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CHINA EARTHQUAKE

Local man evacuates orphans in quake zone

Facebook message the only word from former island Sunday school teacher

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"I'm safe and sound. Please don't worry about me."

That's 24-year-old Dustin Little's current Facebook "status."

His parents and sister on Salt Spring have still not heard his voice, but found solace in seeing the message he posted online from China's earthquake-devastated Sichuan province.

It's one of the few scraps of electronic communication they've received from him since the quake hit last week, claiming 40,000 lives and with tens of thousands of people still missing.

"Dustin was with children at the time of the earthquake," writes a Youth With a Mission (YWAM) representative. "He was able to help carry the disabled children out of the orphanages ..."

For the past five years, Little has been working with YWAM, the Christian organization that

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

HELMET HELP: Zohra and Mika Verduin make a contribution to firefighter Travis Guedes' helmet during last weekend's annual fundraiser, which raised over \$6,000 for B.C.'s Children's Hospital.

EMPLOYMENT

Looking abroad to fix labour shortage

Economy, demographics make foreign labour a necessity

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The hardship of finding permanent staff is forcing some Salt Spring Island business owners to look for an international solution to help fill the void.

If all goes as scheduled, Salt Spring's Paul Brosseau will be helping up to 20 Mexican and Caribbean labourers connect with island employers before the end of June.

Brosseau asked that his clients' names not be made public, but said at least five island-based companies are interested in hiring foreign workers as a way to fill demands for unskilled labourers such as cleaners, dishwashers and agricultural workers.

Brosseau is the first to admit the idea of bringing foreign workers into communities is laden with controversy, but added that Salt Spring's employers have few options left.

"A lot of people don't understand what a critical issue this is," Brosseau said in an interview on Monday afternoon. "Basically, no foreign workers means no Olympics. There'd be no construction in Vancouver without foreign workers."

Brosseau has already helped at least a dozen individuals from the United States and Europe settle on the island.

"There's a massive shortage of workers in Canada and it's

LABOUR continued on A2

SAILING RACE

Round Salt Spring awash with drama

2008 event features stalwart sailors and rescued cat

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fluky winds, a higher than expected number of participants, the odd grounding, a minor medical emergency and a rescued cat helped make this year's Round Salt Spring Sailing Race one to remember.

A slow start out of Ganges Harbour and up through Captain's Passage made way for high speeds as strong winds greeted sailors entering Trincomali Channel along the island's north shore.

The give and take of unpredictable winds continued as the 114 boats that started in this year's event were piloted south through Stuart Channel and Sansum Narrows and back up past Fulford Harbour and around Ruckle Park, according to Peter McGovern, the Salt Spring Island Sailing

Club's fleet racing captain and race participant.

Despite inconsistent winds throughout the race's roughly 90-kilometre course, McGovern said, sunshine and stiff competition made for a successful event.

Top Salt Spring Island skipper Ole Andersen failed to defend his 2007 first-place finish, yet ended the event in a solid fifth position overall with a time of 11 hours and 13 minutes.

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NEWSBEAT

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Dustin Little in China's earthquake area

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Salt Spring's Dustin Little, seen here in a Facebook photo, helped carry children from an orphanage in quake-torn China.

placed him as a missionary at the Chongqing, China orphanage where he arrived on May 8, just four days before the earthquake.

Although Chongqing is 215 miles from Wenchuan county, the epicentre of the earthquake, the Littles gather an evacuation of the orphanage that housed a number of disabled children did take place.

YMAM wrote that the orphanage has been hit by aftershocks as well, and although it was "a scary experience" for the children, no one was harmed.

Little's sister Emily, 19, said from her Salt Spring home on Tuesday that she had not yet received a response to a Facebook message she sent to her brother.

"I messaged him and I told him I loved him and I was praying for him and I hope he's safe. I know my brother and I know he's just trying to help there, so I don't expect to hear from him right away," she said.

The former Gulf Islands

secondary student, baseball player and Community Gospel Chapel Sunday school teacher wrote in an April newsletter that his work at the orphanage would be "... to do some educational type things with the children as well as just playing with them and showing them love and care that they generally do not get."

Because of China's "one child law," he wrote, "children with disabilities are looked upon as a burden and a waste of life. They are rejected and abandoned and sometimes killed because of their disability."

While the Littles wait to hear their son's and sibling's voice over the phone, they take comfort in knowing he is serving a purpose where he is.

"We really love having Dustin here on the base," wrote the YWAM spokesperson who knew him when he was previously stationed in Australia. "He has an incredibly sweet spirit towards [the children] and everyone else too."

Finding accommodation often biggest challenge

LABOUR

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only going to get worse," he said.

For the past four years, Brosseau has worked as director of human resources international for a large Vancouver-based law firm. In that time he's helped connect unskilled and skilled workers from more than 10 countries with legal and fair employment opportunities in British Columbia and Alberta.

Just last week, he placed 30 Vietnamese agricultural workers with farms in the Abbotsford area.

Wherever he goes, finding accommodation for workers is one of his biggest challenges.

He's hoping Salt Spring Island residents will step up to rent space for the newcomers. The set-up could be modelled on the way people

rent rooms to international students, he added.

"The housing issue on Salt Spring and B.C. wide is a huge problem," he said.

It's hard to find a country Brosseau hasn't visited and one would be hard pressed to find a community in this province that hasn't demonstrated a need for his kind of service.

In recent years, the immigration consultant industry has taken off as employers seek access to more labour markets.

He blames the country's shortage of skilled labour on former prime minister Brian Mulroney's cutbacks to federal apprenticeship programs, the country's aging population and the booming Canadian economy.

"It's just a fact of demographics. It's a large retirement community and there's not a large work-

force," he said.

"The economy can't grow without workers," Brosseau added. "It's not a problem if we tackle it and that's what we're doing."

All candidates must fulfill strict criteria set by the government and Brosseau's own organization. Prospective employers receive a list of resumes from the company's international offices.

Eligible workers receive two-year work permits, pay all applicable taxes and can apply for provincial medical insurance programs.

In return, employers get peace of mind knowing they have a potentially long-term employee eager to leave a mark and participate in the local economy.

Many among Canada's new labour class have prior work experience in the United States and are familiar with working abroad.

"It's becoming very dif-

icult for them in the States and now they're all hearing about Canada," he said. "It's good for us and it's good for

"There's a massive shortage of workers in Canada and it's only going to get worse."

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VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Life and death: stats show islanders stack up differently

Longer life expectancies and low mortality rate on Gulf Islands

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Compared with the rest of the province, Gulf Islanders are older and longer-lived.

They prefer natural births over cesarean section and there are fewer younger mothers and more older mothers.

That's according to B.C.'s newly released vital statistics annual report.

THE DEATH TOLL

Gulf Islanders are living longer than expected. Along with other communities like Bowen Island, Saanich and Burnaby, the Gulf Islands stand out as having significantly low mortality rates between 2001-2005, compared with other B.C. communities.

In 2006, for example, there were only 122 deaths on the Gulf Islands when 177 were expected, based on the standardized mortality rate for B.C.

The average Gulf Islander lives 1.9 years longer than the average British Columbian. A Gulf Islander's average life expectancy, though, is 82.8 years — with males living to be 78.9 years and females 86.6 years — while the average British Columbian lives to be only 80.9 years.

Overall, British Columbians are living longer than ever before: an 80.9-year average life span today versus a 77.44-year life span 25 years ago.

The average age at death among British Columbians (the arithmetic average age when people died) reached an all-time high in 2006 at 73.9 years. Not only are B.C. residents living longer than ever before, they also have one of the highest life expectancies in the world.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Cancer and diseases of the circulatory system were the top two causes of death on the Gulf Islands in 2006, as were the top two causes for B.C. as a whole from 2001-2006.

Although cancer is the leading cause of death in B.C., there is an encouraging decline in B.C. death rates from cancer and heart disease over the last two decades.

The report pinpoints that a falling trend in lung cancer deaths across the province is being driven

by the strong decline in lung cancer deaths among men, as there is a gradually increasing trend in the rate of lung cancer deaths among women.

Diabetes, as a cause of death, is also in decline province-wide and ranked only 15th as a cause of death on the Gulf Islands.

THE URN V.S. THE CASKET

Gulf Islanders are more likely to spend the after-life in an urn as opposed to a casket.

When deciding between cremation and burial, Gulf Islanders chose cremation more often than residents in the average B.C. community. Remains were cremated 91 per cent of the time, while the average B.C. resident chose or ended up with that option only 78.7 per cent of the time.

Of the 122 bodies disposed of on the Gulf Islands, 111 were cremated and 11 were buried. This is consistent with province-wide statistics that show the declining popularity of burial and increasing preference for cremation from 1986 through 2006. At the beginning of this time span the ratio of cremations to burials was three to two; in 2006 it was almost four to one.

THE BABY-MAKERS

On the Gulf Islands, there were 87 births in 2006, with 22 of those delivered by cesarean section and 65 by natural birthing methods. Cesarean sections occur among Gulf Islands residents about five per cent less often than the provincial average.

The number of cesarean births increased in B.C. from 21 per cent of all live births in 1986 to 30 per cent in 2006.

Thirty to 34 years-of-age is the peak age group for mothers giving birth on the Gulf Islands, based on data from 2001-2005. This trend is also reflected at province-wide level.

Next in line for motherhood on the Gulf Islands are women aged 25-29 and 35-39. Contributing less to the playpen floor, in descending order, are mothers aged 20-24, 40-44 and, least of all, 15-19. More women who are over 40 years of age give birth on the Gulf Islands than those under 19, in contrast to the B.C.-wide trend. Only 11 babies were born to 15-19 year-old Gulf Islanders from 2001-2005.

From birth to death, Gulf Islanders stand out. But then again, who would ever be inclined to say Gulf Islanders are "average" anyway?

Causes of death from 2002-2006	Gulf Islands
All causes of death	638
Malignant neoplasms (all cancers except lung)	209
Diseases of the circulatory system	199
Ischemic heart diseases (e.g. heart attack)	82
Cerebrovascular diseases (e.g. stroke)	57
Diseases of the respiratory system	57
Malignant neoplasm of lung (lung cancer)	46
Alcohol-related deaths	46
Diseases of the digestive system	32
Influenza and pneumonia	23
Chronic pulmonary disease	21
Endocrine/nutritional/metabolic diseases	19
Disease of arteries/arterioles/capillaries (e.g. atherosclerosis, aneurysm)	15
Suicide	13
Unintentional falls	10
Diabetes mellitus	11
Motor vehicle accidents	7
Medically treatable disease	1
Drug-induced deaths	1

News briefs

Anti-idling input gathered

Capital Regional District (CRD) Board members meeting on May 14 approved a tentative schedule for collecting public input on a proposed anti-idling bylaw.

If approved, the idling-control bylaw will prohibit the idling of most vehicles for more than three minutes throughout the CRD.

"The bylaw is a very modest first effort," said Salt

Spring regional director Gary Holman. "The initial impact is hoped to increase people's awareness."

Hearings are set for Sidney and Victoria on June 12 and Victoria's western communities on June 13.

Salt Spring Island residents unable to attend may submit comments on the proposed bylaw via a short survey on the CRD website.

Written comments will be accepted until June 13 at 4:30 p.m. More information is available at www.crd.bc.ca/hfp/idling-control.htm.

Ambulance station moves

Ambulances and paramedics serving Salt Spring will soon have a new home base at 154 Kings Lane, near Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

"The reason for moving to this facility will be to better serve our purposes and needs," said a Victoria-based B.C. Ambulance spokesperson, who did not want to be identified.

Being able to adequately house the two ambulances, plug in power cords

and keep medical supplies at appropriate temperatures are anticipated benefits of the move from the current Ganges hill spot, she said.

Renovations will include removing the pool that currently sits on the property and refitting the home for suitable use by B.C. Ambulance crews.

The spokesperson could not say at this time how much the renovations will cost or who will be paying for them.

B.C. Ambulance anticipates renovations will be finished by the end of August,

but said the date of completion is not fixed at this time.

Trust meets on Galiano


Islanders wanting to address Islands Trust Council at its next quarterly business meeting should set aside time on Thursday, June 12.

The meeting runs from June 11-13 at the Lions Park hall on Galiano Island, with the town hall session and formal delegations heard beginning at 1 p.m. on June

12. People wanting to make presentations to council should reserve a time through a request sent to the corporate secretary via information@islandstrust.bc.ca, or by fax to 250-405-5155. It should include the subject, name and address of the speaker.

Members of the public are also welcome to observe council proceedings from 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 through the morning of June 13.

For agenda information, see www.islandstrust.bc.ca.



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4 Long Harbour

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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH

Natural health people reject bitter pill

Feds declare need to regulate industry

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposed federal government bill designed to regulate and monitor therapeutic products is drawing growing criticism from natural health practitioners who say the Conservatives are caving in to the interests of large pharmaceutical companies.

Proposed Bill C-51 received second reading in Parliament in early April, sending a chill among the users and providers of natural health products across the country.

If passed, the bill could affect many of the estimated 70 per cent of Canadians who use natural health products regularly, according to Michael Colgan, an internationally acclaimed Salt Spring Island author specializing in brain research and nutrition for more than 30 years.

