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HELPING HANDS: Salt Spring Centre School student Tajo Fisher sells student-created bird houses, raising \$485 in two hours for the Creekside campaign.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARC serves up new tennis proposal

Tennis bubble could return by the end of the year

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parks and Recreation commissioners meeting Monday night approved a motion seeking more input into the construction of a \$275,000 single-court tennis bubble at Portlock Park.

"There is a revenue stream and there is a pay-back to this," said commissioner Rob Wiltzen. "It's not just resources being spent and not coming back. That's what makes this unique."

Under the proposal, the bulk of funding — \$175,000 — would come from the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA). PARC would advance up to an additional \$100,000.

Should the project surpass the \$275,000 bud-

get, the task of raising additional funds would fall to the SSTA.

The completed bubble would be owned and operated by PARC.

Revenue projections prepared by PARC staff and the finance committee in 2005 and confirmed by a report presented to PARC in January indicate the commission could recover its \$100,000 expenditure in 10 years.

The report anticipates court rental fees will generate \$30,000 per year. In an effort to reduce operating costs by up to \$24,000 per year, the collapsible tennis facility would not be heated.

"While we would have preferred a heating system, it is a luxury that is beyond our capacity,"

reads a PARC staff report. "We have successfully operated the tennis bubble for the past 15 years without a heating system, so we do not believe there will be any change in usage."

Citing the relatively low number of tennis players on the island, new commission member Fraser Hope was the lone voice against the plan.

"I feel that one court would be mainly used by SSTA members and not widely used by the public," he said. "The SSTA has not shown any effort to promote tennis to the public and this is not the best public use."

PARC facilities, he said, should have multiple uses and offer a range of activities to a broad spectrum of the island's population. The less than two per cent of islanders who play tennis

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RAINFOREST APPEAL

Friday deadline looms for Creekside campaign

Every dollar counts as target gets closer

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Two more days.

That's how much longer the Save Salt Spring Rainforest Appeal group has to raise the remaining \$175,000 needed to save the Creekside Rainforest parcel of land.

"That's it," said campaign coordinator Maureen Moore, calling in the latest figures on Tuesday afternoon.

The flow of funds has been relentless, though, with the total jumping past \$800,000 from \$720,000 the day before. If that pace of donations can continue, Moore believes the \$975,000 goal will be reached by Friday.

She said campaign workers are now making direct appeals to individuals who might be able to donate large amounts.

No one has heard from representatives of the property owner regarding a potential drop in price that would make the purchase certain before Friday, said Moore.

In the meantime, a Salt Spring Centre School sale of birdhouses and art cards brought in \$485 in two hours on Saturday afternoon as student Tajo Fisher manned a sale table on the Creekside complex deck in Ganges.

"My primary Eagles class had gone to the forest last week to see where the salmon we release here on the school property end up at the ocean through the Creekside prop-

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NEWSBEAT

CRIME

Farm fence dragged into driveway

Owners want those responsible to help fix damage

Kim Elsser woke up at 7:15 a.m. Sunday to find 160 feet of her Indigo Farm chain-link garden fence strewn across her driveway in a state she described as "a garble of wire, concrete and wood."

Six fence posts were

pulled out of the ground and some irrigation lines were also destroyed.

Telltale ruts, she said, signalled to her that a vehicle was involved and may have unsuccessfully attempted to turn around in the driveway in front of their Rainbow Road farm stand.

It appeared to her that the vehicle over-shot the turn, ended up 20 feet into the garden, and when the driver

tried to drive out again he/she took the fence along with the the veicle. She suspects it must have happened sometime during the night.

Elsser contacted the RCMP that morning and an officer promptly attended the scene. Peter Elsser said he and his wife do not want charges to be laid.

"We just want someone to confess to this foolish act,"

he said. "If you do something stupid you own up to it."

Peter Elsser estimates the damage to the fence, posts and concrete will cost \$200 to \$300 to repair.

The Elssers would like those responsible to donate their labour to help them re-fence their garden — "and money too, if they have it, to pay for the repair costs," said Kim Elsser.

Fingers crossed as deadline approaches

CAMPAIGN

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erty," said Centre School principal Erin Porter.

"As they saw tree after tree marked for logging, several children asked what they could do to help," said Moore. "One child said it was so beautiful in the forest that it hurt to look."

Today (Wednesday), the Centre School is hosting a fundraising soup and bake sale lunch to increase their contribution. In a letter to the Driftwood this week the students also challenge their peers to raise funds for the cause.

A music benefit raising \$850 was also held in Victoria on the weekend, organized by local singer/songwriter Dylan Stutt.

"Musician after musician played and sang in a night of music from 1 p.m. until 1 a.m.," reported Moore.

As well, island resident Ling Weston is urging everyone to pledge their \$100

carbon tax refund, promised by the provincial government in last week's budget, to the Creekside purchase. (See her letter to the Driftwood on Page B22 of this issue.)

An "urgent" appeal e-mail was also sent out on Monday.

"This land is special because a salmon-bearing creek runs through it," states the message.

"It is special because the old-growth and maturing second-growth trees — cedar, spruce, hemlock, big-leaf maple — store carbon in ever-increasing amounts each year as they grow, silently helping to ward off climate change. And it's very special because it's a rare temperate rainforest — an ecosystem type that remains on only one per cent of the earth's surface."

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"And it's very special because it's a rare temperate rainforest — an ecosystem type that remains on only one per cent of the earth's surface."

E-MAIL APPEAL

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For additional information or to pledge by phone, call Moore at 538-1732, or The Land Conservancy of B.C. at 250-383-4627 or 1-877-485-2422.

Tennis group to consider new proposal

BUBBLE PLAN

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regularly, he added, do not constitute a significant proportion of the public PARC is mandated to serve.

"I feel that the public is not really in favour of this facility," he said. "If PARC is to move forward with any credibility on this island,

this is not the route to take."

Despite the small number of potential users, the tennis facility remains one of the few facilities that stands a chance to pay for itself and eventually generate a profit, said PARC chair Steve Peterson.

"It may help facilitate getting other projects off the ground," he said.

Before any decision is made, PARC commissioners require support from the SSTA's membership by March 10.

Subject to SSTA approval, the commission will strike a tennis bubble committee to make recommendations on the facility's operation.

According to a preliminary

timeline presented at Monday's meeting, construction of the bubble could be completed by Sept. 1.

"If there is no response [from SSTA], it is a dead deal," commissioner Carol Dodd said.

SSTA members have scheduled a meeting for Feb. 28 to discuss the proposal.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Regulations dig up more questions than answers

Trust closing in on soil bylaw

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Debate over the Islands Trust's draft soil removal and deposit bylaw has pitted island environmentalists concerned over the impacts of unregulated mining operations on the island against contractors and gravel pit operators who claim fees and regulations will raise island building costs.

At the centre of the dust-up is Salt Spring Island trustees, who listed the soil removal bylaw as their number one priority shortly after taking office in late 2005.

Now, after nearly four-and-a-half years of debate since the issue first arose, a new bylaw could soon be on the books.

"It's just a matter of working out the details," said trustee Peter Lamb. "Consultation is still ongoing."

The only problem is that debate over those details appeared far from over at February's Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

Speaking at that meeting's town hall session, Stewart Road Residents Association (SRRA) member Ronald Wright indicated the current draft bylaw may actually be among the worst in the province.

In addition to concerns over the exemption of provincially sanctioned mines, a lack of clarity on noise, permit lengths and hours of operation, bylaw supporters want more certainty the regulations will be effectively monitored and enforced.

"Trustees, staff and many citizens have put a lot of effort into a new official community plan, but without a strong soil bylaw they risk wasting a lot of their time because there is no single planning issue more important than taking local control of the land use and the very fabric of this island," Wright said.

The SRRA formed after residents demanded the Islands Trust develop a stronger bylaw to prevent disturbances from an unpermitted quarry created on a Jennifer Way property.

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society and Salt Spring Conservancy joined the discussion when it became apparent the lack of regulations placed everyone on the island at risk.

"Without a strong soil bylaw, which is the only proven remedy available to a local government under the province's laws, nowhere on Salt Spring is safe," Wright said.

As it stands, bylaws 418 and 419, if passed, would require operators to obtain a permit if their work involves the removal or deposit of more than 100 cubic metres (3,500 cubic feet) of broken rock or topsoil, or more than 1,000 cubic metres (35,000 cubic feet) of soil, with some exceptions noted in the bylaw.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Members of the Stewart Road Residents Association brought the need for a decent Islands Trust soil removal bylaw to the public's attention at a 2005 protest along Jennifer Way.

