a sculpture garden; and again this year in collaboration with the Hastings House Hotel.

Last week, J. Mitchell Gallery and the owners of Grace Point Square entered into another collaboration which saw three colossal bronze sculptures by Lynn Demers installed. Placed within a busy sector of Ganges village, the partnership marks another step toward bringing Salt Spring's art into the public sphere.

Demers has been an island resident for 22 years and been sculpting for 25.

The self-taught artist is amazingly accomplished. Her resume includes two solo shows for J. Mitchell in recent years, she was commissioned to create a sculpture of a monk for the Dalai Lama Centre in Vancouver, and she was recently invited to submit a proposal for public art at a women's hospital in Edmonton. Her work is included in private collections across Canada, the United States and Europe.

Demers' large scale bronzes stand out immediately when one enters Grace Point Square. Two colossal heads on long neck stems overlook the parking area, set in a raised plant bed and looming above pedestrian



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Contemplation and Serenity are lifted by crane into their new home.

traffic. Facing outwards is Contemplation, a female face with African or perhaps Asian characteristics. Her lowered eyelids almost close above high cheekbones and full lips.

Facing into the square toward the sea is Serenity, a young adult male. He, too, has eyes almost closed. In both figures there is a sense of deep meditation, of removal from the outside world; captured in bronze, this feeling has an enduring and timeless quality.

Earth and plants now cover the concrete tub where a fountain and propeller used to be.

The entire area is topped by Jikan, who appears to be an extremely contented sleeping Buddhist monk. Curled on his side with one foot tucked under him, he radiates the sense of complete ease of heart. The glossy bronze finish, volup-

tuously rounded body and smooth skull combine to make this figure impossible not to touch.

In describing her creative process, Demers has written: "When creating my sculptural pieces, my intent is to evoke feelings that touch the heart and elevate the viewer beyond the mundane to a place of connection and positive energy."

Although she sculpts figures, she explained, she is not trying to portray an image but rather create an emotion.

"My work is all about serenity and peace," Demers said Saturday. "We're all so busy in this hectic world, we have to learn how to slow down. And we have to constantly adjust to everything life throws at us. Finding inner peace — that's what my work is about."

Response to the sculptures in the square has so far been extremely positive, Demers said.

People of all ages are noticing the work, including a group of preteens who insisted their mom come back to see it. Demers has watched skater kids giving Jikan high fives, and senior couples giving it a pat.

"I love watching people's reactions. It's all about stirring emotions in people, so it's nice to see what that might bring up for them."

Currently Demers is working on a series of five sculptures called Stolen Angels, inspired by girls abducted by the Lords Resistance Army in Uganda. She admires the strength of these girls to survive their experience.

The series will be shown here, in Calgary and potentially in Vancouver in conjunction with the Gulu Walk, an event that raises money for the Gulu Refugee camps.

CONCERTS

Manx offers taste of project at Fulford Hall performances

Home-town crowd gets two chances

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite being nominated once again for a Juno award, Harry Manx chose to give the Calgary ceremonies a miss on Sunday.

His album In Good We Trust was nominated for roots and traditional album of the year in the group category, but Manx had just recently returned from a tour in Lithuania.

"I tend to shy away from those kinds of things," he said about the Junos from his Salt Spring home on Monday. "I like the recognition but I don't know how much I like the competition. I'm kind of torn on that like most artists."

Now that he has returned to Salt Spring, Manx will play for his home crowd, bringing his signature blend of blues, folk music and Hindustani classical music to Fulford Hall on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Flanked by special guest singer Emily Braden from Victoria, Manx will play selections from his new album Harry Manx & Friends: Live at Glenn Gould Studio, as well as songs from his seven other albums. And for Salt Springers, he says he may bring out something special.

"I always try out a few new tunes on my local crowd," he said.

Dubbed the "essential link" between the music of East and

West and for melding the blues with classical Indian ragas, the CBC asked Manx to perform live in Toronto with five other artists of his choice. Manx chose "behind the scenes" musicians who contributed their own unique jazz and Indian sounds that ranged from the harmonica to the tablas (Indian drums).

"The CBC proposed getting Indian and western together," he said. "They wanted to see what would happen if we all played together."

The result is his newest album — Harry Manx & Friends: Live at Glenn Gould Studio — recorded live before a Toronto audience of 600.

"There was a lot of great interplay between artists," he said. "The spirit of the music was very alive because it was improvised in the moment."

He recalled a poignant moment during the show while playing Jimi Hendrix's Voodoo Child when a female Indian vocalist in the group improvised to flow with the music of the other artists.

"That's what we were searching for," he said.

"The result was wonderful like it always is when there is a meeting of western and Indian sounds."

Tickets for this weekend's shows are available for \$20 at Salt Spring Books, Acoustic Planet and Stuff & Nonsense. For more on Manx visit www.harrymanx.com.

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MUSICAL BACKDROP: Shaina Leavitt plays the harp as the Salt Spring Painters' Guild holds its spring show opening at ArtSpring Friday night. The show will be featured in this week's edition of the Weekender.

ART SHOW

Spring brings new work to opening of J. Mitchell show

New and returning artists featured

Spring may be late in arriving for the rest of Salt Spring, but its spirit was alive at the opening of J. Mitchell Gallery's spring show last Friday.

A wealth of new work by many fine artists offered splashes of colour, passion and whimsy; enough to brighten up the most cruel of Aprils.

The annual spring show is an opportunity to unveil and celebrate a new season of work, and also to thank the locals who support the gallery on a year-round basis, owner Judy Mitchell said. Summer months can be dominated by visitors, but this time of year sees locals back from their trips to warmer climes and ready to reconnect.

The gallery was filled with entirely new work for the occasion, showcasing some of the best local talents with an unusual mix of paintings, sculpture, ceramics and jewelry. The exhibition was both an introduction to new artists recently taken on as permanent contributors, and a teaser for upcoming solo shows.

Mitchell is clearly invigorated by the energy brought by the new pieces; she is especially excited at the moment about new work by Carol Evans. Evans is known for amazingly realistic water-colours that appear more photographic than the soft impressions usually associated with the medium.

Evans spends much of the year scouting images to paint, travelling up the coast by boat. Her exacting attention to detail means she only produces six to eight new works a year, which is one reason Mitchell is happy



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

to have two of them in the spring show.

Another reason she's excited is the quality of Evans' work. Mitchell argues that this artist's paintings achieve much more than looking as clear as a photo. She regards Shell in Sunshine as a career best for Evans, pointing out her amazing ability to capture the sea water in many dimensions, including the reflection of light on the water, its translucency, and the texture of the ripples.

Roger Warren, new to the gallery, has an impressive sculpture on display with Reflections of the Great Blue Heron. The thickly curved, red cedar plank stands upright, a dessert plate sized hole smoothly carved through the top end. The impression of a heron is carved in with simple lines reminiscent of the quick strokes of an ink drawing. It will be interesting to see what else the new relationship will bring out during the year.

Michael Robb is showing new pieces which both recall and move away from his mythical sculpture figures. Dolo is an upright cylindrical tower in black which suggests a figure in a very ambiguous way. The "body" is a marvel of texture with various nubs, bumps and bolts, while the empty pipe in the "face" is slightly disturbing but provokes thought.

Bill Boyd's lovely ceramics celebrate the spherical and are in blue magic or yel-

low crystalline glaze. Vases are almost perfectly round, with openings rimmed in gold, or elongated to taper into a narrow base. The blue series comes in a soft tone, layered with delicate petals of smoky cream. The yellow series features yellow petals on white.

Asha Robertson and Gabrielle Jensen return as

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new permanent contributors after appearing as guests in last year's Lineages show. Robertson's whimsical sculptures are delightful yet deceptively complex in composition. Sway has a small ceramic house caught amongst steel twigs, which shoot out of a constructed wooden block. The effect is simple but thoughtful.

Sculptures by Lynn Demers, whose work has just debuted outside at Grace Point Square, give one the chance to visit her monumental work on a more personal scale.

With many more new pieces to admire, spring is a wonderful time to reconnect with Salt Spring's art community and see what they've been working on while we hibernated.



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BOOK PUBLISHING

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Mother Tongue Publishing, a new company dedicated to publishing unique books on B.C.'s forgotten art history, will host an online and live fundraising art auction in Vancouver to kick-start the publishing of its new series of books called B.C. Artists of the 20th Century.

Spearheaded by well-known islander Mona Fertig, the event takes place from April 7-24.

"The series is dedicated to recognizing unheralded B.C. artists and igniting an overdue discourse on their artistic and historic significance and begins by focussing on B.C. artists from the highly creative era of the '50s-'60s," notes a press release.

The first book on David Franklin Marshall: Sculptor by Monika Ullmann will be published in the fall. "It was an exciting time that witnessed the emergence of hundreds of artists in Vancouver, Victoria and around the province, yet a time that sustained and elevated only a few," writes Fertig. "This event will bring to the fore the need for docu-

mentation, research and knowledge about our unheralded B.C. artists and in doing so brings a much needed balance to the institutionalized neglect of so many of Vancouver's finest artists."

The work of 30 B.C. artists, historical and contemporary, have been generously donated to the MTP art auction by the artists, or their families and friends. Among them are eight artists from Salt Spring Island: Robert Bateman, Wim Blom, Gordon Caruso, Diana Dean, Tina Dickey, LeRoy Jensen, Anni Knoop and Phyllis Webb.

"The collection includes original oil, encaustic and acrylic paintings, sculpture in wood, bronze and terra cotta, watercolours, mixed media, lithographs, prints, charcoal drawings, letterpress poetry broadside, linocuts, silkscreens and photography," describes the press release.

Simultaneously, and inspired by the fundraiser, an online exhibit at www.westbridgeauctions.com and titled In the Shadows: Vancouver's Alternate Art Scene: 1950-1970 will be operating from Monday, April 7 until Thursday, April 24 at 5 p.m.

Information about the online auction can be found at www.westbridgeauctions.com. Absentee bids can be phoned to 604-736-1014, faxed to 604-734-4944 or e-mailed to info@westbridgefineart.com.