Colgan said consumers will face increased costs, less access and fewer options if the public permits the Canadian government to move forward with C-51.

Under the proposed bill, Colgan wrote in an e-mail, all natural health products not considered food will become therapeutic products.

As such they will be liable to restrictions governing packaging, labelling, production, sale and consumption outlined in the proposed bill.

For Colgan, C-51 is the federal gov-

ernment's blatant attempt to help large pharmaceutical companies corner the booming natural medicine market.

"This is about the seeming lack of public awareness of the way in which the present administration removes our freedoms," said Colgan during an interview on Tuesday morning.

"This is an example of how people in society tend to look poorly at how difficult it was to get the sort of freedoms we enjoy and how easily they can be destroyed," he added.

Despite mounting opposition and a well-organized campaign against proposed Bill C-51, Health Canada spokesperson Paul Duchesne said amending the Food and Drug Act is needed to regulate an industry prone to misleading claims and unintended side effects from its products.

The amendment follows the lead of lawmakers in the United States, Europe and Australia, he said.

Duchesne directed all queries to the federal government's website. He said any further questions could be submitted to his office via e-mail.

According to a frequently-asked-questions site set up by Health Canada, "legislation requires vigilance to ensure that tainted products are found and recalled, that what is on the label is actually in the bottle and that health claims are supported by evidence."

"We have also seen cases where a natural health product makes a completely unfounded health claim — the ability to cure cancer or SARS, for

example," the site continues.

The site states that concerns the new bill would allow government enforcement officers to enter private homes at will or ban natural health products are largely unfounded.

"This is about the seeming lack of public awareness of the way in which the present administration removes our freedoms."

MICHAEL COLGAN

Bill C-51 opponent, Salt Spring Island

"Canadians will continue to have access to natural health products that are safe, effective and of high quality," said Duchesne, reading from the site.

For the bill's opponents, the question remains who will be left to provide those products.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no date had been set for Parliament to hear the bill's third and final reading.

For more information, visit Health Canada: www.healthycanadians.ca/pr-rp/billc-51_e.html, and Call to Action: www.stopc51.com.

YOUTH HEALTH

Caffeine consumption, Internet safety among new youth-related concerns

McCreary health survey undertaken in B.C. schools

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Open up a 14-year-old's locker today and you may find an iPod, cell phone and caffeinated energy drinks mingling among the gym shoes and textbooks — a new array of items more prevalent now than five years ago.

To gauge the multiple factors affecting the physical and emotional health of youth today, 30,000 students across B.C., including those in Grades 7-12 on Salt Spring, answered 146 survey questions. The topics ranged from body image perception, drug use and technology use, to how they cope with stress and how much time they spend with their families.

The adolescent health survey has been conducted every five years since 1992 by the McCreary Centre Society, a Vancouver-based non-profit, in collaboration

with the provincial government and public health system.

The largest survey of its kind in Canada, it gauges the health status and risk behaviours of B.C. youth.

This year, consumption of caffeinated health drinks in schools and Internet safety are new factors on the list being assessed by this year's survey, said McCreary Centre Society spokesperson Annie Smith.

"There are new questions around Internet safety. It's a huge issue, particularly with girls," Smith said.

The last McCreary adolescent health survey, conducted in 2003, found smoking among B.C. youth had dropped 18 per cent and that many youth are waiting longer to have sex, especially girls.

"We find often the health picture is better than you think," said Smith.

"We've been appreciative of the information we've got so far," said School District 64 director of instruction Sheila Miller.

"The results give us direction in terms of being

proactive in planning and resource allocation. It guides us in helping students make healthy choices and how we can connect with our other community resources."

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ANNIE SMITH
Spokesperson, McCreary Centre Society

In addition to school districts, the survey can be used by communities, government agencies, health professionals and by young people themselves in planning youth programs and services.

On Salt Spring, local health nurses administered the survey at the Salt Spring Middle School and Gulf

Islands Secondary School last month. School districts across B.C. will be participating in the survey until the end of June.

The McCreary Centre Society anticipates the results will be published on line by January 2009. Region-specific information to assist with youth program planning in the Gulf Islands will be available.

"It's always good to get information in an anonymous survey," said Miller.

She added that the Gulf Islands School District was able to make good use of information gleaned from the McCreary survey undertaken in 2003.

"It strengthened the use of resources within the community, including the SWOVA group and our community counsellors working within the schools. This helped address issues around alcohol and drug use, wise choices and healthy relationships."

For more information on the survey, visit the McCreary Centre Society website at www.mcs.bc.ca.

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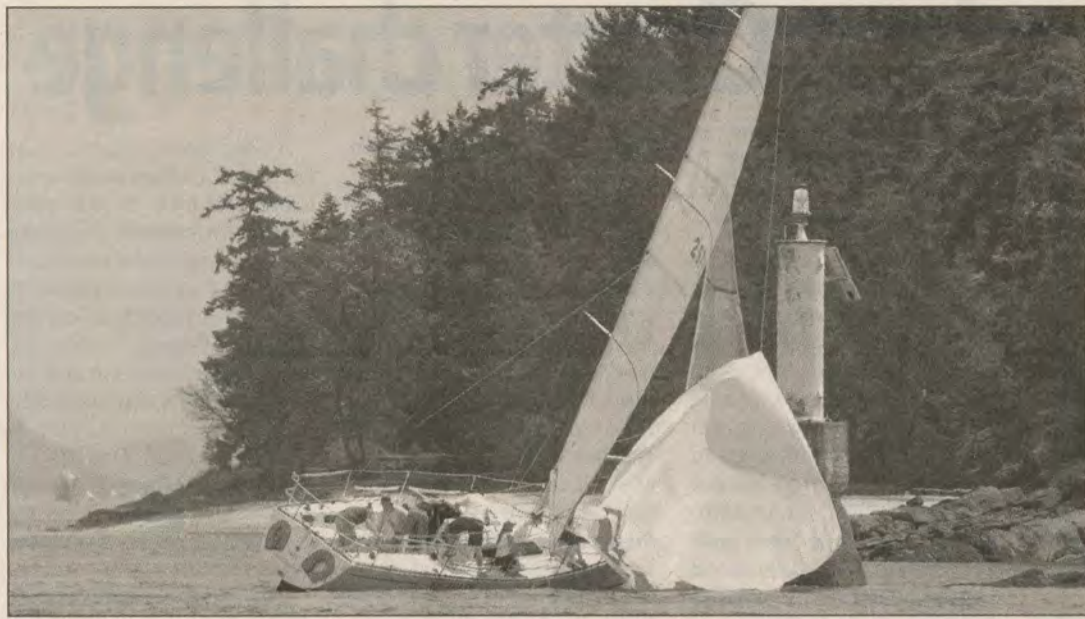


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RACE ROCKS:

Escapade hits the rocks at Southey Point during last weekend's Round Salt Spring race. A fast backwards tow was provided by Russ Crouse and his crew in the chase boat and got the boat under sail once again.

PARC

CRD Board sides with Gary Holman

'In-camera' matter resolved

The next operations manager of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) will be a Capital Regional District (CRD) employee, following a decision made by the CRD Board last Wednesday.

PARC commissioners had passed an opposite April 7 in-camera resolution: "to replace the current manager within the structure of an independent contract and [proceed] with preparation of a job description . . ."

However, regional director Gary Holman, who is also a PARC commissioner, not only registered his opposition to

the motion but advised he would bring his alternate wish to the CRD Board for approval. CRD staff also supported making the position a CRD management job.

Holman's decision sparked resignations of PARC commissioners Carol Dodd, Bob Brewer and Fraser Hope, who felt the PARC majority decision should be respected by Holman.

With two scheduled PARC meetings cancelled due to lack of quorum, and once because PARC chair Steve Peterson walked out of the meeting room after asking for Holman's resignation over the issue, the actual April 7 resolution was not reported until a May 12 public meeting.

"Given the circumstances, I should probably be recorded as voting against the motion," said commissioner Rob Wiltzen.

"CRD Human Resources staff will be finalizing a job description and advertisement with input from the commission," said Holman Tuesday. "The commission will also be involved in applicant interviews and will have input into the hiring decision."

Current operations and project manager Dave Gibbon announced in January that he would not seek renewal of his contract at the end of June. Gibbon has held the position as an independent contractor — not a CRD employee — since January of 2002.

ISLANDS TRUST

Feds blow off Plumper dust up

Trustees consider next steps

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There appears no end in sight for southern Gulf Islands residents looking to limit commercial shipping traffic in Plumper Sound, based on a letter sent to the Islands Trust by the federal Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

Residents on Saturna, South Pender, North Pender and Mayne islands have spent years trying to restrict the legal transfer of gypsum from ships to barges in the area.

Dust from the operation can occasionally be seen stretching across the harbour and landing on his and neighbouring islands, said South Pender Island trustee Bruce McConchie.

"If it was in English Bay, it would be shut down within the hour," he said last week, shortly after reading the letter.

"It's the isolation of the area that they are taking advantage of."

Though ministry spokesperson Andrew Walasek acknowledged "associated issues, such as excess dust emissions, noise, odours and lighting that can potentially impact shore-side residents," he further writes that it remains "important to recognize that the offloading of freight of this kind is not

in contravention of any regulations that Transport Canada is responsible for . . ."

Wasalek's letter is a response to an official inquiry submitted to the federal government by the Islands Trust following December's Trust Council meeting.

McConchie said he finds the response disappointing, but intends to raise the subject again at the June Trust Council on Galiano Island.

"I'm not going to sit back and let this happen," he said.

The Material Safety Data Sheet for gypsum indicates the substance does not pose a threat to human health under normal circumstances, but cautions against "excessive generation of dust" and chronic exposure.

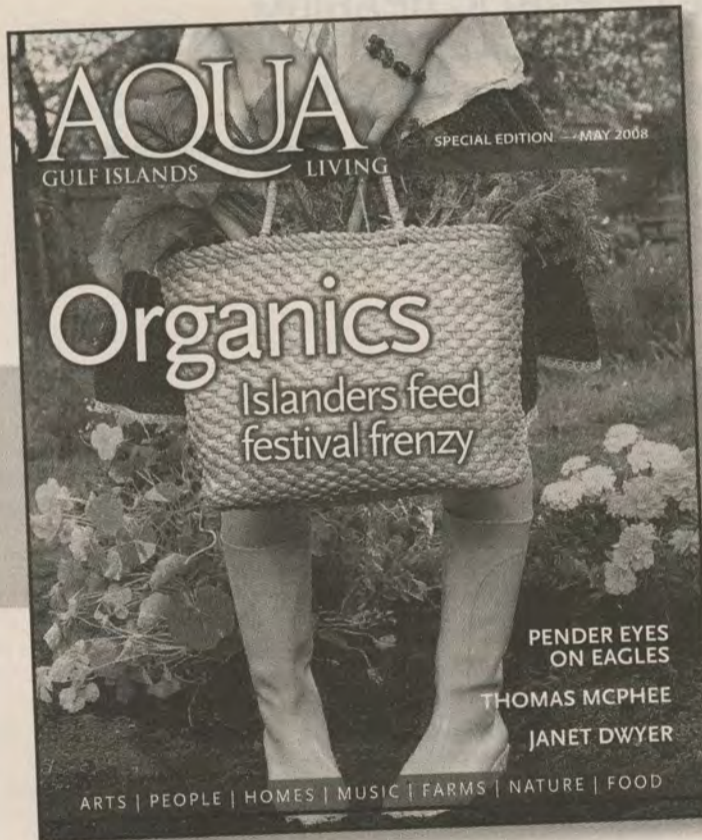
A spokesperson from Canada Steamship Lines (CSL) said the company follows all necessary protocols when transferring gypsum dust in Plumper Sound.

Since the capsizing of a barge during a loading operation in 1995, the company has equipped vessels with specially designed booms and uses dust suppressant to minimize the dust's impact on nearby property owners and the area's marine environment.

"Everything that can be done is being done," said CSL spokesperson Sylvie Lafleur from the company's Montreal head office.

"Things are going well."

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NEWSBEAT

Judge rejects Charter challenge

Guilty plea nets driver three-year prohibition

COURTDOCKET

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring woman is prohibited from getting behind the wheel of a motor vehicle for three years and will have to pay a \$1,000 fine after pleading guilty to an impaired driving charge in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Elizabeth Trushel pleaded guilty after unsuccessfully arguing that police violated her rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to contact a lawyer after she was taken into custody on May 10, 2006.

Defence lawyer Tybring Hemphill argued that arresting officers failed to give his client adequate opportunity to receive legal opin-

ions before administering a blood-alcohol test at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

Despite Trushel's testimony that she was provided with a phone, phone book and time to contact a lawyer, Hemphill argued his client remained "under the impression" she was not speaking with a "real lawyer" when she contacted Legal Aid through a number provided at the station.

As such, Hemphill argued, any evidence collected by police should be deemed inadmissible, including readings that showed Trushel's blood-alcohol content was more than twice the .08 legal limit.

Justice Evan Blake rejected Hemphill's argument based on a lack of evidence proving Trushel did not, in fact,

speak with a lawyer when she was on the phone.