Permits would be granted by the Capital Regional District (CRD) based on a review provided by a qualified professional.

Registration would be required for any people wanting to remove or deposit between 40 and 100 cubic metres (1,400 to 3,500 cubic feet) of broken rock or between 40 and 1,000 (1,400 to 35,000) cubic metres of soil.

Work to maintain existing driveways, many agricultural operations and the installation of septic systems are among the proposed regulations' exemptions.

While the CRD and Islands Trust may still be in the midst of reviewing costs associated with administering the registration system, gravel pit operators like Ron Spencer are sure consumers can expect to see prices rise.

"We support the soil removal bylaw, but want to support it so that is effective for people in the community," he said at the Feb. 7 LTC meeting. "The cost of doing a job is the cost of doing a job and regulations raise the costs to people who are wanting to build or upgrade."

Spencer said the majority of island-based rock mining operations are important to the island's economy and more environmentally friendly than having to import gravel from Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

"Any time you have to bring material in you're affecting the environment and you're doing it somewhere else," he said. "You're making yourself feel good because it's happening over there."

Spencer said requiring permits for smaller jobs will make purchasing or building homes more expensive for people wanting to build on the island.

Islands Trust trustees and staff are meeting with interest groups to obtain input for the draft bylaw, anticipated for discussion at next week's LTC meeting on March 6.

Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring said he believed the majority of work conducted on basements, foundations and driveways would not fall within parameters requiring a permit.

"There's a great deal of confusion between soil being removed from a mine and domestic activity," he said.

Instead, he said, a voluntary registration process would allow the CRD and Islands Trust to monitor the amount of activity taking place on the island. Enforcement and regulation, he said, would be reserved for larger-scale operations requiring registration.

"I don't want to shut down the opportunity to build somebody's house."

News briefs

Anti-Bullying Day declared

The provincial government has proclaimed today (Wednesday) as Anti-Bullying Day and is promoting the wearing of pink as a way to support efforts to end bullying in schools and communities.

"Nobody likes a bully and we all have to take a stand to stop bullying," said Premier Gordon Campbell in a press release issued Monday. "Anti-Bullying Day is a celebration of those who take action to stop bullies in

our schools and around the province. It starts with all of us saying bullying is wrong and then standing up for those who become targets. We all benefit when everyone feels safe and secure in their schools, neighbourhoods and province."

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General are also updating the Focus on Bullying and Focus on Harassment and Intimidation guides, and a parent brochure will soon be in schools to help families better understand their shared role with schools in bullying

prevention.

"We encourage everyone to wear pink on Feb. 27 to show your opposition to bullying — I know I will."

Pool nears completion

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) are confident Salt Spring's new indoor pool will be turned over to their staff by March 14.

"The pool is full of water and we haven't had any major hiccups yet," said chair Steve Peterson, at PARC's monthly meeting Monday night. "It

looks so much like a pool now and I know everyone is going to love it."

Pool technicians were momentarily baffled to discover a greenish tinge to the water when they began filling the pool on Friday. The colour disappeared once the pool's filter system was engaged on the weekend.

Commissioners have yet to schedule an official opening date, but anticipate opening the pool "within weeks." Several soft openings in March will give select community groups the chance to visit the pool before it opens to the general public.

"The pool is full and everything is looking alright," Peterson said.

OCP talks continue

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) meets in public today (Wednesday) to discuss the latest staff work on the official community plan (OCP) review.

While members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings at ArtSpring from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., with time possibly available for a town hall session, it is not a public input-

gathering meeting.

However, the Trust does want to hear from islanders on two specific topics at upcoming meetings. A session on amenity zoning and density transfer concepts is set for Community Gospel Chapel on Tuesday, March 4, from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Then the following Tuesday, March 11 — at the same times and place — the topic is the possibility of legalizing secondary suites and seasonal cottages to increase affordable housing options.

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NEWSBEAT

BC PARKS

Islanders have say in parks' future

Public comments still expected

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With less than one month to go before consultants release their draft management plan on the future of Salt Spring's provincial parks, residents are being asked to make their feelings known.

"If people are interested, they should be following up on their concerns," said Charles Kahn, a member of the Friends of Salt Spring Parks group. "This is the time to speak up."

For the past several months, Kahn has been among organization reps discussing the potential contents of "management plans" for each of the island's four parks and two ecological reserves.

Except for Ruckle Park, none of the parks have any kind of long-term operating structure or code.

"That's really part of the problem now," Kahn said. "There are no guidelines, so anything can happen."

What can and cannot happen in provincial parks is set out in the province's Park Act, though individual management plans are intended to specify goals and practices for individual parks and their surrounding communities.

Despite concern over the potential of "fixed-roofed" accommodation structures being constructed in some of Salt Spring's parks, Kahn said building tourist lodges overlooking Burgoyne Bay is not planned.

"There has been no talk of building these accommodations," he said. "The law says it is possible, but it's highly unlikely on Salt Spring."

More than 100 comments collected from participants at open-house events, by mail and over the web have been posted on the internet to increase public awareness about the parks planning process.

The majority of comments call for the preservation of island parks as tranquil day-use areas.

"As expected, we've heard a lot of input," said Harry Parsons of Bufo Consultants, the firm contracted to complete the study. "We're hearing what people have to say."

A proposal to ban horse riding in some parks was reversed following a massive outcry from the island's equestrian community, he added.

Other submissions include calls to limit camping facilities, create a world-class disc-golf course in Burgoyne Bay and the need to encourage farming in the island's parks.

"Partly in view of the Islands Trust Act's 'preserve and protect' mandate,

which we take to extend to old farming areas, we think that organic farming should be permitted in the valley portion of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park, and that farming and orchards should be permitted to thrive in Ruckle Provincial Park," reads one comment.

With the exception of Ruckle Park, where agricultural use was grandfathered when the area became a park, no agricultural use is permitted in provincial parks, Parsons said.

Under the agreement, he said, farm use in Ruckle Park will expire once descendants of the Ruckle family stop using the area, despite the farm's significant heritage value.

"Comments have expressed a desire for increased or continued agriculture in the parks, but that does not normally fall within the domain of a provincial park."

Parsons said he expects to have a draft report on Salt Spring parks prepared by the end of March, with an open house anticipated for mid-April.

Public comments are still being accepted via the B.C. Parks website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/. More information can be found by following the links to the Vancouver Island Region - Salt Spring Island Planning Project page.

RCMP NEWS

Police nab three in alcohol-related offences

Local RCMP responded to three alcohol-related incidents between Thursday and Sunday involving a broken ankle, a picnic table and a driver who crossed over into the wrong lane.

Police transported a man to hospital with a broken ankle on Thursday after

receiving a noise complaint from a nearby resort.

A man who had been drinking was arrested for breach of peace and detained by police until sober.

• An RCMP foot patrol went out around 1:30 p.m. after receiving a tip Thursday that a group of men

were drinking liquor at Centennial Park.

One local man was issued a violation ticket for consuming alcohol in public and his alcohol was seized for destruction.

• A 46-year-old male driver was arrested for impaired driving and driving with a

blood alcohol content of over .08 at 10:49 p.m. on Sunday. Police stopped his vehicle after he drifted across the centre line into the wrong lane and his vehicle was towed from the scene.

He was detained and released on a promise to appear in court in May.

GALIANO ISLAND

Forest lot owners nearing resolution

A decades-long battle for the rights of Galiano Island forest lot owners could be nearing an end as trustees prepare to consider a series of highly anticipated bylaws at their next Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting March 3.

Based on legal advice received earlier this year, the Islands Trust has agreed to consider bylaws permitting the construction of single dwelling units on F1 lots.

"This is the predominant zoning of the forest lots on the island," said Brodie Porter, a regional planning manager with the Islands Trust.

Under existing bylaws, property owners cannot build on their land unless they agree to covenant a portion of their property to a third party for conservation purposes.

While land owners have called the regulations a blatant violation of their property rights, conservationists maintain the rules are needed to preserve the island's natural environment from rampant development.

Should the Galiano LTC give bylaws 199 and 200 first reading, the matter would proceed to community info sessions and public hearings tentatively scheduled for March and April.



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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mel Sumner spent years complaining about the state of the island's roads, but it took a near miss near the intersection of Booth Canal and Lower Ganges Roads to make him take action.

Blinded by the headlights of an oncoming vehicle and unable to make out the worn-out lines along the side of the road, Sumner came within inches of a head-on collision.

