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FIRE DISTRICT

Voters defeat property proposal

Back to square one for local fire district

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire district trustees, staff and volunteers expressed widespread disappointment Monday evening upon hearing referendum results turning down a proposal to purchase land for a new fire hall at 300 Upper Ganges Road.

According to results made public at the fire district's annual general meeting, island ratepayers voted 789 for and 551 against moving forward with a plan to purchase the 1.4-hectare (3.5-acre) site for \$540,000.

Fire district chair Michael Schubart called on interested community members, whether they were for or against the Upper Ganges Road site, to participate in the district's renewed search for the best possible property.

"I encourage all of you to come forward and help us do a better job," he said. "This needs to be done and the longer it takes, the more expensive it is going to be."

Knowing why people voted against the site, he **REFERENDUM** continued on A2

ROADS

Trillium patch saved from the scoop

North Beach resident urges crews to leave endangered plants

AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Having kept tabs on endangered plants in her neighbourhood for 20 years, North Beach Road resident Ling Weston was not about to sit back and watch a group of trilliums get scooped out



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

FLOWER GIRL: North Beach Road resident Ling Weston was pleased to save this trillium from being obliterated during highways crew ditching activities last week.

by a Ministry of Transportation (MOT) ditching project last Tuesday.

Walking her dog on the way to a doctor's appointment she noticed Mainroad South Island Contracting deepening the ditches and removing the soil. While she said she understood the ditching was necessary to ensure adequate drainage along the roadway, she remained firm that the trillium patch, at least, should be left alone.

The patch was hardly recognizable except

for a lone trillium that was in bloom. So she confronted a Mainroad crew member with her concern.

"I told him exactly where it was and he marked it with a log with an orange arrow," said Weston. "And when I got back I noticed it was all dug up, except the area he'd marked was left."

In addition to the arrow, the crew member had also written "skip" on the road with orange paint **TRILLIUMS** continued A2

ISLANDS TRUST

Bylaw debate slowly grinds on

Trustees' time for "top priority" running out

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lackluster results of a public meeting over the proposed soil removal bylaw Thursday night reveals trustees may find themselves pressed to resolve the matter in time for local elections this fall.

The nearly three-hour meeting was the latest effort in the Islands Trust's attempt to draft a compromise between the Salt Spring Island Contractors' Association and the Stewart Road Residents' Association (SRRA) on regulating the removal, deposit and transportation of rock, soil and dirt on the island.

"It's been one delay after another with this matter," said the SRRA's Ronald Wright to nearly 50 people gathered at the Harbour House Hotel. "Countries pass constitutions in less time than this."

SRRA members argue strong regulations are needed to prevent a proliferation of industrial scale mining pits and gravel operations in residential neighbourhoods.

Contractors association members counter that regulations, intended to prevent the operation of large-scale mining operations, will have a negative impact on the day-to-day operations of the construction industry and island property owners.

The group's members argue the current version of proposed Bylaw 418 would create a costly permitting and registration system while doing little to improve the Trust's **SOIL BYLAW** continued on A2

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Resident pleased with flower-saving crew

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to alert the rest of the crew to the six- by one-meter-sized area.

"I was so pleased they saved my little trillium," she said.

And as the day carried on, she warmed up to the crew even more. After letting a crew member borrow her wheelbarrow, he returned it

to her with a pile of soil that she earlier mentioned she could use in her yard. Later, one of her neighbours also asked for dirt and the crew agreed to dump a pile of it on her property for her to use as she pleased.

"I'm always writing letters to the editor about things," said Weston, "People always say 'Oh it's Ling again stirring the pot again,' but this

time I am very happy. They were so nice."

Three years prior, Weston gave the MOT a map highlighting where North Beach Road endangered plant species could be found. She, along with a handful of other members of the Walkers' Hook/North Beach area, watch over endangered plant species such as trillium, chocolate lily, fawn lily

and snake orchid.

"Each area in the neighbourhood has people watching out," Weston said.

"We spend a lot of time working with the Islands Trust and the hedgerow society," said Mainroad general manager Rick Gill on Tuesday. "We try to be sensitive to their needs. We're not perfect, but we try to do the best we can."

'Unsafe' building needs to be addressed

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added, will help trustees do a better job of finding a site for a new Ganges fire hall.

Trustee Tony Kennedy encouraged residents to provide their feedback by attending the district's monthly meetings.

"We aren't getting the kind of dialogue we need to get the job done," he said. "It's important that people bring a critical eye to the process."

Schubart said he and fellow trustees will have to discuss the district's next steps. He could not confirm if the district planned to extend a \$14,000 deposit on the Upper Ganges Road property until draft fire hall plans are prepared by the end of May.

"We are going to have to come to a decision," he said. "For now, the people have said what they want."

Speaking after the results were announced, fire hall site opponent

Rollie Cook asked fire district trustees to consider expropriation as a way to acquire the best possible site.

"You should not be looking at the leavings of the real estate industry," he said. "You've got [expropriation] powers and it would be wise if you used them."

Schubart said that while the department could consider expropriating property in its quest for a new site, the ensuing public outcry would likely be unprecedented.

"The hue and cry from the public would be vastly superior to anything we've experienced before," he said.

With the proposal defeated and trustees forced back to the drawing board, volunteer firefighter Mitchell Sherrin asked trustees to focus their attention on upgrading the fire hall in Ganges until such a time as a new hall is built.

"This building is unsafe and we need to address that," Sherrin said, estimating that at least \$60,000 is required

to improve the building's structural integrity.

District trustee Mark Wyatt said he expects the volunteer firefighters association to release a statement within the next week outlining its members' concerns following the referendum result.

Trustees further announced the re-election of fire trustee Mary Gillies and the election of Jay MacAulay to the board following voting on Monday. Gillies and MacAulay received 691 and 643 votes respectively, beating out fellow candidates Derek Barrio (474) and Dave Collette (487).

MacAulay will replace long-time island resident Bruce Patterson, who announced his retirement in early 2008.

"This has been a challenging and rewarding experience," Patterson said. "You face somewhat of an uphill battle for the future and I kind of regret that I'm not going to be here to help out. I'll be watching from afar."

Trustees urged to include enforceable limits

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enforcement capabilities.

"We are not looking at zero regulation. What we'd like to see is a bylaw that is simplified so it is enforceable," said contractors' association spokesperson Ken Byron.

In its current form, Bylaw 418 would require the registration of activities involving the removal of between 40 to 100 cubic metres of broken rock, or between 40 and 1,000 cubic metres of soil, or between 40 and 1,000 cubic metres of topsoil. Removal or

deposit of material in excess of the maximum amounts would require a permit.

An average truck can carry approximately 10 cubic metres of aggregate.

Contractors would like to see the registration level cut-off raised, but did not indicate what the new level could be.

Participants spent the better part of the meeting discussing the finer aspects of a six-point list of regulations and operating standards intended to apply to all permitted and/or registered soil and deposit removal operation.

Parties failed to reach an

agreement on a majority of points, including operating hours, requirements to provide notice of rock blasting and measures needed to control water and erosion.

Contractors raised additional concerns over having to file permit applications for the removal or deposit of soil within any location within 30 metres (100 feet) of any water body.

While recognizing the Trust's desire to protect homeowners' rights to quiet neighbourhoods, audience member Steve Leichter urged trustees to include enforceable limits in the bylaw.

"Countries pass constitutions in less time than this."

RONALD WRIGHT
 Residents' Association

"There is a crisis in governance on this island and this is one of the ways you can prevent this crisis from getting worse," he said. "If there are no clear standards, you give people less reason to respect their government."

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RAINFOREST APPEAL

Standing tall in a newly-protected rainforest

A look back at the Creekside Campaign

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For one million dollars, volunteers, donors, local residents and school children earned the privilege last Tuesday of standing on Creekside rainforest land now protected in perpetuity.

An outdoor dedication ceremony officially sanctified the 19.5-acre parcel of land as a nature reserve under The Land Conservancy of B.C.'s (TLC) wing.

Creekside now tops the list of other B.C. land parcels secured by communities in partnership with TLC since the conservancy was established in 1997. These include the Skaha Climbing Bluffs near Penticton in 2008, forested highlands on Salt Spring in 2001 protected from logging by the Texada Land Corp. and South Winchelsea Island off the north coast of Nanaimo purchased in 1998.

Looking back, seven months worth of fundraising achieved what many told campaign coordinator Maureen Moore would be impossible.

What Moore calls a "roller-coaster ride" of a campaign began when numbered company 265701 BC put the land on the market in March 2007. Moore had been watching the land since 2005 and felt compelled to make a move.

With the help of other local residents she cut a deal with the TLC for Salt Spring to buy the land for \$975,000 plus associated costs.

"We knew to save the land we'd have to buy it," Moore said.

While pledges were being gathered, she appealed to land owners to keep from subdividing the lots and building roads. And by the beginning of November 2007, the campaign had a signed agreement between TLC executive director Bill Turner and the numbered company, leaving them with two months to come up with the money.

"He immediately recognized the value of preserving the land," Moore said of Bill Turner, who played a central role in the campaign.

With only \$600,000 raised after the two months had passed, the TLC successfully negotiated with the owners to extend the deadline to the end of February 2008.

To strengthen the campaign, a team of scientists scoured the land in a two-day biodiversity blitz.

They reported that Creekside is home to a number of species at risk like the red-legged frog, supports a rare combination of big maples and old growth cedars, is bisected by a productive salmon stream, its riparian rainforest ecosystem is found on less than one per



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Above, a jubilant Maureen Moore (campaign coordinator) and, at right, Iona Campagnolo (TLC honorary chair) speak at a Creekside campaign celebration held at the site of the land purchased by the TLC with Salt Spring community support.



cent of the earth's surface and, being located in a rainshadow, it is an extremely rare find in the typically dry Gulf Islands.

By this time, community enthusiasm for the land was gaining momentum.

A slew of fundraising events were held and Creekside became a central topic of discussion on Salt Spring. The campaign soon drew the eye of media and supporters from across the country. A play, literary exhibit, art exhibit and sale, silent auction, fundraising dinner and musician-sponsored concerts drummed up support in pursuit of the \$1-million price tag.

And to Moore's surprise and delight, donations came from 1,000 individuals — most local — but many from other countries as well, through radio, TV and internet coverage.

The land was finally secured at the end of March, and looking back, she said some of her most poignant

moments during the campaign were when children, even those who live in Vancouver, made donations from their allowances, held bake sales to collect money and spread the word by talking to family and friends.

"I didn't want them to have broken hearts. As a grandmother, this was very motivating," she said.

As a form of collective capitalism, purchasing power allowed Salt Spring residents and other communities to buy protection in the place of laws that could not keep these lands from being developed.

But while Creekside volunteer and scientist Briony Penn is relieved children now have a place of pristine nature to visit, she said on Tuesday, "We can't keep buying the land."

It is her hope that society will take a stronger stand in preserving lands for their ethical as opposed to numerical value, instead of putting a community dollar on the same level as a developer's dollar.

News briefs

McIvor pleads not guilty

A Campbell River man charged in connection with the death of a Salt Spring Island resident pleaded not guilty in a Victoria court room last week.

Brian McIvor, 58, entered not guilty pleas on April 17 to impaired driving causing death, dangerous operation of a vehicle causing death and operating a vehicle while impaired.

The collision allegedly occurred when McIvor's

Dodge pick-up truck crossed over the centre-line and struck an oncoming vehicle along North End Road on the afternoon of Oct. 24, 2007, killing its lone occupant.

A trial confirmation hearing is set for Sept. 27, 2008 in Victoria.

Speeders worry islanders

Traffic issues are topping the list of community concerns in a preliminary

review of surveys returned to the Salt Spring RCMP.

"It will take us a couple of weeks to tabulate the results," states an RCMP press release.

"On initial perusal of the remarks portion, it is apparent that traffic issues and, in particular, speeding are of concern to many."

"To begin to address this particular issue, Salt Spring RCMP have acquired a cordless hand-held radar set and will be using this tool to educate the motoring public to slow down."

The detachment thanked

everyone who provided feedback by completing and returning the Community Voice Survey, which was mailed to island households in early April.

Those with "no-flyer" restrictions on their mail boxes may not have received them, notes the RCMP.

Hail, snow chill island bones

Last week's return of winter proved surprising for islanders who had long

ago removed snow tires from their vehicles and put away their mittens for the year.

Retired Ganges weather observer Robert Aston may not be officially recording Salt Spring Island weather anymore, but it was hard for him to not comment on the persistent hail storm that preceded snowflakes on the island last Friday.

"The hail we just experienced was the longest I've recorded in 25 years," he told the Driftwood.

Two loud claps of thun-

der accompanied the hail storm.

Wet snow then fell on various parts of the island at different times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.


However, Salt Spring was spared the fate of nearby areas such as Nanaimo, where an accumulation of 24 centimetres (9.3 inches) of snow was recorded at the airport on Saturday morning.

The Malahat highway on southern Vancouver Island was also closed for a period of time on Friday.

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

OCP considered first step to slowing housing crunch

Legalizing suites dominates
weekend meeting

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may be touted as a solution to the island's affordable housing woes, but the legalization of secondary suites and seasonal cottages remains a long way off, according to Islands Trusts staff and trustees at a meeting on Sunday.

"This is not a quick fix. We have to go through the process," trustee George Ehring said to a group of seven people assembled for an official community plan (OCP) public consultation session at Lions Hall Sunday afternoon. "We have heard from all sides and it's not a slam dunk."

Trustees said concerns about legalization of secondary suites and seasonal cottages, including the roughly 750 illegal units currently operating on the island, are linked to densification of the island.

Permitting property owners to install a secondary suite or rent out a seasonal cottage could theoretically result in a doubling of densities, resulting in increased strain on the island's transportation, water and waste disposal infrastructure.

"This could have a huge impact on the island," said trustee Peter Lamb. "I really worry about opening it up and saying the market will resolve it because we've lost control of it."

Where they are located, what they cost and who can live in them are issues which need to be resolved before any

steps to address the issue are implemented, he added.

Participant John Woodward took advantage of Sunday's meeting to warn trustees that a high degree of regulation and price controls would dissuade many property owners from becoming involved in the plan.

"The market will provide," he said. "Tax breaks and [an affordable housing agreement] are great ideas but take a long time to develop. We need something now — right now."

While a property should fall within potable water and building code guidelines set out by the Islands Trust, forcing owners to abide by clauses ensuring the property remains affordable could make the plan backfire.

"There's a real need to get more accommodation on this island," he said. "The more restrictions there are on building suites, the less suites will be built."

He said it's likely less than 10 per cent of eligible homeowners would even consider renting out a portion of their property in the first place.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's Neddy Harris is not convinced a flood of densities will result in lower rents given the high level of the island's property values.

Rental agreements, she said, are necessary to ensure a level playing field accessible to island residents.

"[Suites and cottages] must be restricted with a housing agreement to ensure that they go to local people and the rent is fair to the owner and renter," she states in a submission to trustees.

Rents would be determined from

statistics based on full-time employment levels and subject to review on a yearly basis.

Renters who could afford to pay more than \$1,200 per month could be directed towards a possible affordable home ownership program.

"The more restrictions there are on building suites, the less suites will be built."

JOHN WOODWARD
OCP review participant

If the legalization of suites and cottages is written into the island's new OCP this year, trustees would still have to initiate an amendment to the island's land-use bylaw and rezone residential properties to permit the additional use.

"It's when you get into the issue of implementation where you start getting the differences of opinion," said Salt Spring Local Trust Committee chair Kim Benson.

Island residents will have yet another opportunity to provide input to the OCP review process when trustees and staff members meet on Wednesday, April 23 at the Lions Hall between 1 and 4 p.m. and between 7 and 9 p.m.

Draft copies of the plan are available on the Islands Trust website and at the Salt Spring Trust office.

Salt Spring Island Transit System Riders Guide

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2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

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4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

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WATER DISTRICT

NSSWD urged to nail down future water supply

More public
interaction needed,
says group

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Directors of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society (WPS) took advantage of last week's North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) AGM to highlight what they say is an urgent need for district-wide management supply plans.

"Water district trustees should be thinking about

what they can do to lead the way," WPS director Ron Hawkins said after the meeting held last Tuesday. "It's going to take years, so they should be asking themselves how they can facilitate this and be taking the initiative."

A water supply and demand plan would help determine if the district has sufficient water to meet future demand, he said.

Hawkins said such a plan would consider the district's unfulfilled supply commitments, subdivision potential, and the implications

of possible legalization of guest suites, climate change and other elements.

He suggested the district upgrade its bi-monthly newsletter and host public meetings to heighten public awareness about water district issues.

"Management and operation of a water district is a public trust," he said. "It is much more than consideration of the works and finances of the district."

Hawkins added that expediting a watershed management plan for St. Mary Lake is essential to maintain an

acceptable level of water quality in the island's drinking water lakes.

The district plans to install aeration devices as a way to limit the threat of potentially toxic algal blooms in the lake, though comments from NSSWD chair Bob Brawn indicate phosphorous levels must continue to be monitored closely.