Gallery viewing of the live and on-line auction from Saturday, April 19 through Thursday, April 24 takes place at Westbridge Fine Art Ltd., 1737 Fir Street (at 2nd Avenue) in Vancouver.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Music inspires Friday crowd

Medicine Wind tour transports audience

BY ALIX HUDSON AND BARBARA SIEGELE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring Islanders had the good fortune last Friday night to hear Victoria-based guitar virtuoso Michael Waters and Ugandan master kora player Kinobe Herbert share their music at All Saints By-the-Sea.

The performance marked the end of a successful tour aptly named The Medicine Wind. The decision to record their first CD of the same name was the inspiration for the West Coast concerts.

The intimate setting and sacred atmosphere was highlighted by dozens of candles hanging from carved tree branches cradling the tiny stage area. This emphasized the intensely personal element of their music, which came in waves touching the primal core in a seamless journey of beautiful riffs and melody. It was meditative and timeless, simple and complex.

What happens when Waters and Kinobe play together is a fusion of sound that defies classification. It is a kind of devotional music, transportive in a way that is rare.

When Kinobe sang in his native language several times, the simple sweetness of the sound could stir tears from the heart. The duo's concerts feature melodies roughly drawn out and extensively practised, "somewhere beyond jamming but not totally scripted."

Those of us who are fans of "new age," world music or are acoustic guitarists were equally absorbed by the magical touch of their entrancing music.

"This has been a joyful tour," said Waters. For this audience, the musical waves were truly "good medicine."

The two performers are planning a North American tour later on in the year. Islanders can enjoy music samples and get info on Water's website at www.watersmusic.com.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SHUTTER BUGS: Simon Henson (with his wife Louise, not shown) teach a digital photography class to these youngsters during spring break.

DANCE

The Late Edition arrives right on time for final ArtSpring season dance show

Dancers Dancing wraps up series

Dance enthusiasts are in for a treat as ArtSpring's dance series wraps up Saturday with The Late Edition performed by Dancers Dancing from Vancouver.

In addition, islanders can enjoy Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) and Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) dance students, who will open the show with a piece especially choreographed for them by Judith Garay.

"Dancers Dancing is a long-established professional contemporary dance repertory company known for the technical excellence and sheer energy of its dancers," notes a press release. "Artistic director Judith Garay, a former principal with the Martha Graham Dance Company, brings with her 30 years of international professional experience as a dancer, choreographer, and teacher."

"The company presents accessible and visually beautiful contemporary dance performances. Their visit to ArtSpring is part of a province-wide tour under the auspices of Made in B.C. Dance on Tour."

A special feature of the performance will be a new short dance piece presented as a curtain raiser by dance students from GISS.

"Judith Garay came to Salt Spring a month ago to work with the students to create a new piece just right for their skills and numbers," said George Sipos, ArtSpring's executive director.

"Both GISS dance teacher Sonia Langer and ArtSpring

dance outreach co-ordinator Anna Haltrecht were instrumental in getting such a distinguished choreographer to work with local students."

"It will be quite a treat for our audience to see these talented young local dancers perform on the same program as the professional company," said Haltrecht.

The show will be followed by a post-performance chat with the choreographer and dancers. Audience members who arrive early can view the DanceArt Exhibit on the lobby walls and enjoy The Lobby Dancers who will perform at 7:40 p.m.

The April 12 Dancers Dancing show begins at 8 p.m. at ArtSpring. Tickets are \$25 and available at the ArtSpring Ticket Centre. The performance is eligible for the EyeGo to the Arts student discount.

DOCUMENTARY

Event honours Newlove

Film and poetry at event next Wednesday

A documentary screening and book launch centered around the life and works of the late, celebrated Saskatchewan poet John Newlove takes place at ArtSpring on Wednesday, April 16.

Newlove, who is often said to have helped put the prairie province on the literary map, wrote poetry that often included images and references to the Canadian prairies.

At this evening of film and poetry, local filmmaker and book editor Robert McTavish debuts his documentary entitled John Newlove: A Celebration, which has already aired on Bravo!, as well as his new book.

The event will be hosted by Brian Brett who will provide some readings and a talk, accompanied by poets Jay Ruzesky (from Malaspina College) and Joe Rosenblatt (Governor General's award-winner). McTavish will also be in attendance.

A press release notes that this event has lots of local connections such as, "Newlove's step-daughter Tamsin Gilbert is also a local, as is his old friend Brian Brett... A number of local musicians appear on the soundtrack as well."

The evening, which begins at 8 p.m. is co-sponsored by ArtSpring. A Garry Oaks Winery wine tasting will take place at 7 p.m.

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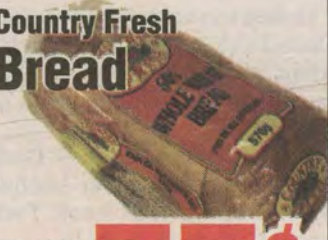


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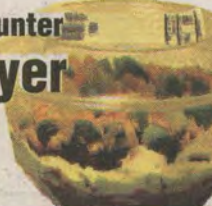
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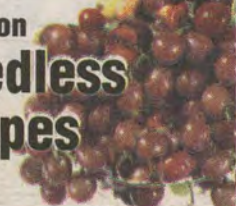
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THEATRE REVIEW

Hockey-rink culture recreated on stage in Vancouver Arts Club show at ArtSpring

More writing depth would have illuminated characters

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

I think that instead of Oh Canada, our national anthem should be the theme to Hockey Night In Canada. It's certainly as recognizable and I've never really been as committed since they changed those few lyrics in Oh Canada.

Unless you were raised on Salt Spring where hockey-rink culture never existed for obvious reasons, all Canadians can drum up a hockey rink story or two.

Hockey Mom Hockey Dad, written by Cape Bretonner Michael Mel-ski, has an obvious hook. Performed across Canada from Sudbury west, the touring company from the Vancouver Arts Club jumped on the zamboni for two shows last weekend as part of ArtSpring's inaugural theatre season.

Teddy, played by Jackson Davies, one of Canada's more recognizable actors (16 years as Constable John Constable on the Beachcombers and over 100

stage productions) and Donna, played by Cailin Stadnyk (the Vancouver-based actor seen across Canada and often in musicals as the lead ingenue) meet at the rink where their respective nine-year-old sons play Pee Wee hockey together.

The set designed by Glenn Davidson realistically recreated the stands of an arena — an impressive feat for a touring show. Part of Steve Marsh's sound design saw Stompin' Tom's ode to hockey and other favourites blaring while accompanied by flashing lights from a disco ball in the scene changes. With that kind of backdrop, we follow the journey of redneck-with-a-heart-of-gold Teddy and Donna, the hard-luck single mom with no self-esteem.

To characterize them as one note is to do disservice to the actors playing these two characters. We've all known a Teddy and a Donna and the actors bring three-dimensional characterizations so we can recognize them and, by doing so, perhaps recognize ourselves.

The first act, however, seemed short.

Bill Millerd, director and artistic managing director of the Arts Club,

chose to leave the characters in a spotlight at the end of the scenes. I kept hoping that an inner monologue was going to start up when this happened, giving us more clues into these people. Watching the actors wrap their characters around a monologue would have elevated the realism to another level and given us delight in watching the actors work.

Instead, we witnessed the progression of a relationship marked by Teddy's aggressive pursuit and Donna's reticence.

Expertly played comic bits engaged us, but I wanted more depth in the writing to find out what really made them tick.

In the second act we find out that an abusive ex explains Donna's demeanor and that the dark side of Teddy's extroversion is racism, which puts a halt to the budding romance. The audience is left not knowing what direction the two will take.

Oscar Wilde said, "Second marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence" and in this Canadian kitchen-sink drama at the hockey rink, we see that quote in action.

JAZZ

Juno-nominated quartet ready to swing

At the Juno Awards, being nominated is darned near as good as winning.

Certainly this is true for the Jody Proznick Quartet, which was in the running for the Best Traditional Jazz recording award last weekend.

"Jodi is one of Canada's best jazz bassists," said

ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "We booked her to perform in our ArtSwings series some time ago because everyone we spoke to said her quartet was among B.C.'s very best. We're delighted to present her, Juno or no Juno."

The performance was

originally scheduled for April 6, which turned out to be the same day as the Junos. ArtSpring moved the event to Sunday, April 13 to allow Proznick to attend the awards in Calgary. This weekend's performance, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., will be Salt Spring's chance to hear

the music that excited the Juno jury.

Tickets are still available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 537-2102. A wine-tasting event hosted by Garry Oaks Winery will precede the performance starting at 1:30. This event is eligible for EyeGo to the Arts discounts.

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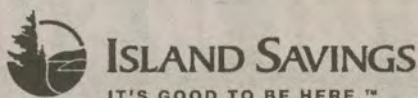


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FOR THE BIRDS: Kahlila Ball uses pieces of her dad's baked goodies to tempt the pigeons at the Saturday market in Centennial Park.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Proffitts return to present human trafficking stories

Presentation set for this Friday

Former Salt Spring residents Eric and Rebecca Proffitt have recently returned from Vienna, Austria after participating in the UN Forum on Human Trafficking.

They plan to share experiences, information and ideas in a presentation set for this Friday at the Mormon Church (221 Vesuvius Bay Road) on Salt Spring.

"Horrified by hearing that 1.8 million children each year — an estimated total of 27 million in the world today — have been sold into slavery for sexual exploitation by adults, Proffitt wrote a song titled Little Child, calling for the protection of these innocents," states a press release.

"The song attracted the attention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and was played

"If there was no demand, there would need be no supply."

during a conference in New Delhi, India, on the prevention of child trafficking.

"This led to the invitation to perform before 1,600 delegates from 116 nations at the Vienna, Austria conference in February 2008."

Proffitt was accompanied by his wife Rebecca, who is five months pregnant with their fifth child.

He sang his song on the final day of the conference for the delegates, who he said were visibly moved by the music.

Despite the heady experience, the Proffitts were more than a little overwhelmed by the information given at the conference.

"This is a \$32 billion industry of human trafficking that makes more annually than Google, Starbucks and Nike combined," Proffitt explained.

"Canada and the U.S. are mainly destination countries for forced prostitution, strip clubs, dancing bars, pornography businesses and sweat shops; we are the countries that are hugely responsible for the demand for human trafficking. If there was no demand, there would need be no supply."