"It was a close call that got me thinking," Sumner said. "I decided to take up the cause of road safety as an individual."

Days after his close encounter, Sumner was on the phone with officials from the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, calling for action to make Salt Spring's most dangerous corners easier to navigate.

"I sold it on the basis of dollars and cents and they bought the idea," he said.

Sumner's two-year quest to have better road marking on some of Salt Spring's most notorious stretches of road finally paid off last week when road crews installed a series of delineators along Vesuvius Bay, Lower Ganges and the Fulford-Ganges Roads.

The three-foot-high white markers are placed at inter-

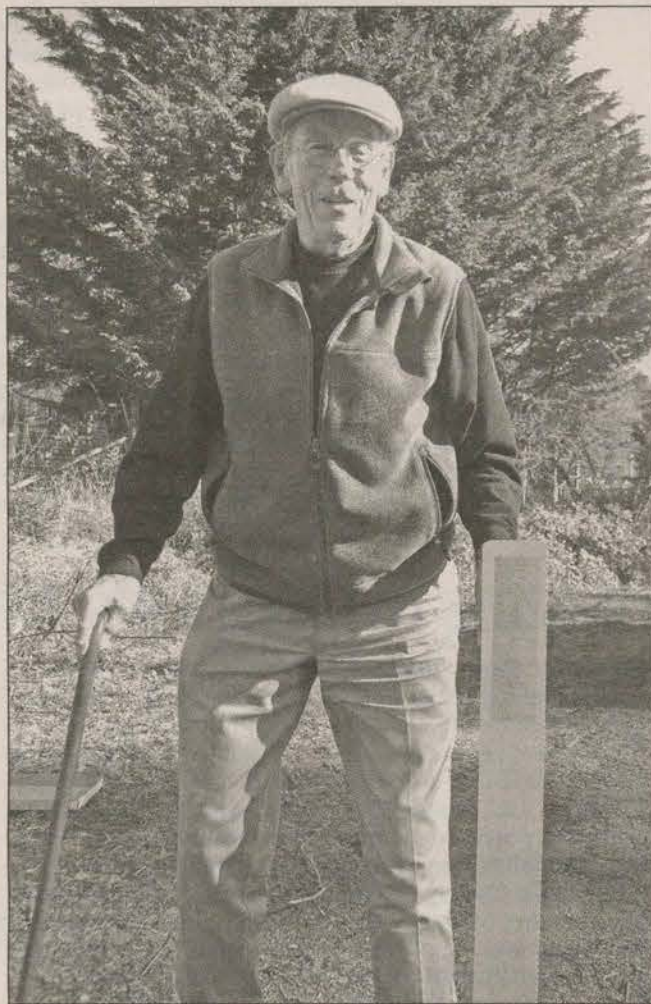


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Mel Sumner with one of the road markers he was instrumental in having installed.

vals along the roadsides to help drivers stay focussed on the roads, including the site of Sumner's near-collision.

While speed remains the main cause of many island accidents, he added, providing basic road maintenance and improving visibility on the roads can't make things

any worse than they already are.

"These posts are easy to install, cheap and practically indestructible," he said, adding that each of the Australian-made reflectors costs roughly \$25.

With phase one of his project complete, he's getting ready to campaign for

more of the reflective pickets for other parts of the island.

That's where he needs others to help out.

"I'd like to see more people get together asking for changes," he said. "Look what I've been able to accomplish and it's just me."

"I'd like to see more people get together asking for changes."

MEL SUMNER
Safe roads advocate

Sumner is looking for people's e-mails and phone calls to let him know what they think of the new signs and where they would like to see more installed.

With luck, he said, people's comments can sway MOT back to the island with another batch of defectors sooner rather than later.

To comment on or help out with the project, call Sumner at 537-5779 or via e-mail at melsum2@uniserve.com.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Respectful Relationships program invited to worldwide conference

Gulf Islands initiative chosen to share success in Lisbon

SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) has garnered yet another bit of international recognition for its proactive work in violence prevention.

The fourth World Conference on Violence at School and Public Policies has invited SWOVA to be a presenter at the June 23-25 event in Lisbon, Portugal. SWOVA's proposal was one of 170 selected out of 531 proposals coming from 50 countries.

The first world conference was held in Paris in 2001. Canada hosted the second in Québec, while the third was held in Bordeaux with participants from 35 countries.

"This is an honour for the R+R program, to be recognized on the world stage as a successful initiative that is working to prevent school violence. Now we need to find a way to pay for the costs of getting to Portugal," says Lynda Laushway, executive director of SWOVA.

According to the conference website, "These international conferences are the

result of a worldwide federation of researchers covering fields as diverse as psychology, sociology, educational sciences, criminology, etc. That the fourth conference is being held is testimony to the federation's success.

"These meetings have become a focal point for all those who are interested in the phenomenon of school violence. They target scientific excellence with a rigorous selection process for proposals.

"School violence has now become a worldwide problem requiring both national and international thinking to encompass its forms, causes and consequences, so as to be able to set up efficient strategies for prevention and intervention."

Responding to a recent report on violence in Toronto schools, Laushway observed there are differing approaches to violence prevention.

"Some solutions suggested by the report are to regularly search student lockers for any signs of weapons, and using firearm-detecting canine units to sniff out lockers and storage. The report says a 'culture of fear, or culture of silence, permeates through every level of the Toronto District School Board.'

"In contrast, our school district has encouraged an open dialogue. We have a proactive approach to violence prevention by giving young people the skills and awareness to have respectful relationships so that they are able to lead healthy, safe and productive lives. We'd like to highlight this proactive approach at the Lisbon conference."

"This is an honour for the R+R program, to be recognized on the world stage"

LYNDA LAUSHWAY
SWOVA

The Respectful Relationships violence prevention program comprehensively addresses school violence with our youth, parents and teachers, and is a valued part of the school curriculum in several B.C. school districts.

To support the Gulf Islands' Respectful Relationships program this year or SWOVA's participation at the world conference in Lisbon, contact SWOVA at 537-1336.

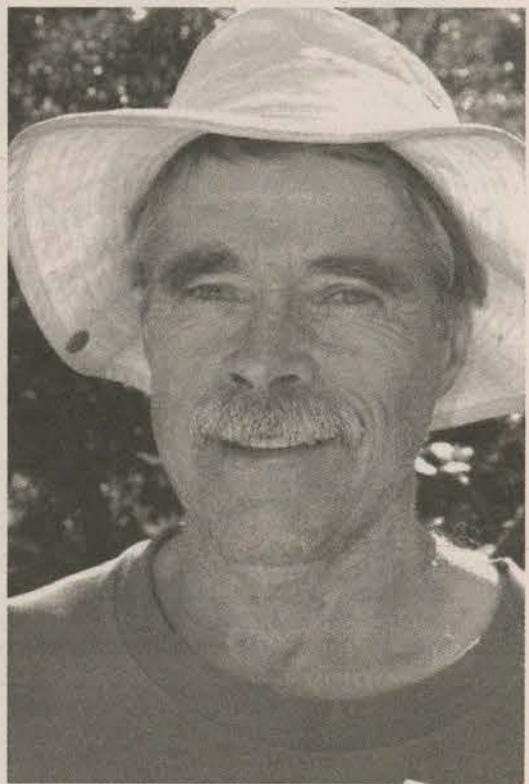
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For further information and to register, contact Janet King (jking@uvcs.uvic.ca or 250-721-8827).

NEWSBEAT

INFRASTRUCTURE

CRD agrees to \$50,000 for bike lanes

Money to be used for survey work

A roadside bike lane from Fulford to Vesuvius is no longer an impossible dream with \$50,000 in Capital Regional District (CRD) funding available to get the plan's wheels turning.

Last week the Regional Parks Committee of the CRD recommended that \$50,000 be earmarked for the project's planning and survey work, in response to a request from the island's regional director Gary Holman.

A survey of the Ministry of Transportation right-of-way is required first, said Holman.

The proposal goes to the CRD board for final approval on March 12.

A CRD staff report puts a shoulder bike lane in the North Ganges area at \$1.1 million, with some \$323,000 already available from the Community Works Gas Tax Fund.

"We struck a regional trail task force last year on Salt Spring Island, with CRD Parks staff support, to confirm that the regional trail for Salt Spring would be a shoulder bike lane on the main route from Fulford-Ganges-Vesuvius," said Holman.