"The lake has been very clear since June 2006, but phosphorous levels remain high, so an algal bloom could commence at any time," he said in his report read at the AGM.

AGRICULTURE

Corky Evans heads Pender meeting on farming issues

Pender Island is the next community to host provincial NDP agriculture critic Corky Evans when he speaks about his Food for B.C. initiative.

"There is a monumental disconnect between the Campbell government's highly marketed Agriculture Plan 2008 and the subsequent lack of investment in this year's budget to fund the plan," said Evans, the MLA for Nelson-

Creston. "B.C. continues to rank last in government funding for agriculture supports and for investment in the business of farming that takes place on the land."

Evans and Saanich South NDP MLA David Cubberley invite farmers and concerned citizens from Pender, Mayne, Saturna and Galiano to attend a public meeting on Pender Island on

Tuesday, May 6 to share their perspectives about the critical issues facing B.C.'s farming communities.

The meeting is at Pender Island Community Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. Evans met with Salt Spring community members earlier this month.

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A SONG FOR THE EARTH: Salt Spring's Sue Newman takes the microphone and performs as part of Earth Day celebrations in the multi-purpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Sunday afternoon.

ENVIRONMENT

Workers succumb to Crofton stink

Smell descended "like a bomb"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island resident is searching for answers after a strange odour she believes came from the Crofton Mill left her and three people working outside her home with headaches, nausea and itchy eyes last week.

"I am angry and scared and in need of answers," Anne Miller wrote in a letter to B.C. Environment Minister Barry Penner immediately following the incident. "I have long known the potential dangers of the air from the mill, but had also thought that this was being rectified and, as we tend to do, I put that aside believing that our government would not allow us to be harmed if the dangers were known."

Though Miller has smelled the sulphur-like odour coming from the Catalyst pulp and paper mill before, she's never encountered symptoms like those experienced just after 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

Jessie Gebhard said he and his crew noticed the strong odour when they approach the Millers' Sunset Road property.

"We all know what [the mill] can smell like," he said. "I've been here six years and have never smelled it that potent. You could almost taste it."

Though Gebhard has often worked through the smell before, he said he and his crew were forced to shut down their rammed-earth building operation when it became evident their headaches and nausea were getting worse.

The men drove to Lady Minto Hospital where doctors flushed out their sinuses cavities with saline solution. Doctors could not identify the source of the irritant, Gebhard said.

Gebhard and fellow workers Silas Gebhard and Yash Black complained of shortness of breath, swollen throat glands and itchy eyes, though symptoms let up by Tuesday evening.

The men have since returned to work, but are left with some serious questions about the source of the fumes.

Gebhard would like to know if anybody else experienced similar symptoms, but suspects few people were out and about in the area when the incident occurred.

Catalyst paper spokesperson Michelle Vessey said she was unaware of any plant malfunctions that could have caused the incident.

"We've been contacted by the individuals and followed up on the issue," she said. "We've looked at the data and found nothing that correlates."

Vessey said people occasionally call the mill to complain about the smell of emissions, but added in 13 years at the facility she has not heard of any incidents like the one described by the Sunset Drive workers.

Emissions from the facility are monitored at three locations in the Crofton area, she said.

The mill became the centre of attention in 1992 when the Capital Regional District's Healthy Atmosphere 2000 report noted that, while the mill is ranked among the province's cleanest, "it was possible for weather conditions to trap and concentrate pollutants at

ground level, causing emission levels to exceed ambient standards."

A follow-up report, conducted in 2004 by former mill operator Norske Canada concluded that further monitoring of four of the 106 pollutants released by the mill is required.

"Whatever it was, I've never experienced anything like that."

JESSE GEBHARD
Worker affected by Sunset smell

The report failed to determine if emissions of sulphur dioxide, hydrogen chloride or hydrogen sulphide have caused any noticeable detrimental health effects in people living near the pulp mill.

The review concluded that emissions from the mill do not threaten ecosystems and residents living near the facility.

Despite the claim, Miller said she intends to gather more opinions and conduct further studies to investigate any potential health impacts related to the mill's emissions.

"I am convinced that our air is under threat from the toxic pollutants that are emitted from the mill at Crofton, and most likely, from mills across the land, and I intend to find out the facts," she said. "I am very motivated to do something about this."

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NEWSBEAT

GYPSY MOTHS

Spray program slated for spring

Ministry of Forests and Range employs gypsy moth control program here



Salt Spring gypsy moth treatment area.

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

To control expanding gypsy moth populations on Salt Spring Island, the Ministry of Forests and Range will apply a ground-level spray and set traps come late April or early May.

As part of an ongoing moth control program launched in 1978, this year a 7.4-hectare Lee's Hill area is slated for treatment.

Traps will be placed in the designated area to catch male moths prior to their breeding season.

A new formula of Foray 48B, containing Bacillus thuringiensis var. Kurstaki (BtK), a naturally occurring soil-based organism, will be used in three ground applications.

The ministry says the new formulation of Foray 48B is approved for use on organic farms, will only impact caterpillars that eat leaves and will not harm humans, mammals, birds, fish, plants, reptiles, amphibians, bees or other insects.

"We've had very good success with this product," said Tim Ebata, an entomologist with the Ministry of Forests who has worked with a Salt Spring group headed by Leslie Wallace to decide on a treatment method for gypsy moths on the island.

Ebata says he hopes to end treatment this year, but there is always a chance gypsy moths could return.

Unintentionally brought to Salt Spring and other B.C. locations on vehicles and materials from affected areas in eastern North America, the ministry says gypsy moths are a threat to B.C.'s forests, orchards and urban trees, and are known to feed on Garry oaks.

Vineyards and orchards near the scheduled treatment area on Salt Spring might be at risk if moth populations were to grow, Ebata said.

The Canada Food Inspection Agency found seven moths on Salt Spring in 2004, 43 in 2005, 35 in 2006 and 13 in 2007.

The concentrated populations in the last few years prompted the ministry to employ a treatment plan.

Gypsy moths were first sprayed for on Salt Spring in 1993. Treatment was resumed again in 2005 and has continued on an annual basis since in the same location.

The ministry has support from the

Salt Spring Island Alternative Gypsy Moth Control Program led by Wallace that will provide volunteers to help carry out the treatment.

Wallace is also working on a preventative program with the ministry to educate the public about keeping gypsy moths off the island.

"I'm really hoping that this will be the last year of ground spraying," said Wallace, in a press release, "and that the improved Foray together with the mass trapping program will eliminate any remaining moths."

Salt Spring residents are advised that Ministry of Forests and Range technicians will be issuing notices and knocking on doors in affected areas come late April or early May to announce ground spraying and mass trapping.

"We've had very good success with this product."

TIM EBATA
Forest health initiatives officer,
Ministry of Forests and Range

Small areas of Saltair, near Ladysmith, are also part of the spring treatment program.

A gypsy moth information line, 1-866-917-5999, will be staffed during business hours and will provide updated recorded information 24 hours per day.

Maps of the treatment area can be viewed at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/gypsy-moth.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Women Against Violence services keep increasing

Crisis line, transition house use tracked

Bad things do happen — even in a beautiful place like Salt Spring Island.

Service statistics from 2007 released by Island Women Against Violence (IWAV) illustrate how true that is for the women and children who used local crisis response and support services because their lives have been impacted by violence and abuse.

"Our counselling programs are consistently wait-listed and the number of crisis calls we handle through the Violence and Abuse Help Line has climbed every year since the line began operating 10 years ago," stated IWAV executive director Nancy Boyce last week.

The Help Line took 732 crisis calls in 2007, about 250 more than just two years ago.

Salt Spring Transition House provided 1,270 bed nights to 81 women and children last year, many of whom are residents of Salt Spring or one of the Outer Islands. Women stay anywhere from a few nights to a few weeks, receiving safe shelter and support counselling as they decide on their next step.

In 2006, 64 residents stayed at Transition House (for a total of 834 bed nights), with 66 women and children staying there in 2005, for 1,199 bed nights.

reach services to women on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands.

This program offers support counselling and safety planning for women, along with resource information on what help is available. In 2007, 252 women made use of outreach services and the program received more than 1,000 calls, drop-ins and e-mails from people wanting to connect with the service.

The Stopping the Violence Counselling program delivered 475 session hours to women who have experienced violence in relationships, sexualized assault or childhood sexual abuse. Most of these hours were spent in individual counselling and the rest were in a group environment.

The Children Who Witness Abuse counselling program for children and youth aged three to 18 delivered 390 session hours to both children and caregivers. With a trained art therapist as the staffperson, children and youth have the option of using this medium as a way to express themselves.

IWAV is a registered non-profit society established on Salt Spring in 1992 for the express purpose of providing services to women and children affected by violence and abuse. Anyone wanting more information about IWAV services can call the 24-Hour Violence and Abuse Help Line at 537-0735 or visit the website at www.iwav.org.

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DRIFTWOOD NEWS

Feedback prompts change

New website and classified ad system follow worldwide trends

BY PETER MCCULLY
DRIFTWOOD PUBLISHER

As long as the Driftwood has been published, we have been asking readers to fill out reader surveys.

The questions are usually short and to the point: What do you like? What don't you like? How do you rate us for information, service, etc.? The list is fairly long and extensive and so are the answers. You can always depend on Driftwood readers to tell you what is on their minds.

The very first survey response I opened this year was indeed interesting. The reader took the time (and detail) to tell us how to improve the survey.

There is not enough room in one edition of the Driftwood to share all the responses, but let's just say that the responses didn't disappoint. Story ideas for Aqua, feature suggestions for the Driftwood, photo opportunities for A Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island, and much, much more.

More than a few readers expressed the sentiment of appreciating the fact that

the Driftwood continues to be a community forum for all. Some would like to see more coverage of service organizations and "your government at work."

In the last two years the surveys showed an interesting trend. More and more Driftwood readers were heading to the website to look for news and classifieds, even though the website only featured a few stories each week, some letters to the editor and clumsy pdf files of the classified pages.

There is no mistaking we live in an internet age, and with more and more people heading to the website, it was time to play catch up. Owner of the Driftwood, Tony Richards (the chief computer maintenance man and website designer), spent some research time looking at the latest technology, available server space available, programs and such. What we discovered was that the group of community newspapers owned by Black Press was doing the same research at the same time.

The Driftwood was invited to host our new website (www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) with this group of community newspapers. The new technology allows more space for news stories, and soon we'll be able to do video stories for you, some-

thing we couldn't have done just a few years ago with the "old" technology. A by-product of the new website was the ability to place our classifieds online as a searchable database, as opposed to the pdf pages we used a short time ago. Now those readers who visit the classifieds online can find what they want faster, e-mail the results to a friend, print the information and, if they like, search for the same information through any of the 70 other community newspapers using the shared technology. The new software also produces a "new look" classified print version, allows for classifieds to be placed through the Driftwood office, a central switchboard or online.

It was a big transition for us, but things seem to be working as they were intended, and we thank you for your patience during the transition.

The survey suggestions have also told us to keep the news local and keep it coming, leave lots of room for letters to the editor and a few even suggested topics for the cartoon.

One survey suggestion will not be acted upon though: that is to hire a secret undercover investigative reporter. I fear it wouldn't be a secret on Salt Spring for long.

Weather considered factor in Monday afternoon crash

RCMP believe foul weather may have caused a two-vehicle collision that sent three people to Lady Minto Hospital Monday afternoon.

Salt Spring RCMP report the driver of a vehicle lost sight of the road, crossed over the centre line and collided head-on with an oncoming vehicle travelling along Fulford-Ganges Road.

RCMPREPORT

Police said it was snowing and hailing at the time of the incident.

Neither the driver of the oncoming vehicle nor his three-year-old child sustained any injuries in the incident.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene. In other police news:

- A 33-year-old Salt Spring woman was taken to hospital following a single-vehicle accident in the 100 block of Reynolds Road Sunday.

The driver lost control of her vehicle and collided with a tree after reportedly losing consciousness while behind the wheel.

The vehicle was towed from the scene.

- RCMP officers operating a road block on the evening of Saturday, April 19 detained a 29-year-old female driver. She was later released with an administrative driving prohibition, a violation ticket for driving contrary to restrictions and a promise to appear in court in July on charges of impaired driving and over .08.



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EDITORIAL

How slow can we go?

As hope for completing a soil deposit and removal bylaw anytime soon bit the dust again last week, and fire district trustees trudge back to the drawing board after Monday's land purchase referendum defeat, it's hard not to wonder how community needs are ever met on Salt Spring Island.

Yes, we instituted a transit system this year, the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project is nearing completion and an indoor pool is poised to open (we assume). We're working on updating the island's official community plan (OCP), but the amount of time it's taking is becoming alarming. Less than four years were needed to craft the island's first "real" OCP — from Islands Trust research beginning in the fall of 1994 through focus-group study, public meetings and hearings, and third reading in the spring of 1998.

THE ISSUE:

Making progress on Salt Spring

WE SAY:

Recent events sink hope

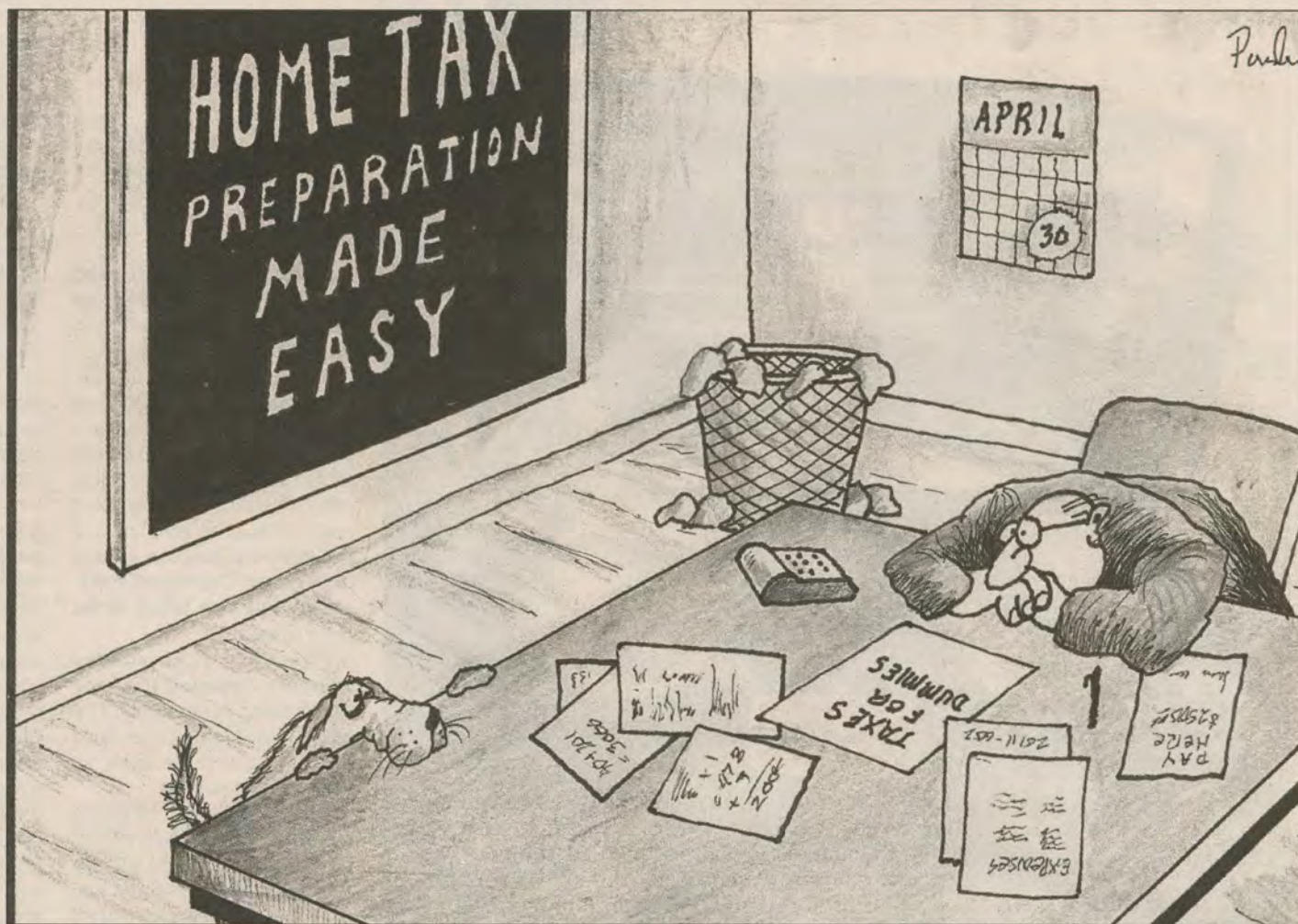
Need for an updated soil bylaw was recognized by the Islands Trust way back in late 2003, prompted by Stewart Road area residents' concern about their neighbour's noisy, dusty gravel mining activities. A draft copy of a potential new bylaw was first released in July of 2004, but it's been uphill swimming through two different local Trust committees ever since. Funnily enough, the proposed exemptions listed in the 2004 draft bylaw appear closer to achieving contractors' approval, at least, than those in the latest draft bylaw.