Trushel was taken into custody after attempting to leave the scene of an accident involving her car and a restaurant in the Gasoline Alley shopping complex next to Centennial Park more than two years ago.

While there is no evidence Trushel was driving her car when it caused minor structural damage to the T.L.C. Restaurant, police charged Trushel with impaired driving based on an alcohol test conducted after she tried to flee the scene in her vehicle.

Justice Blake imposed an 18-month nation-wide driving prohibition, though Trushel is subject to a mandatory three-year driving prohibition under the Province of British Columbia's Motor Vehicle Act because of a prior impaired-driving conviction dating to 1999.

In other court news:

A Salt Spring Island man received a suspended sentence and a six-month probation order after pleading guilty to assault last week.

Adam Davidson pleaded guilty to an incident dating back to February 7 when he attacked another man in front of a McPhillips Avenue coffee shop in downtown Ganges.

Court heard Davidson, who experiences bouts of anxiety and paranoia related to a mental illness, punched the victim four to five times.

During his probation period, Davidson must keep the peace and be of good behaviour, contact his probation officer as requested, attend counselling as requested and perform 15 hours of community service.

"This sentence is literally hanging over your head," said Justice Evan Blake. "If you live under the conditions of the sentence, there should be no problems."

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INFRASTRUCTURE

New gravel pathway construction in sight

Part of walkable, bike-friendly Ganges vision

Walkers, runners, cyclists and wheelchair users alike will watch with anticipation over the next month as Ganges' new community pathway moves ahead with full force.

Spearheaded in 2007 by Partners Creating Pathways, a coalition between Island Pathways and the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, the one-kilo-

metre trail will link Blain Road to Wildwood Crescent as a safe, alternative to walking on Lower Ganges Road.

A local contractor, chosen by competitive bid, will construct the compacted gravel path over the next few weeks.

The path will be approximately six feet wide.

Similarly rooted in a vision for a more walkable, cyclist-friendly Ganges, Partners Creating Pathways (PCP)

teamed up with the commission, which accessed the appropriate licences and took on the liability and responsibility for path maintenance.

PCP coordinator Jean Gelwicks is recruiting volunteers to help landscape the trail edges by replanting with native plants that include Nootka roses.

To volunteer or donate native plants suitable for hedgerows, contact Gelwicks at 537-4859 or gellam@saltspring.com.



Islands Trust

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
Proposed Bylaw No. 426**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 426**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. The public hearing for this bylaw will precede the regular monthly Local Trust Committee Meeting to be held at the same location.

DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2008
LOCATION: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Public Hearing

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 426, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1997, Amendment No. 1, 2007".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 426 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 345 by rescinding Section E.6.1.3 - Development Permit Area 6 - Unstable Slopes and Soil Erosion Hazards - and replacing it with new wording. The intent of the new wording is to provide greater certainty in administration of DPA6 Guidelines.

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Monday, May 19, 2008 and up to and including Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 426 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Acting Regional Planning Manager, Robert Kojima, at (250) 537-9144. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, June 5, 2008 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.
2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Pauline Brazier, Deputy Secretary

Long weekend drinkers dominate police report

Seventeen end up in Salt Spring jail

RCMP REPORT

Salt Spring Island RCMP officers spent most of the warm long weekend responding to 77 calls involving a cocktail of alcohol-related charges. The wild times resulted in 17 individuals spending some portion of their weekend lodged in police cells.

At 8:05 p.m. Friday night, police seized two bags of marijuana from two males after officers smelled a strong odour of the drug coming from a vehicle at the Mouat Park parking lot.

Later that night at 12:45 a.m., police took a young couple into custody until they were sober after they were caught arguing on the lawn of a local business.

Police issued a 24-hour driving prohibition Saturday evening to a 29-year-old Alberta man they stopped in the high school parking lot after he admitted consuming beer.

At 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, police stopped a pickup truck with four people in the bed of the truck. A 19-year old Mill Bay driver was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving and the vehicle was towed.

Then at 11:50 p.m., police responded to calls of an intoxicated man walking towards the dock in Gan-

arrived to find the 39-year-old man had fallen into his dinghy. They arrested him for causing a disturbance and held him in custody until sober for his own safety.

Just after 10 p.m. on Sunday evening, police attended a party on Churchill Beach. Police emptied numerous bottles of liquor and warned partygoers about excessive noise.

At 1 a.m. Monday, while on routine patrol along Walkers Hook Road, police were asked directions to a place to stay by a male driver. A subsequent investigation resulted in the Victoria man being arrested for impaired driving. He was released on a promise to appear in court in August.

About two hours later, police arrested a 33-year-old Salt Spring Island man after they discovered him behind the wheel of a running vehicle parked along the side of the road. The man was issued a 24-hour driving prohibition and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police arrested a man on grounds of causing a disturbance by being drunk in a public place on Monday at 10:40 p.m. Police observed the man falling off Long Harbour Road, down into a



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

MAKING A SPLASH: Past Ssplash president Darlene Steele, left, and current president Wendy Rosier cut the cake as the indoor pool fundraising entity holds a pool party at the facility on Friday, before Saturday's official opening.

INDOOR POOL

Rainbow pool facility opens with a big splash

VIHA issues operating permit

Some 250 people came out to the Rainbow Road indoor pool for free swimming on opening day Saturday.

"We had a really great time and everyone really enjoyed the pool," said pool manager Jim Raddysh.

The previous evening, the pool fundraising group Ssplash held a separate celebratory pool party complete with cake sharing and other activities.

On Thursday, the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) health inspector issued the regular annual operating permit for the facility, which let the pool be opened for full public use on May 17.

"As with all public pools, the operating permits are issued on a yearly basis and the public health inspector is expected to drop in periodically during the year to review any aspect of public health safety that may come up," said Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) operations manager Dave Gibbon.

As explained at last Monday's PARC meeting, the pool does have a minor deficiency with its main pool gutter drain, which Gibbon said results in uneven skimming and flooding of the gutter drains under certain conditions. The problem will be fixed when the pool is shut down for its first maintenance period in September of 2009.

PARKS & REC

Park lands eyed for proposed arts and rec projects

Disc golfers float Bryant Hill option

Representatives of two non-profit groups discussed their wish lists with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) at last week's public meeting, with a desire for access to PARC land at the core of both requests.

Island disc golfers are aiming to build a second public course on Salt Spring, with Bryant Hill Park (also known as 80-Acre Park) at the end of Sarah Way the latest suggestion.

Salt Spring Disc Golf Association member Fritz Arnold estimated that no more than 15 acres would be required for an 18-hole course.

With some alders and ocean spray removed in the desired area, a course could be mapped out, he said.

Disc golfers have previously indicated a desire to build a course on the farmland area of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.

Fellow association member Dean Crouse also asked PARC to provide signage at the Hart Memorial Disc Golf Course in Mouat Park similar to the sign on the Sunset Drive end of Duck Creek Park that would advise people to watch for flying discs and other park etiquette. Neutral-coloured garbage bins would also be appreciated, he said.

Shelley Mahoney, administrator of Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts, gave PARC a financial plan for building and operating a 4,800-square-foot facility to hold its various classes next to the new pool on Rainbow Road.

Following an initial request made earlier this year, PARC had asked Mahoney to provide more financial details of the proposal.

Stagecoach estimates the capital cost at \$500,000.

"We have secured financing for the entire amount based on obtaining permis-

sion from PARC to proceed with this plan," states the group's business plan. "Our plan is to begin construction immediately and begin a formal fundraising campaign to pay off the financing for this project within five years."

For both the Stagecoach and disc golf proposals, a number of issues would need to be examined and considered before any decisions could be made, explained PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon the following week.

In other PARC news: The commission's plan to replace the Centennial Park washroom facility with a bigger, better building is still in limbo.

PARC had budgeted about \$200,000 for the project, but an architectural firm's estimate returned this spring pegged the cost at a daunting \$400,000.

Despite some PARC members expressing doubt that simply renovating the aged structure was a viable option, they agreed to spend up to \$500 on acquiring an expert opinion on whether or not the building could be renovated rather than rebuilt.

PARC accepted recommendations of its grants committee in agreeing to disburse three grants-in-aid.

Recipients are Salt Spring Island Community Education, \$2,430 for replacement computer equipment; the Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association, \$2,400 for a portable backstop and new backcatchers' equipment; and Greenwoods Eldercare Society, \$112 for recreation equipment.

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EDITORIAL

Change is on its way

Change is rarely adopted willingly and without good reason. More often than not it is thrust upon us and we are forced to adapt.

The threat of climate change may have encouraged most of us to change light bulbs and cut down on the plastic bags, but it will likely take far more than science and taxes to get the majority of people out of their cars and onto a bike or into a bus.

That's just one example. Another is the island's chronic shortage of available housing. It's an issue that has provided our island's local Trust committee, Capital Regional District director and provincial government with a wealth of talking points, surveys and assessments for years.

As an island, we've had some recent success thanks to the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project and efforts from folks at the Salt Spring Land Bank Society. The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has even suggested steps to be taken to legalize secondary suites and seasonal cottages, but things are about to get a whole lot more interesting.

In response to some Salt Spring business owners' ongoing efforts to find reliable full-time workers to serve islanders and the tourists who come to visit, a Salt Spring man has organized to bring 20 foreign workers to the island as early as next month.

While these workers may be able to find decent accommodation on the island, it remains to be seen what lies in store for the years ahead.

The number of baby boomers entering retirement is expected to peak around 2014, representing an unprecedented demographic shift. As more people leave the workforce than enter it, pressure to hire international workers increases. Retirees will not only need younger workers to ensure they receive prompt service in local restaurants and help with their groceries, but to also help fund their pensions, rising healthcare costs and the day-to-day running of their community.

With luck, the arrival of foreign workers will help us develop constructive solutions to the island's housing conundrum rather than converting chicken coops or hiding another trailer on the back forty.

If it doesn't, not to worry; soon we won't have a choice.



Trustees' Burgoyne rationale off base

BY TERRY MORTON

I am writing in regards to the May 7 article "Trapezoid considered for ALR exclusion."

It noted that although the Islands Trust planning staff recommended the Local Trust Committee (LTC) refuse the application to exclude a parcel of farm from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) because it contravened the island's official community plan (OCP) and a staff report noted that there are only a few reasons by which local trustees may support exclusions of farmland from the ALR, trustee George Ehring said trustees rejected their counsel on the basis that it "doesn't make any sense that this particular piece of land sits in the ALR" (despite being in the midst of ALR land) and that the application was for an exclusion only and "does not call for the property's subdivision or rezoning."

I wish the trustees would help me understand that in spite of the fact that a previous staff report, of which they are aware, states that this parcel can "be improved by allowing a wide range of crops and fruit trees" and that a representative from the Ministry of Agriculture stated at the April 17, 2008 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting that this parcel is typical of many other parcels separated from the farm by a road and that those parcels are being actively farmed and that this parcel can be used for farming of varying intensity, from the current hay production of the farm to offering a location suitable for a farm stand, that Ehring states that this parcel is not worth farming.

Although this is the criteria by which the LTC determined that this farmland should be removed from the ALR, surely they do not expect that every acre of an ALR farm

VIEWPOINT

"... surely they do not expect that every acre of an ALR farm must be of equal capability to remain in the ALR."

must be of equal capability to remain in the ALR.

In addition, I wish the LTC would help me understand why, in spite of the fact that the exclusion application clearly states that the only reason for the subdivision of this property for non-farm use, Ehring stated that the application is not about a subdivision.

Also, why, in spite of the fact that the applicant wrote in December 2007 that the local trustee(s) provided encouragement for the change in land use of this parcel, into what amounted to industrial/commercial use, Ehring said the application is not about rezoning.

Further, Ehring stated that there is no breach of the OCP since the land's zoning would remain agriculturally zoned, however, by that reasoning, all ALR farmland with agricultural zoning can be recommended by the LTC for removal from the ALR.

I am not so sure that the architects of the OCP intended for such a broad interpretation of the OCP's policy for exclusion in such a way that it is consistent with the OCP to remove farmland from the ALR if it is agriculturally zoned.

Finally, why did the LTC recommend exclusion of the "triangle" from the ALR if it is to remain non-subdivided and agriculturally zoned or, more appropriately, to what end does removing this parcel of farm from the ALR serve?

The writer is a Burgoyne Bay Road resident.

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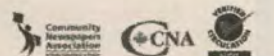
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: If there was an earthquake tomorrow, how would you be prepared?



JILL MALCOLM

I'd grab my dog and head for a mountain.



**PAUL NIEDZIELA
(WITH AMELIE)**

Well, I just went grocery shopping so I'd be relatively prepared with food.



GERALD ERICKSON

I'd stand in a doorway structure.



DAWN DAVIES

We have the 72-hour food and water stash, we don't store things up high and we've secured our water tank.



HELEN GUNN

I've got a freezer lined with Ziploc bags filled with frozen water to keep food cold. And you have the water [after it melts] too.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to Driftwood letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

Dry grad theme needs

Parents of the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) graduating class are in the midst of preparing for this year's Dry After Grad Party on June 7.