"This means that the trail runs through Ganges and that the funding can be used to partner with the

transportation commission, Community Works Gas Tax funding and other possible private and NGO partners to start to implement the North Ganges Transportation Management Plan."

The island's new transportation commission will make recommendations, probably at its meeting later in March, regarding next steps for implementing the North Ganges area plan, which includes various measures for improving pedestrian, cyclist and traffic safety.

Holman said the \$50,000 recommendation marks the first time CRD Parks has approved regional trail expenditures on the Gulf Islands.

FILM FESTIVAL

Countdown begins to film buffs' treasure trove

Full film guide in today's Driftwood

In a little more than a week, Our Island, Our World Film Festival opens with over 70 documentaries at GISS and The Fritz.

"We went a little over the top this year," explains coordinator Carol Grier. "There is something for everyone, but there's no way you can see all of them over the weekend. People will definitely have to make choices. This year's festival is truly an embarrassment of riches."

Some of the films will be shown more than once, as "Film Festival Favourites" will be screened late Sunday

afternoon after audience votes are tallied. Other audience favourites will be considered for next year's Film Festival Café line-up, and as always, Our Island, Our World will purchase the top 10 for the Salt Spring library.

The family friendly feature documentary Saving Luna, which just won the prestigious Canadian Indie Award for Best Documentary, will open the festival on Friday night, March 7, along with last year's animated short Oscar winner, The Danish Poet.

The Saanich based directors of Saving Luna, Suzanne Chisholm and Mike Parfit, will be on hand to introduce the film and do a Q&A following. GISS's popular jazz combo,

Phaat Phye, will warm up the crowd prior to the films' beginning at 7 p.m.

A program of Animated Shorts, both new and classics from NFB are a must see. Other films that will appeal to nature lovers, gardeners and environmental activists alike include Sweden's The Planet; Refugees from the Blue Planet; Crude Impact; as well as the long-awaited films The Real Dirt on Farmer John, and Escape from Suburbia.

A fine group of films for International Women's Day (IWD) on Saturday begins with Finding Dawn. Other films in the IWD lineup include Sexy Inc. Our Children Under Influence;

Enemies of Happiness; and Faith Without Fear. The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace travelling exhibit Building Peace Making History will be unveiled at 11:45 on Saturday morning as part of IWD.

For folks interested in Africa, various films touch on Angola (Escape from Luanda), and the Democratic Republic of Congo (Shock Waves), as well as the Oscar-nominated feature War Dance which follows up on the Lord's Resistance Army and child soldiers in Uganda.

Music fans will appreciate A String Quartet in her Throat, a film with Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq with the Kronos Quartet, and Os Tres de Portugal, a short film about Portuguese Fado music. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi and transgendered) themed films include Saving Marriage, She's a Boy I Knew, Mom's Apple Pie, Female to Femme, For the Bible Told Me So and Breakfast with Scot.

Films with hope and heart include NFB's Forgiveness: Stories For Our Time, which poignantly explores how four different people experience that emotion, Voices in Wartime featuring poets' responses to war, and Blessed Unrest, a "short" showing humanity's heartening and unequivocal responses to the multiple crises our planet currently faces.

Local films and filmmakers will include Peter Prince's Salt Spring Island Discovery, a history of the Burgoyne Bay area on the Island; as well as Emily Carr: Growing Pains, a film about the artist's early life. The screening is a tribute to the late island filmmaker, Nancy Ryley Denovan.

As always, The Fritz joins in the festivities with multiple screenings of three films not to miss: Across the Universe; 4 Months, Three Weeks, 2 Days; and Breakfast with Scot. Sunday night's 8 p.m. Breakfast with Scot screening will close the festival where winners of the festival raffle will be announced.

All festival films will have either a local host presenter or a visiting filmmaker or guest to facilitate short discussions after each film. Full details are available in the film guide which is in today's Driftwood. Extra guides will be available on the Driftwood's Weekender racks all over the island on Friday. Entrance is by donation.

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- North Pender Island Fire Protection & Emergency Response Service
- Saturna Island Lyall Harbour / Boot Cove Water Service
- Mayne Island Surfside Park Estates Water Service
- Mayne Island Skana Water Service

Take Notice that the annual sitting of the Local Parcel Tax Review Panel, pursuant to Sections 204 and 205 of the Community Charter will be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 in the 6th Floor Board Room of the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, British Columbia to hear appeals against the aforementioned 2008 parcel tax rolls.

The Local Parcel Tax Review Panel will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete rolls will be available for inspection at the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm M-F, the Ganges Building Inspection office, #206 - 118 Fulford/Ganges Rd. (above the Post Office), Ganges, BC from 8:30 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm M-F and the Port Renfrew Post Office, 32 Queesto St. Port Renfrew, BC from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 10:30 am to 3:00 pm Thursdays, commencing February 27, 2008.

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NEWSBEAT

FUNDRAISING

GVM aims to give back \$100,000 to community

Save-a-Tape program sets lofty annual goal

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Milk, bread, cheese, mouthwash . . . at the till, purchases can add up. But with the Ganges Village Market Save-a-Tape program, the more customers spend, the more money local charities receive.

Since it opened in 1984, the GVM has always donated one per cent of receipt totals to local charities. But to reach its highest annual target ever of \$100,000 this year, the store asks customers to stuff their receipts into any of the 117 charity boxes, every time they shop.

"We're getting more customers every year, but we don't see the number of donated receipts rising in proportion," GVM general manager Paul Large said.

If customers have already taken their receipts home, it is not too late. Large suggests people check their drawers, receipt files or anywhere else GVM receipts may be hiding.

"Bring in any till slip," he says. "It doesn't matter how old it is or how small the amount."

From bike helmets purchased through Island Pathways to Fulford Elementary class projects, the Save-a-Tape program supports a variety of causes. The Salt Spring Island Girl Guides, Salt Spring Island Sheep Club, BCSPCA and the Salt Spring Elementary kindergarten class are just some of



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Kendall (front) and Patience Bigelow put their cash register tapes in their school box at GVM.

the organizations with boxes currently in the store.

Some customers, like Terry Byron, have been supporting the program since it began. As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 92, Byron has filled the legion's charity box with more receipts than anyone can count.

Newer to the box-choosing game is Kendall Bigelow, a student at Fulford Ele-

mentary. She said she often chooses her school's box as the final destination for her mom's receipts.

Whether customers choose the same charity box every time or just close their eyes and pick one, "it all adds up," Large said.

Last year the Save-a-Tape program raised over \$68,000. GVM begins working towards the \$100,000 target as of March 1.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Saturna water gets \$850,000

Federal and provincial infrastructure funds filled the Saturna Island reservoir on Saturday as \$850,000 was granted to the Lyall Harbour and Boot Cove water treatment systems.

Funding will benefit 170 Saturna households and visitors to the island.

"Completion of this project will enable BC Ferries to remove drinking water advisories posted at the ferry terminal's facilities," states a press release.

The Lyall Harbour Local Water Service is administered through the Capital Regional District, which is also a partner in the upgrade project.

Funding is provided through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, "which enables communities across B.C. to become healthier, greener and more sustainable places to live," states the government release.

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9:00 A.M. Tuesday March 4th, 2008
and 4:00 P.M. Friday March 14, 2008

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Thomas Moore at (250) 472 0059.

The two (2) Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 21, 2008 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2011.

The Election to be held on **Monday, April 21, 2008** at the Ganges Fire Hall from **11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in the Training Room. An Advance Voting opportunity will be held in the Training Room on Saturday, April 13th 2008 between the hours of **11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250)472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
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4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, B.C.
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Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Green packaging

With the exception of the handful of car-dependent rural residents who claim they're being unfairly targeted by a planned two-cent carbon tax on gasoline sold in the province, cries of opposition have been few and far between.

With groups like the David Suzuki Foundation calling the plan "a landmark decision," praise for the budget released last week seemed more appropriate for the red carpet at Sunday's Academy Awards rather than the provincial legislature.

To lure the few skeptics not under the spell of Finance Minister Carole Taylor's spiffy green suit and matching shoes, the government rolled out the promise of handing each of us \$100 to reduce our carbon footprint.

THE ISSUE:

The 2008 B.C. budget

WE SAY:

Money could be better spent

Taylor has already said she intends to spend her cheque on yet another new pair of shoes so she can walk to work every day. Unfortunately, they'll have probably travelled half-way around the planet to get here.

The idea that citizens will follow suit is politicking at its finest. By leaving

the choice of a greener lifestyle up to us, Premier Campbell and his crew have nothing to lose.