Unfortunately, preliminary discussions about legalizing suites and cottages, which would require OCP and land-use-bylaw amendments, are beginning to take on the same tone as the soil bylaw saga.

The Community Housing Task Force released its final report of recommendations to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee in March of 2006, aiming to stem the gradual loss of affordable housing options and its catastrophic effect on the health of the community.

"It's time to move beyond the words to action," said trustee George Ehring at the time, echoing pro-affordable housing sentiments he expressed in 2005 election discussions.

But if the secondary suite discussion goes the way of other major island issues in recent years, we know where it will end up — or at least what you'll be reading about in the Driftwood in five years' time.



Suite affordability must be guaranteed

SUBMITTED BY THE AHA

We are requesting policy statements be added to the OCP that clearly state legalized suites and cottages are explicitly for affordable housing and for members of our community, not simply doubling the densities.

Affordable Housing Advocates (AHA) is a group of housing providers and concerned islanders sharing the same values and goals, regarding affordable housing. We believe that secure affordable shelter is a human right and our goal is to pursue the creation of affordable housing for all islanders. Those affected by high rental rates, and insecurity in rental situations include most working renters, as well as many not working, who may be enduring difficult life circumstances.

At \$20 per hour, a worker's rent should not be over \$950 per month; at \$15/hr it should be about \$750 and at \$10/hr about \$500 a month.

The latest stats from Census Canada show that nearly half of Salt Spring's population earns under \$30,000/year or \$16/hr. All the numbers from all the surveys, studies, task forces, coalitions and reports conducted in our community by caring and well-intentioned people over the last 10 to 20 years indicate pretty much the same fact: housing at reasonable rents is in very short supply for many/most of these people.

It doesn't take rocket science to figure out that there are hundreds of creative, bright, community-minded people here who are struggling to make ends meet. Many are working two to three jobs to provide for their families or pay for childcare. They are solid people, in a constant state of anxiety, as they are continually moving or afraid of having to move.

With the OCP review in its final stages, our trustees need to take the lead and move ahead to legalize suites and cottages, but with a guarantee they will be affordable and targeted to

VIEWPOINT

"We need to work outside the box and lead the way in reversing this trend."

island renters. A policy change like that we can support.

Lack of restrictions will drive up property values and tax assessments, compounding the

problem. Restrictions would be in the form of housing agreements with rent caps and with priorities for locals. This was recommended by the island's latest housing task force and a significant majority of the focus group on housing.

AHA could initiate and support incentives such as federally funded grants for upgrades to existing suites, waiving building permit fees, the creation of a property tax exemption much like farm status, and a policy for income tax exemption for providing housing below market.

In the past 20 years, there's been only two new housing projects — Murakami Gardens and the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's Dean Road house. There will be more successful projects, but not enough to cover all the needs. Support is required through suite and cottage rental for locals to ensure diversity and provide community sustainability.

Last year, the United Nations censured Canada for its human rights abuses, especially when it came to housing ordinary Canadians! We need to work outside the box and lead the way in reversing this trend.

We encourage our trustees to follow the Trust mandate and take the attitude that preserving and protecting local people is something they can do and is the moral high ground.

CHERYL BELL-GADSBY, PATRICIA BROWN, JEWEL ELDESTROM, JANIS GAUTHIER, CHERIE GEAVREAU, DEREK HARKEMA, NEDDY HARRIS, MAXINE LEICHTER, TOM MITCHELL, COREY PAUL, BARRY & BETTY PINCHIN, MACIE PRING, MAGGIE SCHUBART, TRACY SMITH

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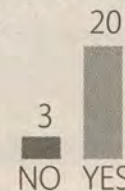
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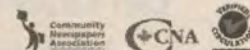


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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about the Salt Spring bus system?



ALVARO SANCHEZ
It's great because I don't have to pick up my kids at the ferry anymore.



ANNA WREDE & LYLI
We haven't used it yet but we think it's great.



KEN DITLOF
It seems to be providing a needed service.



MARY ANNE MCLAUGHLIN
I think it's an absolutely fabulous system.



MAYA POREBSKA-SMITH
It's a good thing to have on Salt Spring. It's safe and parents don't have to drive their kids into town.

Letters to the editor

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Five days better

As a person who has spent most of my working life teaching grade 1-4 children both in the classroom and as a learning assistance/special education teacher, I fail to see how a four-day school week as opposed to a five-day school week is in the best interest of the majority of these children. Adding an extra hour to the day cannot be seen as providing the quality time that an extra morning and at least the first hour after lunch provides. Early reading and writing (for instance) for five days a week with a two-day break provides a much more solid base than reading and writing for four days with a three-day break. For some children and families the four-day week provides the opportunity for more relaxed family time and extra activities while easily maintaining a rich reading and writing experience and/or achievement, but for families that

cannot provide this easily or for children for whom learning requires more time or teaching or poses various problems this is not the case. School District 64 schools are public schools; their mandate is to provide good educational programs for all students, not just the more advantaged ones. We are continually told that programs would have to be cut to restore the five-day week, but these are programs that operate at the middle and high school level; the very basic program to the youngest and most vulnerable has already been cut. It is difficult for me to believe that our school board does not begin with the assumption that a full five-day program will be provided for the younger children (at least) instead of asking what they could possibly cut in order to provide this. I also find it difficult to believe that the high school is kept open on the fifth day to provide privately paid programs to school-aged students.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the school board. By the time you are reading it the trustees will undoubtedly have passed the four-day week for the next school year.
JACQUELINE THOMAS,
 KING ROAD

Open debate needed

It seems that Messrs. Lamb, Ehring and Holman have got their respective knickers in knots because there are those who wish to consider an alternative to the amalgamated incoherence that laughingly passes for governance on our island. How they wear their knickers is their business, but it becomes our concern when, as our elected representatives, they engage in the kind of rancorous, derisive, belittling diatribe which only serves to polarize our community. It's time that we had governance which is local and accountable. It's time we had a system which is cohesive, coherent and

coordinated. It's time we had a forum that allows us to evaluate and prioritize competing interests. And it is way past time for our representatives to stop sniping from behind the bulwarks and engage in an open, forthright debate of the issues.
JULIA LUCICH,
 NORTH END ROAD

Standing ovation

For those islanders and visitors who like to be in touch with the happenings at All Saints church, our large sign on the waterside embankment is a familiar landmark. Whether it be a garage sale, salmon barbecue, Choral Evensong, Music and Munch or Simply Organic, we hope that our simple yet bold invitation hails you all to join and enjoy our various parish events. Sadly, on Saturday night of April 12, the sign for Simply Organic was removed and has disappeared at the hands of thoughtless indi-

viduals. Unfortunately, we have had to consider this a theft. However, be not dismayed nor discouraged. The Simply Organic recitals continue on Wednesday mornings at 10:10 a.m. from now until May 28, except on May 2, when Music and Munch is scheduled at 12:10 p.m. Freshly baked muffins and coffee are served after the music at Simply Organic for a mere \$2 and great company is enjoyed. Anyone finding and returning our sign will naturally receive a standing ovation and a free muffin or two or three!
LOTTIE DEVINDISCH,
 ALL SAINTS

Double use

While the new swipe cards being issued to replace paper ferry commuter tickets appear to be more convenient for customers, and may very well be, I don't think they bode well for the booth attendants at the various terminals. If you notice when you go through the new booths at Swartz Bay,

there is a post at the front end that doesn't seem to be there for any reason. I predict that the day is not far off when we won't have attendants at the booths. We will merely enter our destination and swipe our card, retrieve our boarding pass and a gate will rise for us. I assume that there will be a few people required to re-load the swipe cards, but there may be a way to do that online as well. I have seen this happen before. Something that appears to be for the convenience of the user turns out to be a method of reducing employees in the end. I also predict that the user will not see any reduction in fares as a result of the alleged savings that result from getting rid of employees! With everything being automated and people being cut in all areas, who will pay the taxes when there are no people required to run things and they are run by robots?
MAGGIE GABEL,
 GANGES
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Tennis ball bulge puts writer back in the line-up

I first noticed "the bulge" during my usual long, hot Saturday morning shower. It was down there, a few inches lower and to the right of my navel. This dangerous-looking bulge was just the latest in a long line of bumps and bruises that are inevitable as one fiscally ripens. More on the bulge later, but first, my life inventory, in no particular order. It began earnestly in my late teens with a broken heel, an injury sustained leaping into a bomb crater, as drunk as a monkey. In typical teen wisdom, an active bombing practice range seemed like the perfect place to host a party. I snapped my right Achilles tendon lunging after an impossible squash return. Results? Three months in a cast. I fractured the fifth metatarsal of my left foot playing the same ridiculous sport. Squash is a sport suited to gazelles, not Clydesdales. Moving further up the extremities, you will come across two scars — a nasty one, where a chain saw bucked back at me and came within an inch of severing my femoral artery. And a smaller, less noticeable scar where my older sister, in a justifiable rage, flung a large pair of sewing scissors at her tormenting 10-year-old brother. Moving on upward, there's a huge crescent-shaped scar

on each side of my butt, evidence of surgeries to replace hopelessly deteriorated hip joints with cobalt chrome caps. Further up the human battlefield, we find a shoulder with a torn rotator cuff, the result of slipping on a flight of stairs and ending up in a heap on a basement floor. More scar tissue follows: A nasty-looking reminder of my attempt to open a long neck beer bottle with my teeth, resulting in the entire neck breaking off and opening up my lower lip like a zipper. Pete's Wild Years. All these bumps and bruises are merely baggage accompanying a life worth living. But standing in the long hot Saturday morning shower looking down at a tennis-ball-sized bulge under my skin, I thought my luck had run out. Cancer. I poked it a little, squeezed it, felt the outside perimeter. In a rush of panic and denial I tried to stuff it back in. To my amazement, it made a slushy sound and disappeared. I tensed up my stomach and as if on cue, it popped back out, like some freakish anatomical parlour trick.



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

Researching on WebMD. com I had my prognosis. Somehow, somewhere, I popped an inguinal hernia. That tennis ball was no cyst, no tumour, but a bit of small intestine that had found its way through a breach in my stomach muscle. A visit to my family doctor confirmed the condition. Dr. Ron Reznik immediately booked me into a surgeon's office in Victoria — in his opinion, one of the best hernia guys around. The earliest appointment? It's 128 days (which happens to have been yesterday, April 22.) I had seen this before. Another lifetime ago, I needed both hips resurfaced. Dr. Ron recommended one of the best hip resurfacing specialists in B.C.: Vancouver General's Dr. Greidanus. At the time, this god amongst hip resurfacers had 444 patients in his waiting room, with a 54-week waiting period. That did not include the line-up to get a face to face consultation. I was in for a long wait. There was nothing for it but walking sticks and Ibuprofen. My patience reached an end after four years in this condition. I flew to Montreal, where both

hips were done in less than three months by an equally renowned hip guy. Times have apparently changed since those dark days. The patient list of Dr. Greidanus has whittled down to only 189 with a median wait time of just over 22 weeks. That could mean that B.C. is using "new math" to work out the numbers, or many patients, like myself, simply gave up and found a new waiting room, or the vast millions that B.C. has spent on new operatory theatres is paying off. My hernia guy, Dr. Hayashi, lists 32 patients waiting with a little over a six-week wait time to go under the knife. He has one of the longest wait times for the operation. Again, waiting to see the cream of the crop is going to cost you time. That's the deal in Canada. If you have the time and the fortitude, you can get the best doctor the country has to offer. Or you can opt for one of lesser reputation and cross your fingers. Or you can hop in the car and drive to Seattle, where you can have a very nice hernia operation done in a day for \$10,000. Persepolis, continue to strap on this byzantine, stainless steel, cross fingers, and wait and see what the best is.

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GREEN DAY: Donna McWhirter holds the new Salt Spring Island Conservancy 2009 Green Calendar, a co-operative effort with island photographer and Fritz theatre owner Michael Levy, launched at Sunday's Earth Day celebration.

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Selfish? Don't think so

Our island's referendum style of decision making is admirably representational, so I am on-side with Gary Holman on that one. But Gary, kudos aside, please, lose the condescending characterization of Islanders for Self Government (ISG) as "selfish" when they are merely trying their best to

challenge an incomprehensible system of governance and high taxation we currently live under.

I agree, there probably doesn't need to be any more money spent on a new incorporation study. The money might be better spent on bringing a constitutional challenge before the courts to clarify for islanders and the province, just what the mandate and limits of the Islands Trust Act are.

What clarification can the Canadian Constitution give us about the Trust writing its own rules and bylaws concerning how it feels it should be incorporated into legitimate levels of higher government?

Adding two more trustees does not make things any more democratic when you consider that to qualify as a trustee you have to first agree with the Trust's narrow mandate. So how can there ever be any new blood winning a seat at its rather sumptuous buffet table of our tax dollars?

Voting for them every three years has been mostly an exercise in futility for change. Even when Drew Clarke and I ran on the granny suite issue to support island-wide affordable housing, way back in '96, we needed to be practically wolves in sheep's clothing to do so.

I am afraid that Ken Marr and ISG will have to realize that anything short of a Constitutional ruling on the legality of the Islands Trust's Act under a municipality will forever keep a stranglehold on any meaningful governance options we may choose for ourselves. Especially with four trustees lurking just around the corner.

While the fundamentals of the most recent incorporation study may not have changed all that much, if, like me, opinions have changed, then do we really need another study?

How does that change the taxation reality of having to incorporate under the Trust and the costs of yet another layer of governance when it may not even be Constitutionally required?

PAUL MARCANO,
 ELIZABETH DRIVE

Don't distort experience

I have no interest in getting into a shouting match with Salt Spring electoral area director Gary Holman; my sole reason for responding to his initial column was to refute some inaccuracies about Bowen Island.

He has now elevated the hyperbole by distorting and throwing back my own words. Hence this second response.

In his April 16 Driftwood In Response article, Mr. Holman twice alludes to the hypothetical ability of an island municipality to do what he terms an "end run" around the Trust authority. Never mind that it has not happened and is quite unlikely to, nor does an appeal to the province after a Trust Executive Committee or Council ruling mean the same as avoiding review by the Trust of all land use bylaws, and approval of all official community plan changes.

He harps on a very minor (accounting for less than three per cent of municipal funding) shift in taxation from commercial to residential. Yet equivalently valued properties on Bowen still pay wildly different taxes, depending on classification. In 2008, a residential property worth \$762,000 will pay \$1,642 in municipal taxes, the same as a commercial property. However, after adding school/regional district/policing, etc. taxes, that figure spirals to \$8,775 for commercial, versus \$3,157 for residential. Trust levies are still indexed at 2.45:1 for commercial.

As to roads, I can make no apology for the fact that for four years after incorporation, the Ministry of Transportation put the barest minimum into maintaining our roads, and did next to no repaving. When we did take over roads (suddenly, and a year earlier than anticipated), we were somewhat ill prepared, and it has taken a few years to purchase new equipment, hire new staff, and implement a roads renewal plan.

A side note is that Bowen went from \$.9 million in

statutory reserves and surpluses in 2000 to \$6.3 million in 2007. (That would be like having about \$20 million in the piggy bank on Salt Spring.) We have been remarkable "savers and planners," according to our finance officer. And our plan is to increase contributions to reserves an additional 60 per cent by 2012. All this while holding our annual tax increases at a reasonable level and building our capacity exponentially.

Finally, the social contract. Holman laments that reference to the Trust is hard to find on Bowen's municipal website, yet does acknowledge two elected trustees sit on municipal council, and as I pointed out previously, the Trust remains a referral and in some cases an approval agency. The Trust flag hangs prominently behind the mayor's chair, and I am not alone in vociferously upholding the Trust mandate.

Salt Spring Island incorporation is your discussion, but please, do not distort our Bowen experience.

PETER FRINTON,
 MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR AND
 ISLANDS TRUSTEE,
 BOWEN ISLAND

Guilt trips

This is probably my last letter regarding traffic on Salt Spring and the rest of the planet.

To my mind it smacks of hypocrisy to:

- Save Rainforests and then fill up Ganges with automobiles to celebrate it;
- Invite people to green thinks, green drinks, green whatever and not provide a ride board;
- Put out a pound per mile of pollutants and greenhouse gases to buy your organic vegetables and compact fluorescent light bulbs;
- Celebrate Earth Day by driving to the event.

If you think that guilt tripping doesn't work, I don't really care.

You and the automobile corporations and governments are already guilty.

There are always excuses and there are always solutions.

Make your choice.
M.L. JOHNSTONE,
 LOWER GANGES ROAD

The 2002 Sussex Consultants Ltd. Restructure Study Update states:

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Calendar launched

Earth Day was 38 years old this Tuesday.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970 and celebrated by 20 million people in the United States.