With the support of many businesses in the community and amazing parents, the Farmers Institute will be transformed in to a scene from Arabian Nights, complete with Sinbad Alley, Aladdin's Ballroom and Ali Baba's Den.

We are still looking for decorating props to make the transformation complete and are asking the community if they have anything that can be donated or loaned. We are specifically looking for old pillows, large potted plants (like banana plants), large plastic tropical-looking plants, candles/tea lights, large drums like djembes, baskets/urns etc, old saris or larger lengths of fabric that look exotic, and

finally, bamboo blinds or screens.

If you have anything that fits in to the theme of Arabian Nights that you would be willing to loan us for a week or so, please call me, Sheri, at 537-5659, or e-mail me at alonso@shaw.ca and we can make arrangements to get it.

We are also looking for people with trucks who would be able to help transport the set to the Farmers Institute around June 1.

Thank you on behalf of all of the 2008 GISS grads.

**SHERI DEKOVEN,
SALT SPRING**

Pool costs questioned

It's wonderful that the swimming pool finally opened, but I think the price structure is unfair for a number of reasons.

There is no senior rate which means that for a senior (or anyone) to receive any advantage of the annual

pass over one time admission, he or she would have to swim more than twice a week every single week. Given the fact that seniors may be ill, have less resources to get to town that often, or be away with family or on holiday, it seems unreasonable that a senior would buy anything but the \$5 per swim. This same reasoning applies to other adults as well.

These annual passes are money in the bank for PARC as they have that money all year to generate income in some form.

A much more fair system, given the particular problems of committing to a regular swim program for seniors (or busy adults), would be like the one in place where I currently swim in the U.S. I buy a \$100 swim packet, receive a card and swipe it through an automated system each time I swim. I don't worry about value I'll lose if I go on a holiday or get a protracted illness. My pool

offers a senior and a regular adult price for these swim cards, but I would even be happy if the pool just had the cards without a senior rate. There is also an annual pass card available.

For seniors who don't have such large sums of money to invest at one time, perhaps a one time rate of \$4 or \$4.50 would be a help.

I discussed these ideas with a staff person and he said he would bring them to the commission, but since the commission is in such disarray I'm not sure they will get noticed.

**DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD**

Responsible burning

It is burning season and, judging from the number of fire permits we have issued, it would appear that the residents of the island are eager to get out and clear up their winter debris.

Burning is allowed by permit, available free of charge at the Ganges fire hall for the period of April 15 through to the end of June. Machine piles require a permit year round.

At the end of June or before, depending on the weather, all burning except for possibly campfires will be shut down until October 1.

We ask that you follow some simple rules and suggestions.

1. Keep your burn piles manageable — no more than two metres across and a metre in height. Dawn to dusk only.

2. Keep a water hose, shovel and rake handy.

3. Never leave your fire unattended at any time.

4. If you are burning in an incinerator, ensure the barrel and screen are in good shape. We attend many incidents that are directly caused by inappropriate barrels or screens.

5. Check with the fire department or on our web-

site, www.saltspringfire.com, for burning closure updates.

6. Most of all, practise being a good neighbour. Don't let smoke fill your neighbour's house or ruin their laundry. Treat them like you would like to be treated.

Your driveway was constructed to standards and should be maintained to those standards, which would allow our largest apparatus to safely reach your residence. If your driveway has become overgrown, it is time to clear it out.

Lastly, when cleaning up your yard, make sure that your assigned civic address is clearly visible from both directions of travel. If the first responder agencies can't find you in your time of need, the results may not be to the liking of all involved.

**DAVE ENFIELD,
SALT SPRING FIRE CHIEF**

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Cheap food can be dangerous to your health

The reader will be relieved to read this story is not about fire halls or firefighters. Enough already.

But let me start with a firefighter job description that dug into my mind years ago: "To be a firefighter, you have to be willing to run into burning buildings when every fibre of your body, every instinct, is screaming at you to run the other way."

That's the way I feel in my grocer's poultry section. I can buy an organic chicken that has been coddled since birth and enjoyed a pleasant (albeit short) stay on this earth for \$5.44 a pound. Or I can go for the factory chicken, raised in deplorable conditions and unceremoniously eviscerated, for \$2 a pound.

I can go cheap and destroy what is left of my karma and my health, or take the higher road. Every fibre of my body screams "go cheap!"

But after reading Michael Pollan's book *In Defense of Food: an Eater's Manifesto* and listening to Taras Grescoe talk about his book on the seafood industry entitled *Bottomfeeder*, my days of eating dangerously are coming to a close.

After surprisingly little soul searching, the choice became clear. Spend more on quality and eat less. Organic chicken over the factory one. Bison meat (coming in at \$11/lb) over beef (\$6/lb). And wild salmon (\$9/lb) over farmed salmon (\$6.80/lb).

As Mr. Grescoe pointed out on Friday night, there is nothing wrong with farmed fish — humans have been doing it for 3,000 years. It's the type of fish in the pens that are of concern, specifically the kings of the ocean — big carnivores like bluefin tuna, cod, and yes, like salmon.

We normally pay little attention to something until it is in our backyards. When we read that mercury levels are so high in bluefin tuna that it can be dangerous in even small portions, we pay attention. And now we need to start paying attention to B.C. salmon.

In 1986, B.C. caught 105,000 tons of wild salmon off the coast and zero tons of farmed salmon. Fast forward to 2006. British Columbia was only able to muster a paltry 31,000 tons of wild salmon, but salmon farms harvested 72,000 tons. Sounds pretty good. As wild salmon stocks plummet due to voracious factory ships sucking up everything in their path, fish farms begin flourishing. It's classic marketplace economics.

But there are niggling problems. Here's the moral issue. Salmon eat fish. It takes four pounds of fish feed to produce one pound of farmed salmon. Much of these "garbage" fish are harvested off the coast of South America, ground up into fish pellets

and shipped north, thus removing a valuable local food resource. In some instances, fish are caught in Chile, shipped to China to be processed, then shipped to North America. That's just not right.

And there is the health controversy of farmed salmon. The number of sea lice found on wild B.C. salmon doubled between 2003 and 2004. Much of the sea lice was of the variety normally found on Atlantic salmon. B.C. salmon farms administer a pesticide used on field crops (emanectin benzoate) which is mixed in with all that Chilean fish and fed to the salmon. This stuff has been labeled "very toxic" with a shelf life of 15 months. Fish farmers have increased the use of this pesticide eight fold since 1999.

When traces of this emanectin benzoate were found in the flesh of farmed salmon, Health Canada raised the allowable limits of the stuff. It appears our government has become quite, um, chummy with the salmon farmers.

So let's review. We have a foreign type of salmon, lousy with sea lice, that have escaped into the wild, and have likely infected our native wild salmon with their nasty parasite. We bring in mass quantities of a toxic pesticide and feed it to the farmed

salmon to kill off the lice. The pesticide turns up in the flesh of the farmed salmon. We buy the salmon because it's 25 per cent cheaper than wild salmon. So guess where the pesticide ends up?

And we have another problem. According to Mr. Grescoe, over 50 per cent of wild salmon is actually farmed salmon that's been mislabelled. Yikes.

So what's a guy to do? I consider food to be a basic necessity, right up there with gas, booze and satellite TV. The only sure answer is to become a locavore. Buy local. On the fishy end of the stick, that means off the wharf or from your local seafood providers.

I would be suspicious of these anonymous white vans with sandwich boards trumpeting "100 GIANT SHRIMP FOR \$10." As the author says, "there's usually something wrong with suspiciously cheap seafood," which does not bode well for the famous Filet o' Fish.

SeaChoice has produced a handy wallet-sized card with the major fish species that are good for your body and soul. You may be able to obtain one from Salt Spring Books, the bookstore partially responsible for bringing Taras Grescoe to our town. If not, check out www.seachoice.org for a complete list.

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Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

OPINION

Capital Regional District



Notice of Meeting Annual General Meeting of the Beddis Water Service Committee

Elections will be held for three new members, two (2) to serve for two (2) years and one (1) to serve for one (1) year.

When: Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:15 pm

Where: Harbour House, Crofton Room (Blue)
Salt Spring Island

For more information please call:
1.800.663.4425

Capital Regional District



Notice of Meeting Annual General Meeting of the Highland Water & Sewer Local Services Committee

When: Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 5 pm

Where: Fernwood Elementary School Library,
Salt Spring Island

For more information please call:
1.800.663.4425

MORE LETTERS

continued from A9

Fawn alert

It's time for baby deer again, and we need to be even more alert than usual to avoid a mother leading her fawns across our increasingly busy roads.

**ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
BRINKWORTHY**

Review omissions

How unfortunate that Sean McIntyre's May 14 review of *Born Yesterday* neglected to mention several outstanding contributions.

Lyle Petch, playing the part of tormented lawyer Ed Devery, took us on the excruciating roller coaster ride from smart and slimy to the depths of self-loathing; an excellent performance!

Sid Filkow as Eddie Brock

and Marit McBride as the senator's wife, Mrs. Hedges, brought depth and humour to their characters, as did Bobby Magee as the senator.

The supporting cast of hotel staff—Teresa Forbes, Chak Estable, Emily McIvor, Carl Graham, Oban Gilbert, Sascha Gilbert, Karena MacAllister and Martin Thorn—each brought memorable personalities to the story; a testament to thoughtful individual work and great direction by Mort Ransen who also kept the pace moving along, engaging the audience throughout the play—and, by the way, what a fabulous opening number! (Choreography was by Amanda Hogg.)

It was a fun and lively ensemble set placement/clown turn/dance, with the wonderfully animated Martin Thorn leading the way.

Even the curtain call was a treat.

**RACHEL JACOBSON,
SALT SPRING**

Hospice news

The Bessie Dane Hospice would like to thank Greenwood's, The Alzheimer Group and the Community Gospel Chapel who co-sponsored the excellent recent workshop on Alzheimer, dementia and coma communication.

We especially thank Rev. Chris Cormack, who was on hand to explain the equipment, Marg Monro and Sharon Glover, and our hos-

pice volunteers who hosted workshop leaders Ann Jacob and Stan Tomandl, or who helped with registration and refreshments.

It was very well attended by nurses, care aides, home care workers, hospice volunteers, caregivers and members of the community.

The presentation was stimulating and with a lot of new information. Everyone went home energized to help those in need. We welcome any suggestions for future workshops.

Bessie Dane Hospice AGM is on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors. We have an excellent slate of members who have put their names up for election.

We have some exciting guest speakers for our future monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. on the subject of "spirituality"—all are welcome.

Announcements will be in the Driftwood.

We will also be announcing an information meeting for those interested in joining our hospice program. We are planning to have our next training course in September.

**PAT DESBOTTES,
BESSIE DANE HOSPICE**

Parking apology

I'd like to apologize through your pages to the gentleman driving the late-model dark green Volvo

that I confronted in front of Mouat's at about 5:10 p.m. Saturday.

At the time I became angry at what seemed like the deliberate stealing of a parking space which I had been waiting to occupy.

However, when I later cooled down, I could see why that driver may have had a plausible reason for taking "my" parking space.

If he was one of the tourists that we here on Salt Spring welcome to our great island, he may not ever read this apology.

But it may help other tourists who read the Driftwood understand why most of us "natives," who are not part of the Saturday market, express our welcome until about 5 p.m. on Saturday by staying away from Ganges and its impossibly scarce parking spaces.

However, we too have lives that must be serviced from time to time, especially before extended weekends, so we try to save our visits to Ganges to a time when the Market in the Park has closed, on the assumption that the day tourists will be heading off island, leaving one or two parking spaces in Ganges for us "natives." Maybe some of us "natives" then get competitive, even toward people we generally welcome as tourists.

In any case, I again apologize for my behaviour on this specific occasion.

**NEIL BURTON,
SALT SPRING**

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Karen Hosie	Sally Cole
Rory Johnston	Derek Tamboline
Patrick Normal	Sander Keil

Winners of a free Movie Rental from Island Star Video:

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Len Siemko	Gavin Ellis
Deb Cade	James Wood
Linda Burgess	Holly MacDonald
Lianne Fidler	Jacqueline Gilbert

Winners of \$10 Gift certificates from Uptown Pizza:

Jean Southgate	Verna Meyer
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Natalie Pase

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SAFE BOATING WEEK

pull out and save



Coast Guard personnel arrive at the scene of a boat fire in Ganges Harbour last summer.

SAFE BOATING

How safe are you?

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary offers safety checklist

BY KEN MORISETTE
BOATING SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER
CCGA UNIT 25

Is your family safe on your boat?

In other words — is your boat safe? Its equipment? You?

All boats, even canoes, kayaks, and row boats, are required by law to have on board certain equipment that is in good operating condition. But is all that really necessary? I mean, really?

Yes! It is important for the safety of yourself, family and friends that the boat, its equipment, and its operator be in good condition. As the boat operator you must know the "rules of the road", how to read a chart, and work the safety equipment. Before starting out, check to see that you have plenty of fuel aboard, that the batteries are secure, protected and vented.