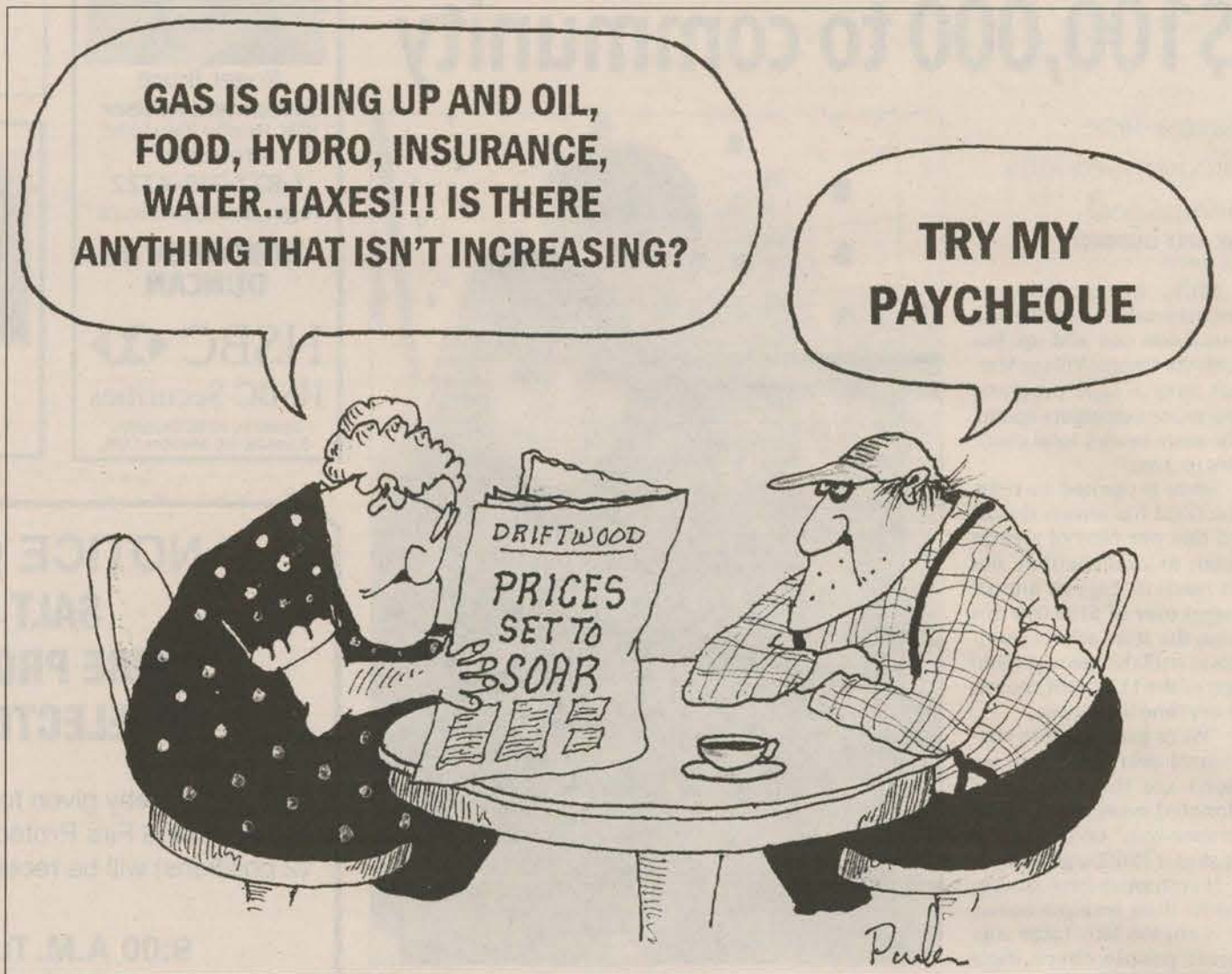
In some places, handing out cash before an election is called a bribe. Here it's a step toward saving the planet from imminent destruction. Clever indeed.

When the federal Conservatives offered parents \$1,200 cash in lieu of creating a subsidized national daycare system in 2005, former Prime Minister Paul Martin said the money stood a better chance of getting spent on beer and popcorn than a nanny for the kids.

Why should the province's \$395-million hand-out be any different? Where are the incentives for people to retrofit their homes, use public transit or even shop for locally produced goods? Where's the push for industry to cut back on its greenhouse gas emissions or invest in renewable energy?

Education funding remains unchanged from 2002 levels and the provincial debt is expected to reach \$42 billion just in time for the 2010 Olympics.

Almost \$400 million spent wisely could accomplish some long- and short-term green solutions and help solve a few other problems along the way, but none of that matters because a hundred bucks can still buy a heck of a lot of wine and cheese in "the best place on earth."



Unwritten dog and deer law?

BY GAY ALKOFF

This letter is written with the hope that we can make something positive out of a harsh story.

I ask you to read this and then discuss it with your friends and family so that you are clear about what you think should be done in such a situation.

Two weeks ago my small two-year-old terrier disappeared from our family farm near the Fulford Hall. I looked for her around the farm and barns and then called our local animal control officer, who informed me that he had no knowledge of any lost dogs in the Fulford area. I went out each day and searched the mountain, I asked questions, posted signs, put her picture in the paper and followed up rumours.

It took five days of searching to discover that she had been seen probably only a few minutes after leaving me, on the Fulford flats chasing a young deer, and that she was taken away in a blue pick-up truck down Isabella Point Road. Since then there has been no sign of her. No answers to my advertisement, no calls and no new information.

I talked on the telephone to someone who had been at the scene and helped with the deer. He told me none of the details, except that the deer had drowned, but informed me not to search for my dog anymore, that there was no point in looking further.

He told me that "there is an unwritten law on this island that if dogs chase deer or sheep we shoot them and bury them." Sheep? Yes! A farmer has a right to protect his sheep on his own land, but deer on the beach? No! That's not an unwritten law of Salt Spring.

VIEWPOINT

Nearly a week had passed and I again called our animal control officer who said that he in fact did know about it on the day it happened and my dog most likely had escaped and been shot by someone else for chasing sheep! Given the reality of a small, very tired and very frightened dog, this does not ring true.

"I see this as a senseless act of cruelty."

This is as much information as I can find out myself at this point and if anyone reading this can tell more it would help to know what really happened.

As for taking it into one's own hands to destroy a dog for chasing a deer, there are other ways of dealing with this.

The dog can be kept on a leash only, confined to a home yard or given away. Is this not what we have an animal control officer for?

I am from a farming family with my own farm and I agree with the necessity to stop dogs from chasing sheep, especially at lambing time, but a small dog with deer on the public beach?

Different story.

Nothing will bring Georgie back, nothing will erase the fact that she chased the deer that also died. We are accountable for our actions. For myself, I see this as a senseless act of cruelty.

So many of us on this island come from a different background and set of beliefs. Perhaps you have a different opinion? Perhaps you think this is the way dogs should be treated on a farming island? What would you have done in this situation?

The writer is a long-time Fulford resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"This tells us there is a screaming demand for affordable housing on the island."

JANIS GAUTHIER, MURAKAMI GARDENS PROJECT MANAGER

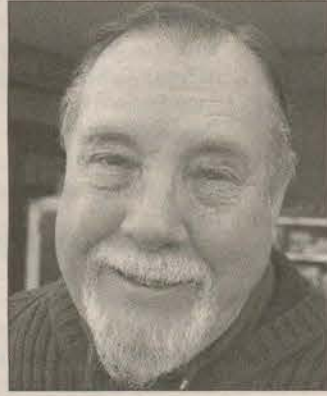
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What will you do with your \$100 carbon-tax rebate?



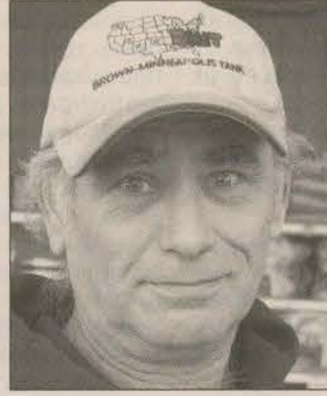
KEN & DORIAN ROULEAU

There must be an election around the corner. I'll probably be spending my tax credit on more taxes.



RICK WESTON

I'm encouraging everyone to pledge it to the Creekside Rainforest Fund.



BRANDIE IVERSON

I think I'll frame it and put it on my wall.



SONIA SOHELI

I'll buy a bike.