Its founder was Senator Gaylord Nelson and the first coordinator was Denis Hayes.

"Earth Day works because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level," said Hayes, who also ran the 1990 Earth Day, which was the largest grassroots demonstration in the history of the world: more than 200 million people in 141 countries on every continent heard the cry of the earth and came together to heal her.

Yet the cries of the earth continue.

There are really no boundaries between the environment and ourselves: We eat the environment, we drink it, and we breathe it. The earth flows through us as well as around us.

To treat ourselves with respect we must treat it with respect and to respect ourselves we must respect it.

Hayes says, and I paraphrase: "The lesson of earth day is, if our earth is to have a future it is because each one of us has within us a moral compass. We must follow it. With all our actions (what we buy, what we eat, what

we do) we must ask, 'What is right?' and then do it."

In this spirit the Salt Spring Island Conservancy held an Earth Day celebration/Green Calendar Launch for the community on Sunday to a packed audience at The Fritz theatre.

We invited nine spectacular photographers to loan us their images of natural places on Salt Spring Island and had a show of wonder on the big screen.

We did this to be reminded of how much we have to be thankful for.

This is what Earth Day is about — being thankful and wanting to preserve those natural spaces so that our grandchildren's grandchildren have something to be as thankful for. These brilliant images washed over us and through us and we felt blessed.

So Earth Day has come and gone and the Conservancy has launched its first ever Green Calendar (2009) full of wonderful images by Michael Levy. The calendar is a fundraiser for the Stewards in Training School program.

You will have many opportunities to buy copies at a number of locations around town and at the Saturday market.

Thanks to all involved who made this a special event.

JEAN GELWICKS,
SSI CONSERVANCY

Celebrating heritage

Why don't the English celebrate their heritage? Every-

one else honours theirs.

In July the French and the U.S. hold street parades, let off fireworks and listen to great orchestras playing patriotic tunes, always with the 1812 Overture (could never figure out the reason for playing that song, which celebrates a Russian victory over France, but it's probably the whole gun thing).

Every January, Scotsmen everywhere leave off their underwear, dress up in colourful costumes, recite unintelligible verse and stick a dagger into a sausage, which they then eat with mashed turnip. Very strange, and as any woman will attest, you should wear something warm under a skirt in winter.

The Germans take a whole week in October, slap their legs and drink huge steins of beer.

In Australia, the country remembers ANZAC and also drinks beer.

Even in Canada we have a July holiday, parades and public eating of iced carrot cake, but we don't drink much beer.

Russia takes a day off in May, the Japanese welcome spring and in Brazil people have a parade, take off their clothes (I am told) and throw beads.

Of course, the greatest event is in March, as everyone claims to be Irish, dyes streets and rivers green and, following the inevitable parade, drink, what else — green beer.

Today, April 23, is Saint George's Day, the English

patron saint, and in addition, William Shakespeare's birth and death day. What better way to celebrate the wonderful heritage of the country that gave the world great literature (from Chaucer, Jane Austen, Keats, Dickens, Agatha Christie), military spectaculars (think Waterloo, Trafalgar, Dunkirk), artistic greats (Turner, Constable, Moore), music (Elgar, Sullivan, the Beatles), and a multitude of scientists, politicians, philosophers and reformers, than by setting aside time to reflect on the past.

Forget parades and public spectacle. Celebrate the English way. Put a disc of the Last Night of the Proms on your phonograph.

Turn up the volume and listen to Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and, of course, Rule Britannia. You could read from Shakespeare's Richard II of "this scepter'd isle, this earth of majesty, this other Eden" and all the while sip on a nice cuppa tea — Earl Grey, of course!

JOHN N. MYERS,
CORMORANT CRESCENT

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Wednesday, May 7 • 9 am-noon & 1-5 pm
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Key background documents and maps related to the OCP review can be viewed on-line at the Islands Trust website (<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>).

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

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Fulford Study Group crystallizes the issues

BY THE FULFORD STUDY GROUP

Our interim report outlines our concerns and contains recommendations about the existing official community plan (OCP). The report, recently presented to its sponsoring body, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC), will be made available in full online at the Island Trust website — www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

Fulford village is small. It also is fragile. We are fortunate that so far development has been slow. There is a risk that future change will be substantial, rapid and occur through an unguided confrontational process. We strongly wish to avoid this.

Further study is necessary if we are to protect and preserve the small village core. The issues are:

The overwhelming impact of automobile and ferry traffic that makes it unsafe for children and discourages locals from coming to Fulford Village.

Change from potential residential and commercial development impacting the character and form of the village as we know it.

The impact of possible development outside the village.

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The safety issues caused by the lack of pedestrian and cycle paths, as well as emergency access and crumbling roadways.

A limited water source, coupled with losses in the distribution system that make it impossible to meet existing commitments within the water district; and

An old and possibly failing means of dealing with waste and storm water.

The Fulford Study Group proposals to our LTC included:

1. The OCP be modified to extend the engagement process begun by the Fulford Study Group to allow the FSG or a similar body to continue to work with the Local Trust Committee and other public agencies.

2. The OCP be modified to reflect the importance of engaging local citizens as well as government and public agencies in the processes of gathering information and preparing implementation strategies.

3. The inclusion in paragraph A.7.3 a of a permanent Fulford advisory committee which would, upon LTC referral, provide advice about land use matters.

4. The Fulford Study Group be involved in an ongoing consultative study process to determine solutions to Fulford Harbour ferry terminal problems. Firm timelines both for these discussions and for corrective action being taken should be established.

5. Ferry-related OCP provisions that the LTC should consider at this time include;

a) the modification of the last two sentences of B.5.3.2.9. to reflect our position that resolution of problems related to the ferry terminal should not, at this time, be limited by the specifics of either vehicle capacity or placement (within the harbour or on land).

b) the re-wording of C.2.4.2.4. to emphasize current energy concerns and allow for consideration of the impact of expanded efficient public transit on both foot passenger and vehicle ferry traffic.

c) removal of the distance requirements in B.5.3.2.4 as

it may well prove desirable to have ferry related parking lots further away from the core community whose character we wish to preserve and protect.

6. A high priority should be given, by all agencies involved, to the development of a safe bike and footpath in and out of the village.

“There is a risk that future change will be substantial, rapid and occur through an unguided confrontational process.”

7. The Fulford Study Group explore the merits and drawbacks of adopting a formal heritage designation or a related alternative. In the meantime, the LTC should put on hold any development within Fulford that might prove inconsistent with either a subsequently proposed heritage designation or a community-endorsed preservation initiative.

8. Until further studies are able to demonstrate the ability of Fulford Village to act as a location for rezoning or density transfer, Fulford should not be expected to play such a role, nor should residential rezoning be allowed for any purposes other than the creation of affordable housing.

As they review our report, we urge our trustees to keep in mind the existing OCP's provisions (Section B.1.8.4) regarding “Our Sense of Community.” The following extract seems especially relevant as we collectively consider the future of Fulford.

“To ensure that our community continues to function as an authentic, resident-centred community in the face of internal and external pressures to change and to grow.”

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STEVE & COLLEEN
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Once the new kids on the block, the neighbourhood pub and connecting liquor store are celebrating five years in business, having become established components of the island social scene. Owners Colleen Kennaird and Steve Knight are the business partners behind the success story; they have turned around a location where restaurants and night clubs failed and created a social meeting place that is deeply responsive to community needs. Their strategy so far has been staying flexible and innovative at every turn. Both partners boast resumes which reveal their skills in the business sector. Knight is a graduate of UBC in Psychology who was raised on central Vancouver Island. Kennaird is a Vancouver Island native whose grandparents established the Brentwood Ferry business. Kennaird and Knight first opened The Local Liquor Store on April 23rd 2003, during the BC Government's initiative to privatize liquor retailing. The team has made a name for the store by focusing on specific areas, such as specializing in BC wines the local government store doesn't carry and offering liquor catering to yachts and for functions. On the pub side of the

business, a similar combination of being creative while meeting local needs is at play. At the time of opening the pub was the smallest of its kind, with just 35 seats indoors. The Local became the first "Bring Your Own Food" food pub in BC, now with pizza, burgers, soup and sandwiches, Mexican, Thai, East Indian, Sushi and Italian foods all available within the building complex to eat in the pub or on the waterfront deck. Now employing 15 people in the two businesses, The Local has become a model of good service. While they joke their business motto is "satisfaction guaranteed or money grudgingly



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refunded," the truth is satisfaction is guaranteed, unconditionally. "We want our customers to be able to experiment with their wine selections with the confidence of knowing that if they don't like a wine, for any reason, they are welcome to return it for refund or replacement." The Local is also known for its community involvement, including a program for customers who collect redeemable points for their liquor store purchases; these points can be donated to local charity groups, with the business matching the donations.

Despite the regular challenges everyone faces doing business on Salt Spring, including increased ferry costs, Kennaird and Knight project continued growth, ever increasing selection and an enhanced ability to give back to the community for 2008. It's easy to feel like you're in paradise when hanging out at The Local Bar, sipping a drink while gazing through the palm fronds to the sparkling water of Ganges Harbour.



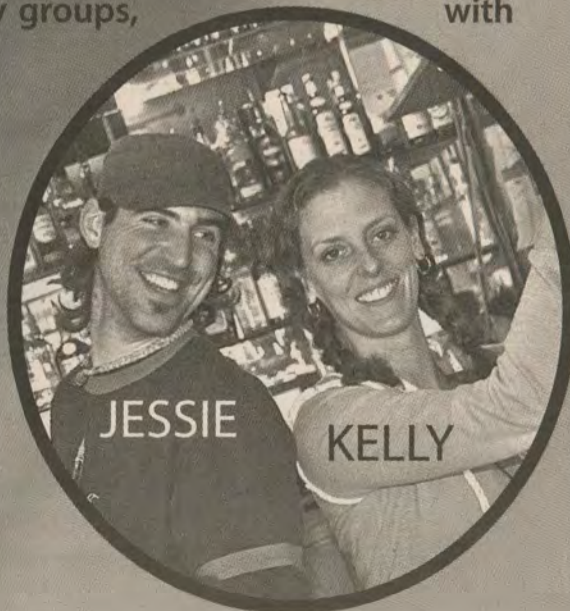
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CBC: loss of quality radio marks a nail in sovereignty coffin

BY JIM ERICKSON

Over the past 20 years my work has taken me all over the world. In my absence, I could and would brag about the quality of the CBC, particularly CBC radio.

Sadly, I find it more and more difficult to do so. There are so many things that infuriate me about these recent decisions regarding the CBC programming and demise of the CBC Orchestra.

What, exactly, is going on there? Is it more sinister than budgeting? Over the past 20 years there seems to have been a deliberate evisceration of the corporation by both the conservative Liberal governments and the conservative Conservative government. Consequently, air-time is filled with more and more cheap "call in and tell us" non-journalism; a dumbing-down to appeal to the masses.

Why? I have always seen the CBC

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as the refuge we come to as adults. It was never meant to be everything to everybody. In my late 20s the repetitive stupidity of commercial radio bored me to tears and I found myself more and more drawn to the intelligent conversation and journalism of CBC radio. Peter Gzowski, Vickie Gabereau, Jurgen Gothe and many others too numerous to mention made us think, smile, shout with frustration and cry with their wit, charm, banter and love and respect for this country and its people and their talent. They respected language and the classics, celebrated the new and the successful, and demanded forthrightness and honesty from those in power. They did not pander to the lowest com-

mon denominator but demanded us to come up to their level. I miss that and I suspect from the recent developments there will be less of that.

What confuses me most about CBC's reasoning is their argument that they have to appeal to a new audience. Do they honestly think light classics will bring in anyone? I suspect those who like light classics do not and will not listen to the CBC. Don't make us dumber than we already are. My suspicious mind wants to think that the real agenda is to lower the listening audience to near zero so the powers that be, those that don't like to have their actions examined and criticized, can justify eliminating the CBC entirely. Shame on them and shame on us for allowing them to do it.

In this day and age of multi-national corporate ownership of

the media, it becomes more and more important to support and maintain a refuge of uncensored opinion and in the overwhelming cultural influence from south of the border, a sanctuary for the delicate but definite Canadian culture. Over the past few years there seems to be an eroding of this desire to maintain our Canadian sense of identity. It is an arduous task trying to compete with the most powerful, the richest and most influential country in the world, a country with which we share a common language, common ancestry and an unbelievably long border. We cannot erect an impermeable border, nor would we wish to. Therefore, any cultural distinctions we have must be protected and supported however we can. A loss of any of these institutions is another nail in our sovereignty coffin. Our orchestra is one

that is worth saving. This is why we pay the taxes we do.

I don't want the CBC to make a profit. I want it to service me with intelligence, sincerity, real hard-hitting investigative journalism, good music including the classics, and to assist in developing our own cultural icons. I don't want "easy listening" or "let us know what you think." One program a week is enough of that.

I don't want to hear radio or TV hosts asking a poor single mother "how she feels" about her six-year-old daughter who has been raped and murdered. How the hell do you think she would feel?

I don't want the benign or the banal. I want intelligent, high-quality stuff, the stuff that makes our souls cry and our hearts soar.

The writer is an Oscar-nominated film set designer who lives on Salt Spring Island.

Roses for those involved with the new fountain at the Kanaka Road skatepark: Greg Bellavance donated his time designing and fabricating the project, and donated some materials towards it. The skatepark society paid for most of the materials and the Salt Spring Island Middle School Parents Advisory Council also contributed money for materials. Encore Metals also deserves a thank you, as does Mike Hiotakis for computer graphics.

A large boat full of roses to Nils and Sheila Christensen, Scout Upex and "The Relatives," GVM (our sponsor), Cathy Ward of Family Jewels, Joel at Sports Traders, and Franki Johnstone. Thank you for helping make our fundraiser a success. SSI Dragon Boat Team

RANTS and Roses

Fernwood Elementary School would love to deliver dozens of roses to Arlene Turmel for coaching our girls basketball team through a really fun season. Thank you, Arlene!

Bountiful garden roses to Mark Nordine and family from Fernwood Elementary School for working hard to tidy our school gardens during spring break. Many thanks!

A green rose for our Earth who gives us life! From us at SIMS

The Relatives (Upex family) give their heartfelt thanks to Mark LeCorre for very

generously volunteering his time, energy and expertise to do sound for us at the dragon boat dance on April 5. Thanks also to the Arnetts, the Macfarlanes and Carl for the loan of equipment.

A brandy-soaked rose and a chocolate-dipped rose for two men at Seaside Kitchen on the evening of April 7—the one, Sandy, a special friend who took me out to dinner when I was feeling low and the other, a stranger (who are you?), who unbeknownst to me until I got to the till, bought me a chocolate torte dessert. Thank you both. Life is good. Gail Sibley

A basket full of roses to

John for caring for Bigley during his last few years. V. Davidson and family

A tough and strongly scented rose to everyone who helps support youth football on Salt Spring by donating their bottle return money to 'Football' when they cash in at the Return-it Centre. The kids thank you!

Fields of sunflowers to Stewart Katz, Julie Howard, Nathan Katz, Bob Twaites and his family, Eva and Brian the clowns, Patrick and the amazing chicken for all of their hard work putting on the Klutzy the Clown Show and supporting Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool.

A big bunch of yellow friendship roses to Saltspring Soapworks for being supportive considerate neighbours. From all of us at Acoustic Planet

Fields of sunflowers to all of the parents and children of the co-op preschool for braving the cold winter-like weather at our "spring" clean up.

Fields and fields of sunflowers to Kris Plambeck of Diggin' It Excavating for "diggin' it" at the co-op preschool. Your support is very appreciated.

Belated roses to everyone who helped with the Central Hall kitchen project: Adam Milner, installed tops; Angie and Cliff Mills, stove and fridge; David Holt, installed light fixtures; Darren Billwiller, countertop; the former

Calypso Carpets, lino, paint and tiles; Mouat's, tops and curtain rods; Deb Hellicar, Donna Moulton and Jennifer Davidson, painting; Jon Stock, tiling; Val and Trevor Hutton, cleaning and curtains, installed rods. Aldyth Levy

Fields and fields of sunflowers to Mike Quesnel of MnM Excavating and Ron Spencer of Spencer Excavating for the quick action of getting sand delivered to the co-op preschool. Your generosity and support to the preschool is very appreciated.

A mountain of roses to the Lady Minto Thrift Store volunteers who let me in on Monday and risked life and limb to find the bag of stuff that my husband accidentally dropped off after our garage sale.

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The new series runs for five consecutive Tuesday evenings, from 7-9 p.m., beginning May 13, having expanded from a three- to five-week series.

"This workshop will be presented in a comfortable setting and geared toward any-

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"Women in particular have been healing their families for generations," said Capranos. "While these traditions being passed down generation to generation have been lost within the family unit, it's essential that those who do dedicate their passions to the fine art of healing share this wisdom."