The Proffitts plan to create and donate songs for non-profit organizations to use to support the human trafficking cause.

They will describe their experiences and discuss action steps at their presentation on Friday night.

The talk will take place on April 11 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.ericproffitt.com.



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~ Lauren & Marck Shipley



After visiting Salt Spring Island in August, we knew that it was the perfect place for our family to call home. The small but active community found on Salt Spring Island was definitely one of the many features that drew us here and we look forward to becoming active members both personally and professionally. With both children active in all kinds of athletic activities, we look forward to meeting parents and spectators as we cheer our teams to victory!

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

OPEN HOUSE

Legion has changed with the times

Open house runs this Sunday, April 13

BY KERRY BUTLER
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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 was founded on Salt Spring in 1931. The world has changed a lot since then and the legion has changed with it.

Meetings were originally held at the Harbour House Hotel.

They later relocated to Hereford Avenue, and 20 years ago moved to their present site on Blaine Road (thanks to a bequest by Comrade Ted Meaden for whom Meaden Hall is named).

This Sunday, the local legion is hosting an open house and everyone is welcome to attend.

Many people's perceptions of the legion are still mired in the past. Originally the legion was formed by servicemen and veterans.

Today one is hard-pressed to find a veteran in the legion.

Still, people seem to think it is a place where old men gather to talk about the war. But nothing could be further from the truth.

The few veterans who are left have better things to talk about than a terrible war which ended over 60 years ago.

Some people think the legion is for old people. Define "old."

To a teenager 25 is old, 30 is ancient and 40 is positively antediluvian.

The truth is that most of the patrons are working people of all ages.

"There are too many rules in the legion," some say.

Yes, there are rules, but the ones people complain about most have nothing to do with the legion—they are rules laid down by the B.C. Liquor Board.

The locked door with keycard entry, guest book signing and the statement "members and guests only" on all advertising are all liquor board requirements.

Legion rules are mostly common sense and courtesy. Keep the place clean, no fighting or swearing, no obnoxious behaviour and of course, the one everyone knows, take off your hat.

That last one goes back to the days when it really was all military personnel.

By removing their hats they were "out of uniform" and could not "pull rank."

This meant that inside the legion all were equal.

A general had no more right than a private. Today it is continued as a sign of respect for our veterans and their fallen comrades.

Many years ago this policy was updated to allow religious headgear.

"You have to be a veteran or relative of a veteran to join."

Sorry, wrong again.

The only requirements are that you be 19 or older and a Canadian citizen or a citizen of a British Commonwealth country.

Your application for membership must be approved at a general meeting so if you have been picked up for drug dealing or similar offences, don't expect it to be passed.

"The legion is wealthy."

Right! And pigs can fly.

While the legion has the ability to raise large sums for charity through its Friday and Saturday night meat draws and the poppy campaign, government regulations make it very difficult for legions to survive, and throughout the province many are closing.

Basically the legion must survive on what it can take in at the bar, donations and the hard work of volunteers.

In fact, if it were not for the ladies auxiliary, the legion could not have survived.

Their donations of money raised at their Friday night dinners have kept us afloat.

We count on support from the community that we may continue to support the youth, the elderly and the needy in our community.

"The youth are our future and we support the future while honouring and remembering the past."

"The legion glorifies and promotes war."

Just the opposite.

The legion honours the veterans and their comrades who gave their lives that we might be free.

We keep their memory alive so their sacrifices might not be in vain.

We keep the memory of those terrible wars alive in the hope that people, and even politicians, will learn from, and not repeat, the mistakes of the past.

We support the peacekeepers, because one of the lessons learned is that there is always another Hitler, Mussolini or Idi Amin who is willing to commit genocide and other atrocities in a lust for power over others.

Part of the legion credo is "to promote peace and understanding among all nations of the world."

"The legion just benefits the elderly."

Wrong again. While we assist the elderly, the majority of our donations go to youth groups.

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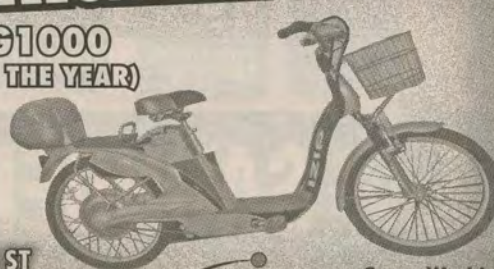


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Salt Spring's Frank Richards (centre, right) is joined by family members (including seven great-grandchildren) on his weekly walk around Portlock Park on the occasion of his 90th birthday last weekend.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Help for business owners

Chamber offers marketing tips at upcoming workshop

Business owners can explore marketing methods at an upcoming workshop sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Entitled Ignite Your Business: 10 Practical Tools to Manage and Grow Your Business, the workshop is two hours long and set for tomorrow (Thursday, April 10).

According to press material, the course will focus on 10 areas of marketing that have the potential to make a significant difference to small business owners.

"The workshop will be interactive and practical, meaning that participants will come away with concrete ideas to implement when they get back to work," explains a press release.

The workshop will be lead by Salt Spring resident Geoff Affleck, a small business coach and real estate investor with more than 25 years experience in business management, sales, marketing, customer service and training.

Affleck has also owned several successful small businesses.

Chamber manager Andrea LeBorgne is "thrilled to have Geoff deliver this workshop. We think attendees will enjoy the session and come away with some great ideas to really jump-start their business."

The workshop will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Harbour House Hotel in the Green Room. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for Chamber members while non-members can attend for \$15.

To pre-register please contact Andrea or Gail at 537-4223 or by email at chamber@ssisland.com.

FOCUS ON SENIORS

Guide released on safe medications for seniors

A Safe Use of Medications Project, sponsored by Health Canada with the assistance of partners serving on the National Advisory Panel, has successfully completed workshops around the country to train caregivers on safe medicines for seniors.

Nurse Marg Monro led a Salt Spring workshop in the Lady Minto boardroom on April 5.

The workshop tool Safe Medicines for Seniors: a Guide for Caregivers can now be downloaded from the Health Canada website at www.safemedicinesproject.ca.

A questionnaire provided in the guide allows friends, relatives or neighbours who help seniors with daily living or health related activities to determine if the person they're helping is using medicine in the right way. A tips section offers advice on what caregivers can do to help.

Common mistakes with medicines listed in the guide include taking the wrong dose, not finishing medicine, using expired or discontinued medicine, sharing medicine with others, mixing medicine with alcohol, forgetting to take medicine at the right time, and stopping and starting medicine instead of continuing regularly.

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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	Continuing through to end of April 2008
Removal of existing wires from the towers	
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.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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FUNNY GUY: Klutzy the Clown (aka Stewart Katz) entertains children and adults at a Salt Spring Co-op Preschool fundraiser, held Sunday at Fulford Hall.

LIBRARY

Enthusiastic readers develop kids' program

SIMS students establish Come + Read series at local library

Two Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) students who love to read have created a program allowing them to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with younger children.

Becki Steel and Zorah Wiltzen, both in grade six at SIMS, are offering a free program for kids eight and under in the children's section of the Salt Spring Public Library.

"The two 11-year-olds will help the kids choose books that are their level and that reflect their interests," states a press release.

"They will also show the children how to check out books and use the library computers to find particular authors and titles."

The program, titled Come + Read, is intended to get younger readers excited about books and to help them learn how to navigate the library for themselves.

Come + Read will run every Friday from April 11 until May 9 from 3-5 p.m.



Linda Koroscil

LET'S EAT

Cheddar Beer Bread

This comes from my close friend's cookbook called Thorburn Family Recipes. It's just as good as rolled biscuits and a whole lot quicker to make.

- 3 cups flour
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 2 cups grated cheese
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 cup diced onion (chives or green onions or white)
- 12 oz. beer

Mix together dry ingredients. Fold in beer. Bake in a loaf pan for one hour at 350 degrees. Great served with a hearty soup or stew. You could easily vary the ingredients using jalapeno jack cheese, parmesan, blue cheese, italian herbs — or whatever. It's delicious!

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SATURDAY APRIL 12

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	400 Iols Québec	Miss BG /(:15) Oily	(4:30) PGA Golf Augusta National Masters - 3rd Round	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	First Story Klabona	(4:30) Swiat Polskie	Star Trek: Voyager Warlord	Relic Hunter Afterlife and Death	Dead Like Me Ghost Story	NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Subway Fresh Fit 500 (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" ★★	(4:00) EPL Soccer - Teams TBA
6:00		Le Téléjournal	George Shrinks	Lemur Street Home Alone	That News Show (N)	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	First Story Steven Point	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo/Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show		News	News	Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report	Entertainment This Week	Prank Patrol Living Dolls	Poker European Tour
7:00	To Be Announced	3600 secondes d'extase	National Geographic Gorilla Wild	Boxing HBO Championships p - Cotto vs. Gomez	El News Weekend	Diya	Global Currents The Cure for Love (N)	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe Island Weekend	Stargate Atlantis Echoes	CSI: Miami Hell Night		Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Rosemary & Thyme The Gooseberry Bush	Planet Earth		Ghost Trackers	Poker Million Dollar Cash Game
8:00		Le moment de vérité Les meilleurs moments	Heartbeat The Dying of the Light	"Intimate Stranger" (Dra, '06) Kari Matchett.	Naked Fashion (N)	Aaradhna	Islam 101	Mutant X A Normal Life	Whistler Rules of Attachment [Part 2 of 2]	Phoenix Gathering	Kool Countdown	Murdoch Mystery The Rebel and the Prince	The King of Queens	"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Depths	Antiques Rd. Stroud	Saturday Report	48 Hours Special The Lord's Boot Camp (N)	Mystery Hunters	Best Damn Sports Show Period
9:00	To Be Announced	Pour un soir seulement Pour un soir seulement	Midsomer Murders Dead Man's Eleven		Sikh Virsa	Andromeda When Goes Around...	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Snitch	Law & Order Submission	Asian Variety Show	"Jack's House" ★ (Dra, '01) Christian McKenna.	"The Last Wedding" ★★ (Dra, '01) Ben Ratner.	Mountain Experience	Friends	★ ★ ★ ★ (Fam, '02) Daniel Radcliffe.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Snitch	New Tricks	Saturday Report	CSI: NY The Lying Game	Adrenaline Project	Ultimate Fighter
10:00		Le Téléjournal "Veronica Guerin" ★★		Poker Night (N)	True Hollywood Story (N)	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Renegade-press.com Canadian Case Files	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical				CSI: Miami Speed Kills	Q13 FOX News Scrubs My Nightingale	News	Law & Order Submission	Soundstage	Planet Earth	48 Hours Mystery (N)	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
11:00	News	(Bio, '03) Cate Blanchett.	The Whistleblowers Starters	SportsCentre	The Soup (N)	Mad TV	News	News	Bubble Gang	Star! at the Movies	Role That Changed	Cold Case Boy Crazy	Mad TV	News	News	Austin City Limits John Prine/Amos Lee	Saturday Report	News	Ghost Trackers	Poker Million Dollar Cash Game
12:00 MID	To Be Announced		New Tricks	Hockey World Championships	Spike Feresten Wild On	Jack Van Impe		Making the Band 4	"Des Hoyaa Pardes" ★★ ★★ (Dra, '04)	"Jack's House" ★ (Dra, '01)	World Poker Tour World Poker Open	Cold Case Justice	Spike Feresten Chappelle's Show	Girls B. Badly		Red Dwarf	the fifth estate	Paid Program	Futurama I, Roommate	UFC Fight Night