CORALEE HUBENIG

I'd like to buy a stroller for my child so I don't have to use my car all the time.

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.

Fire site concerns

The proposed site for the fire station at the corner of Upper Ganges and Long Harbour road ("Trustees ponder new fire hall site," Feb. 23 Driftwood) poses serious issues of safety and access.

Are the fire trustees aware of the very heavy congestion caused by the Long Harbour ferry discharging in the summer and on most long weekends? Clearly not! Often the back-up is from Lower Ganges Road to beyond Churchill Road with at least a 20-minute wait and with very little opportunity to pass or to turn around and go via Leisure Lane.

The roads accessing the proposed site (from the Harbour House Hotel to Long Harbour Road and up Robinson Road) are dangerous and accident prone! You

do not have to go back very far to remember the fatal accident that took place on the hill below the proposed site, involving a fire department vehicle. This accident happened, ironically, when the fire department vehicle was returning from a call out and as such driving within the posted speed limit. One can only imagine what will happen when emergency vehicles are regularly racing to an incident. There have been several other serious accidents there within the past three years. This stretch also becomes impassable at the first sign of snow or heavy frost; it should be declared an accident black spot.

This proposed acquisition also seems to be an unnecessary cost to taxpayers. The fire department already owns property at Central and it is in all ways a much better site for a fire station. There is a very good reason

why it is called Central. This site offers excellent access to all points on the compass, and access by straight roads with good visibility.

Have the fire trustees put a non-refundable deposit on this site? It would be irresponsible to have done so without public debate.

Let me finish by saying that this is not a NIMBY response; it is based on very real concerns about safety.

**NICHOLAS HUNT,
CHURCHILL ROAD**

Challenge to save forest

Yesterday we went to the Creekside Rainforest.

We saw mosses, licorice ferns, ferns growing on dead trees, a bird's nest on a dead tree, woodpecker holes, trees used by First Nations people, places for animals to hide and lots of places for us to hide too!

Every year we let our

salmon fry go in this creek and this year the adults will start to come back to spawn. We saw the old growth cedar trees that are marked with pink ribbons to be cut down.

Some kids hugged these trees. We don't want the trees to be cut down.

We are helping to make money to save the trees and we want all the kids on Salt Spring to go to this forest so they can see what a fun place it is to go. If all of the kids on Salt Spring gave a bit of money from their piggy banks maybe we can help to keep this rainforest!

We would like to challenge every kid on Salt Spring to bring a bit of money to school this week or do a bake sale like we are doing.

We can all help to make this forest a park for everyone!

**EAGLES CLASS,
GRADES 1-2
SALT SPRING CENTRE SCHOOL**

Wonderfully unique

Regarding the Creekside Rainforest, I have lived here for 14 years, and this is as good as it gets. I spent just one hour one weekday morning in this place.

*Just walk in
Just walk in once
Creekside rainforest will remain*

*There
In your memory
Like the best thing you have ever been inside
On Salt Spring Island*

As our very own archaeologist Kim Kornbacher tells us, "It is difficult to come up with a comparative site of the composition and stature of Creekside Rainforest. Even though it is in the CDFmm biogeoclimatic zone, the assemblage of maples, hemlock and red cedar anchored by a sword fern ground cover is similar to low-level

CWHdm rainforests in Howe Sound, particularly parts of Crippen Regional Park on Bowen Island, and up the Cheakamus River near Brackendale. One significant difference is that the Howe Sound rainforests occur on moist, rich floodplain soils where the trees grow quickly, while Creekside Rainforest is mid- to high-bank watershed sandy loam that slows tree growth. The second significant difference is that the Howe Sound rainforests were extensively logged, while Creekside Rainforest is relatively undisturbed. Further field studies and research is required to parse the differences and determine if Creekside Rainforest is as wonderfully unique as it appeared to the field team on Jan. 30 [2008]."

It is. You'll see.
**JACKI YEO,
MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE**

LETTERS continued on A10

Longer economy leg would de-wobble 3-legged stool

It's the economy, stupid.

It came to me in a flash of light, a burning bush, a moment of clarity, the big white elephant in the middle of the room. To quote Bill Clinton, "It's the economy, stupid!"

I'm not talking about anything as sweeping as the world economy or a surging Canadian dollar or \$100 per barrel of oil. I'm talking about OUR economy. Salt Spring dollars economy. Or lack of it.

The Islands Trust members sit at the big table, adjusting glasses, knitting brows, tapping fingers together, educating the great unwashed in the cheap seats.

"It's like a three-legged stool. Remove one of the legs, and the whole thing collapses." Well, hold onto your hats. We are about to collapse.

The Three-Legged Stool Principle means that a healthy community needs a solid foundation built on the three pillars of society, environment and economy. If one of the legs is missing, it all comes tumbling down. So let's take a moment and see how we on Salt Spring are measuring up.

We are about to see the grand opening of our \$6-million-plus swimming pool. For you economists out there, that's a six, with six zeros following. That's about \$600 for every man, woman and child on this rock. We could soon have a spanking new library slated to go up on prime downtown real estate. We have seen shiny new buses rolling through town.

We are about to see our fire department take a quantum fiscal leap, buying new equipment and a new building site at a final cost that will rival the above-mentioned swimming pool. Let's not forget the infamous tennis bubble, a \$300,000-plus mistake that is once again on the table, and the clear and present danger of an ice rink and miles of dedicated bike paths. And, as our own CRD director Gary Holman points out, we have 160 units of affordable and seniors housing shooting up like crocuses after a spring shower.

These are commendable projects, one and all, and without a doubt covers off the "society leg" of the stool. The "environmental leg" is similarly well represented, as many a shell-shocked developer will attest. And indeed, Mr. Holman includes over 4,000 acres of newly protected green space in his laundry list of accomplishments. Leg #2 seems well in hand.

In fact, the more you look at it, the more we are sounding like Whistler. I am sure the irony is not lost on those who remember the last round of elections when "Whistler" was a word spat out, as in "Disneyland North." Three years later, we are on the verge of embracing most of the same expensive amenities as Whistler. The one glaring



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

difference, however, is that they have a mountain. They have an income source. They have over 2 million visitors filling municipal coffers. They have a government that understands that an economy is fundamental to success.

We could have an economy. Tourism is the one card in the economic deck that just makes sense. It is a \$1.8-billion industry on Vancouver Island. Even Tofino, with its annual rainfall of over three metres, gets an estimated million soggy visitors per year.

So what's up with Salt Spring? The first order of business when our present Islands Trust reps swept into power was to restate the previous local Trust committee's decision to crush a downtown marina project that would have meant new parkland, a boardwalk, jobs. It would have revitalized the Ganges core. Gone. No compromise.

They have legislated vacation rentals out of business, encouraging young families to look elsewhere for their two-week vacations. The Trust is so resolute in this that it is presently taking one Scott Point property owner to court.

We have yanked temporary use permits. We have witnessed kayaking companies disappear. We have seen a guy who just

wanted to serve coffee to the poor sods waiting hours for a ferry throw his hands up. (Although that's not an Islands Trust issue.)

It's not just the tourist industry that has a tough go. This past month, neighbours are up in arms over a potential gravel operation and a car recycling business, both involving multigenerational Salt Spring families.

Without question, Salt Spring Island is a two legged stool, or to paraphrase Hillary Clinton, we're all hat and no cattle. We are going to have all the bells and whistles and absolutely no way of affording them. Except through property tax.

Mr. Holman has indicated that the CRD portion of our tax bill will increase 10 per cent this year, (up from 3.2 per cent last year and 7.6 the year before). I guarantee this is only the tip of the taxation iceberg.

Let me be clear — this is not about our form of government. Municipality, the Trust/CRD, benign dictatorship — no difference. It's about the realities of fiscal responsibility. I implore Peter and George, Gary, Kim Benson and all Salt Springers to take a moment to view Whistler Mayor Ken Melamed's visit to Salt Spring, at <http://www.youtube.com/saltspingpictures> if only as a reminder of how good government can work.

Let's right this wobbly, wobbly stool.

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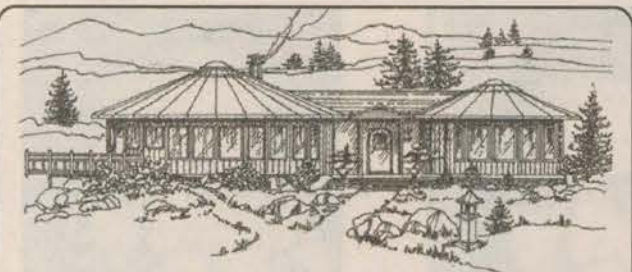
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OPINION

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Roosters better

So we have managed to ban roosters . . . what's next? Stopping the red wing black-birds from squabbling over the bird feeders because it's far too noisy? Perhaps banning the song of the frogs all night long in late spring, or the drone of the crickets in the summer?