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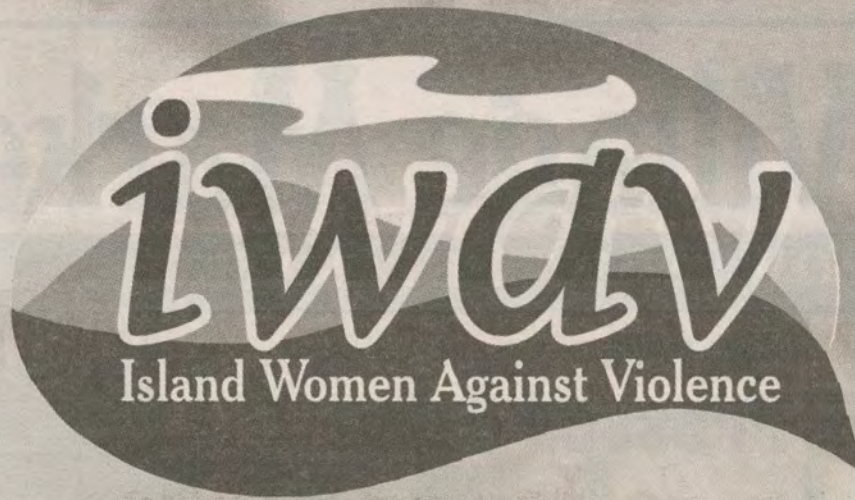
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IT'S OFFICIAL: Staff from the Nanaimo-based Career Assistance and Resources for Employment (CARE) centre celebrate the opening of their Ganges office on McPhillips Avenue on Monday, April 21. The centre can be reached at 537-8562.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Youth benefit from forfeited funds

Grant helps set up new program for girls/young women

The southern Gulf Islands will benefit from a \$20,000 grant aimed at preventing crime, assisting victims and building safer communities, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell announced last week.

"The growing success of the civil forfeiture program makes it possible to use the proceeds of unlawful activity to support grassroots crime prevention and victims' assistance in communities across the province," said Coell. "Salt Spring Island will receive \$20,000 to help prevent and address the effects of crime in the community."

SWOVA (Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) will use its \$20,000 to help girls and young women understand risky behaviours that could affect their health and safety.

The project called Pass It On will also develop workshops to address these behaviours and provide mentorship opportunities for girls and young women.

"In our current Respectful Relationships workshops in School District 64, we have the opportunity to hear from about 250 girls and young women from grades 7 to 10 as part of our work on healthy relationship skill-building and violence prevention. Every year, many girls articulate their desire for more discussion, education and problem-solving

time and support. Year by year, our staff have noted a gradual increase in their requests for more time on critical issues, such as body image, depression, family relations, girl on girl violence and self esteem," said SWOVA executive director Lynda Laushway.

"It is clear from the requests made by these girls and young women that they are seeking an opportunity to work together to deepen their understanding of the specific issues that they face in their community, and find a way to address them."

"Pass It On is an exciting new initiative to increase safety for our island youth. The scope of the project will also give youth an opportunity to further develop their leadership and critical thinking skills," said Christina Antonick, an adult facilitator in the Respectful Relationships program.

Twenty-seven communities across B.C. are sharing in one-time funding of \$500,000 forfeited as a result of unlawful activity, to support grassroots crime prevention projects. The latest funding is another example of the success of the Ministry of Public Safety's civil forfeiture office, which has acquired \$3.4 million in assets since its inception two years ago.

Local governments, community and youth organizations were invited to apply for grants in late February. Applications were evaluated by the ministry's Victim Services Division with priority given to projects that most effectively address crime

prevention or services to victims.

This funding builds on the additional \$17 million over three years that Balanced Budget 2008 provides for victims. Programs provide financial assistance and benefits to victims of violent crime and their families, counselling, protective measures such as changed locks or home security systems, income support, as well as counselling and medical and dental expenses.

Across British Columbia, there are 92 police-based and 62 community-based

victim service programs.

The Civil Forfeiture Act came into effect April 2006 with the intent of suppressing criminal and other illegal acts and taking the profit motive out of crime. Where it has been proven in civil court that property was acquired as a result of, or used for, unlawful activity, the Supreme Court can order the property forfeited. Proceeds from its sale are paid into a special account and used, in part, to compensate victims of unlawful activity and help prevent or remedy the effects of crime.



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Email Jacquie Bobenic at jbobenic@bcnu.org or call her at 604-433-2268 or 1-800-663-9991 so that we can receive all your information **no later than close of business (5:00 pm) May 31, 2008**. For more information about the Bill 29 settlement, please go to our website at www.bcnu.org.

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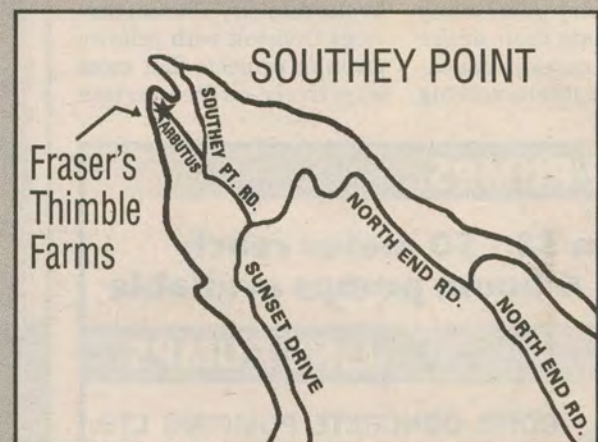
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FINE ART

Photography and sculpture in new Myers gallery show

David Kalef-Peter MacFarlane collaboration part of exhibit

BY KEVIN STEINKE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Boldly austere and meticulously crafted gelatin silver prints make up one half of the latest exhibition at the Morley Myers Gallery.

Shot 15 years ago, but not exhibited or printed as a group until now, they are the product of a collaboration between photographer David Kalef of Toronto and local artist/protagonist Peter MacFarlane (represented by the J. Mitchell Gallery).

Originally envisioned as a critique of fashion and mall culture, the monochrome images depict MacFarlane enacting a series of solo performances specifically for the camera. The fashion image, which is the centre of gravity for a number of images, although maltreated, resists and the anguish is palpable.

The human protagonist fares no better. The face becomes a faceless silhouette; the volume of the body sandwiched between images of glamour becomes flattened to the point of disappearing — yet not. The scream and cry happen in silence and only involuntarily.

The existential underpinnings of the photographs match perfectly the other half of this show by sculptor Morley Myers. New stone and bronze sculptures by Myers are selectively juxtaposed against the photographs which further illuminates their common theme of existence against essence. While tenderly embracing the basic building blocks of representation, Myers has allowed the pull of abstraction to move the work in new and unexpected directions.

His method of making, reflection, repeti-

THEATRE

Graffiti Theatre recreates 1940s era

1940s props, minor actors needed for Born Yesterday

Rehearsals are well underway for Graffiti Theatre's production of the famous Broadway hit Born Yesterday, written by Garson Kanin and directed for the stage on Salt Spring by Mort Ransen.

When millionaire junk tycoon Harry Brock brings his unruly showgirl mistress Billie Dawn with him to Washington, D.C., he soon realizes her lack of social graces could become a lia-

bility in his efforts to gain political allies.

His solution of hiring idealistic reporter Paul Verall to tutor her backfires when she also learns the importance of democracy and the realities of the corruption surrounding her boyfriend's plans in D.C.

Although rehearsals have already begun, the production has a few holes to fill. Some non-speaking roles must still be cast and a few items are needed to help complete the show's 1940s look.

Specifically, a large couch and chair appropriate to the



Nurturer's Dilemma, stone piece by Morley Myers.

tion and refinement has evolved to the point where he can take the physical properties of stone and transform them into subtle representations of thought and feeling. In doing so Myers has reached a new high point of vitality and expressiveness.

This show again demonstrates why photography is the new painting and that sculpture based in the modernist idiom continues to expand and develop.

The exhibit opens Friday, April 25 from 5-9 p.m. at the Morley Myers Gallery in #7-315 Upper Ganges Road, which is the Merchants Mews complex.

period, an antique globe, a straight razor and phonograph are required.



Anyone interested in one of the roles or able to contribute any of the props should send an e-mail to Marit McBride at spiritpoint@uniserve.com.

Born Yesterday runs May 8-11 and 15-17 at ArtSpring and is the final play in the arts centre's first theatre series.

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It's no wonder that artists, already much concerned with line and form, would be inspired by dancers. The DanceArt show in ArtSpring's lobby for the month of April celebrates this relationship.

Many different artists are on display at ArtSpring in conjunction with International Dance Day at the end of the month. It's very interesting to see that a similar esthetic has been employed by many of the photographers in the show, despite coming from all different locations and time periods.

The photos seen here are mainly black and white or gently hand tinted, use a soft focus, and make good use of shadows and indistinct forms. The result is that dancer subjects from various disciplines and styles



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

appear almost timeless, with the concentration resting on the human form in motion.

Three photos taken by Jerry Davidson in 1982 date from his days as a professional photographer working with the Pacific Ballet Theatre, Royal Winnipeg Ballet and National Ballet. These informal portraits of dancers in training have a slightly vintage feel to them due to the fashions of the exercise clothes, but also reveal the dancers as a part of a continuation that has no date.

Karen shows three dancers working along the bar, with only the first woman fully visible. Her eyes closed in concentration and her shoulders and neck taut, her face nonetheless projects serenity. The two women behind her in line fade into the shadows.

Ballet Dancer by John Denniston, taken in 1968, has similar elements at work. His portrait of child dancers in formal costume balances a child in the right foreground with a smaller, less distinct figure in the left background. Shown in the same pose from different viewpoints, the girls are a complement of softness and strength.

Shari Macdonald's A Sad Thought Danced is a different look for an artist we often see using rich colour and close detail, but which fits well with the DanceArt flow. In this photo the dance floor and piano in the background are distinct, but the lower bodies of the dancers in the foreground are barely captured, appearing as the ghost of movement. There is much character in the dancers' feet, while their legs merge together into light. A quotation by Enrique Santos Discepolo explains the title: "The Tango is a sad thought that you can dance."

Photos by Amy Melious, Nancy Angermeyer, and Larry Melious similarly use soft edges and shadows to

bring us figures that bridge the gap between the regular world and the subconscious world of pure movement.

A different kind of exploration comes in the other types of work on display, such as Stefanie Denz's painting The Canadian. In her statement Denz notes the loneliness of the male figure in this painting from 2007, a balding man in dark suit dancing the tango in a surreal landscape with a woman in red. On one side the space appears to be the deck of a ship and on the other an Escher-like scene of staircases, highlighting a room with only an empty bed.

The figures are mostly in shadow here, with the land of staircases lit in white and yellow. Perhaps it's because the woman's face is blocked by the man's, but he seems desperate to find a connection, while she appears detached from emotion, despite having her legs wrapped around his. The Discepolo quotation can explain a lot here, as well.

DanceArt continues until the end of April, with a final dance performance in the lobby on April 25.

VISITING MUSICIANS

Juno-winner Cuba plays BPH

Trio returns after loving last gig here

With the shine from his latest Juno award still fresh in his eyes, Alex Cuba is set to perform at Beaver Point Hall on Friday, May 2.

"He's really excited about coming back to Salt Spring," said Lou Ellis, who is again organizing the visit from the Cuban-born, Smithers-based performer.

"He really enjoyed the show he did here the last time."

Last November he was touring in support of his album Agua del Pozo, which was subsequently nominated for and won Best World Music Album at the 2008 Junos on April 6.

Cuba also won the same

Juno award in 2006 for his Humo de Tobacco album.

"Playing since he was four years old when his father Valentin Puentes handed him a little guitar, the globe-trotting Cuba has toured the U.S., Japan and the U.K.," states his press release.

"Not your traditional Cuban musician, Alex Cuba punches through the sometimes restrictive "world music" moniker by sporting a retro-fro, vintage tee-shirts and bell bottoms while dropping sugar cane-sweet melodies, pop/soul hooks and rock chords."

Ellis agrees that while his Cuban roots come through in his music, "he definitely has his own style."

Next Friday night Cuba will perform as part of a trio with a bass player to

be announced, and percussionist Jose Sanchez, who lives on Salt Spring Island.

While the event is billed as a concert and some chairs will be put out, Ellis notes it is at Beaver Point Hall, "so people are encouraged to dance."

Tickets are \$20 and available at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Sound and Stuff 'n' Nonsense. Kids under 12 get in for free.

Ellis said the number of youngsters at the winter concert was one of the things Cuba loved about the Beaver Point gig.

Refreshments and goodies will be sold in support of Maiz Verde, a Salt Spring project spearheaded by Ellis that provides musical instruments and supplies to Cuban youth.



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FOREST SOUNDS:

Celebrating the acquisition of the Creekside rainforest land with some music at a special gathering last week are (from left) Jane Squier, Harry Warner and Briony Penn.

ON STAGE

Spotlight shines on Stagecoach students

One night only at ArtSpring

To everything there is a season — and a reason.

For Stagecoach Spotlight program students, their reason culminates in a showcase of classroom studies on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

ArtSpring will be the backdrop to the studio-style presentation of scenes workshoped, monologues sculpted and masquerade charades played.

The show called Turns will be a page in a book, a change of season or mood, or a theatrical term indicating a moment taken and shared, explains a press release from Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts.

"The set, as it is in theatre class, will draw the audience into following the young actors through a staging of their work, and will offer the opportunity to be drawn in further, even onto the stage, where, becoming students, they'll play games, practise skills or just enjoy being the audience themselves."

This dedicated group of young people has been working since the fall in a once a week program that touches on basic theatre techniques, including

character study, terminology, improvisation, theatre sports, script work, clowning and mask, group dynamics and voice production.

"I find the cooperative and respectful nature and manner of this particular group quite refreshing," said teacher Sue Newman. "They always come willing to explore, play and listen to each other, giving them an incredible bond fairly free of competitive egos. They seem to truly encourage each other and that provides an incredibly nurturing arena for collaboration."

In fact, the two mask pieces evolved from their joint curiosity and experiences, choosing to create characters that constantly evolved through the loosely structured improv. Topics of uniformity, bullying and simple people-watching reveal glimpses of what it is to be human.

According to Newman, the students practically stage themselves, which is the style of direction she likes to employ.

"When an actor really understands who she or he is portraying and what the point of the scene or story is, their intuition usually steers them in a

very genuine, touching or humorous way. Their interactions with the other actors and their set environment become natural extensions of reality. The mechanics of the craft, such as being upstaged, become an obvious hindrance, easily seen and fixed in the moment of awareness, as you will see at the show," she said.

Linking Shakespeare to Dickens or a smattering of absurdity to realism, Karen Arney, Stagecoach's unsung musical director, has created a soundscape of original and commercial tunes for the show. She also composed the music for the Mainstage production of Will of the Mist, which plays this weekend.

"I love working with her," said Newman. "We've done several student shows and one original adult musical over the years, and her creativity and skill are such a pleasure. She's funny, too!"

Turns plays for only one night, so people shouldn't miss their "turn" to see it, says Newman. Tickets are on sale at the ArtSpring box office now, for \$6 and \$12, children and adults, respectively.

FINE ART

Deon Venter work opens at Buschlen Mowatt in May

Missing and Flight
182 both shown

An exhibit by Salt Spring-based artist Deon Venter is hanging at the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in downtown Vancouver beginning Thursday, May 1.

Two bodies of work are

presented: Missing, a series of paintings of the women missing and murdered from Vancouver's Downtown East Side, and Flight 182, a series of paintings around the events of the Air India disaster.

"Buschlen Mowatt Galleries is pleased to represent this body of work by Deon

Venter as it deals with pivotal contemporary events for the Canadian government and public," states a gallery press release. "They are also of international significance covering subjects such as terrorism and the neglect of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised in our societies and how

justice and resolution are reached. It is important for Buschlen Mowatt Gallery to exhibit these accomplished and pertinent paintings to the public and community of Vancouver."

The public reception runs from 6-8 p.m. in the main floor of the gallery at 1445 West Georgia Street.

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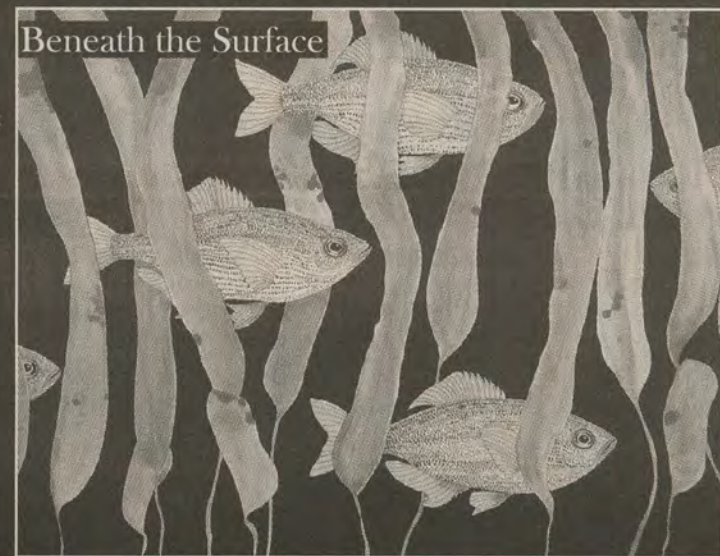
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Jim Raddysh of Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band performs at the Rotary Club's Halloween Spooktacular event.