SUNDAY APRIL 13

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Oniva	Miss BG /(:15) Oily	(4:30) PGA Golf Augusta National Masters - Final Round	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Smallville Fracture	(4:00) World Poker Tour World Poker Open	Everybody Hates Chris	Two and a Half Men	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) M. Theatre Smart Travels	Fidel: The Untold Story	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Two Brothers" ★★ (Adv, '04)	MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston (Live)	
6:00		Le Téléjournal Découverte [Partie 1 de 3]	Emily of New Moon And So Shall They Reap		That News Show (N)	According to Jim	News	News	"Des Hoyaa Pardes" ★★ ★★ (Dra, '04)	Relic Hunter Set in Stone	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill My Way Home Is Through You	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Secondhand Lions" ★★ ★★ (Com/Dra, '03) Michael Caine.		
7:00	Marketplace	Laffaque	National Geographic Battle of the Arctic Giants	SportsCentre	El News Canada	Voices of Hinduism	Renegade Just Cause	Eli Stone Waiting for That Day (N)	Gurdas Mann.	America's Funniest Home Videos	"Stuart Little" ★★ ★★ (Fam, '99) Geena Davis.	Next Top Model Top Model 10 Confidential	King of the Hill	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Dateline NBC	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 2 of 3]	Afghanistan: Between Hope and Fear	60 Minutes			
8:00	To Be Announced	Tout le monde en parle	Doc Martin Out of the Woods	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Sikh Virsa	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Oprah's Big Give (N)	Kyle XY Between the Rack and a Hard Place	Hates Chris (N)	The Simpsons	Oprah's Big Give (N)	Monk Mr. Monk and the Other Detective	Nature (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
9:00	Doc Zone Tar Sands: The Selling of Alberta		New Tricks	Score Golf TV (N)	Psych 9 Lives	Ground Level	Family Guy	Desperate Housewives Sunday (N)	"Tod Auf Neuwark" (Dra, '96) Manfred Krug.	America's Next Top Model	"Thirteen Ghosts" ★★ (Hor, '01) Tony Shalhoub.	The Game (N)	Family Guy	Desperate Housewives Sunday (N)	Psych 9 Lives	Masterpiece Theatre A Room With a View (N)	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Bad Reputation (N)	Falcon Beach Chemistry Lessons	Ultimate Fighter	
10:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	(:15) Le Téléjournal	The Whistleblowers Environment	Winter X-Game Inside UEFA League (N)	The Soup	Diya	Family Guy	Dexter Father Knows Best	Stargate: SG-1 Crusade	Seinfeld The Voice	Q13 FOX News	Eli Stone Waiting for That Day (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Inconceivable	New Tricks	Afghanistan: Between Hope and Fear	Dexter Father Knows Best	Falcon Beach Family Portrait	Sportsnet Connected (Live)			
11:00	News	On fait tous du show business	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Role That Changed	Without a Trace Hang on to Me	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	News						Jays Connected	
12:00 MID	Dating Confidential	Undersea Explorer	Big Ideas for Planet Cat	TSN the Reporters	Hockey Royal Bank Cup	Wild On	Kingstar	Jack Van Impe	CSI: Miami	"Tod Auf Neuwark" (Dra, '96)	"Beneath the Planet of the Apes" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '70)	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace The Friendly Skies	24 Day 6: 10:00AM - 11:00AM	Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	Bill Moyers' Journal	They Chose China			UFC All Access

MONDAY APRIL 14

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Kif-kif	Timothy /(:15) Mama	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA	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	SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:00) NBA Basketball - Miami vs. Toronto (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal	Skooled	Teams TBA	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
7:00	CBC News: Vancouver	Virginie	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Elak (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	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
8:00	To Be Announced	Chère Betty Avec les formes (N)	Glowing Hearts Hard Rock and Water	Boxing HBO Championships p - Cotto vs. Gomez	Deal or No Deal (N)	Coach	Bones The Man in the Mud (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	The Big Bang Theory	"The In-Laws" ★★ (Com, '03) Michael Douglas.	Gossip Girl	Bones The Man in the Mud (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 3 of 3]	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Fries With That?	NBA Basketball - Golden State vs. Phoenix (Live)
9:00	To Be Announced	Histoire de famille	Perspectives Call It Karma		The Standard	New Amsterdam Love Hurts (SF) (N)	Corner Gas (N)	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	Samantha Who (N)	One Tree Hill (N)	New Amsterdam Love Hurts (SF) (N)	Samantha Who (N)	American Experience Walt Whitman (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Rules of Engage. (N)	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	RX for Survival Deadly Messengers	Paradise Hotel (N)	Cold Case The River	Very Bad Men The Man Without a Conscience	Medium Partners in Crime (N)	GMA Telesine	Long John Baldry: In the Shadow of the Blues	The Bachelor: London Calling (N)	Seinfeld The Blood Conversion	Q13 FOX News	The Bachelor: London Calling (N)	Medium Partners in Crime (N)	War on Science	CSI: Miami CSI: My Nanny	Falcon Beach Summer Solstice	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Profiles of Nature The Wonder of Baby Animals	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	The Greatest Good	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected		
12:00 MID	Arrested Development	La zone	MegaBridges Greece	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Everybody Loves Ray	Entertainment Tonight	The Daily Show	Kurd TV	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	Conan O'Brien	Smart Travels	The Hour	Late, Late Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	UFC All Access	

TUESDAY APRIL 15

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Kif-kif	Timothy /(:15) Mama	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Baltimore (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal	World of Og/Wonders CG Kids		News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh Football	
7:00	CBC News: Vancouver	Virginie	World of Gardens	SportsCentre	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Elak (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	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
8:00	To Be Announced	René	Michael Palin Journey's End	In This Corner (N)	The Biggest Loser (SF) (N)	Coach	NCIS Dog Tags (N)	American Idol 7 Finalists Compete (N)	Il Caffe	According to Jim (N)	Beauty and the Geek Flame Broiled Geeks (N)	Beauty and the Geek Flame Broiled Geeks (N)	American Idol 7 Finalists Compete (N)	According to Jim (N)	The Biggest Loser (SF) (N)	Nova Marathon Challenge	CBC News: The National	NCIS Dog Tags (N)	Fries With That?	NBA XL
9:00	To Be Announced	Casino	Between the North Pole and New York City	Boxing Rumble at Rama IV - Molitor vs. Beltran Jr.	The Standard	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	Made in Germany euromaxx	"Panic Room" (Thrill, '02) Jodie Foster.	Hell's Kitchen (N)	Reaper Acen	Hell's Kitchen (N)	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	Frontline Sick Around the World (N)	CBC News: The National	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part	Shadow Raiders	Canucks TV: One on One		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Chiefs and Champions Allan Gregg Irshad Manji	Motoring 2008	Secret Talents of the Stars (N)	Cold Case Joseph	Boston Legal The Mighty Rogues (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	Schauplatz Europa European Journal	Entourage Dominated	Seinfeld The Stall	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal The Mighty Rogues (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	About Us	Moscow Freestyle	Secret Talents of the Stars (N)	Falcon Beach Wake Jam	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
11:00	The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Glowing Hearts Hard Rock and Water	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Back Talk	Family Guy	News	News					Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	Arrested Development	La zone	Francesco's Italy The Romantic	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Everybody Loves Ray	Entertainment Tonight	The Daily Show	Aina-e-Alghan	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	Conan	Travels to	The Hour	Late, Late Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Praet & Taylor	

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YOUTH SOCCER

Boys grab cup

Now face gold teams

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Salt Spring Island U18 Boys defeated Bays United for the Silver League Cup last Saturday in a hard fought, tight game that was much in doubt for the duration of the match.

Both teams came out hard in the beginning stages of the first half with plenty of great opportunities to score on each end. Midway through the half, a foul was called against Bays. Ricky Goller made no mistake on a beautiful shot beating the opposing goaltender and putting his team up 1-0.

Bays regrouped but after a sensational breakaway save it didn't look like anything was going to get past Salt Spring keeper Brendan Shaw. But Bays bounced back and tied the game at 1-1.

Then Goller came back for seconds, moving his team up on the scoreboard 2-1 on yet another gorgeous shot.

After some fantastic offensive efforts from Salt Spring's Rodrigo Cruz late in the half, Bays found a way to keep themselves alive and tie the game at 2-2 before half-time.

The second half brought the same sort of win-or-go-home mentality as Salt Spring struggled early on to try and get ahead. Instead, it would be the solid Bays offence thwarting a near-perfect Salt Spring defence to take the lead early in the half. Salt Spring knew they could not allow anymore goals in order to overcome the 3-2 deficit they now faced.

Playing outstandingly after giving up the lead, Salt Spring managed to stay on top of its game with a goal from Jesson Motherwell that tied the match at 3-3 and showed Bays they weren't going down without a fight.