Or the ravens croaking overhead, and the eagles crying to one another in nesting season?

I guess since we have little or no control over these natural phenomena, it's easier to pick on a neighbour who chooses a lifestyle that promotes education of youth through the 4H, respect for

the environment, local food sustainability and growth, and that happens to be a fun little passion.

The alternative?

Well, let's just get rid of the whole natural soundscape all together and learn to enjoy the sounds of man-made noise polluters like leaf blowers, ride-on and fuel-driven lawn mowers, chainsaws, tractors, diggers, dump trucks, not to mention seaplanes, helicopters, motorboats, jet skis and badly tuned cars.

Personally, these noises drive me mad, particularly when the neighbours rotate their lawn mowing days in summer, but I made a choice to live in an area of Salt Spring where I knew I would have to live with the sound of early morning blasting, tree cutting and hammer-

ing as my rural neighbourhood becomes more "desires" than it already is. Luckily, I have the song of the frogs and the crickets, the sandpipers, ducks and the Canada geese to keep me sane; though unfortunately, no chickens.

It strikes me that if you are buying property on an island where rural lifestyle is the historical norm, and your neighbour keeps a lot of hens (which is quite obvious from the roadside in this case), then you ought to expect roosters crowing at all times of the day and night.

And yes, I have kept chickens, including a transvestite hen named Queenie who laid beautiful double yolks and learned to crow outside my window the whole night long during the Scottish midsummers! Give me roosters any day, over lawnmowers.

RASMA BERTZ,
PRINGLE FARM ROAD

ing of garden clippings all threaten the integrity of these plant communities.

I challenge the people who use this roadside for their composting and garden waste to find a place in their own back yards to do this. Let's clean up these piles of garden waste and let this shoreline road reveal its natural beauty and historic middens to all who use this heritage road for recreation and pleasure.

DONNA MARTIN,
WALKER'S HOOK ROAD

Torture list clarified

Good grief, can't I trust you people alone for more than two minutes? I leave on holiday and Jan Steinman tries to slip in a bit of anti-Israel disinformation ("Good puppets" letter, Feb. 6.)

The Government of Canada did not ever put Israel on a watch list of nations that practise torture.

The list in question was prepared on contract by an outside consultant, subject to approval by the Department of Foreign Affairs, for the department's series of country guides.

The consultant listed states where torture was alleged to have been practised.

No documentation was offered. There are all kinds of people out there alleging all kinds of things.

Torture is not permitted in Israel as a matter of law, even when it might provide information concerning an immediate threat.

The Israeli Supreme Court has ruled to that effect.

Amnesty International Canada also ran with the news report of Israel on a list of states that practise torture, until the truth forced Amnesty to retract.

The larger issue here is the willingness of some people and groups to accept damning reports about Israel despite the non-existence of evidence.

What emotional pathology, I wonder, drives these people to malign the Jewish state?

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
SALT SPRING

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Islands Trust

Salt Spring Island – Shaping the Future



As part of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Review, the Local Trust Committee has directed staff to arrange opportunities for the community to provide input on **Amenity Zoning, Density Transfer and Legalizing Suites and Cottages for Affordable Housing.**

Your comments will help the Local Trust Committee determine changes to the existing OCP policies with regard to these topics.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SALT SPRING ISLAND OCP REVIEW PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings for consultation with the public will be held at the following locations and times:

AMENITY ZONING AND DENSITY TRANSFER

Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Road)

Tuesday March 4, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm AND 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Legalizing Suites and Cottages for Affordable Housing

Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Road)

Tuesday March 11, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm AND 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

The Topics for Discussion

During these meetings, the Local Trust Committee wants to hear your opinions.

Amenity Zoning

allows a developer to obtain additional densities in exchange for a gift to the community.

Density Transfer

allows property owners to move densities from a designated donor property to a designated receiving property.

The legalization of suites and cottages for use as affordable housing.

- Is Amenity Zoning a regulatory tool we should retain? If so, are the existing terms still appropriate?
- What does Salt Spring Island consider appropriate gifts in exchange for additional density?
- How should the relative benefits to the developer and the community be assessed?
- Is Density Transfer a regulatory tool we should retain?
- What are the goals for Salt Spring Island as a community in providing the opportunity for Density Transfer?
- Are the existing designations for donor and receiving properties appropriate?
- What should be the criteria to designate a property a donor or receiving property?

- To accommodate more affordable housing opportunities, should secondary suites and cottages be legalized? Under what conditions?
- Should tools, such as housing agreements, be used to secure a unit as affordable housing?
- Where on Salt Spring Island should affordable housing units be located?

Background Reports on these topics will be available prior to the meetings at the Islands Trust office and on the website. At the meetings, you will have an opportunity to speak and listen to the trustees and other community members. If you can't attend one of these scheduled public meetings, please feel free to provide your comments on this material to the Island Trust office.

How You Can Get Involved

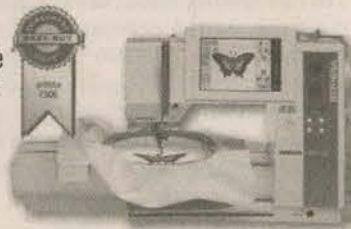
These meetings are part of the on-going opportunities to provide feedback to the trustees as draft amendments to the OCP are prepared. At any time, all community members are encouraged to participate in the OCP process, particularly those who have not done so in the past. Please call the Islands Trust office to receive email updates on the OCP review or to let us know how you might like to get involved. We can be reached at:

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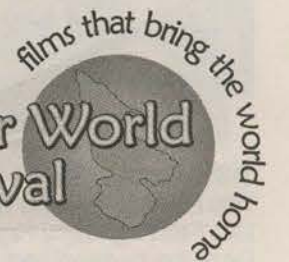
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As always, Maggie Schubart's words inspire us to embrace hope, take action:

"The films we present are stories of people from all over the world who are challenging the difficult realities they face. The people who inspire us are those who not only find ways to survive, but do so with joy and a passion for life.

"Music, sculpture, film, painting, drama connect us to history and persuade us to take action. Planet-wide, hope shines through those actions taken by ordinary people who dare to confront negative forces with the strength of belief in their own possibilities. Together they create alternative futures. This festival is in their honour."

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10:00 AM Finding Dawn 74 min.	10:00 AM Skyggenes Dal (Remains) 87 min.	10:00 AM Escape from Suburbia 96 min.	10:00 AM Saving Marriage 90 min.	10:00 AM Sir, No Sir! 85 min.	10:00 AM Galli: A School with No Walls 72 min.	10:00 AM Blessed Unrest 5 min.	10:00 AM iSalud! 93 min.	10:00 AM The Real Dirt on Farmer John 83 min.	10:00 AM For the Bible Tells Me So 95 min.	10:00 AM China Blue 88 min.	10:00 AM Pete Seeger: The Power of Song 91 min.
11:45 AM VOW Presentation (Multipurpose Room)	Empowering Youth 16 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>		Red and Dead 15 min.	Blessed Unrest 5 min.	The Big Lie 14 min.		Work for Peace 11 min.	The Unbearable Whiteness of Being 10 min.	Candemonium 10 min.	Trading Democracy 9 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	Blessed Unrest 5 min.
12:00 PM Strong Coffee 48 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	12:00 PM Animated Shorts NFB 58 min.	12:00 PM Reel Bad Arabs 50 min.	12:00 PM Kuper Island 45 min.	12:00 PM Cottonland 54 min.	12:00 PM Mom's Apple Pie 50 min.	12:00 PM Greenpeace: Making a Stand 48 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	12:00 PM The Refugees of the Blue Planet 53 min.	12:00 PM One Man, One Cow, One Planet 56 min.	12:00 PM No More Hiroshima, No More Nagasaki 52 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	12:00 PM Nomad's Land 60 min.	12:00 PM A String Quartet in Her Throat 23 min.
1:15 PM Sexy Inc. 36 min. FIT: Female to Femme 48 min.	1:15 PM The Union 105 min.	1:15 PM War/Dance 107 PM	1:15 PM Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad 93 min.	1:15 PM Everything's Cool 94 min.	1:15 PM Crude Impact 98 min.	1:15 PM Gimme Green 27 min.	1:15 PM Borderless 25 min.	1:15 PM Argentina: Turning Around 38 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	1:15 PM 100% Cotton 30 min.	1:15 PM The Curse of Copper 34 min.	1:15 PM Os Tres de Portugal 24 min.
3:10 PM Enemies of Happiness 59 min.	3:10 PM 58 min. Saltspring Island Discovery <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	3:10 PM The Danish Poet 15 min.	3:10 PM Tsepong: A Clinic Called Hope 49 min.	3:10 PM Voices in Wartime 57 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	3:10 PM Memories of a Dreamer 51 min.	2:10 PM Cats of Murikitani 74 min.	2:10 PM 9 Star Hotel 78 min.	2:10 PM Tableland 74 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	2:10 PM Escape from Luanda 72 min.	2:10 PM She's a Boy I Knew 70 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	2:10 PM Loop 78 min.
4:25 PM Faith Without Fear 54 min.	4:25 PM Forgiveness	4:25 PM Good Food 60 min. <i>Filmmaker in Attendance</i>	4:25 PM Shock Waves 52 min.	4:25 PM Damage Done: The Drug Odyssey 56 min.	4:25 PM Emily Carr: Growing Pains 60 min. <i>Nancy Ryley tribute</i>	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA	3:40 PM FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE TBA