Energy-to-burn band heats up for GISS

Fundraiser at Fulford Hall on Saturday

Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band performs at Fulford Hall on Saturday, April 26 as a fundraiser for the Gulf Islands Secondary School athletic department.

"This is the same band that a sold-out crowd danced to all night long at the Rotary Club's Halloween Spooktacular event last year," states a press release.

"Songs like Boppin' with the Blues, originally done by The Powder Blues Band, are done by this 13-piece band so close to the recording you will think you're back hearing it for the first time."

FINE ART

Show takes 'conversations' beneath the surface

J Mitchell Gallery
show opens
Saturday

J. Mitchell Gallery welcomes a new show of work by three gallery artists when

Beneath the Surface and Conversing in Steel opens Saturday, April 26.

Beneath the Surface features work by Pender Island artist Susan Taylor, while Conversing in Steel is comprised of collaborative projects undertaken

Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band is comprised of Jim Raddysh, vocals; John Herbert, drums; Dave Campbell, bass; Neil Kerrigan, guitar; Kevin Vine, piano; Murray Hunter, trumpet; Jamie Macdonnell, trombone; Dave Astill, bari sax; Jerry Fitzpatrick, alto sax; Ted Hickford, tenor sax; and back-up singers Wendy Vine, Jill Hickford and Sylvia Louwman.

"With that much energy on stage, the audience doesn't stand a chance. Come on out for an evening of great music, fun dancing and support of our high school athletic kids."

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music starting at 8.

Tickets cost \$15 and are available in advance at Acoustic Planet, Pomodoro Pizza and Island Star Video.

by Peter MacFarlane and Janis Wasend of Salt Spring Island.

An opening reception runs at the Grace Point Square gallery from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, with the artists in attendance.

The exhibition can be

viewed daily at the gallery through May 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Georgia Strait fundraiser features GISS performers

Mad Hatter's Entertainment Café runs in Centennial Park Saturday

A unique partnership between Studio One Aveda Concept Salon, Theatre Vertigo and the performing arts students at Gulf Islands Secondary has produced an even more unique café, serving live entertainment right to your table.

On Saturday, April 26 the Mad Hatter's Entertainment Café will be open for business in the gazebo at Centennial Park.

The café will raise funds for the Georgia Strait Alliance in conjunction with Earth Month celebrations around the world.

A press release quotes Alice in Wonderland saying, "No room! No room!" they cried out when they saw Alice coming.

"There's plenty of room!" said Alice indignantly, and she sat down in a large armchair at one end of the table."

Alice indeed was right. There will be plenty of room for everybody at the Mad Hatter's Entertainment Café, which is described as

"Once seated, patrons will be able to order from an unusual menu that features live entertainment."

"a restaurant with a difference."

At this café, there is no food.

Instead, patrons are invited to order entertainment to their tables in exchange for a donation to the Georgia Strait Alliance, an organization dedicated to saving coastal waters.

"Once seated, patrons will be able to order from an unusual menu that features live entertainment presented by students from the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts.

Talent coordinator, aka chef Dan Millerd, has planned an eclectic assortment of appetizers, entrées and desserts, including soloists, magicians, quartets, actors and dancers."

Each "course" will be

expertly delivered to the table with an up close and private performance.

A modest fee will be charged, with all proceeds benefitting Studio One's Earth Month fundraising events.

Darrell Dooley explains that Studio One raised \$2,500 in 2006 for Eco Trust Canada, and \$6,000 last year for the Georgia Strait Alliance.

"So far this year with two 'cut-a-thons' and an ongoing raffle for a beautiful package of Aveda all-natural body care products and a colour and cut service valued at \$300, the team has raised about \$3,000.

Studio One anticipates that The Mad Hatter's Café will add substantially to this total."

Join in the fun and silliness for all ages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the café in the park.

"Audience participation is not only permitted but also encouraged."

Those interested in performing and volunteering some time to provide entertainment at the café should contact Don Keith as soon as possible at Theatre Vertigo 537-2833 or at drkeith1@telus.net.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

READING ROOM: Nicole Baines enjoys reading a book as Salt Spring Island Middle School holds a Read-in.

POP MUSIC

Kellarissa 'comes upstairs' at BPH

Ora Cogan brings band home for special show

Ora Cogan and her band Kellarissa will take the stage at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, April 26.

"Kellarissa literally means 'in the basement,'" states a recent press release. "Think shag rugs, red lampshades, cocktail hour and mu-muus. With synthesizer and vocal loops smothered in a haze of reverb, Kellarissa asks eternal questions disguised as pop songs."

Born and raised on Salt

Spring Island, Cogan is described as being a unique singer/songwriter who mixes old-time, Americana, blues and indie-rock in her music. In the past two years she has recorded albums called Sparrow and Tatter.

Cogan has toured all over North America as a solo artist and has just returned home from a handful of shows in California.

On Saturday she will be joined by special guests, including Mark Beady on bass (The Be Good Tanyas and Dyad) and Kenton Loewen on drums (Submission Hold and Mother Mother).

Americana in the United

Kingdom describes Cogan's work as follows: "delicate guitar and a voice that could melt butter combine to give an album that sounds like it was recorded in the middle of a cornfield."

Aquarius Records says, "Ora's voice possesses that haunting, soulful quality that seems like its source is coming from deep deep within or beyond."

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m.

For further information, check out www.myspace.com/kellarissa, www.myspace.com/oracogan and www.oracogan.com.

THEATRE

Island actor takes lead in Saint Joan

Shaw's play now on at Chemainus Theatre

Salt Spring plays a big part in the current Chemainus Theatre Festival (CTF) show — or at least one of its residents does.

Islander Amber Lewis has the lead role of Joan of Arc in the George Bernard Shaw play Saint Joan, which opened last week at Chemainus Theatre and continues to May 17.

The CTF website describes the play: "1429 France. Joan of Arc, a charismatic young peasant girl, leads the French to victory over the English, but two short years later she is burned at the stake.

"Why? Regarded as one of the most riveting and powerful texts in the English language, Shaw's monumental work re-examines Joan's dramatic rise and fall in light of the nationalism, political corruption, religious intolerance and

hero worship that caused not only World War I, but that also challenges our world today.

"This surprisingly humorous and stimulating play first opened on Broadway in 1923. It was immediately hailed as a masterpiece, ushering in a Nobel Prize for Bernard Shaw two years later," notes a CTF press release.

Sarah Rodgers directs the show.

Saint Joan runs Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., with additional matinee performances on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The show will also return on Saturdays for June and July.

The Playbill Dining Room is open before every matinee and evening show.

Saint Joan tickets range from \$33.60 to \$64.05, with student tickets at \$25.20; Wednesday Night Students \$9.45.

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Simply Organic.
Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SS Garden Club.
Ted Baker speaks on Becoming Best Friends with your Dirt. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

G1 School Board.
Special meeting to vote on the 2008/09 calendar. School board office. 1 p.m.

SSI Golf & Country Club.
AGM at the clubhouse. 5:30 p.m.

OCP Review.
First draft open house and town hall meeting. Lions Hall. Open house from 1-2:30 p.m.; town hall from 2:30-4, and 7-9 p.m.

Relay for Life.
Information meeting at Community Gospel Church. 5:30 p.m.

Toy Library. Free toys to loan out for kids aged 0-6. Every Wednesday at Fulford Elementary School. 10-11 a.m.

Drop-in Stay & Play.
Play and relax with your toddler at Family Place on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Family Fitness.
Meet at Community Gospel and bring baby and buggy for Portlock Park walk. Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.

Thurs. April 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

One Night Stand.
With Matt and Tom at Shipstones. 9 p.m.

Will of the Mist.
Original comedy, musical and mystery performed by Mainstage class of Stagecoach Theatre for the Performing Arts. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SS Weavers & Spinners Guild.
Texture & Clinic. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.

SSI Trail & Nature Club.
Nature conservation and restoration in the Netherlands, a slide show by Niek Visser. Lower hall of United Church. 7:30 p.m. Non members welcome.

Fri. April 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

House Party.
With DJ Matt J at Shipstones. 9 p.m.

Karaoke with Tami & Loma.
At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Lobby Dance.
Free presentation by community dancers in ArtSpring lobby. 6:40 p.m.

Will of the Mist.
ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes.
Fridays at All Saints. 4:30-6 p.m.

Come & Read.
New reading program at SS Library for kids 8 & under, led by two Grade 6 students. Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

Rollerblading.
Final session of the season at Fulford Hall. 7-9 p.m.

Nim's Island Special Showing.
Wendy Orr, author of Nim's Island, introduces film and conducts a Q&A after at Fritz showing. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Zen Circle Spring Retreat.
April 25-27 retreat begins at The Gatehouse at 7 p.m. Info/register: Judith, 537-2062.

Nature Explorers Program.
Six-Friday outdoor adventure program for kids 6-14 begins. Info: 653-9122.

Story Time: It's Only Natural.
Harbour seals, with special guest. At the library. 1-2 p.m.

Sat. April 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ora Cogan & Kellarissa.
Live band at Beaver Point Hall. 8:30 p.m. (Doors at 7:30)

Unde Jim's Blues Band.
Performs at dance to raise funds for GISS athletics department. Fulford Hall. 8 p.m.

The Nightshade Trio.
Performs at Jazz Saturdays. El Zocalo Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

The Local's 5th Year Celebration.
Featuring live music and more at The Local.

Will of the Mist.
Original comedy, musical and mystery performed by Mainstage class of Stagecoach Theatre for the Performing Arts. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

Mad Hatter's Cafe.
Unique entertainment event with GISS performers at Centennial Park, and fundraiser for Georgia Strait Alliance. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Canadian Federation of University Women.
Monthly meeting at Lions Hall with guest speaker Zwanette Pereboom on the basics of local government. 10 a.m.

Sat. April 26

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Relay for Life.
Luminaries sold on the boardwalk between Mark's Work Warehouse & Island Star. Video 1-4 p.m.

Women's Scrapbooking Workshop.
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: Amanda, 537-0717.

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Sun. April 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros.
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Mon. April 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Turns. Monologues, poems, improv and scenes by the Spotlight program class of the Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

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

Tues. April 29

ACTIVITIES

Relay for Life.
Luminary sales at GVM on Tuesdays. 3-6 p.m.

Toy Library.
Free toys to borrow for kids aged 0-6. Every Tuesday at Salt Spring Elementary. 11 a.m. to noon.

Wed. April 30

ACTIVITIES

Simply Organic.
Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.

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

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

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CABLE TV

- Attention Shaw Cable TV Channel 11 viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. On Wed., April 23, it's the Salt Spring Arts & Entertainment Report. Then next Tues.-Wed., April 29-30, see a story about young local ballet star Sam Neville. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS

- Morley Myers, sculptor, and David Kalef, photographer**, show new work at the Morley Myers Gallery in Merchant Mews. Opens Fri., April 25, 5-9 p.m.
- J. Mitchell Gallery** presents *Beneath the Surface*, works by Susan Taylor, and *Conversing in Steel*, collaborations with Peter MacFarlane and Janis Wasend, beginning Sat., April 26 with a reception from 1-3 p.m. Show continues daily at the Grace Point Square gallery through May 14.
- Tina Spalding** is the featured artist for April in the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe in Ganges.
- The multi-artist and multi-media DanceArt show hangs in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of April.
- Verna Meyer** shows paintings at Island Savings until June.
- Jana's Bake Shop** shows new photos from Salt Spring photographer Deb Hagarty.

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CONCERTS

Singers gear up for O Fortuna concert

Family connections part of choir's spring concert

BY EMMA YARDLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Every Tuesday evening I get excited. Not because we've finally sent another paper to press and I can go home and put my feet up.

No, I get excited because it's time for choir practice and I get to go sing with my parents. Seriously.

"I think it's so cool how many families we see singing together in the Salt Spring Singers," says Jennifer Howard, the choir's piano accompanist and wife of the conductor, Mitch Howard.

Among other family combinations, the spring concert O Fortuna will feature soprano Deb Toole and her daughter Meghan, who has been studying at the Victoria Conservatory.

Jennifer's daughter Robyn Millerd, a Salt Spring Singers alumna and Gulf Islands Secondary School student, will also be making a guest appearance, as will her son Daniel, who joined the baritone section for the first time this season and has two solos.

"I hate to admit it — it's such a mom thing — but it gives me such a feeling of warmth to . . . hear Daniel belting it out," says Jennifer. "It will be a culminating moment to have [them] both on stage with us."

Daniel Millerd, who turns 18 on opening night, says the main reward of becoming a Singers' choir member is seeing Mitch enjoying conducting again for the first time since taking sick leave from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS).

"For better or for worse, music's always been one thing our family loves," says Daniel. "Though we may disagree on musical tastes, we agree on the qualities and benefits music brings to people."

With music being a dominant theme around the dinner table, Mitch and Jennifer have watched their children's musical appreciation change over the years. They bring that same wealth of knowledge and guidance to



Jennifer and Mitch Howard at the piano.

the Salt Spring Singers each week.

"The Singers are constantly evolving — I'm just proud to be a part of that evolution," explains Mitch, who has been teaching music for 24 years and singing all his life. "Like our family, community building is central to the music making process."

From Jennifer and Mitch's first "gig" together at a SIMS fundraiser parent talent night 10 years ago to our weekly choir practice, their enthusiasm to create community music is contagious.

"What I learn from Mitch during rehearsals spills over into my piano teaching," says Jennifer. "The importance of making music together, having fun, stretching ourselves . . . and not worrying about where the product is 'perfect'."

The Salt Spring Singers have adopted this attitude while tackling the program for the upcoming May concert of work songs from around the world and Carl Orff's Carmina Burana,

a dynamic and intensely rhythmical piece.

Sung in Low German, Bavarian and Latin, Carmina is based on manuscripts written by a vagabond group of defrocked monks and priests who devoted themselves to the glorification of wine, women and music.

"I chose a number of 'work' related songs as a foil to Carmina's 'play'," explains Mitch. "As it turned out, the work songs seem a lot more playful than 13th-century monks' attempt at bawdy playful poetry!"

To extend the experience of consumption, celebration and community, the Salt Spring Singers have partnered up with Calvin's Bistro to create a Carmina Burana Banquet.

With a special ticket, audience members can feast to the sounds of minstrels and then wind their way to ArtSpring to listen to their friends and neighbours in an evening concert (available on Saturday, May 3 only).

"They will hear a pillar of

the choral repertoire sung and played with honesty and sincere appreciation for the choral community we've built," promises Mitch for those who attend one of three performances.

The Singers will be supported by a group of talented island musicians, including Diana English on the second piano, a four-piece percussion group called Kashim, and of course, Jennifer as the accompanist.

"Jennifer is dedicated, passionate," says Mitch. "She is the master of building beautiful musical moments. Carmina is so commonly a piece that is screamed at the audiences. I hope we can change that!"

O Fortuna opens Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at ArtSpring and continues on Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. (plus Carmina Burana Banquet at Calvin's Bistro) and Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be bought at the ArtSpring box office (537-2102) — \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12, and \$5 for high school students through EyeGo passes.

Banquet tickets are \$70 and include a three-course meal, pre-show entertainment, a donation to the Salt Spring Singers and a concert ticket.

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PLANTS ON WHEELS: Tania Aquila needs a little help carrying all her purchases at the annual garden club plant sale held Saturday at the Farmers Institute.

RELIGION

Movie focuses on three faiths

Looks at similarities and differences

Islanders and interested visitors are invited to attend a screening of the important documentary film called *Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* on Sunday, April 27 at Salt Spring Island United Church.

The two-hour film, which begins at 5 p.m. and was rescheduled from an earlier date in April, will be shown with an intermission halfway through, when a light supper will be offered by the church. (Pre-registration is required at 537-5812 so the cooks know how many meals to prepare.)

Participants are invited to share their impressions, both informally during intermission and in the discussion period which follows. Discussion will be led by Rev. Barry Cooke, past president of the Multifaith Action Society of B.C., who will also introduce the film.

Produced in 2005 and shown widely on U.S. public television, *Three Faiths, One God* compares similarities and differences in religious beliefs and practices among the three Abrahamic faiths.

According to a press release, "Examples of similarities include the ritual of fasting as observed in Ramadan and Yom Kippur, the signing of the wedding contract at Muslim and Jewish weddings, and what the Lord's Prayer

and the opening passages of the Koran have in common. Differences include historical conflicts such as Mohammed's battle with the Jews in Medina, the expulsion of Jews and Muslims from Spain during the Inquisition, and the lingering negative impact of the Christian Crusades on Muslim thinking today.

"The two filmmakers, producer-director Gerald Krell and photographer-editor Meyer Odze, also take care to find and show examples of cooperative and creative solutions. A particularly moving example is the understanding and reconciliation achieved by Judea Pearl, father of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was murdered by terrorists in Pakistan.