Shortly after giving themselves new hope, Salt Spring outworked and out-chanced their opposition and Goller — with his third of the game — sealed the deal and finished off Bays to claim the cup.

"It was teamwork, support and the resurgence of their confidence that won them this game" said Salt Spring's assistant coach Fraser Hope.

The U18 boys are now preparing to play in the gold league in the coming weeks, hoping their success in silver will repeat itself playing at a higher level.



Spartans midfielder Matthew Stubbs battles a Bays United player in U14 bronze cup action in Sooke last Saturday.

YOUTH SOCCER

Cup eludes Spartans team in close game against Warriors

Irwin-Campbell takes MVP honours

Salt Spring's U14 Spartans played for the bronze cup in Sooke on Saturday against a talented Bays United Warriors squad.

Following their two previous encounters, the teams were deadlocked at one match a piece, setting the stage for an epic battle to claim ultimate bragging rights.

From the opening whistle, the Warriors pressed hard, carrying the play while the Spartans shook off their spring-break rustiness.

At about the 10 minute

mark, Bays opened scoring by notching a nice goal on a clever goal mouth feed to an open striker.

Play began to balance out through the rest of the half, with the Spartans launching a few attacks of their own, but Bays were up 1-0 at the half.

Second half play favoured Salt Spring, with the Warriors content on sitting on their early lead. Attack after attack all seemed to end with shots off-target or right in the keeper's arms.

Finally, about midway through the second, Cedar Rumsey scored on a well-placed kick off the post, when a penalty shot was

awarded to the Spartans. As time wound down, it was looking like the game would be decided by a shootout.

Late in the game, however, the Warriors were awarded a free kick just outside the 18-yard box, with the resulting shot perfectly placed in the top corner of the Spartans' net.

Keeper Byron Mussell had no chance.

The Warriors hung on to win 2-1, culminating a fun season of local soccer.

Based on player voting, team MVP for the season was awarded to Arthur Irwin-Campbell, while most improved honours went to Kyle Yun.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Slayers scorched in opener

Nanaimo nails first game

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Slayers football team travelled to Nanaimo Friday, facing off against the NDSS Islanders in the spring league football season opener.

On the first play from scrimmage, Aaron Hoffman dashed 65 yards to open the scoring. The Islanders responded with a touchdown to even the score.

A tie game at the half, the Slayers' new Grade 8 players — Brad Billwiller, James Fraser and Byron Mussell — were enjoying their first taste of action following three weeks of practice.

In the third quarter, Sam Miles gave the local squad the lead by running for a 60-yard touchdown. Hoffman provided another two points with a conversion run.

In the fourth quarter, the play of the game was made by Barry Goodwin with an interception on the Slayers' 20-yard line.

The offence was unable to move the ball and the Islanders took over on their 40-yard line with 45 seconds remaining.

The Islanders scored the winning touchdown, making it 18-14, as time ran out.

The Slayers are at home tomorrow (Thursday) at 3 p.m., playing Barsby in a rematch of last fall's island final.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Special Local Trust Committee Meeting on the following proposed bylaw:

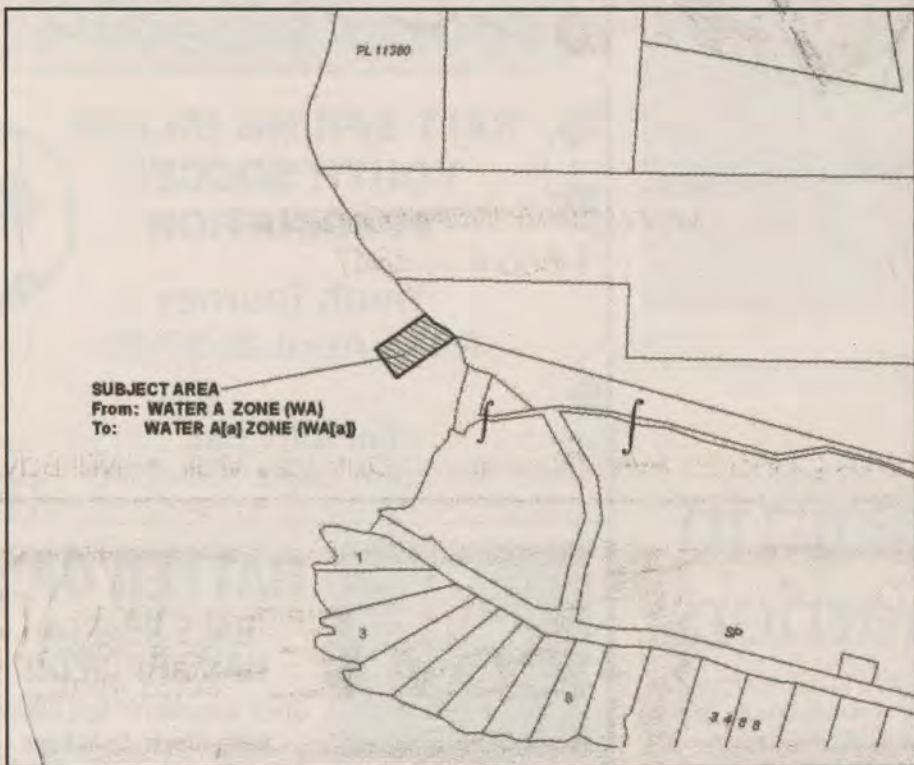
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for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Saturna Island Recreation and Cultural Centre (Gym), 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Bylaw No. 93 – cited as “Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2008”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 93 is to amend the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw by changing the zoning of a portion of the foreshore and land covered by water described as a Portion of Unsurveyed Foreshore or Land Covered by Water being part of the beds of Breezy Bay and Plumper Sound, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from the Water A Zone to the Water A(a) Zone as shown on the following map. The proposed bylaw amendment is to allow for the (commercial) use of a dock for the loading and unloading of guests and the moorage of boats in conjunction with the upland Farm Resort Zone (winery).



A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing April 11, 2008 and up to and including April 25, 2008.**

Also for the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing April 9, 2008 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/sa/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust: by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/sa/meetings.cfm> and completing the “Public Hearing, April 26, 2008, Submission Form”, prior to 4:30 p.m., April 25, 2008;
2. after 4:30 p.m., April 25, 2008 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, 2008.

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

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Island Planner, Gary Richardson at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys display heroics in Peninsula tournament

The Salt Spring Old Boys played in the Over-40s division of the Peninsula Bill Drew Memorial tournament last weekend, winning two, losing one and coming from behind to tie another.

A depleted squad took the field for the first game against a physical Cowichan team. A solid defensive performance was spearheaded by new keeper Mike Davis and centre backs Dennis Shaw and Don Brown, who repelled the aerial assaults from Cowichan to earn the Old Boys a shutout.

A 30-yard drive into the top corner mid-way through the second half by Mark Aston proved to be the game winner.

The second game saw the Old Boys dominate the first half against the Centaurs, creating numerous scoring chances for Jack Braak, Colin Clarke (on a one-day loan from the Alumni), Mike McCormick, Aston and Antonio Alonso among others; however, the Old Boys' scoring curse returned with a vengeance.

The Centaurs re-grouped at half time and with the Old Boys tiring, the game became a less one-sided contest. With Damien Brazier working tirelessly in midfield, however, the Old Boys continued to create chances.

One foray forward appeared to be thwarted when McCormick won back the ball just outside the penalty area. The ball made its way to Aston who curled it into the far corner beyond the outstretched reach of

the Centaurs' goalkeeper.

A tired Old Boys held firm through the remaining minutes to record a second 1-0 victory.

Sunday saw a hobbling Old Boys team return to Sidney now devoid of midfield maestro Brazier, who was too distraught to play having seen Man U held by Middlesboro earlier in the day.

However, new recruits Phil Ritson and Alvaro Sanchez meant that despite absences from several regulars, including Doug Pearson (missing in action, location unknown), the Old Boys had a bare 11 players for the two remaining games. First up was tournament favourite Vic West Scottish. The Old Boys started well and managed to contain Vic West through hard work and organization.

Chances were limited with Vic West holding the upper edge as both teams went in tied 0-0 at the half.

Vic West came out strong and took control of the game, scoring mid-way through the second half to end Davis' shutout streak at 2.75 games. Gaps started to appear in the Old Boys' defence as they pushed forward to try for an equalizer, and Vic West grabbed an easy second. To add to the Old Boys' woes, Braak was clumsily taken down and unable to continue with a shoulder injury.

Going into the last game, the Old Boys were down to 10 men but managed to pick up a couple of stray recruits to compete against

a 20-strong Gordon Head squad.

Although the Old Boys started well and dominated most of the possession, things quickly deteriorated as Gordon Head scored twice.

Continued persistence resulted in the Old Boys halving the deficit on the stroke of half time. Henry Braak intelligently pulled his corner back to Ritson when everyone was expecting a deep cross. Ritson's shot deflected off two or three defenders before it eventually rolled across the goal line.

The Old Boys started the second half with renewed optimism, which was nearly doused within seconds as a defensive lapse resulted in Gordon Head going up 3-1.

Not to be deterred, the Old Boys surged forward led by the irrepressible Graham Tweddle. Brown set up Alonso, who duly dispatched his shot into the back of the Gordon Head net to end a stunning move. Within two minutes a shocked Gordon Head was reeling further when McCormick tied the game.

The Old Boys pushed hard for the winner but with a few minutes remaining the Old Boys lost another player as Tweddle went down with a leg injury.

Gordon Head was relieved to end the game with a point at 3-3, and the Old Boys were happy to retire to dull their aches and pains and celebrate their brave and commendable 2-1-1 record at the beer concession.

Players seek pot of gold; hop into action

Really, it's too much. St. Patrick's Day on a Monday, followed by Easter Monday. How can a person avoid clichés?

Faith and begorra, there were five and a half tables of players looking for that pot of gold on March 17, although most of them forgot to wear green.

Prem Margolese and Sandy Thompson found it first, followed by new-to-duplicate John Woodward and Linda Stafford. George and Flo Laun-

BRIDGETRICKS

dry were next, and another newcomer, April Wright, was partnered by Gillian Mouat and they were fourth in line. The rest were left looking in vain for the end of the rainbow.