Is the propane installation safe? Does the blower work? The bilge pumps? Are your flares legal? Are the charts aboard? Do you have a radar reflector? Do you know about the zinc in your engine's fresh water heat exchanger? Do you have spare parts? Does a respon-

sible person ashore know where you are going and when to expect you back?

Equipment that you must have aboard will depend on the size of the boat.

One thing that all craft must have for each person is a proper-fitting life jacket or PFD (personal floatation device) in good condition.

Enforcement officers may levy fines for a deficient safety item.

- Bailer or hand pump = \$100 fine
- Paddle or anchor and line = \$100
- Fire extinguisher (inboard power and/or stove) = \$200
- License or registration (10 or more horsepower motor) = \$100
- Heaving line of 50 feet = \$100
- Flares = \$100
- Navigation lights = \$100
- Horn or sounding

device = \$100

• Watertight flashlight = \$100

• Boat driver's licence (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) = \$250

Note that a Pleasure Craft Operator Card is compulsory for every operator of a power boat of 10 horsepower or more who is born after April 1983.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer organization with members certified by Transport Canada to provide a courtesy check, offering boaters a free safety check of their vessel and its equipment.

Our safety message could save you money and perhaps a lot of trouble later.

To arrange for a free pleasure craft courtesy check in the Gulf Islands, call 537-9984.

We wish you smooth, safe sailing.

CCGA UNIT 25

Moby the Safety Dog says: 'Be smart. Be safe'

Youth benefit from auxiliary's program

BY AMARAH GABRIEL
OFFICER OF SAFE BOATING, CCGA UNIT 25

For 11 years the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society has funded volunteers of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 25 in their efforts to save lives at sea through search and rescue, and search and rescue prevention.

An exceptional program offered to the youth of Salt Spring and the outer Gulf Islands is safe boating education.

Elementary school children learn the importance of safe boating rules through Moby the Safety Dog, a video made here on Salt Spring Island. The volunteers then expand that knowl-

edge with a lively interactive presentation that includes trying on a variety of PFDs and life jackets, role playing distress-calling practices, basic knot tying and putting their understanding into creating a safe boating poster.

Anyone born after 1983 who operates a motorized vessel is now required by the government to have a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC). The PCOC course includes learning safety tips such as reading weather conditions and charts, responsibilities of operators towards their guests on board, emergency procedures, distress calling, collision regulations and rules of the road.

In a unique addition they are taken for a ride on the auxiliary's new safety vessel, called the Amarah Gabriel, to

gain some valuable local knowledge of hazards such as rocks and reefs, sensitive environmental areas, wildlife needs and safe speed zones.

This safe-boating program gives youth the information they need to help reduce incidents that could lead to tragedy.

As Moby the Safety Dog says, "We want you to have fun on the water. Water can be dangerous. Know the boating safety rules. Be smart. Be safe!"

We gratefully acknowledge sponsors such as B.C. Gaming, Capital Regional District, Salt Spring Foundation, Lions, the Legion, Thrifty's, the Salt Spring Harbour Authority, Salt Spring Fire Department and the Canadian Coast Guard for their continued support.

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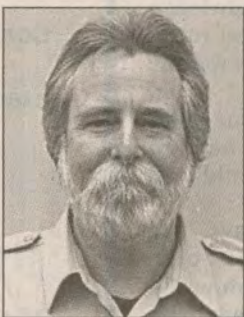
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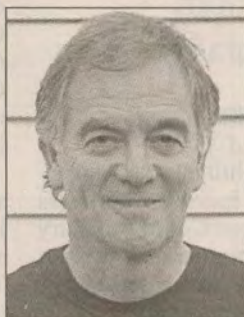


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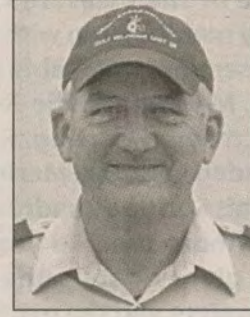


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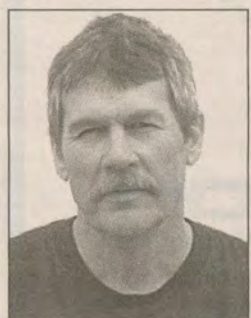


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BY GORDON FORD
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CRAB CRAFT: Jennifer Close and "friend" are seen with a sign given to the Wellbury Bay Too after being on two other local crab boats.

CRD tax increase at 8.5%

BY GARY HOLMAN
CRD DIRECTOR

Property owners will be receiving their tax notices soon. I had earlier estimated the Salt Spring CRD requisition increase at about 10 per cent, driven by three projects — construction of the Royal Jubilee patient tower (to which Salt Spring contributes through the CRD's hospital facilities function); the new transportation service approved last year by "counter-petition;" and the start-up of the new pool, approved by referendum in 2004.

Since the construction of the Royal Jubilee has been delayed, so has the required CRD borrowing. Therefore, the CRD requisition increase for 2008 will be reduced to 8.5 per cent. However, there will be future tax increases as the construction of the patient tower proceeds. Salt Spring has benefited considerably from the CRD hospital facilities program, particularly Lady Minto Hospital, which has received over \$6 million in upgrades since 2002.

Emergency response

The CREST Board is now implementing its plan to upgrade the emergency communications network in the CRD with a new communications tower being installed at the CRD headquarters building. Salt Spring will benefit particularly from installation of mobile repeaters in local fire trucks before the end of 2008. The additional cost of upgrades to Salt Spring will be mitigated by changes to CREST's cost allocation formula that reduces system costs in rural areas.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue has submitted its first ever budget (about \$14,000 — just over \$2 per average household) to the local CRD emergency planning group. This new CRD service was established by counter-petition in which community support was unequivocal. Over 800 petitions were required to reject the proposal but only three were submitted.

Water

Salt Spring Island Water Council has been working with Ministry of Environment (MOE) on a groundwater quality monitoring study to better document issues such as arsenic contamination on Salt Spring.

CRDREPORT

MOE will present the study results at a public forum on June 5 at Lions Hall. The next water council meeting, set for May 30 at Lions Hall, will highlight presentations on a proposed new groundwater quantity monitoring program and recent research into the causes of algal blooms on St. Mary Lake.

State-of-the-art water treatment plants for Fulford and Beddis water districts, which received about \$1.4 million in infrastructure funding, will be completed this summer. These projects have been delayed by escalating construction costs and the need to phase in construction. CRD Environment Services is also now designing the new Highland/Fernwood water treatment plant, which also received roughly \$1 million in infrastructure funding.

Transportation commission

The Salt Spring Island Transit and Transportation Commission had its first meeting a short eight months ago. Since then, the commission has worked overtime to develop policies on routes, schedules, and fares for our first public transit system; install bus stops; hire a contractor for the 0.8 km pathway from Wildwood Crescent to Blain Road; bring in a summer transit schedule; establish priorities for implementation of the North Ganges Transportation Plan; and secure related federal gas tax funding from the CRD Board. The commission already has a strong relationship with Partners Creating Pathways (Island Pathways and the Trail and Nature Club), and is beginning to work with other community groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and the local ferry advisory committee to improve pedestrian and cycling safety in the villages.

Solid Waste and recycling

After extensive local consultation, the proposed new transfer station bylaw regulating larger-scale commercial chipping of wood waste has been referred by the CRD Board to the Ministry of Environment for comment.

Salt Spring's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC) has recommended renewal of the recycling contract with the Community Services Society for two years. SSISWAC will be meeting with and surveying stakeholders in the non-residential sectors later this year to discuss the impacts of the closure of Rainbow Road depot to this sector, their recycling needs and ways to address this.

Pesticide education

CRD is undertaking a region-wide education initiative aimed at reducing pesticide use and sponsoring a number of workshops about environmentally friendly lawn and garden care. Announcements will be made soon regarding the time and location of the Salt Spring workshops.

Septic Monitoring

Based on recommendations by the local water council and the Cusheon Lake and St. Mary Lake watershed planning processes, I am considering opting Salt Spring into the CRD septic monitoring program being established in the Greater Victoria area. The program will include all septic owners, but enforcement would be targeted at drinking watersheds and community well capture zones. Septic owners will be provided information on the program later this year, with possible implementation in 2009.

CRD -Trust coordination

I have been meeting regularly with trustees regarding CRD-related issues in the OCP review, a study of energy efficiency in buildings funded by the provincial Community Action on Energy Efficiency program, discussions with the transportation ministry regarding its ongoing road maintenance programs, and an affordable housing needs assessment. We have also been discussing the development of more formal CRD-Trust coordination and strategic planning for Salt Spring that will be presented at the next local Trust committee meeting of June 5.

Please contact me with any comments or questions on CRD issues at directorsi@crd.bc.ca or 653-2042.

RANTS and Roses

Beautiful O'Keeffe poppies for Salt Springers who contributed to Mother Tongue Publishing's successful fundraising art auction. Robert Bateman, Wim Blom, the Caruso gang, Diana Dean, Tina Dickey, Lynda and Gabrielle Jensen, Anni Knoop, Paris and Sophia Haase, Ian and Claire Sigvaldason, Phyllis Webb and Bloom Bread. Thank you for your support! Mona and Peter

A tall, cool "Mexican Rose" and a "hotter than a pepper sprout hug" to Arvid Chal-

mers for his understanding when the Driftwood ran out of room for the horoscope last week. It won't happen again!

An armful of long-stemmed red roses to all of you who helped move the SWOVA office and create the wonderful new space — Randie Clark, Jean Elder, Carol Grier, Rick Laing, Kevin Marks, Megan Manning-Burton, Anne Marshall, Mary Lou McLean, Jim McGuckin, Zelly Taylor, Linda Quinn and Five Star Moving.

Guardian angel: A huge bouquet of fragrant yellow roses to thank you for sharing your amazing generosity once again. Because of you, life is easier. Lorna

Bushels of beautiful, fragrant spring blossoms to Meghan Johnson for an extraordinary amount of sand raking to finish off our baby swing zone at last. We couldn't have done it without you and Ian. With lots of hugs and smiles from the Tree Frog Daycare family.

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NEWSBEAT

LECTURES

'Ordinary miracle of the well-wrought thing' explored

Renowned speaker visits Salt Spring May 28

For people who use their hands to create, Stephen Jenkinson offers a rare evening presentation called A Handmade Life on May 28.

Press material describes A Handmade Life as "an evening teaching about the holy technique of hand work . . . For craftspeople who employ their hands so that food,

words, music and beauty become the mystery of things for others."

Jenkinson, who is visiting Vancouver to give the keynote at the B.C. Hospice Palliative Care Association 2008 Annual Conference (BCHPCA), is thought of as revolutionizing the way people think about death and dying.

With a masters degree from Harvard University in theological studies and the University of Toronto (social work), Jenkinson is

a palliative caregiver, sculptor, traditional canoe builder and winner of the Governor General's Award for architecture.

"Stephen is a sought-after speaker and teacher in the palliative care field and his work has been featured in several television documentaries on spirituality and wilderness creativity.

"He is the author of Money and The Soul's Desires (Stoddart Publishing) and a contributing author

in the recently published Palliative Care - Core Skills and Clinical Competencies (Elsevier Saunders Medical Publishers)."

The evening will be "a teaching about the ordinary miracle of the well-wrought thing, about its origins and its cost, about its use and its proper place amongst us, about work.

"In this teaching we will make something for your craft. A teaching that makes a song of praise,

gratitude and encouragement for the makers in our midst who have not abandoned and forgotten their thumbs, and for the made things which are more often trivialized or enslaved than honourably employed."

The May 28 event takes place at Lions Hall from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 at the door. For further information, contact Christopher Roy at 537-1817.

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- cumin
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THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET VEGETARIAN CHILI WITH A TWIST

Short cuts to cooking for one or two with Sarah Lynn

Chili: A spicy stew-like dish with a reddish color. The name may be Spanish, but the story of chili is as American as apple pie. Various versions of this slowly simmered stew have evolved in regions around the country for close to two centuries. Chili is so closely associated with Texas that in 1977 it was declared the Texas state dish. Celebrate the change of the season with a bowl of my vegetarian Chili With a twist, it will warm you from the inside out on a brisk fall day.

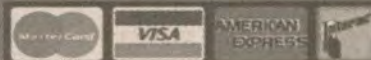
• Stir together one can tomato paste & 1 1/2 cups water & 1 package chili or taco seasoning mix or 2 tablespoons chili powder into a medium sized pan. Add 2 large drained cans of red kidney beans, 1 minced medium onion, 1/2 cup salsa, 1 can chopped artichoke hearts (5 hearts), 1 can asparagus tips chopped, 1 can chopped green chillies, 1 clove garlic minced, 1 tablespoon cumin. Stir all ingredients together & let simmer for 20 to 30 min. (*Optional: for added fire put in 2-3 chopped jalapeno peppers). Remember the longer you simmer the hotter this gets ... Enjoy!

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ADVENTURERS

Moving Muscles trek makes short Salt Spring pit stop



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Moving Muscles riders arriving at Vesuvius last Wednesday were, from left, Pat Cuthbert, Jon Taves, Keith Martin, Michael McDonald and Brian Sprague.