"This documentary captures in dynamic situations a broad range of voices and ideas, ranging from ordinary people to the finest thinkers in the interfaith field. By screening it, Rev. Cooke and the United Church hope to provide a constructive opportunity for people of different faiths to reaffirm the basic human values on which they can build, or rebuild, mutually respectful and peaceful relationships." Members of the wider faith community beyond those depicted in *Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* are cordially invited to attend the film.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Third annual Relay for Life gets rolling

Dates set for May 30 cancer fundraiser

The Salt Spring Island Relay for Life is revving up for another exciting year with an information meeting taking place today at the Community Gospel Church.

All are welcome to attend the meeting which will provide team captain's kits, as well as a sign-up for volunteers. "Whether you want to help before the

Relay or you want to help the day of the Relay, you can sign up at this meeting!" states a Relay for Life press release.

The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m.

The group will also be selling luminaries at GVM on the following Tuesdays: April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 3-6 p.m., and on the boardwalk between Island Star Video and Mark's Work Wearhouse on the following

Thursdays: April 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 1-4 p.m.

Islanders are invited to come by if they have questions about the Relay, which will take place on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 of this year.

For further information, contact Kirsty at 537-1318 or kirsty@saltspring.com. In order to volunteer, contact Melanie Morris at 537-9416 or at melmor@telus.net.

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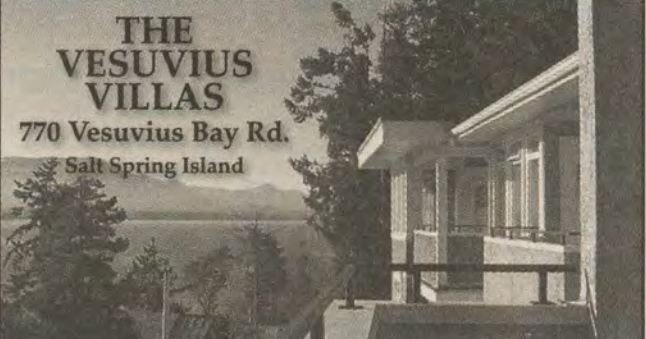
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Island Savings Credit Union advertisement appearing in Gulf Islands Driftwood, April 9, 2008.

This is to clarify that Gulf Islands Driftwood ran an incorrect ad for Island Savings Credit Union in the April 9, 2008 issue of Gulf Islands Driftwood. The term deposits advertised in this ad are outdated and no longer available.

This ad should have stated the following term deposits:

1 Year Cashable After 90 Days Term Deposit: 3.25%

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HOSPITAL HELPER: Rebecca Johnstone washes cars to help raise money for Lady Minto Hospital.

CONSERVATION

Rare and endangered plants revered in talk

Matt Fairburns speaks at Lions Hall on May 2

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is thrilled to have local expert and enthusiastic botanist Matt Fairburns present an engaging and thought-provoking talk on Friday, May 2 at Lions Hall.

Fairburns will share his expertise and great photographs on the rare plants of the Garry Oak woodlands and associated ecosystems (maritime meadows, vernal wetlands, coastal bluffs and rock outcrops) that characterize parts of Salt Spring Island, such as the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve.

A product of the region's unique climate, they also have been influenced by human interventions, including First Nations' use of fire to encourage Camas lilies (a critical source of carbohydrate) and forage for deer.

"These ecosystems are amongst the true biodiver-

sity hotspots of B.C. and Canada as a whole, supporting the highest plant diversity of any terrestrial ecosystem complex in coastal B.C.," states a Conservancy press release.

Over 70 rare plants — from apple moss to golden paintbrush — have been reported from these ecosystems and over half of these are ranked endangered in Canada.

"This represents one of the greatest concentrations of species at risk in all of Canada. Such amazing places are also home to rare animal and insect species such as the sharp-tailed snake and Taylor's checker-spot butterfly."

Large tracts of woodlands were still present when European settlement began in the mid 19th century, but now much of this bio-diverse ecosystem has been converted to agricultural lands and lost to urbanization, says the Conservancy.

"The introduction of highly invasive Eurasian plants threatens to overwhelm the rare native species in the

fragments of remaining forest. Destructive animal species such as the gypsy moth can also do damage."

Fairburns has spent nearly 30 years studying rare plants such as those found in Garry Oak and related ecosystems. He is particularly interested in their distribution, and the factors underlying their rarity.

He serves as the B.C. expert for the technical group that considers whether plants are nationally endangered, and as advisor to organizations concerned with the conservation of rare species of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and the southern interior of B.C. In what little spare time he has he hikes and paddles the coast and acts as volunteer warden on Trial Island Ecological Reserve.

Fairburns' May 2 talk begins at 7 p.m.

It will be followed up with a guided walk on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to noon, for which there will be a limit on participants and a \$15 fee.

PERSONAL HEALTH

Nutrition and hemp author gives talk

Charles Holmes at All Saints

Islanders are invited to a free holistic healing lecture by a Burnaby-based author.

Charles Holmes, president and founder of Burnaby-based Conscious Planet Solutions, will give the presentation called Three Steps to Wellness: A Personal Journey on Sunday, May 4 at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Holmes is the author of Conscious Nutrition and

the Essentials of Hemp, and he and his family founded Living Harvest Conscious Nutrition Inc., Canada's premier hemp seed company.

"In his 20s, Holmes was given a medical diagnosis which triggered a personal journey to reclaim his health," explains a press release.

"After spending the last 20 years researching health with alternative medical doctors like Gabriel Cousins, Victorias Kavalakis

and Michael O'Brien, he is passionate about sharing his knowledge on the cause and removal of disease."

After years of working in holistic healing and alternative lifestyles, Holmes "has a vision of a growing, sustainable business that co-creates the ideal environment for health and well-being in a conscious community in service to the world peace movement."

The lecture begins at 6 p.m.

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FASHION

Make way for the mighty handbag

Spring trends flaunted at IODE's fashion show

AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When it comes to handbags for the spring, it's "go big or go home," according to fashion experts at Salt Spring's annual fashion show. And jewellery follows suit, being sizably chunky this season.

Six sassy Salt Spring models took to the Harbour House stage on Friday, showing off the latest trends in female fashion at the annual fundraiser hosted by Women Working Together for Canada, traditionally known as the IODE group.

More than 30 outfits provided by Suzanne's, a Canadian-owned ladies-wear chain, were appraised on stage, featuring labels such as Tribal, Lacopane, Alia, Tanjay and Linea Domani.

Suzanne's sales associate Carol Anne McNeil said in addition to big bags and jewellery, what's in this spring are bold prints, short jackets, dresses and capris that tie up at the calf. And bright colours like turquoise and bright greens are also on the hit list.

All these trends made their appearances on stage drawing "ooohs" and "ahs" from the 60 females in the crowd. And insightful commentary was offered throughout by Suzanne's fashion show convenor Kim McDougald.



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Salt Spring models show off their huge handbags at Friday's IODE fashion show, the annual fundraiser held at the Harbour House Hotel.

"Layers are key for spring," she said.

But it was not just trendiness the women in the audience were looking for. Many sought comfortable, wearable, versatile outfits and after-show conversations revealed they were not disappointed.

"It's nice because a mature audience can actually buy them and wear them," said Anita Hubner. "That lifted people's spirits."

Ellen Mae Simmons was similarly attracted to the wearability of the clothes.

"There was a good selection of both casual and dress clothes," she said in the dressing room after the show while she was perusing the items available for sale.

Over half the women in attendance poked around in the after-show sales room, with many of them purchasing parts or all of the outfits. Sizes ranged from four to 18 and McDougald said they could be worn by women of all ages, from age 14 to 90. The models similarly represented a diversity of ages

and body types.

Lorna Rivard, manager of Suzanne's Duncan outlet, offered one trade secret. "If you're a little oversized, carrying a big handbag can be flattering to your figure."

Big bags are all over Hollywood and if Salt Spring women decide to pick up on the trend, the streets of Ganges could be studded with handbags large enough to be in style and, as one audience member said, deep enough to "hold everything but the kitchen sink."

WORKSHOPS

Communication techniques in Alzheimer's/coma class

Presented by Bessie Dane Hospice

Islanders should sign up as soon as possible for the Alzheimer and Coma Communication Workshop with renowned experts in the field running Saturday, May 3 at Community Gospel Chapel.

Presented by Bessie Dane Hospice, the event features Stan Tomandl and Ann Jacob, whose counselling practice in Victoria specializes in coma communication and process-oriented facilitation.

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The May 3 workshop runs

ZEN RETREAT

Spring retreat runs April 25-27

People wanting to attend this weekend's Salt Spring Zen Circle Spring Retreat should be assured the event runs at The Gatehouse from Friday evening, April 25 at 7 p.m. through Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

The first paragraph of an article in last week's Driftwood correctly stated that the retreat runs from April 25-27, although a later reference mentioned the retreat ending on April 26.

For more information or to register for this weekend's retreat, contact Judith at 537-2062 or mareed@rockisland.com.

from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with preregistration required through Pat at 537-2770 or by e-mail to saltspringhospice@telus.net.

The event will help participants learn special communication techniques with people suffering from Alzheimer's/dementia, delirium, depression, autism, coma, vegetative state and traumatic brain injury.

"Near the end of life and in states of altered consciousness, patients' greatest fear is not necessarily death, but of being left alone and confused with insufficient awareness of themselves and others. The techniques offered in this workshop can help patients with their inner and outer awareness, and further relationships with themselves and others."

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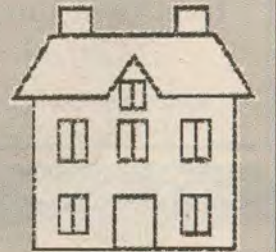
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GIRLS SOFTBALL

Bats alive in Island Star-Duncan match Sunday

Local girls lose but look sharp at plate

Softball season is now underway, with the Island Star Video Girls bantam softball team hitting fields in Duncan and Sidney in the first 10 days.

Sunday's game against Duncan Express featured ample hitting on both sides, and Salt Spring scored the maximum five runs allowed in their first turn at bat.

However, Duncan responded in kind and then kept Salt Spring to a single run in the next two innings.

Still, by the time the game was done, all Island Star players either had a hit or came across the plate after being walked. Singles came from Alex Crandall, Liz Anderson, Liz Fennell (two), Kayla Pultke, Sarah Robinson, Carly Davenport, Chloe Sjuberg and Jody Pringle.

Notching doubles were Carrysa Kinnear, Pringle, Fennell and Davenport, while Robinson's double ended up bringing her all around the bases when Duncan's defenders overthrew the ball.

MJ Fentie, who had been walked by the Duncan pitcher, came across the plate, along with Davenport, on Fennell's two-run RBI double in the top of the fourth inning.

Salt Spring recorded only a handful of outs. They came from a strike-out by Robinson on the mound, a toss to Robinson at first base from pitcher Sjuberg, catcher Pringle tagging a



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Sarah Robinson of the Island Star Video Girls team delivers her pitch in a Sunday softball game against the Duncan Express team in Duncan.

runner out at home plate and Anderson's fly ball catch in right field.

Final score was 20-14. The girls also lost 20-6 to a strong Sidney Dyna-

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SIMS SOCCER

Grade 8 players take to the field

Boys overcome opening blowout

After dropping their season opener 6-1 against Mount Prevost on April 2, the Grade 8 Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) soccer team recovered its footing by defeating a Shawnigan Lake team last week.

"It was an excellent effort from all players," said coach Jude Shugar. "We held possession of the ball for 75 per cent of the game."

Ronan Gunn opened the scoring with a penalty kick in the first half, while Lucas Wenzel supplied the winning goal off a stellar shot from just outside the 18-yard box.

Shawnigan managed to get on the scoreboard late in the game, but the last-minute comeback proved too little too late for the visitors.

"We put up a strong defensive stand late in the game," Shugar said. "It was an excellent game."

SIMS' Grade 8 boys and girls continue their regular season matches this week in home games slated for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Shugar said the prospects of a strong year are favourable considering the depth of talent and experience found on both teams.

Top bowlers named

High scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation are:

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LET'S TALK SPORTS

Only once in my life have I seen a hockey player do something so strange and outrageous that the NHL had to make a rule outlawing it.

Though I must say that when I found out who the player was I kind of thought to myself, "Oh yeah, that's possible," due to his long resumé of mischief and troublemaking. This player is of course the one and only Sean Avery.

Now Avery will probably go down in history as possibly the biggest pest in the NHL to ever play, but what he did in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Eastern Conference Quarter Finals between the New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils is really beyond me. I'm sitting at home watching sports highlights on TSN and here comes Avery with his full bag of tricks — his victim this time? Devils all-star goaltender Martin Brodeur.

Now here's where things go from a normal competitive playoff game to the first couple of seconds of a gong show. I keep watching Avery and then the last thing I remember thinking is "What the hell is he doing?" Here's Avery waving his stick up,

down and all over the place in front of Brodeur like a maniac, obviously trying to get the New Jersey goalie angry and possibly draw a penalty. Unfortunately, the only thing it does is make him look like a complete and utter moron.

But Avery's antics did get recognized and some kind of reception was given, but probably not the one that he was looking for. The referees couldn't call a penalty at the time because they didn't know what to call it — two minutes for acting like a clown? So the NHL responded quickly, overreacting as usual, and decided to make it a penalty officially.

Most analysts and commentators agreed that what he did was creative but nonetheless inappropriate especially with such high stakes in the playoffs. Following the Rangers' victory over the Devils in Game 5 of their series, moving New York to the second round, in the handshake tradition following elimination or advancing, Brodeur did not

shake Avery's hand.

Avery responded by saying, "Everyone talks about how unclassy I am, and fatso over there forgot to shake my hand."

Yeah, Sean, and what you said definitely showed a lot of class.

This guy pretty much gets paid to frustrate other players and make sure that if he takes a penalty he'll take as many opposition players with him as possible. He's also a decent player but I think his actions will ultimately overshadow the fact that he does have some solid talent and can pose an offensive threat.

But is there really room for players like him in the NHL? Sure there is. He's by far the best agitator I've ever seen. Teams look for that and pay good money for someone who can do those gritty jobs that no one else likes to do.

But there is always two sides to the coin: Badmouthing a living legend like Martin Brodeur is not okay, especially since he should have realized why he didn't want to shake his hand in the first place.

Second, it should be pretty clear that if you wave your stick in a goalie's face, the league won't stand for it and some course of action will be taken.

Sean Avery knows his

job and has done it well for a few years now, but he should also know that he's not untouchable and that if he doesn't get called for a penalty it doesn't mean he's not a target.

In fact, I'd say that Avery probably tops the unofficial "NHL's most hated" list and there are a lot of bigger, tougher and stronger guys that will not stand for his shenanigans, creative or not creative, entertaining or not entertaining.

But at the end of the day you have to really sit down and laugh at the situation because that's all you can do. It is a pretty funny sight — go see it on YouTube after you read this and see what I mean.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Track athletes not deterred by threats of continuing winter

First half of track meet snowed out on Saturday

The Saturday portion of last weekend's track meet in Sidney was cancelled due to snow.

Several hearty souls braved Sunday's cool but sunny weather and made a good showing with some personal bests registered, Jim Proctor said of the Salt Spring track and field athletes.

Grace Morgan led the way with two first-place performances and one personal best. She ran the 100-metre race in 13.68 seconds

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Nicole McMahon had a first and second place finish; second in the 100m at 14.74 seconds and first in the 400m at 1:07.4.

Tilai Ellis-Stairs captured three third-place finishes with a personal best in the 1500m; 100m at 15.64, 1500m at 5:09:35 and 3.46 metres in long jump.

Eryn Gix put in a strong showing; second in long jump at 3.95 metres and third in the 100m at 14.38.

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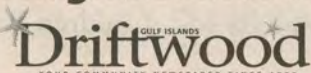


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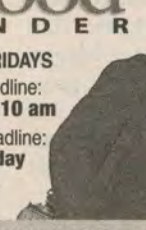


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 In 1957, a move to Santa Ana, California ensued where they resided for several years. Bess worked at the Bank of America for a number of years.
 Upon returning to Canada, years were spent owning and running a blueberry farm in Richmond, prior to moving to Salt Spring island in 1982, where retirement commenced! A favourite pastime was going for walks in the Duck Creek pasture behind their house.
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DEATHS

NORMAN BAMBER FORSYTH
 Born April 16, 1946 -
 Died April 7, 2008
 Norm was born in Vancouver, the eldest of seven children.
 He leaves the two greatest loves of his life; his son, Grant and daughter, Brandie with great memories. Also his friend and mother to his children, Debby.
 Norm spent six years in the army in his younger years. Then went on to drive for the family trucking business. His cooking skills brought him to the Island in 1981. Norm drove Loomis and taxi. He then became a plumber and ran his own company. Then came the infamous Norm's Salvage to which he added the truck rentals.
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 "Gone fishing" but not forgotten.