On Easter Monday there were only four tables.


As one player put it, maybe some preferred to stay home

eating chocolate bunnies.

Prem Margolese and Sandy Thompson again hopped to the forefront, and the Laundries were close behind. Following them on the bunny trail were Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn, while the others will just keep going, and going, and going . . .

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Hints to help keep your computer running smoothly

Spring cleaning tips for your PC

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In the past two monthly issues, Tech Talk has examined the proliferation of digital cameras and photo software. Digital photos and the programs you need to view, print and share them are just a few of the items that can accumulate and seriously affect your computer's performance.

Even portions of programs and files you thought deleted long ago have a knack of leaving entries deep inside your computer's memory.

On their own, the files are useless and often impossible to access, but, taken together, they can make your computer much more sluggish.

In this week's Tech Talk, we'll look at ways to ensure your computer is running to its full potential. While the steps listed below may not bring your 15-year-old dinosaur back to life, they should allow you to maximize your computer's performance.

Set up a maintenance schedule and get into the routine of running any of the following programs. Most operations take between 10 minutes and an hour or more, depending on how

often you perform the tasks. For best results, try not to run any other programs during your clean-up. They'll still work, but will probably only slow things down and leave you staring at the screen for nothing.

DISK DEFRAGMENTER

Over the course of using your computer, files and folders are spread throughout its hard drive. A computer can access what you want, but has a heck of a time putting things back where it found them.

To put things in human terms, just think of how long it takes to dress yourself when your socks are strewn all over the house. Defragging puts all those socks together in one easy-to-access drawer.

Defragging your computer every two weeks can speed up your machine by sorting files so they are easier to access. If you've never defragged your machine before, it can seriously improve performance.

Access the defragging tool in your computer's System Tools section (reached by clicking the Start button, then the Accessories tab).

DISK CLEAN UP

To remove those pesky files neither you nor your computer need anymore, PC users can access the Disk Clean-Up

function, also found in the System Tools tray.

After searching through your computer for several minutes, the clean-up utility will ask users to choose which files they want to delete from their computer. The function shows you how much free space the operation will create on your hard drive.

The function lets you remove temporary internet files, downloaded program files, Windows temporary files and optional Windows components that you are not using.

Your computer is often a good judge of how often you need a specific program so it's usually safe to follow its recommendations. If you're nervous, you can always review and manually delete whichever files you don't want removed.

JUNK ADWARE AND SPYWARE

As you browse the internet, certain websites will remain with your computer long after your initial visit, thanks to spyware and adware. Once they're installed on your computer, this software works continuously to send information to advertisers and website developers. A build-up of spyware can take up valuable memory and hard-drive space. Dozens of commercial

products to address the issue are available from local retailers, but a quick, easy and free solution can be found at www.safer-networking.org.

Once it's installed on your computer, run the program every month or so, depending on how much you browse the internet. Follow the instructions, delete the files and don't forget to use the program's update feature on a regular basis.

>>>CLEANING TIPS

While the above programs should keep things working smoothly inside your machine, they'll be of little use if you allow dust and grit to collect on your computer's components.

Use a can of compressed air or a small brush to clean out the dust inside your computer case. You'll be

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Soccer star eyes Olympics

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"I think we'll have about five parents in the crowd. I hope they can make a lot of noise."

The attention is far from anything Rustad received when she grew up playing soccer on Salt Spring.

Then again, Rustad's soccer career has had its fair share of highlights, including an appearance at the Pan American Games in 1999 and a second-place finish at the 2002 Under-19 World Cup in Edmonton.

Rustad entered the professional circuit for two seasons with the Vancouver Whitecaps before electing to pursue a masters degree in epidemiology at Cambridge University.

In nearly two decades of playing soccer, Rustad said, she has noticed an incredible change in the opportunities and support for women's soccer in Canada.

Greater funding and training facilities means a new generation of Canadian soccer athletes are learning the game in an increasingly competitive environment.

"The quality of players has just gone up so much," she said.

When she isn't training, trying to qualify for the Olympics or sharing her experience with younger players, Rustad works part-time at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

Rustad received the call to begin training with the national team just before Christmas, following a hiatus from the sport.

"My co-workers have been very supportive," she said. "I think they were more excited than I was."

Ironically enough, Rustad's last game with the national team before this event was against the Mexican squad in 2003, a game in which she scored a goal.

Whether or not Rustad gets to repeat her performance had not yet been determined since team managers had not established the game's final line-up.

"You've got to recognize it and treat it as a game and take it as it comes," she said. "There's no point in getting really nervous about it."

Between her job in Vancouver, the prospect of making the Olympics and hopes of attending medical school in the fall, it's a wonder Rustad can still find the time to visit her parents Robert Rustad and Nancy Macdonald on Salt Spring.

"I think we are the only family that ever runs in the dark on Christmas Eve," she said, referring to her latest visit to the island. "It's always fun to go back home."

Canada has faced Mexico three times since 2006.

Canada won 3-1 and drew 1-1 in a two-game series in February 2006 and won 2-1 in a July 2007 game at the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro.

All of Canada's matches at the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament are webcast on CBCSports.ca. The match will be broadcast on GoTV.

Can it all be so simple?

The Vancouver Canucks playoff dreams were crushed last Wednesday in a devastating loss to the Edmonton Oilers.

The Canucks missed the playoffs for the second time in three years and now get ready for a long off-season, which promises to be an interesting one for the long-standing Vancouver franchise.

So where did it all go wrong? Was it injuries? Not enough offence? No major moves at the trade deadline? Mediocre play from big players? Poor play at desperate times? What was it? To me it seems like a deadly combination of all those things that led to the demise of the Canucks' 2007-2008 team and their playoff absence. It was a struggle all season long for this team to stay sharp and consistent and, by not making the post-season, they've paid the ultimate price.

That's not to say the Canucks totally blew everything and it was evident that they would not be contenders for the cup. A lot of players stepped up their game this year, the agitating duo of Ryan Kesler and Alex Burrows proved to be offensive threats and effective playmakers, the rookies



Patrick Cwiklinski

LET'S TALKSPORTS

Mason Raymond and Ryan Shannon showed so much promise throughout the season as determined, hardworking players who contributed on a nightly basis, and that was definitely a glimmer of hope in the bad times the team faced this season. But the players under hefty contracts, Markus Naslund and Brendan Morrison in particular, produced peanuts and as they become unrestricted free agents this summer, I'm a proud supporter of the "Don't Resign Naslund & Morrison" campaign. Okay, so there isn't a campaign, but maybe there should be.

The Canucks struggled with injuries, especially with some of their top defencemen gone for most of the season, but you just can't use that as an excuse. Teams have to be prepared for injuries — it's a part of the game for crying out loud. So many teams struggle with injuries and yet somehow manage to make successful playoff runs, so if they want to play the "but we were injured" card, I'm not buying it.

But I know that the Canucks at least have the courage to blame themselves, but quite honestly, who are they going

to blame if not themselves? If you look at it, two weeks before the regular season ended the Canucks were contending for first in the division and within days they were out of the playoffs entirely. You don't have to be a psychologist to figure out that there is something seriously wrong with this bunch of players.

So what do you do next? You have an all-star goaltender in Roberto Luongo, so build a proper team around him. The Canucks are going to have a lot of cap room with the hopeful departures of Naslund and Morrison, so that means they can pretty much go out and sign a couple of top-six forwards, an enforcer and maybe an additional defenceman since theirs seem to be injured for 80 per cent of the season.

This off-season is also Dave Nonis' time to shine and if he can string together a few good deals and make the right calls on who to resign and who not to re-sign, then I guarantee that this time next year the Canucks are not only in the playoff picture but serious contenders for the Stanley Cup.

This team needs a new beginning, a fresh start and amnesia if they want to be successful next season. I believe that they have the right guy behind the bench and in the net, so now just fill in the gaps, and then we can start talking about how this team redeemed themselves in the 2008-2009 season.

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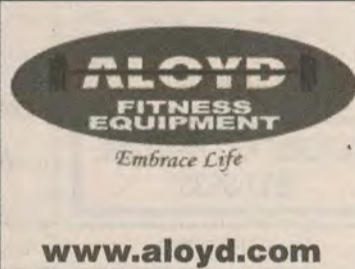
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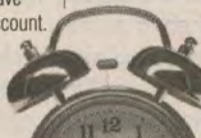
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IN MEMORIAM

Derek Victor Gent
 May 11, 1962 - April 9, 2004
 Lovingly remembered.
 Four years today.
 We love and miss you terribly, son.
 Mum & Dad



YOU ARE INVITED!
CREEKSIDE RAINFOREST THANK YOU RECEPTION
 with TLC The Land Conservancy of B.C. & local partners Islands Trust Fund and Salt Spring Island Conservancy to celebrate the acquisition of almost 20 acres of Creekside Rainforest as a nature reserve to be conserved in perpetuity.
 Iona Campagnolo, former B.C. Lieutenant Governor and TLC Honorary President, will be there to show her support. Words and music and finger food PLUS a children's creative activity area!
ArtSpring Gallery
Tuesday, April 15th • 5:30-7 pm • ALL WELCOME

Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts
 presents
Will of the Mist
 'A musical mystery comedy for the whole family'
 April 24,25, at 7pm,
 April 26 at 2pm (Matinee)
 Tickets at ArtSpring Box Office
 Adults \$12, Children \$6

WEDDINGS



WEDDINGS

THEY ARE MARRIED!
 Karen Mazzei and Ian Carmichael are so pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Shaun to his love, Leia.
 The happy occasion took place on a beautiful beach outside of Esperance, Australia on March 2, 2008.
 Shaun and Leia shared their day with their families and close friends. We are all so very happy for them.