MD fundraiser gets rolling

Despite having several flat tires to contend with en route from Port Alberni last Wednesday, five university graduates on a cross-Canada cycling trek still caught an evening ferry from Crofton and the hospitality waiting for them on Salt Spring.

Brian Sprague, the 22-year-old grandson of islanders John and Lois Sprague, is one of the young men who set out from Tofino on May 13 on a venture to raise \$100,000 for muscular dystrophy (MD) research.

John Sprague said the cyclists found "the rain and all those hills from Tofino to Port Alberni" a little daunting for a first day on the road, and the Port Alberni to Crofton stretch took longer than anticipated.

But after a meal and short rest at the Sprague household on Salt Spring, they were ready to hit the mainland by taking the 6:15 a.m. ferry from Long Harbour on Thursday.

"On Thursday morning at the ferry terminal, I told the ticket person Jan Pollard,

about their ride," said John Sprague.

"She was so sympathetic that she came out later and gave a \$20 donation . . . She announced on the loudspeaker about the young guys and a man came over from the waiting cars and gave another donation.

"The captain of the ferry announced that they would get a free morning drink in the cafeteria."

According to their website, the five had already gone through Kamloops by Monday.

Brian Sprague and Jon Taves just graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario this spring, while Pat Cuthbert, Keith Martin and Michael McDonald are 2008 UBC grads. Martin, 23, was diagnosed with MD in 2005.

Their trek, which is being undertaken without a support vehicle, has already received A-Channel and CTV coverage.

For more information, to read the entertaining travel blog or to donate, visit the group's website at www.moving-musclesride.ca.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Critical service issues identified in survey

Representatives of non-profit organizations and other interested community members are invited to hear the findings of the Salt Spring Island Foundation-led Community Services Needs Survey on Tuesday, May 27 at Lions Hall.

"The purpose of the survey

was to gather information to help the foundation and other island organizations to make responsible granting decisions and also to provide community service-providing groups with information to help with future planning," states a foundation press release.

Survey respondents, all

community service providers, identified eight priority critical service issue areas. The most critical service areas requiring attention on Salt Spring were: affordable housing; mental health; children, youth and family; poverty; transportation; alcohol and drugs; home-

lessness; and recreation.

The committee will present its survey findings and recommendations on Tuesday.

The meeting will take place at Lions Hall at 3 p.m. For more information, contact chair@saltspringislandfoundation.org or call Carol Biely at 537-8305.

CULTURAL MATTERS

Saturday rally pressures CBC brass to reverse classical cut decisions

Islanders join nation-wide chorus

The volume will be turned up on a campaign to keep classical music on CBC Radio 2 with a Centennial Park rally planned for Saturday, May 24.

Two major demonstrations are planned in Vancouver and Toronto on Saturday, and the Salt Spring rally — which begins at 1 p.m. — is intended to show that local music lovers share the concerns of musicians, composers and listeners across the country.

Protests condemning the CBC's decision to disband the CBC Radio Orchestra and to severely curtail classical music programming on Radio 2 have taken place across the country in the several weeks.

A contingent from Salt Spring attended a demonstration outside the CBC offices in Victoria on April 11 on the first National Day of Action to save the CBC.

"The CBC executives hope that once we have all had our say, we'll simply keep quiet and go away," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "We want to show them that music is important in our lives and it is not a matter of indifference to us if CBC brass choose to abandon the cultural mandate the public broadcaster was set up to serve."

The CBC Radio Orchestra has been around for 70 years, said Sipos.

While years of cutbacks meant the Vancouver-based orchestra now plays fewer than a dozen concerts a year, it is still an important national orchestra, said Sipos, especially for showcasing new work by contemporary Canadian composers.

"Interestingly, many of the voices raised in recent weeks in support of maintaining the CBC's commitment to classical music have come from young people — young composers, university students working toward careers in the music world. They realize that without the CBC directly supporting their work and indirectly fostering an appreciative audience, the future for serious music in Canada is bleak," said Sipos. "The CBC would have us believe it is only old people who care about classical music. This is simply untrue."

The rally in Ganges, to be held at the gazebo, will last about 45 minutes, and will feature speeches, live music and an opportunity for the crowd to express their opinions on the issue. Further information about the national campaign to save classical music on CBC is available at www.standon-guardforcbc.ca. Information about the Ganges rally is available from george@artspring.ca.

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Norah Rendell & Brian Miller. Jaime RT hosts Irish and folk music duo at 175 Kanaka Road. 7:30 p.m.
Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.
Ramesh Meyers. The [pop music] road less travelled. Tree House Cafe.
The Walls of Troy. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts' year-end production. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tango Dance. All levels every Wednesday at Core Inn. 7:30 p.m. Info: Hans, 537-9499.
Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Ride the 29-seat fundraising bike around Ganges beginning at 10 a.m. from Centennial, or pledge funds to riders. Info: Susannah, 537-2570 or sdevitt@iscu.com.
OCP Review Special Business Meeting. Community Gospel Chapel. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 2-5 p.m.
Bessie Dane Hospice. Annual General Meeting. Seniors for Seniors. 7 p.m.

Thurs.
May 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gel. Local youth band formerly known as "Trimen." Cafe El Zocalo. 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Gene Grooms. SS singer-songwriter. Tree House Cafe.
One Night Stand. With Matt & Tom at Shipstones. 9 p.m.
The Walls of Troy. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts' year-end production. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club Social. Slide show and talk with Barbara Appleby on hiking in the Lake District, the Cumbrian Way in England and the Isle of Arran in Ireland. Lower United Church. 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Probosc Club. Planning committee to be formed at SS Golf Club meeting. 10 a.m.
Experimental Drawing Classes. With Gillian McConnell. Core Inn 3rd floor on Thursdays. Info: 537-5833; gillian@artbygillian.com.
Deal or No Deal. Watch Islander Bill Miles at home or at Shipstones pub. 8-9:30 p.m. on NBC.

Fri.
May 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Swing Shift. A Big Band evening featuring guest artist Bruce Hum. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.
Julia Beattie with Stacy Burke. Powerful harmonies. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
The Walls of Troy. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts' year-end production. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Scrapbooking/Stamping Workshop. Start, continue or finish those outstanding photo album or card-making projects. Free at Mormon church every other Friday. Info: Mandy, 537-1283.
SSI Conservancy AGM. Conservancy biologist Robin Annschild speaks on Survival and Hope: Encounters with Rare Species on Salt Spring. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Story Time at the Library. West Coast First Nations stories, with the Story Lady Clare Cullen, plus a craft activity. 1-2 p.m.
Nature Explorers Program. Outdoor adventure program for kids 6-14. Info: 653-9122.

Sat.
May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Man Cubs. Rock & pop classics. Tree House Cafe.
GEMA Family Dance. Planet Music headlines fundraiser for the Giving Everyone Music and Art program. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.
Jef Stott & Drumsydr. World fusion artists with opening DJs Rowan and Desunos, plus Oriana and Daryl Chonka. Beaver Pt. Hall. 9 p.m.
Amabilis Singers. New Westminster choral group performs a tribute to water. United Church. 8 p.m.
Songs of the Salish Sea. Featuring Valdy, Kathy Stack and Graham Wardrop from New Zealand. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

CBC Radio Rally. Protest changes to CBC Radio 2. Centennial Park. 1 p.m.
Children's Wish Foundation BBQ. Fundraiser at GVM from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Radio-Controlled Aircraft Display. SS Seniors. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Eco-Build Launch Event. Breakfast BBQ to promote directory of SS Eco Build initiative. Elements Home Design. 10 a.m. to noon. Info: 537-4400.

Sun.
May 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. Every other Sunday at Fulford Inn Pub.
The Platters and The Ink Spots. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Sweetwater. Jazz & bossa nova. Tree House Cafe.
More the Maryer. Annual fundraising variety show for Mary & Harry Williamson youth scholarship fund. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m., with doors open for silent auction at 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Newcomers Walk. Meet at Centennial Park at 11:30 a.m. to car share, or join the group at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 11:45. Pack a picnic lunch for easy 40-minute walk one way.
Children's Wish Foundation Trail Ride. Riders meet at Soul Ridge Farm on Cusheon Lake Road beginning at 9 a.m. for 10 a.m. departure. Info: Jenn, 537-4994; wishtrailride@hotmail.com.
Seeds for Malawi Project Plant Sale. 813 Beaver Point Rd. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mon.
May 26

ACTIVITIES

Black Velvet Band. Irish & island melodies. Tree House Cafe.
Life Drawing. 3rd floor of the Core Inn. 1-3:30 p.m. every Monday. Info, Call José at 537-1121
Toastmasters. Meets Mondays at ArtSpring. 6:30 p.m.
Workshop for Business Owners. With local business coach Geoff Affleck. Skipping Stone Beach B&B. 12 to 5 p.m. Register at at 538-0955.

Tues.
May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. With Tommy Hooper at Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Community Services Needs Survey Presentation. Hear results of SS Foundation survey. Lions Haxll. 3 p.m.
Wontonara Salt Spring! West African dance classes at Beaver Point Hall. Kids', drumming & all levels. Info: mariellecomeau@hotmail.com/250-885-6315.

Wed.
May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT


Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.
High Mountain Honey. Hot Celtic & Contemporary folk at Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SIMS Grade 8s Bottle Drive. For end-of-year graduation event. Call Jennifer at 537-2872 for pick up.
Dinner, Performance and Silent Auction. Salt Spring Elementary grade 4/5 class fundraiser for Camp Owanoes trip. Salt Spring Elementary School. 6 p.m.
Improving Doctor/Patient Relations. Talk given by Dr. Bob Crossland at SS Seniors. 2 p.m.
A Handmade Life. Teaching evening with Stephen Jenkinson about working with one's hands. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Beddis & Cusheon Lake Area Residents' Assn. AGM. With guest speaker Sgt. Danny Willis. Harbour House Blue Room. 7-9 p.m.
Gardening with Native Plants. SS Garden Club meeting. Meaden Hall. 7-9 p.m.

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INDIANA JONES & THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL — Harrison Ford is back as Jones, Indy, that is, in the fourth feature film in this fantastic series. In 1957, Indiana Jones is thrust back in action, venturing into the jungles of South America in a race against Soviet agents to find the mystical Crystal Skull. Salt Spring Air will be flying in the print in a special locked, coded box on Thursday, May 22 for the 7 p.m. show!

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• **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 Tues.-Wed., May 27-28 it's the Salt Spring A&E report. Watch for an upcoming story on islander Hugh Greenwood, who makes classical guitars. (And check back on weekends since the shows may repeat.) For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS
• **Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive presents *Absence and Family* — work by Ian Thomas and Stella Weinert. Show runs May 25 to June 15 with an opening reception on Sunday, May 25 from 2-5 p.m.
• **J. Mitchell Gallery** presents works by Ronald Crawford and Michael Robb daily until June 4.
• **In Time**, with new work by Michael Hames and Janet Larkman, runs daily through May 31 at Steffich Fine Art.
• **Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art** has opened her new original studio gallery at #17 Merchant Mews, launching her *India Collection*.
• **Salt Spring Fine Art Tour** kicks off this weekend. Pick up a self-guided tour map and see the island's finest art.
• **Pegasus Gallery Spring Show: A Century of Collecting Canadian Art** — showing works from 1908 to 2008. It's Pegasus' biggest show ever with superb paintings by historical Canadian masters and new works by the gallery's contemporary artists.
• **Morley Myers**, sculptor, and **David Kalef**, photographer, are showing new work at the **Morley Myers Gallery** in Merchant Mews.
• **Gillian McConnell** has paintings hanging at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe in Ganges.
• **Christina Estable-Ferreo**, multi-disciplinary performance artist and videographer, has a window installation called *Mama* at Salt Spring Books, in recognition of Mother's Day, until May 28.
• **Aaron Ableman** and **Jerome Wilkinson** exhibits works in the lobby at **ArtSpring**.
• **Verna Meyer** shows paintings at **Island Savings** until June.
• **Jana's Bake Shop** is hanging new flower photos from Salt Spring photographer Deb Hagarty.