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GEOFFREY SQUE (GEOFF)
 NOVEMBER 27, 1950 - APRIL 12, 2008
 Passed suddenly at his home in Nanaimo B.C. Survived by his loving wife Laura (Simms), by his loving family and many friends both here and abroad. He will be remembered fondly for his light hearted humour and his kind and gentle spirit. You have left us far too soon.
 "A celebration of life"
 Service at Yates Funeral Service, Parksville, B.C. April 26, 2008 at 1 P.M.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Bessie Dane Hospice AGM
 7 pm Wed., May 21
 Seniors for Seniors
 Old & New Members welcome.
 Membership Donation required for voting.

GUN SHOW
 Courtenay Fish & Game
 3780 Colake Road
BUY, SELL & TRADE
 Sunday May 4, 2008
 9am - 2pm
 Breakfast & Lunch available
 Proceeds to conservation.
 For more information
 Call Bob 1-250-339-1179, Comox

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WEDNESDAYS WITH CELESTE

 9-10:30 Level 1 Yoga
 5-6:15 Wall Yoga
 6:30-8 Mixed Levels Yoga
GANGES YOGA STUDIO
 537-2444
www.gangesyogastudio.com


FLOWERS ON THE EDGE. Species at risk botanist/ecologist Matt Fairbairns will present an illustrated talk on native plants in the Garry Oak and related ecosystems. Friday, May 2. Lion's Hall, 7 pm. Suggested donation \$5.
 Native plant walk with botanist Matt Fairbairns. Saturday May 3. 10am -12 pm. Cost \$15. Please register with SSI Conservancy 538-0318.
 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.

NIA with Leslie
Mondays
 5:30 to 6:45 pm
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"May Day" Saltspring Centre School invites the community for Maypole dancing. Thurs. May 1st 11am-noon, 355B Blackburn Road. Phone for more info. 537-9130.

COMING EVENTS
Yoga Retreat with Reflective Writing
 with Monica Voss and Sandra Campbell
 May 23-25 · Salt Spring Centre of Yoga
info@estheriyoga.com · 416-944-0838


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

Let's Dance!
Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band
April 26
Fulford Hall
 \$15 Tickets at:
 Acoustic Planet,
 Pomodoro Pizza &
 Island Star Video.
To support the GISS Athletic Programs

MESSAGE CLASSES. Learn Hot Stones, Thai massage, new "Fusion Works." www.academyofmassage.ca. 537-1219.
 UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
 "Sacred Webs and Threads". Marian Stewart. Is anything sacred in our culture today? Sunday, Fulford Hall, OAP. www.unitariancongregation.org


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

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COMING EVENTS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Abbey Field Seniors Housing, April 28th, 7:00pm, OAP Room, Fulford Hall. Amusement provided by Arthur Black.

Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool
OPEN HOUSE
April 26
10 am - Noon
Preschool Spaces available for 3-4 year olds for Sept. 2008
For info 537-4506

PAINTING WITH paper, a collage workshop with Bly Kaye. Saturday, May 3, 10am - 3pm. Beaver Point Hall, \$45. 653-4453.

SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT

Next Meeting
SATURDAY, APRIL 26
2:00 PM
Friends Fitness
156 Kings Lane
Wendy, 653-4034

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COMING EVENTS

ENJOY DINNER AND A CONCERT!
Carmina Burana theme feast at Calvin's Bistro with musical entertainment AND the Salt Spring Singers O Fortuna concert at ArtSpring
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD ONLY!
Dinner begins at 5:45 pm - Concert at 8 pm
Tickets: \$70 at the ArtSpring box office 537-2102

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Alzheimer & Coma Communication Workshop
Saturday, May 3rd
10 am - 4:30 pm
Community Gospel Church
Alzheimer/Coma and Palliative Care Manual Available
Info & Registration: \$25.00
Pat at Bessie Dane Hospice 250-537-2770
e-mail saltspringhospice@telus.net
Sponsored by: Bessie Dane Hospice, Salt Spring Alzheimer Society, Greenwoods & The Gospel Church.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

"THREE Faiths, One God"
This film compares similarities & differences in religious beliefs and practices that Islam has with Judaism and Christianity to tear down barriers to understanding & respect.

Salt Spring United Church on Hereford Ave.
Sun. Apr. 27 from 5 to 9pm
Pre-register 537-5812

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND WATCH at Bowling Alley. Call 537-5703 Kathy.

LOST: WALLET, reward offered for return, lost near Mouat's. Call 537-2984.

COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND

LOST
since Monday, April 14



"Dreams" - 7 year old buff, female Border Terrier with a red collar. Last seen near Maracaibo. Please call 537-5235 if you see her.

PAIR OF GLASSES found on Wilkie Way on Weds., Apr. 16. Call Tom at 537-5347.

TRAVEL

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HOWARD JOHNSON Victoria Special Offer \$49.00 Dollars per night based on dbl occ award winning hotel 1-800-952-2151 www.hojvictoria.com

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CAMPGROUND HOSTS, wanted for new campground. Mature couple with trailer preferred. For more information please call 537-7861.

CARETAKER NEEDED: to live in cabin and look after beautiful waterfront home and guests at north end of Salt Spring Island. Long term position beginning this summer. Interviewing April 25 until April 29. 213-598-4377, 250-537-9121.

EXPERIENCED PAINTERS wanted. 538-1685.

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BEACON Community SERVICES

Beacon Community Services is recruiting for a Casual Scheduler in their Ganges Home Support office. This position will be 1-day-a-week plus Vacation, Sick and Stat Holiday coverage with an option for additional hours. This is a Union position. A Job Description is available upon request. Please contact Barbara Butler at 537-9955 or by email bbutler@beaconcs.ca.
Closing date: May 2, 2008.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
Beacon Community Services is recruiting for a Permanent Position with the Home Support Office.

This position is Wed. - Sun., 1500-2300 and has an excellent benefits package. RCA/HSA Certificate or equivalent. Must have vehicle and valid driver licence.

Closing date April 25, 2008. Please fax your resume to: Barbara Butler 537-9969 or email bbutler@beaconcs.ca

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.

The Fulford Inn
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Apply to Manager
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HOUSEKEEPER WANTED who pays attention to the details. I'm hiring 4 hours per week. Duties include general & seasonal cleaning, laundry, recycling, occasional shopping & cooking, etc. Long term employee wanted. Call 537-1775 between 1-7pm to schedule interview.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS available at resort with cabins. Work day is usually 4 hours. Minimum schedule for April, May & June, Sundays & Fridays. Work up to 5 or 6 days per week from late June to early September. Minimum starting wage \$9 per hour. Experienced start at \$12. Increase in wage based on ability to be efficient, responsible and to work as a member of a team. Please call Judy at 537-9629.

IF YOU are looking for part-time day-time work this summer we are looking for a counter salesperson and a presser. Please contact Mary at the Drycleaners at 537-2241 for more information.

LEMARE LAKE Logging in Port McNeill is accepting applications from experienced Hydraulic Loader/Hoeforwarders, 144 Grapple Loader Operators, & Off Highway Logging Truck drivers. Positions are full time with union rates and benefits. Call 250-956-3123 or fax resume to 250-956-4888.

P/T PROCESS SERVERS, required in the Salt Spring Island area. Valid Drivers License, clean driving record and criminal history check required. Sited but not limited to, retired, semi-retired or Process Servers. Please fax resume to (604)713-7260.

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LEMARE LAKE Logging in Port McNeill is seeking a Payroll Clerk to join our fast paced environment. This position includes all aspects of payroll, and a variety of routine and non-routine tasks. We are looking for an individual with strong organizational and time management skills, attention to detail, excellent communication skills, computer literate, accounting knowledge, and payroll experience an asset. Must have the ability to work under strict deadlines. Fax resumes to 250-956-4888 Attn: Payroll, or email jcornin@lemare.ca

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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.

SSI TRANSITION House, On-Call Support Worker: Working with women and children affected by violence and abuse. Please see full job posting at www.iwav.org; application deadline April 28/08.

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TRANSITION THRIFT STORE - Summer Student Position. Must be 19+ yrs., returning to full-time post-secondary studies and available weekends. 40hrs/week \$15/hour, May 15th-Sept.1st. Contact: Roberta Temmel 537-0661

YARD MAN required at Salt Spring Garage. Bring in resume and talk to Robin, 360 Blackburn. 30 hrs./wk.

OFFICE SUPPORT CLERK

RECEPTIONIST - EMCO Corporation, a leading National Plumbing and Heating wholesale supplier is currently searching for a part time receptionist to work in our Victoria branch. Duties include reception, answering a busy switchboard, and general office duties. This is a part time position, approximately 20 hrs per week. No evenings or weekends. Please forward resumes to Paul Stevenson EMCO Corporation 550 Cuduhel Road Victoria BC V8Z 1G1 Fax 475-6282, pstevenson@emcold.com

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CNC BURNING Table Operator req'd for an Abbotsford based manufacturing company. We are seeking a qualified Operator to fully operate and maintain a 10ft x 26ft CNC precision plasma and oxy fuel burning table. Must be available for afternoon shift. Email your resume to mmljobs@gmail.com or fax to 604.854.4270.

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EXPERIENCED Diamond Driller Required Up to \$40 per hour and \$3.50 per foot bonus. Ongoing position. Good rotation. New Equipment. Apply online www.scsdrilling.com, Phone 604-374-5607 or fax resume to 250-314-4865. Experienced applicants only please

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PETS

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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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STOVE AND dishwasher, both in good working condition, free for pick up. Moving boxes, free for pick up. 537-5454.

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LOVE SEAT & sofa, floral with forest green background, exc. cond., sale \$500. 537-9517.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

TOP MODEL invalid wheel chair c/w special (extra) cushion. Used only in bedroom by elderly lady. \$800 obo. 537-9393.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

18 RAILROAD ties, 8' long, good for retaining wall, \$100 for all. 537-5257.

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BUILDING SUPPLIES

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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"WINTER" MARKET: Krishna Rodrigues wears a Santa hat in the Saturday market, aiming to ward off the unseasonable chill.

This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You are ready to step into a smoother flow. Now that you have initiated new directions the time has come to establish a reliable foundation to sustain them. This implies big moves close to home. Renovations and others changes in your home and/or in your lifestyle choices are likely in this regard. At worst, your changing ambitions, needs and desires could also cause some friction with your family and intimate relationships. Take your time and look twice before you make final decisions now. Take deliberate action to meet your need to make changes that will lead to a more secure, satisfactory, sustainable and creative flow.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

A new momentum is under way. With Mercury now in Taurus, you will experience an extra strong focus over the next few weeks. This also implies the task of tuning in first to what you want to achieve, then expressing your needs to those who can assist you. The more individuated we are the more personal are our wants and needs. The other challenge includes recognizing the variety of wants, needs and desires you feel. Perhaps you want to experience a new quality of love. A basic question might be: is this love romantic, occupational, artistic, experiential or spiritual? Clarify your goals now because you are poised to charge ahead.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Tending to your own garden is a call to remain close to home for a while. This implies time behind the scenes to dream,

contemplate, plan and identify your priorities. Generating inspiring ideas and projects for future consideration is also likely. So, in addition to food seeds, you may also want to sow seeds of creative possibility. Some of your returns of late may not be quite what you bargained for and if so consider the quality, practicality and wisdom of your actions and choices over the past year or two anyway. Sober acknowledgement of what works in terms of your perspectives, habits and choices will prove worthwhile.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

You are coming out of an active period, perhaps turbulent. The intensity may have been more internal than external. This is because you have been initiated in preparation for a major new life cycle which will ensue more fully next year. The pace and your moods should flow more steadily over the next few weeks and perhaps longer. You will still want and perhaps need to gather new tools to meet current demands. If you are entering new territory then you are the right track. Your willingness to activate deep changes in your attitude and approach is ideal. However, be careful not to take on too much at once. Exercise your beginners mind.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

The time has come to focus more intently on the practical aspects of your career and social reputation. Hopefully, you have fulfilled some of your cultural desires and interests over the past month or so and now it is time to pay more attention to practical

considerations. Gain valuable feedback from your partner(s), clients, colleagues and team-mates etcetera, about how you can improve your performance simply by asking them for constructive criticism. It is important that you persevere with faith and diligence these days, especially in the larger scope of your life.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

A strong emphasis on beauty and pleasure is gaining your attention. At the same time you are more serious about practical matters. Either way you want to play with the possibilities. You are eager and willing to roam beyond familiar fronts. Finding ways to activate your creative power potential is important and you mean business. The time has come to bring your dreams more fully into reality. This is a good time to give birth to new directions, styles and expressions. Take yourself more seriously and others will too. Combine practicality, service and a full display of your offerings, gifts and talents.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Finding fertile soil for the seeds of your passions is in focus. Like gardening, this implies the work of removing the weeds, turning and preparing the ground and prioritization of what you want and value with genuine effort and determination. The tricky part is that you must clear the old to make way for the new. This can imply actual things but also limiting relationships or beliefs and attitudes. Where do you need to cut out certain factors or cut new ground altogether? Changes in

your lifestyle are likely to make way for an important cycle of creative self-expression. Investigate to invest for growth and success.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

You are coming out of a contemplative period and are beginning to feel more social. You may want to take it slow at first; slow but sure. You are in the mood to shop but perhaps not to buy. Business wise you may be open to a variety of ways to make money, but be careful not to take on too much. This caution flag is active all year. This also applies to your commitment to various projects, contracts and other interests. Meanwhile, cleaning closets and clearing the clutter are likely focuses these days as well. Making some creative and perhaps radical moves regarding finances is also probable. Aim for a more stable base.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Now that you have played with and entertained new directions and possibilities, it is time to get to work. You will cast a particularly critical eye at things and could produce some fine work. At worst, you will get bogged down in details or lost in meaningless criticisms. Concentrate with a constructively critical eye to produce excellence or at least make measurable improvements both in your daily work and your overall lifestyle. You will probably have to make significant extra efforts to succeed now yet you could also earn a whole new level of respect. You may feel the weight and pressure to produce more than ever so focus to meet the challenge.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Getting down to business in terms of solid

productivity is the call now. You are eager to accomplish a lot and quickly these days. You should be in full stride now and maintaining the pace is ideal. Balance time spent with friends with time spent at home and alone to get things done. Other players are probably pushing you to take action and to make important changes as well. Meet these demands with determination rather than defence as they are valid aspects of your current destiny. Take a creative, inventive even playful approach to learning and you will be able to get into it and focus more fully.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Getting comfortable close to home is in focus. The weather is probably right to spend time outside. If you have a garden you will want to be in it; if you do not have one perhaps you will create one. Exercise your green thumb indoors and out. Plant seeds to fulfill your desires and needs. This statement can be seen metaphorically meaning that this is

a good time to set new ideas in motion. Your willingness to take calculated risks is implied. Also, you must change as well as make changes. This implies letting go of old ways of doing things. Persevere with new ideas, plans and directions.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Consolidating your base now implies that you establish reliable communications and contacts. Choosing the right people is ever important. Good sense decision making implies practical determination. Where bigger investments and decisions are needed, be sure to try before you buy. Delays and restrictions of one kind or another are quite likely these days. Exercise patient determination and commit to expanding your influence and power by way of steady effort. Entertain new ways of doing familiar things or make alterations in your approach. Above all, get clear about your direction both for your sake and that of others.

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From left, Jason Newport, Becky Clair and Mahjor Bains are set for the upcoming Choices' golf tourney.

CHARITY GOLF

Choices fundraiser hits links for the day, May 3

Community invited to sixth annual fun tourney

It may not have seemed like golfing weather in the past week, but Salt Spring's Choices group has ordered up a fine day for its sixth annual fundraising golf tournament on Saturday, May 3.

The nine-hole Texas Scramble format means golfing prowess is irrelevant, since the best ball shot by team members is the one played all the way to the end of each hole.

Not only that, but prizes are awarded through a draw format — and everyone gets a great prize, generously donated by island business-

es and Choices supporters. "The community is very good to us," said Choices supervisor Yolande Leger in explaining the tourney and prize donations.

Choices program members have been busy canvassing for prizes. Return airfare to Vancouver via Salt Spring Air, and a signed Robert Bateman print were among several tourney prizes already donated last week.

While Leger guarantees all participants will have fun at the tournament, the best part might be that all funds raised help provide recreational activities for Salt Spring's developmentally challenged adults.

Whether a trip to IMAX, the Royal B.C. Museum, or a train trip to Parksville, spe-

cial activities are crucial.

"They love the off-island trips and the excitement."

The May 3 tournament is Choices' major annual fundraiser, so as much community participation as possible is appreciated.

Tea-off time is noon, and the entry fee is \$25 for non golf club members, and \$13 for members.

Club rentals are available and tag-ons are welcome to join.

Leger thanks the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club for hosting the event.

"[Manager and pro] Steve Marleau is the best guy for helping us out," she said.

Anyone wanting to donate a prize or sign up for the tournament can contact Choices at 537-1115.

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