Women's Scrapbooking Workshop
Saturday, April 26th • 11 am-3 pm
 "Honouring the women that shaped our lives"
 Bring photos, memorabilia and craft supplies (some scrapbooking supplies will be provided)
 Amanda 537-0717
 (A free vegetarian lunch will be provided)
 A great way to connect with other women and creatively organize old photos
FREE-FUN-CREATIVE

Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts
 Spotlight Programme presents
'Turns'
 Monologues, Poems, Scenes, Improv, Games from Shakespeare to Dickens and Seeger
 One night only
Monday April 28, at 7pm,
 Tickets at ArtSpring Box Office
 Adults \$12, Children \$6

The SALTSPRING CENTRE of YOGA
YOGA CLASSES & OTHER OFFERINGS MARCH 31 - JUNE 27

MONDAY	9-10:30 am	Mixed Levels	Lesley Mensink
	11-12 noon	Seniors	Celeste Mallett
	2:30-4:00 pm	Bhagavad Gita	SSCY Staff
	4:30-6 pm	Mixed Levels	Dorothy Price
TUESDAY	7-8:30 am	Mixed Levels	Rupert Adams
	7:30-8:45 pm	Restorative Yoga	Rupert Adams
WEDNESDAY	7:30-9 pm	Kirtan	SSCY Staff
THURSDAY	9-10:30 am	Mixed Levels	Raven
	7-8:30 pm	Beginner/Level 1	Dorothy Price
SUNDAY	11:30-1 pm	Intro to Yoga most Sundays	SSCY Staff at Ganges Yoga Studio (phone 537-2444 to confirm)
	3:30-5:30 pm	Satsang	

DROP IN CLASS FEE: \$12, SENIORS: \$10
EXCEPTION DOROTHY'S CLASSES: \$12 REG, \$14 DROP-IN
 537-2326 • 355 Blackburn Road, www.saltspringcentre.com

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS



The Salt Spring Island RCAF Veterans' Association

would like to express its thanks to the **Ganges Village Market** and **Bill Wilkinson** for their assistance in the celebration of the 84th Anniversary of the RCAF on April 1, 2008 at the Royal Canadian Legion. Once again, the excellent catering of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary contributed greatly to the success of our commemoration.

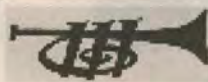
COMING EVENTS

18th ANNUAL AGSSI ADVERTISING DISTRIBUTION

Let the Accommodations Group SSI put your information in the hands of all visitors staying at approximately 100 island accommodation businesses this year.

Reserve your space for May distribution. Cost is only \$35.

Call Tanya Macdonald at 537-0785 or Scott Bradley at 538-1986 to request your sign-up form.



Salt Spring Concert Band

SOUNDS of the **SILVER SCREEN** a century of movie music

Fri, Apr 18, 8 pm
ArtSpring
Tickets: 537-2102

MOVING?

Donate items to the ArtSpring Treasure Fair!

ArtSpring Treasure Fair Annual Auctions & Community Flea Market July 17-19, 2008

Call April Wright at 537-9035 or Kay Woodhouse at 653-4927

DRAWING WITH Stefanie Denz, six sessions, April 25 - May 30, Fridays, in Ganges, 10am - 12. \$120. Broaden your perception of composition, design elements and perspective with a variety of techniques and materials, all levels welcome. To register phone 653-2018.

BEGINNER ACRYLIC Painting lessons with Bev Lillyman, 6 sessions Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 28, 2008. 537-2466.

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www.bcclassified.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

EXPERIENCES NEEDED!
Kayaking trips, romantic dinners, weekend getaways...

Please donate an unforgettable experience to the ArtSpring Treasure Fair.

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IGNITE YOUR BUSINESS!

Chamber of Commerce Marketing Workshop with Geoff Affleck

Thursday, April 10
Harbour House Hotel
5 - 7:30 pm

\$10 members,
\$15 non-members

Pre-register at 537-4223

You are invited! to an Earth Day celebration & 2009 Green Calendar launch
April 20 3:30-5 pm
The Fritz Theatre
Featuring 8 SSI photographers in a stunning slide show, live music, refreshments & good company! FREE!

Annual IODE Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon
Door Prizes and Raffle

Fashions by Suzanne's of Duncan

Friday, April 18
12 Noon
The Harbour House

Tickets \$19
Call 537-2652 or 537-4743

A fundraising event to benefit various services on our island

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

Fulford Community Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

SALT SPRING ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
Including Seeds for Malawi

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 19
1 pm

Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Rd.



Notice of GENERAL MEETING

Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club
5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 23rd
Clubhouse

HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY meet & greet. Thursday, April 10, 7pm. 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 537-8442 for details, orcalearning.org.

LEARN PAINTING this spring with Val Konig. Acrylics & watercolours. New semi-private classes starting soon. No-pressure, friendly environment. Call 537-4680.

Mothers, Daughters & Money

A workshop to reduce stress and empower financial decisions. Learn to manage YOUR money. April 10, 6:30-9:30pm You & your daughter \$100. Phone Gail 537-5086

Presenter: Women's Financial Learning Centre

MOVING SALE. 50% off all stock and some shelves and cases etc. This Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday only. Solace Organic Spa, Fulford. 653-4688.

SAVE THE WORLD SAVE YOUR HAIR

4th Annual Cut-A-Thon Earth Month Fundraiser Starts @ 9 am, Sunday, April 13 Half Price Haircuts First Come First Serve (Please come with clean hair)

STUDIO ONE
Grace Point Sq.
537-2700

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mount Belcher Improvement District

10 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 19
Portlock Portable
Info @ 537-5347



seven stars tai chi club

Tai Chi Chuan:
Chen Style Beginners Mon., April 7 6:15-8 pm
Yang Style Beginners: Thurs., April 10 6:30-8 pm
@Cedar Lane Studio
210 Cedar Lane
Phone Osman 537-5667

SONGS OF The Salish Sea at Artspring May 24.

SSI CONSERVANCY presents lawyer Keith Ferguson from Ecojustice Canada, formerly Sierra Legal Defense Fund, Friday, April 11. The illustrated talk will be on SSI endangered species and global warming. Lions Hall, 7pm.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP Meaningful things. Share a poem, picture, item - whatever is meaningful to you. Sunday, 10:30am, Fulford Hall OAP. www.unitariancongregation.org.

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PERSONALS

DITIDAHT BAND members wanted and single Native family man non drinker, non smoker, to start eco tourism camping resort, by First Nations woman. 250-889-6753 or 250-389-8234

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: DREAMCATCHER earring at the Recycling Depot. 537-1200.

LOST: BLACK chocks on Long Harbour. Leave at Shaw office or call 537-5298.

LOST: CAR key, Sat. 7:45 am at Roasting Co., Ganges. Please leave at Driftwood Office or call 537-2471.

LOST SHEEP in Long Harbour area. 537-2656.

LOST WATCH. "Pig" on face, Friday, April 4, in Ganges. 653-9242.

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

TRAVEL

GETAWAYS

SPRING SPECIAL! Long Beach-Ucluelet. Deluxe waterfront cabin. Sleeps 6. Fully equipped with BBQ. 2 nights- \$259. 3 nights- \$299. Rick, 604-306-0891, Vancouver.

HOUSE SITTING

PARIS, FRANCE, family of 4 would like to come to Salt Spring and offer their home in exchange from July 28 through Aug 18. For more info call 653-9350.

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

ACCOUNTING/BOOKKEEPING

BOOKKEEPER FULL-TIME, Simply Acct. exp. preferred. Apply to c/o Driftwood, Box 13, 328 Lower Ganges Road, V8K 2V3.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

PROFITABLE OKANAGAN Hobby Shop, Inventory and assets \$180K. Must Sell, Health failing fast. Pay yourself to play, deep discount to serious cash offer. 250-542-8232 vernhob@telus.net

DRIVERS/COURIER/TRUCKING

WELL ESTABLISHED courier company needs courier & 5 ton drivers. Day & evening shifts. Please reply to Box 14, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd. SSI, V8K 2V3.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED WINDSOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Windsor Plywood, a company you can feel good about! We are locally owned and operated. The store has received Business Of The Year award for Salt Spring Island as well 3 time Winner for Store Of The Year within the Windsor chain of 60 stores.

We are looking for an outgoing, energetic and positive person to join our sales team. Computer skills and retail experience an asset but not required. Please apply in person with hand written cover letter and resume to Ken Marr or Mike Stefancsik. **Applications accepted until April 11, 2008.**

CAREER OPPORTUNITY Full Time/Part-time Position REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

We currently have an opportunity available for a highly motivated team player to join our fast paced insurance office. Insurance experience would be an asset but not essential. Training, a competitive salary and benefits package will be provided to the successful applicant.

If you are a mature energetic, people person, looking for a challenging career on Salt Spring, you may be the individual we are looking for.

Please forward your resume to:
SeaFirst Insurance, 1103-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2T9



SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for innovative and enthusiastic leaders to create a fantastic experience for participants of its 2008 Camp Colossal summer daycamp program. Camp Colossal is a 42 day, Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities and crafts for children in the 5 to 12 age group, as well as a number of off-island day trips. Must be able to work one-week in mid June for training and program set-up.

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$13.30/hr plus 11% in lieu of benefits (14.76/hr).

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or before April 18, 2008, including a resume and references, to:

Camp Colossal
Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1K3
Email: parc@saltspring.com

Looking for a New Career?

Home Support Worker / Resident Care Attendant

- Resident and Long Term Care
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- Psychiatric Disorders

Residential Care Aid and/or Home Support Worker program graduates may be eligible for reduction of their B.C. student loan through StudentAidBC. See StudentAidBC.ca

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HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER/ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant P/T, Island Women Against Violence: Non-profit organization, 17.5 hrs. per week, comprehensive benefits. Posting is ongoing until position is filled. Please visit our website for complete posting at www.iwav.org.

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ELDERLY, LONGTIME Salt Spring Island gentleman requires live-in housekeeper for cooking, cleaning, some driving and companionship. Comfortable living quarters and vehicle will be provided. Please reply with resume and references to Dept. 10, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER/secretarial person for home office. Approximately 4 hours per week. Sheri at 537-0842.

The Fulford Inn
Full or Part-Time Servers
Apply to Manager
653-4432

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

INTERESTED in joining us to walk our talk toward sustainability? Could you see yourself as an educator of sustainability who happens to serve excellent coffee? Salt Spring Coffee Co. in the town of Ganges is looking for full time, mature, experienced, responsible Baristas & Shift Supervisors. Positions available immediately! Please send resume with Cover letter to: jennifer@saltspringcoffee.com

MEAT CUTTER- Askew's Foods. Permanent F/T position available at our Salmon Arm location. Must have experience & meat-cutter certificate preferred. Wage, \$18/hr-\$20/hr+ benefits. Phone (250)832-2226 Email: karlaskews@telus.net Fax: (250)832-2037.