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WEDNESDAY MAY 21

5 PM	:00 (4:30) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs -	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy to School (15)	(4:30) UEFA Soccer.	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) CHL Hockey
	:30 Dallas vs. Detroit (if necessary) (Live)	Pyramide	(35) Babar	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	Happy Days	Global National	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00 Le Téléjournal	Heads Up	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	The Simpsons	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Carly iRule the Day	
	:30 For Laughs: Gags	L'Épicerie	Undersea Explorer	Conference Final Game 1 - Teams TBA (Live)	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Criminal Minds Lo-Fi (SF) (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe Egypt	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00 Little Sophie	La petite séduction	What the Ancients Did for Us The Romans	SportsCentre	"Obituary" * (Thril, '06) Josie Bissett.	Coach of the Year	"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (Adv, '89) Harrison Ford.	American Idol Winner Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Vancouver Nights	Lost Something Nice Back Home	Make Me a Supermodel Meet the Models	Farmer/Wife Goodbye City...Hello Country	American Idol Winner Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Lost Something Nice Back Home	Law & Order Tango	Secrets of the Dead The Hunt for Nazi Scientists	CBC News: The National	Price Right Million Dollar Spectacular (N)	Fries With That?	Ultimate Fighter 7
	:30 the fifth estate	Bons baisers de France	Surveillance	Boxing Wednesday	The Standard	Ustat	CSI: NY Hostage (SF) (N)	Hola Que Tal	Law & Order Excalibur (SF) (N)	Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld The Deal	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal Patriot Acts (SF) (N)	Law & Order Excalibur (SF) (N)	The Secret World of Gardens	CSI: NY Hostage (SF) (N)	Falcon Beach Chemistry Lessons	Sportsnet Connected		
8	:00 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Celia Franca: A Tour de Force	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Brenda Watson's Detox Strategy	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30 (05) Arrested	(15) Des kiwis et des hommes	Cinema Asia China	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 7	
9	:00 (05) Arrested	(15) Des kiwis et des hommes	Cinema Asia China	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 7	
	:30 (35) Hour 22 Mins			IIHF Hockey	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)			(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle		

THURSDAY MAY 22

5 PM	:00 (4:30) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	Match! Drôle de couples	Timothy to School (15)	(4:30) Mike Tyson's Hits	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) CHL Hockey
	:30 Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	Pyramide	(35) Babar	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern	News	Happy Days	Global National	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00 Le Téléjournal	Mentors (-25) Tommy	Playoffs - Eastern	News	The Simpsons	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh		
	:30 For Laughs: Gags	Belle-Baie (N)	Profiles of Nature Life on the Edge	Conference Final Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions #1 and #2 (SP) (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen. (Part 1 of 2)	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe Israel	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00 The Nature of Things	Perdus La voix des morts (N)	Big Ideas for Planet Design: E2	SportsCentre	Forbes 20 Cash Queens of Music (N)	Coach	Deal or No Deal (N)	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	The Big Bang Theory	Ugly Betty	Smallville Bizarro	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions #1 and #2 (SP) (N)	Ugly Betty	Deal or No Deal (N)	Happiness Prescription With Deepak Chopra	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory	Fries With That?	Poker FulltimePoker.net	
	:30 (05) Arrested	(15) Des kiwis et des hommes	National Geographic Wolf Pack	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor	
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	:30 (35) Can. Reflections			Snowboarding Shakedown	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)			(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle		

FRIDAY MAY 23

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Lizzie McGuire	Timothy to School (15)	(4:30) Boxing Wednesday Night Fights	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) CHL Hockey
	:30 Arrested Exit Strategy	Pyramide	(35) Babar	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	Happy Days [Part 1 of 2]	Global National	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western	News	The Simpsons	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Thumb Wrestling	
	:30 To Be Announced	"Casanova" ** (Rom, '05) Heath Ledger.	Emily of New Moon The Devil's Punchbowl	Conference Final Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen. (Part 2 of 2)	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected	
7	:00 To Be Announced	The Royal Hour Letting Go	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	SportsCentre	Islam 101	"Ice Age" *** (Ani, '02) Voices of Ray Romano.	Ghost Whisperer [Part 1 of 2]	Weekly News Forum	Grey's Anatomy Freedom	American Gladiators	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	"Cheaper by the Dozen" ** (Com, '03) Steve Martin.	Grey's Anatomy Freedom	American Gladiators	NOW	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer [Part 1 of 2]	Naruto	Boston vs. Oakland (Live)	
	:30 On prend toujours un train	Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Newton-John	True Hollywood Story Olivia Newton-John	The Standard	Buddah Rotation	"To Be Announced"	Here Comes Ajumma	Stargate: SG-1 Ripple Effect						Dateline NBC (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Moonlight B.C.	Futurama	
8	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Cinema Asia India	Williams vs. Herrera	20/20	Cold Case Churchgoing People	Numb3rs Traffic	Open Concert	Jeff Ltd.	Reaper Cancun (SF)	Seinfeld The Truth	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	"Bad Day at Black Rock" *** (Thril, '54)	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Traffic	Death Note Justice	Sportsnet Connected		
	:30 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Perspectives Cracking Up	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Spencer Tracy.	CBC News: The National	News	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
9	:00 (05) Arrested	(15) Des kiwis et des hommes	Perspectives Peace One Day	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Raymond Ally's F	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami Game Over	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Tavis Smiley (N)	The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 7
	:30 (35) Kenny vs. Spenny			Bowling Canadian	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar Media			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H Dear Ma	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Burt Wolf Holland		(35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim		

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SATURDAY MAY 24

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	400 fois Québec	Miss BG (15) Dive, Oily	(4:00) Boxing Friday Night	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Blood Fever	Relic Hunter Dagger of Death	MGM Presents	Raymond Who Am I? According to Jim	GMC NBA Countdown	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow Bishop Auckland	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) Team Galaxy	(4:30) MLS Soccer - Toronto vs. Washington D.C. (Live)	
6:00	Le Téléjournal	L'Épicerie	George Shrinks	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 3 - Teams TBA (Live)	That News Show	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo! Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	NBA Basketball Playoffs - Conference finals, Game 3 - Teams TBA (Live)	News	Lawrence Welk's TV Treasures	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	This Week in Baseball	
7:00	To Be Announced	"La Neuvaïne"	Heartbeat Please Please Me	SportsCentre NASCAR Auto Racing Nationwide Series - Carquest Auto Parts 300	El News Weekend	Diya	Global Currents	W-FIVE Presents: S&M: Short and Male (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe Tofino Island Weekend	Stargate Atlantis Submersion	CSI: Miami Vengeance	Two and a Half Men	Northern Exposure	American Gladiators	Antiques Roadshow	Saturday Report	"Vinegar Hill" (Dra, '08) Mary-Louise Parker.	Mystery Hunters	MLB Baseball - St. Louis vs. LA. Dodgers (Live)	
8:00	"The Pink Panther" (Com, '64) Peter Sellers.	Cover Girl Trouble-fête	Midsomer Murders The Electric Vendatta	SportsCentre	True Hollywood Story Post & Becks	Insights Into Sikhism	Renegade Skin Deep	Comedy Inc.	Vanna Malargal	"Johnny Tootal" (Dra, '05) Adam Beach.	"Perfect Neighbor" (Dra, '05) Susan Blakely.	Frasier	America Most Wanted	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! Weekend	Last Comic Standing	Soundstage Macy Gray	Planet Earth Seasonal Forest	48 Hours Mystery The Puppet Master	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
9:00	"The Pink Panther Strikes Again" (Com, '75)	"L'Indestructible" (Dra, '00) Bruce Willis.	New Tricks	CHAMPS Golf Senior PGA Championship	El News Weekend	Spike Feresten	Wild On	Jack Van Impe	Saturday Night Live	"Kachehari" (Dra, '94)	"Johnny Tootal" (Dra, '05)	World Poker Tour Foxwoods Poker Classic	Cold Case Sandhogs	Spike Feresten	Chappelle's Show	Red Dwarf	the fifth estate	(05) Paid Program	Pinky & the Brain	Ultimate Fighter 7	

SUNDAY MAY 25

5:00 PM	"An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" (Ani, '91) Voices of John Cleese.	La petite séduction	Miss BG (15) Dive, Oily (25)	(2:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Coca-Cola 600 (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Fraternity	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Star Trek: Voyager	(4:00) World Poker Tour Foxwoods Poker Classic	Hates Chris (SF) The Game	(2:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Coca-Cola 600 (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) Masterpiece Theatre Cranford	Paris Hilton Inc.	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "King of the Camp" (Mus, '08)	MLB Baseball - L.A. Angels vs. Chi. White Sox (Live)
6:00	Le Téléjournal Planète Terre Les cavernes	Emily of New Moon The Devil's Punchbowl	National Geographic Into the Great Pyramid	Ext. Makeover: Home Miller Family	That News Show (N)	According to Jim	News	News	"Kachehari" (Dra, '94)	Relic Hunter Afterlife and Death	Speaker's Corner	Gossip Girl Much 'I Do' About Nothing	Series - Coca-Cola 600 (Live)	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (Com, '86)	Matthew Broderick.
7:00	The Nature of Things	Lafaque	National Geographic Into the Great Pyramid	Ext. Makeover: Home Miller Family	El News Weekend	The Search	Renegade-press.com	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Monk Mr. Monk Goes to a Bank	"Casanova" (Adv, '05) Heath Ledger.	Next Top Model The Girls Go Cruisin	The Simpsons	America's Funniest Home Videos	Dateline NBC	Phoenix Mars Mission: Ashes to Ice	Birth of Israel	60 Minutes	Cold Case World's End	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	Test the Nation: Sports (N)	Zone doc Achever l'inachevable	Rosemary and Thyme A Simple Plot	Ext. Makeover: Home Miller Family	Psych	Ground Level	Family Guy	American Dad	"To Be Announced"	Frasier.	"The Forgotten" (Thrill, '04) Julianne Moore.	The Game Media Blitz	Family Guy Brian in Love	Desperate Housewives Now You Know	Law & Order Submission	American Experience	CBC News: Our World	Cold Case It Takes a Village	Falcon Beach	Poker FulltiltPoker.net
9:00	Les Tudors	New Tricks Poker Game	CHAMPS Golf Senior PGA Championship - Final Round	Psych	The Soup (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Brothers & Sisters States of the Union	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Cold	Stargate: SG-1 The Powers That Be	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	Brothers & Sisters States of the Union	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Cold	News	News	The Presidents: Truman (N) (Part 1 of 2)	Birth of Israel	Shark No Holds Barred	Falcon Beach Strawberry Social Reject	Sportsnet Connected
10:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	"Hannah et ses sœurs"	The Last Detective Lofy	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	I-Watch News	IdeaCity	Role That Changed	Without a Trace	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Dolls	News	News	At Issue	(35) Dead Zone	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 7	
11:00	Doc Zone Battle of the Bag	★★★ (Com, '85) Woody Allen.	The Last Detective Lofy	SportsCentre	Driving TV (N)	(35) House & Home	CTV News	Pass Da Mic	Careers TV	"Monkey-bone" (Com, '01) Brendan	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace	24 Day 6: 4:00PM - 5:00PM	(05) Da Vinc's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	In the Life	Paris Hilton Inc.	(35) Paid Program	"Ferris Bueller's ..."	
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections Hockey 07	Hors d'ondes	Rebuilding the Past	IIIHF Hockey	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(05) Popoff Ministry	(05) CSI: Miami Recoil	"To Be Announced"	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace	24 Day 6: 4:00PM - 5:00PM	(05) Da Vinc's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	In the Life	Paris Hilton Inc.	(35) Paid Program	"Ferris Bueller's ..."		

MONDAY MAY 26

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Kif-kif	Timothy to School (15) Babar	(4:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs - Eastern Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairy Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00	Le Téléjournal	Pyramide	Skoold Day 2	Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	News	To Be Announced	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected
7:00	CBC News	Des squelettes	The Leading Edge	Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi [Part 2 of 2]	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	MLB Baseball - Boston vs. Seattle (Live)
8:00	To Be Announced	Chère Betty 4 Thanksgiving et 1 enterement	With Glowing Hearts	SportsCentre	How I Met Your Mother	Coach	Bones The Blonde in the Game	Cornier Gas Robson Arms (N)	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	The Big Bang Theory 30 Rock	American Gladiators (N)	Gossip Girl Pilot	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions #1 and #2	Vacation Swap Haw'n Orlando	American Gladiators (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) (Part 3 of 3)	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory How I Met Your Mother	"Man of the House" (Com, '05) Tommy Lee Jones.	
9:00	To Be Announced	Bons baisers de France	Dragon Songs: Lang Lang in China	EURO 2008 Preview UEFA Soccer '04 EURO Cup - Portugal vs. England UEFA League (N)	My Boys (N)	The Standard	House Resignation	Criminal Minds	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men	According to Jim	Entourage	The Bachelorette (N)	Dateline NBC	American Experience	CBC News: The National	Rules of Engagement	Two and a Half Men		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Dragon Songs	EURO 2008 Preview UEFA Soccer '04 EURO Cup - Portugal vs. England UEFA League (N)	Paradise Hotel (N)	Cold Case The Runner	Durham County The Lady of the Lake	CSI: Miami Death Eminent	GMA Telesine	Comedy Inc.	Biography	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	Truman (N) (Part 2 of 2)	TV Iraqi Style	CSI: Miami Death Eminent	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Sportsnet Connected		
11:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Profiles of Nature Life on the Edge	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy Death Lives	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(35) The Late Show With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested Pilot (35) Rick Mercer	(15) Des kiwis et des hommes	Design: E2	Can. Sportfishing	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Late Show	PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) E.T. Canada	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) Colbert Report	Kurd TV	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	Smart Travels	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

TUESDAY MAY 27

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)	Kif-kif	Timothy to School (15) Babar	(4:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs - Western Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairy Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
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7:00	CBC News	Des squelettes	World of Gardens (N)	Conference Final Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi [Part 2 of 2]	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Oakland (Live)
8:00	To Be Announced	Beautés désespérées Critique d'art	Michael Palin's Hemiway Adventure	SportsCentre	X-Weighted	Coach [Part 1 of 2]	NCIS Smoked	The Moment of Truth	Il Caffe	According to Jim (N)	Everybody Loves Ray	Beauty and the Geek [Part 1 of 2]	The Moment of Truth	According to Jim (SF) (N)	Most Outrageous	Nova Master of the Killer Ants	CBC News: The National	NCIS Smoked	Fries With That?	Monster Warriors
9:00	Bons baisers de France	Gala From Berlin: A Salute to Carmen	Kimora: The Fab Lane	The Standard	The Unit M.P.s.	Criminal Minds	Made in Germany	Samantha Who	Samantha Who	Hell's Kitchen 7 Chels Compete (N)	Reaper Pilot	Hell's Kitchen 7 Chels Compete (N)	Samantha Who	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Frontline/World Crimes at the Border (N)	CBC News: The National	The Unit M.P.s.	Futurama	Shadow Raiders	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Score Golf TV	Denise Richards (N)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Independent Lens A	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Wild at Heart	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	CityNews International	King of the Hill SerPunt	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(35) The Late Show With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
12:00 MID	(05) CONCACAF Soccer	(15) LSU Soccer - Toronto vs. Toronto	What the Ancients Did for Us The	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) Colbert Report	Pass Da Mic	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	Smart Travels	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle			

Sports & Recreation

HORSE RIDING

An equestrian centre with soul

Charity ride and workshop set

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Since 1997, trail rides occurring all around British Columbia have raised money for The Children's Wish Foundation. The second annual Wish Trail Ride to happen on Salt Spring will take place this coming Sunday at Soul Ridge Farm on Cusheon Lake Road, with related events on Saturday.

The charity event is a wonderful way to raise money to fulfill wishes for terminally ill children; it's also a great time to introduce the community to the young partners behind the host location, Mira Warrington and Christine Salyn.

Those "in the know" in the local horse world are likely already aware of Warrington, at least by reputation. For the past four years, the self-trained 22-year old has been slowly making a name for herself as someone who can understand and work with difficult horses with a variety of issues. Warrington and Salyn moved from the Cranberry valley to the unused centre on Cusheon Lake Road on November 1 of last year, upgrading from an uncovered pasture to a facility that includes a covered riding ring, eight fenced paddocks, a heated tack room and barn with 14 stalls.

Riding since age eight in the West Kootenays, at 17 Warrington travelled to Australia, where she was invited to work on a ranch with 35 horses. It was there she began to develop her talent for training horses by improving horse-human communication.

Despite her abilities, Warrington will not describe herself as a horse whisperer (which appears to be more of a popular media construction than an actual thing.) Being called a "horse listener" would be more appropriate, she feels.

"It's more about understanding the horse's language, than whispering something to them and commanding them through some kind of magic."

People often ask Warrington what technique she uses or who she trained under, and Portuguese in-hand work forms part of her foundation. This method was first developed centuries ago to keep horses in small spaces aboard ships in shape through core strengthening — a kind of Pilates for horses.

For the most part, however, when someone asks who she trained under, Warrington's answer is: "I learned from the horses."

"We work in a natural way, but not with a certain set of equipment or a certain set of rules," the trainer explained.

Doing her primary work on the ground, Warrington works to understand what is scar-



Christine Salyn and Mira Warrington at Soul Ridge Farm.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ing the animal, making it act up or be dangerous. When it seems the horse gets what she is doing, she'll take the training onto the horse itself.

Salyn said Warrington can see the potential in every animal.

"Horses want partnership, and the ability to communicate. Pretty soon they trust Mira and see her as a leader." Warrington also works with horse owners to use some of the same techniques, offering clinics four times a year. That way horses that have been difficult in the past won't revert to old behaviours once they leave Warrington's care.

With 12 horses and several dogs of their own, Warrington and Salyn are working to expand Soul Ridge Farm to a full-time business as trainers and farmers. They lease four of the property's 40 acres and plan to create a market garden on one acre next season, which they'll plow with their draft horses. In addition to training and boarding, the centre has also started breed-

ing horses, focussing on an endangered, heritage Canadian breed which is gentle and versatile, suitable for both riding and farm work.

Warrington is skilled at matching horses to people, and can offer her services to find the right animal for a prospective buyer. She's also a skilled artist who does original work and commissioned equine portraits in oil pastel.

Warrington and Salyn are excited about opening their facility to the public for the 2008 Wish Trail Ride as a chance to meet and give back to the community. The event begins with a fundraising barbecue at the GVM parking lot on Saturday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. On Saturday the equestrian centre will also host a clinic called Training for Courage with master horseman Paul Dufresne.

Sunday's Wish Trail Ride is a two-hour ride to the base of Mount Maxwell, from 10 a.m. to noon, with registration at 9 a.m. Part of Cusheon Lake Road will be blocked

off by the RCMP to accommodate the ride. At the farm, extra temporary stabling will accommodate participating horses during the free barbecue after.

Participants will raise money in pledges to donate to the Children's Wish Foundation. People interested in the charity who don't ride are also welcome to collect pledges and come to the event.

For more information on Warrington and the facilities at Soul Ridge Farm, visit the website at www.soulridgefarm.com.

For more information on the trail ride or the clinic with Paul Dufresne, call Jenn at 537-4994 or e-mail ssiwish-trailride@hotmail.com.

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SSPLASHY SWIMMER: Alexis Hunter was one of the youngsters enjoying the Rainbow Road pool at Ssplash's Pool Party on Friday. The pool opened for public use with free swimming on Saturday.

TRACK & FIELD GISS athletes finish among top at tough Vancouver Island finals

Morgan and Brown may qualify for provincials

Gulf Islands Secondary School's track and field stars were greeted by an extremely strong group of competitors at the Vancouver Island high school championships last week, but still laid down several personal bests and podium finishes.

Grace Morgan led the way with two first-place finishes and a second, while Kevan Brown had two second-place finishes.

Trevor Morrisette registered a personal best in discus with a throw of 30.89 metres and seventh place, and was 12th in javelin with a throw of 38.57 metres.

Andrea Sweetnam was eighth in discus at 20.31 metres, eighth in javelin at 21.34 metres and 11th in shotput at 7.0 metres.

Jake Upex finished 10th in the 100-m sprint in 11.85 sec., and jumped to an eighth-place finish and a personal best in long jump at 5.54 metres.

Morgan placed first in the 100m in 13.68 seconds, first in the 200m in 27.64 sec. and second in the 80m hurdles in 14.04 sec.

Kevan Brown was second in the 800m with a personal best time of 2:11.86 and second in the 1500m with a personal best time of 4:46.16.

According to track coach Jim Proctor, both Morgan and Brown hope to qualify for the provincial high school championships at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby on May 30 and 31.

"The provincial championships are primarily for Grade 11 and 12 students," he said.

"However, a small number of Grade 9 and 10 students are allowed in to compete if their performances meet specified standards and rank within the top 24 in B.C. for their grade. Each will be advised by May 26 if they have qualified."

Top bowling scores listed

Recent high bowling scores at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Special Olympics, April 23: Jimmy Beck, 143; Dominic George, 159; Mahjor Bains, 166-181; Gloria Dale, 170.

Special Olympics, April 30: Gloria Dale, 149; Mahjor Bains, 149-163; Jason Newport, 199-152; Stuart Elliott, 172.

Circus League, April 14: Sue Hyam, 208; Martin Hoogerdyk, 227.

Circus League, April 21:

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Brian Hartley, 266; Marjie Radford, 226.

Special Olympics, May 7: Stuart Elliott, 141-153; Terry Swing, 152; Jason Newport, 150; Gloria Dale, 156; Jimmy Beck, 175.

Special Olympics, May 14: Gloria Dale, 161-152; Jason Newport, 166-179; Stuart Elliott, 177; Mahjor Bains, 180-182.

CHALLENGE CUP



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Eland Bronstein goes up for the ball in Salt Spring FC action at last weekend's annual Challenge Cup tournament.

ACBC strikes again in soccer finals

Salt Spring plays host to province's best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Athletic Club of British Columbia (ACBC) made it two in a row after defeating Comox 2-0 in a drizzly final played Monday afternoon at the high school field.

The Comox squad came on strong in the first half, but was unable to capitalize on several opportunities close to the net.

Moments into the second half, ACBC ended any doubt as to who this year's champion would be. Play shifted to the Comox end, where ACBC forwards applied consistent pressure to an overwhelmed Comox keeper.

Salt Spring FC narrowly missed making it into the final by losing 1-0 to the tournament champs.

FC finished the round-robin portion of the tournament at the top of their division in the men's competitive category with a record that included wins against ACBC and Comox.

"We did well and then ran out of steam," said Salt Spring FC's Jordon Morrison. "It's too bad. We had our chances. I think we were just unlucky."

Morrison credited a portion of his team's success to the performance of Ricky Goller. The secret to ACBC's semi-final success, he added, was the team's double and triple coverage on Goller.

"Every time he had the ball, they were on him," Morrison said.

"We'll be back next year and we'll get it back from them," he added.

Salt Spring's success at the tournament peaked with the women's competitive team advancing to the final against the Comox Legends on Monday morning.

Even with putting on relentless pressure and an early first-half goal, the Salt Spring squad failed to maintain pressure through



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Rhea Davidson goes in for the ball as the SS Comp women's team takes on the Comox Legends in the final Monday morning. The local squad lost the game 2-1.

the second half, allowing two unanswered Comox goals.

Despite the loss, the team's making it to the final was a weekend highlight for Joanne O'Connor, the tournament registrar and a player on the Salt Spring women's recreational team.

"The big news was that Salt Spring was very competitive this year," she said. "We had a great showing and all the teams had a lot of fun."

O'Connor thanked all the volunteers and field maintenance staff for contributing to the event's success.

The three-day long-weekend event featured more than 100 games on fields at Portlock Park, Gulf Islands secondary and the middle school.

More than 400 players

on 39 teams competing in five categories travelled to the island from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland to participate in the event.

Though he doubts this year's tournament broke any records, Salt Spring FC Alumni's Jesse Fisher said he was pleased to see enthusiastic participants at most of the matches.

"It's nice to see all the people who grew up here back on the island," he said, adding that it's always a positive when the kegs run dry at the beer garden.

With a round-robin record of 1-2-2, the alumni team missed making the play-offs as a result of losses to the first- and second-place teams in the men's recreational division.

"We enjoyed the tournament even though we

came up a bit short," Fisher said.

As for the Old Boys, they managed to preserve a perfect record in round-robin play, said team spokesperson Fraser Hope.

"We'll be back next year and we'll get it back from them."

JORDON MORRISON
Salt Spring FC

The team's "perfect" 0-5-0 weekend even featured an own goal for good measure, though it was the lone goal scored by the team during the tournament.

"We had as much chance of getting into the final as FC Alumni," Hope said.

"This might be an indication that some of the Old Boys need to play in a different division, perhaps one with a slower pace," he added.

2008 CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

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Sailboats vie for position just before the start of the annual Round Salt Spring race in Ganges Harbour last Saturday morning.

Lots of drama in annual race

SAIL RACE
continued from A1

Top Salt Spring Island skipper Ole Andersen failed to defend his 2007 first-place finish, yet ended the event in a solid fifth position overall with a time of 11 hours and 15 minutes.

"It's becoming a more serious race," said Andersen, winner of the Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy for skipping the fastest Salt Spring boat. "There was much faster competition this year."

Even the food and entertainment provided on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon, Andersen said, were a cut above previous years.

Leading the pack to finish first overall (handicap included) was Light Scout, skipped by Don Gillingham of the Cowichan Bay Sailing Club. Rounding out the top four were Absolute Kaos (Reigh North, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club), Escapade (Gavin Pearce, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club) and Tui (Peter Bell, Pender Island Yacht Club).

The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club finished first in the team category, thanks to solid performances by Imp (Greg Slakov), Minke (Heather Meek) and Caliente (Ole Andersen).

The first boat to cross the finish line, Strum, came in at 8:11 p.m. with the bulk of the other ships completing the circumnavigation between 9:15 p.m. and 1 a.m. The final ships arrived in Ganges Harbour by 3 a.m., nearly 17 hours after they set off.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

A last minute check and re-pack of the spinnaker helps ensure a trouble free hoist.

Special mention goes to veteran Salt Spring sailor Kevin Vine who single-handedly skipped his boat Deryn Mor to a respectable 13th-place finish.

"I owe it all to my crew," Vine joked in an interview on Monday morning.

Vine said it wasn't unusual to have winds range from zero to 15 knots within minutes.

Vine, who soloed around Vancouver Island nearly a decade ago, said the challenge of being alone in the boat for such a long stretch makes the Salt Spring event a one-of-a-kind experience.

He said the most thrilling part of the race was approaching the entrance to Fulford Harbour from Cape

Keppel at roughly seven knots.

And that's exactly how the crews of two vessels grounded on the rocks along Trincomali Channel will remember the race. Gavin Pearce even managed to complete the race among the top-three in spite of the incident.

As for that cat, it too will likely never forget this year's event after falling overboard as skipper Marda Phelps guided Marda Gras along the circuit.

A daring rescue effort ensured the feline received a place in the history books alongside the best skippers the race has seen in many years.

"It was quite a tale," Andersen said. "We nearly had a real 'cat'-astrophe."

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