MUNICIPAL/SITE servicing construction inspector required for Vernon engineering company with projects in the North Okanagan. Require previous field experience and understanding of construction contracts. Microsoft office software skills required. Will consider technician who has CAD skills and wants to work in both office and field. Forward resume and salary expectations to admin.quantum@shaw.ca

SALES ASSOCIATES required for Mouat's Clothing, full-time and part-time position available now. Please drop off resume to Wendy or Marnie at Mouat's Clothing company.

SALT SPRING AIR is looking for a part time Dispatch/ Reservations Agent. We need a highly motivated individual who can work independently in a fast paced work environment. Knowledge of MS Office, exceptional phone skills, attention to detail, & good situational awareness is required. Must be available to work weekends. Medical, Dental, & flight benefits available. Please fax resume & cover letter to 537-9698 or email in Word format to lisa@saltspringair.com.

SALT SPRING COFFEE CO. in the town of Ganges requires full time, mature, experienced, responsible Barista & Shift Supervisor. Positions available immediately! Please send resume and cover letter to: jennifer@salt-springcoffee.com.

SeaChange Savouries Canada is seeking a full time Production Manager. Applicants should be computer literate, have experience planning and scheduling and have proven supervisory skills. Approximate start date June 1, 2008. Send resumes and cover letter to Anne@SeachangeSavouries.ca by April 30.

SERVERS REQUIRED for Fine Dining Restaurant on Salt Spring, Bocado's Bistro. Call: 538-1622.

YARD MAN required at Salt Spring Garbage. Bring in resume and talk to Robin, 360 Blackburn. 30 hrs./wk.

WORK WANTED

ARE YOU a senior who needs help at home? Experienced live-in caregivers available for senior, disabled or child care. \$1250/month for 40 hours/week. Pacific Live-in Caregivers 250-616-2346 www.pacificcaregivers.com

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Demolition & Hauling
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ALSO: DEMOLITION & HAULING
Call Gabriel 537-7536

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CLASSIFIEDS
Call 310-3535

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GARDEN ROTOVATING (tilling), \$35/hr. 1 hr. min. You pay only for tilling not travel. 537-8921.

MISC SERVICES

JOHN'S REPAIRS Plumbing, Electrical, Finish Carpentry. Colour Consultations 250 538 8224

RECYCLING

LOTS OF bubble pack, newsprint, etc for recycling at Salt Spring Books. 537-2812.

SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call the Recycle Depot at 537-1200, or Community Services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

PETS

FEED & HAY

BEAUTIFUL ORCHARD grass/alfalfa hay for sale. \$325 per tonne (24 bales) or \$14/bale. Delivery available for additional cost. Call Sarah 954-8948 or email at sarah@willowpondstables.com.

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE FOR sale: bred cows, heifers and steers 653-4352.

PETS

HORSE FOR sale. Haflinger x Connemara filly (one yr.). Beautiful, calm, very friendly and willing. Looking for good home. \$800. Cathy 537-1477.

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ANTIQUES/VINTAGE

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FREE: 22" TV, small scratch on screen, otherwise perfectly good. 537-2764.

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FREE ITEMS

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DISHWASHER BUILT-IN, GE. In working order. 537-4739.

FREE: LARGE satellite dish & receiver. You remove. 537-5417.

HIDE-A-BED, dark green with 2 cushions. In good shape. Call Catherine 537-1085.

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THREE SOFA beds in good condition, free! 537-2585.

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LIONS GARAGE Sale: Fridays & Saturdays only 10 am - 12 pm. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please, no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave. 2

MOVING SALE. 50% off all stock and some shelves and cases etc. This Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday only. Solace Organic Spa, Fulford. 653-4688. 3

MOVING SALE, bookcase, desks, antique secretary, glassware, tables, & more. Proceeds for animals, SPCA & WSPA. Sat. Apr. 12, 9 - 3, 870 Walkers Hook Rd. 4

MOVING SALE, Sat. April 12, 9 - 2. Bicycles, sporting equip., lamps, toys, great household items & much more. 126 Natalie Lane. No early birds! 5

MULTI FAMILY: 180 Charlesworth. Musical Instr., Vintage gear, furniture, books. Sat., Apr. 12, 8am to 1pm. Rain or Shine. No early birds. 6

SAT. & SUN. April 12 & 13, 9am - ? Lots of great loot. No early birds please! 195 Old Divide Road. 7

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spring has sprung and you are on a charge. Your dreamtime is now complete. Whether you are consciously aware of it or not, creative inspirations were seeded in your subconscious mind. Now, the time has come to take more deliberate action on your newly gestated ideas and plans. Risk, decision and discipline must work together now. A road less travelled is summoning you. Authentic power emerges from a dedication to higher causes. You are being summoned to address larger collective concerns and issues. Take deliberate action for one and all!

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
A time of endings and new beginnings is underway. Cleansing and purging is ideal now. Whether it is your body organs your home or both, clean-up! Making your dreams your reality requires that you pay attention to the details. You may be better at doing this for others. In any case, intend to get out of your own way and push beyond limiting beliefs. This means keep a very open mind and the dialogue both within and without and accept that no matter how wide your perspective it will always be limited, just like everyone else's. Aim to exercise detachment especially from emotionally anchored beliefs. Focus your attention upon investigations and research that serves your practical purposes.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You are a naturalist to do so with art, grace and charm. The future beckons and you feel bold, at least inwardly. You may sense that you are changing yet the greater measure of external expression may only be revealed in 2009. As you flow with change and innovation, your confidence grows. Avoid trying to control the current and simply work with it. Where others are pushing, use their energy to fulfill your objectives like a good martial artist. See advantage in every situation. This positive attitude reflects gratitude and wisdom. Negative thoughts and reactions are literally a downer and we are left with the weight. Clear the way for bright, bold future.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Taking new initiatives for the sake of the future continues. Everyone is feeling the subtle shifts and pushes and curiosity about where we are headed abounds. You want to secure a new foundation in your life. Yet, you must be true to your sense of originality and authenticity. Opportunities are coming your way to embark upon promising paths these days. That these are new for you may prove uncomfortable. However, the flow is taking you there and it is much greater that your will to resist. Make extra efforts to be aware of this evolutionary dynamic. Just like the whole of humanity now in the Age of Aquarius, we must make more enlightened choices towards a progressive and sustainable future.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Exploring new angles and talents is keeping you busy. Assess the realities of the market place or your role whether publicly or professionally. Listen well to sincere advice now and make your presence known by engaging reciprocally. Intend to take new creative approaches; produce and direct with innovation in mind. Rewards will come as you focus to persevere. These may be more evident next year yet opportunity in knocking now and each phase requires a certain quality of attention. Re-assert your commitment to your creative interests and be patient with your progress. At deeper levels, meditate to heed the directions of your inner self. Take an active role yet also be willing to receive.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Activations in your relationships are spurring changes in your career and vice-versa. Others are speaking directly and challenging you to do the same. You want to be kind and diplomatic, but you do not like to be told, commanded or pushed, at all. You are willing to look and listen yet, protective of your energy levels, you may avoid new commitments now. Negotiate for a wait and see approach. Inform others of where you are at and while appreciative of offers, you may simply not be ready for more on your plate. Identifying and/or healing perceptions about how you are special will prove uplifting. Acknowledge your creative power and spirit.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Your independence is increasing somehow. You want to break out of old patterns and ruts. Travel to foreign places holds appeal. Ultimately, you want to journey to your own core. You can do this at home and possibly away from home. Outer stimuli can trigger inner realizations. Yet, you may simply want time, space and quiet to reflect. Aim to be your own best friend and to get to know yourself better. What do you believe to be true or not? It is not so much about what is absolutely true but what you value, want and need that matters. Returns from past efforts are either weight or wind under wings. If you feel the weight, take a constructively critical attitude and engage your heart felt feelings to list all the things you can be grateful for in your life.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You may be on a creative roll. There are indications that your powers and passions are running high, at least higher than before. You also feel the need to be more disciplined. You probably have


Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Your popularity continues to shine. Fresh inspirations are soothing your soul. The pace of change in your career and public life is a reminder to be flexible. Trusting the flow means keeping an open mind about the way things should be. All endings are followed by new beginnings. Playing the game means going with the flow and you are better suited than most to appreciate this wisdom; it is your nature and your contribution to remind others of this both directly and indirectly. Your ambition levels may be higher than your actual energy levels. Do what you can to keep your energy high. Spring cleaning and cleansing will help.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
You can feel the power these days, more from without than within. Others or outer forces and pushing and pressuring you to take action. At best, these are opening opportunities for education and/or travel. Meanwhile, new avenues in career are calling you to action. Learn, travel and get paid for your time; an attractive combination for the right person at the right time in their life. Intend to mix adventure with commerce. In any case this is a good time to embrace other ways and cultures. Since change must occur, you are wise to yield to the flow. Meanwhile, opportunities to awaken to higher levels of reality and consciousness are also available. Tune-in!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Your journey now is to inner realms more than outer ones. Show courage and vision by clearing away stagnant and conservative notions about what is possible. Listen well to incoming advice. Keep your faith pure and high by tending to your whole health by way of fresh water, food and perspectives. Some cycles are more challenging than others and this stands to be one of the harder ones for you. Things will get better next year so be patient with your process and cooperate with a positive attitude. Cultivate your conscious connection to your soul source and transcend tendencies to take yourself

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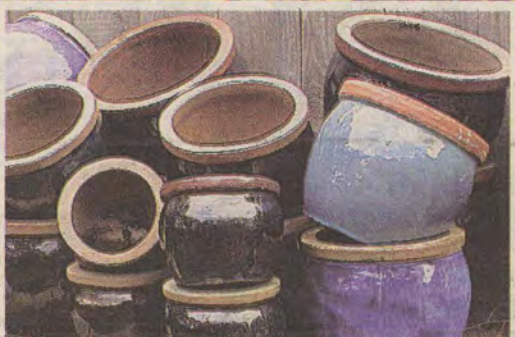
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