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OPINION

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Noise complaints defence

It appears that a court in Victoria believes that the B.C. Farm Practices Protection Act and farm protection language in the Capital Regional District (CRD) noise control Bylaw 3384, Section 4.1, only applies to animals that are raised for "meat or eggs."

This may come as a surprise to the many "farmers" whose primary "farm product" are animals kept for pleasure use.

When the odour of horse manure wafts into your neighbour's house, or your donkey's braying wakes them at 6 a.m., it seems this ruling indicates you'd better start looking for that clutch of eggs your horses have been hiding, or get the butchering knife sharpened. (Oh wait, it's illegal to butcher meat for sale now. Guess you'll have to eat Old Paint all by yourself to satisfy the court.)

I have nothing against horses and donkeys. We'll probably see them in front of ploughs within our lives, restoring their "legitimacy" as farm animals. But beware that the gentrification of farmland cuts both ways, and this ruling implies that people whose "hobby farms" produce noises, smells, or undesirable activ-

ity may be fair game for others who find such things offensive.

It also seems that the best defence against such nuisance complaints is to produce food for local consumption. Thankfully, there are laws like the B.C. Farm Practices Protection Act (as well as farming exceptions in the CRD noise control Bylaw 3384) that protect those who are conducting legitimate farming operations.

But if producing "meat or eggs" is the new standard for farm legitimacy, a whole new bunch of "farmers" are now exposed to nuisance complaints. If you keep pleasure animals, you'd better stay on good terms with your neighbours!

IAN STEINMAN,
SHARP ROAD

Library return welcomed

Now that our library is almost back to normal, I wanted to tell the librarians and volunteers how welcome it is. The limited access that was available due to the storm brought home how very much the library means to the lives of so many of us.

Profound thanks are due to the library board members, the librarians and all the many volunteers who rescued so many books; who coped with the discomfort and inconvenience and kept the library open during the repairs; and who are now busily restoring the shelves to their former

orderly arrangements.

You are much appreciated.

BETTY MARYON,
SALT SPRING

Danger

Question: What do you call it when a senior (also known as a chronologically gifted person) tries to walk across the main road on Salt Spring Island?

Answer: Assisted suicide.
MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Use safe kind of antifreeze

A lot of animals get killed each year from drinking antifreeze or from just walking through a puddle of antifreeze and then licking it off their paws.

Sometimes the antifreeze has spilled and sometimes it has been stored carelessly. If an animal drinks antifreeze it gets sick right away, staggering or vomiting. The pet must be taken to a vet right away.

There are two kinds of antifreeze — a safe one and a horrible one.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Proposed Bylaw No. 432

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 432**, 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.

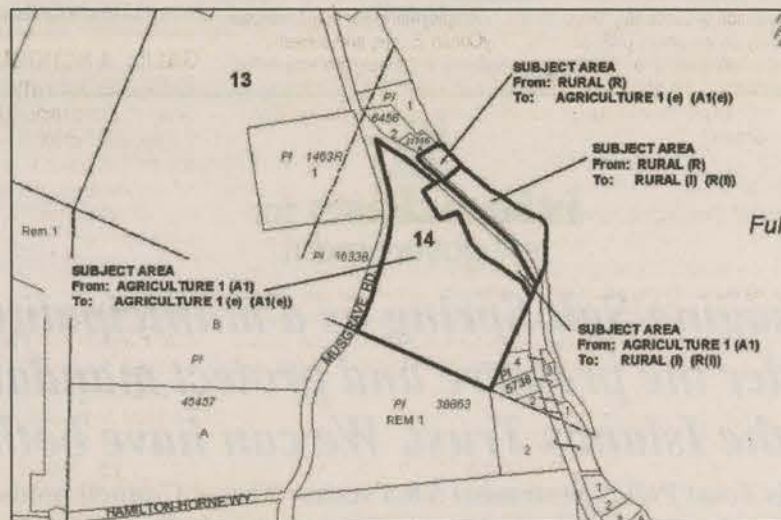
DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2008
LOCATION: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Public Information Session
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Public Hearing

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 432, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2007".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 432 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- a. by creating a new Rural Zone Variation (I) – R(I);
- b. by restricting the maximum number of lots in the area zoned R(I) to 2, and the minimum area of any lot created by subdivision to 0.6 ha;
- c. by creating a new Agriculture 1 Zone Variation (e) – A1(e);
- d. by restricting the maximum number of lots in the area zoned A1(e) to 1, and the minimum area of any lot created by subdivision to 6.7 ha;
- e. by changing the zoning of That Part of Section 14, Range 1, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Lying South Westerly of Fulford Harbour, Except Parts in Plans 6456, 1463R and 36338, from Rural Zone – (R) to Rural Zone Variation (I) – R(I), from Rural Zone – (R) to Agriculture 1 Zone Variation (e) – A1(e), from Agriculture 1 Zone – (A1) to Rural Zone Variation (I) – R(I), and from Agriculture 1 Zone – (A1) to Agriculture 1 Zone Variation (e) – A1(e), as shown on the following sketch plan.

Plan No. 1 – Proposed Bylaw No. 432



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, February 18, 2008 and up to and including Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 432 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Alison Fox, at (250) 405-5194, or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. 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/ltr/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, March 5, 2008 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.
2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

Attention

Those Impacted by the December 2 - 5, 2007 Major Flooding

Those impacted by this flooding event may be eligible for financial support under **British Columbia's Disaster Financial Assistance Program.**

Assistance is available to qualifying homeowners, residential tenants (renters), small businesses, farm owners, charitable organizations and local government bodies that incurred more than \$1,000 of uninsurable damage during the period **December 2-5, 2007**, and that are situated within the geographic boundaries of the following areas:

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- City of Abbotsford
- City of Richmond
- City of Coquitlam
- City of Langley
- City of Surrey
- Corporation of Delta
- District of Maple Ridge
- District of Mission
- Metro Vancouver (Electoral Area A)
- Squamish/Lillooet Regional District
- Fraser Valley Regional District (Boston Bar)

Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands

- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Capital Regional District (Salt Spring Electoral Area)
- Comox-Strathcona Regional District (Electoral Areas G and H)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of North Saanich
- Regional District of Nanaimo

Assistance is limited to providing 80 percent of allowable items that are considered essential to a home, livelihood or community service, for the portion of the claim that exceeds \$1,000.

To apply for financial assistance, individuals must complete and return an Application for Disaster Financial Assistance. Application forms are available from the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) web site at: www.pep.bc.ca/dfa_claims/dfa.html, Government Agent offices, most local government offices, PEP regional offices, or by calling the PEP Recovery Office in Victoria at **toll-free 1-888-257-4777**.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than March 8, 2008 to: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Provincial Emergency Program

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OPINION

Salt Spring already a leader in sustainability, regardless of its governance structure

BY MARION PAPE

I was interested to read Trevor Williams' article headlined "Municipalities can offer clout for climate change" in the Feb. 13 Driftwood.

I'm not sure if Mr. Williams has been keeping track of climate change activities on the island over the past five years. If he had, he would know that long before reducing GHG emissions was in vogue across the country and certainly before municipalities became engaged, Salt Spring was energetically signing people up for the One Tonne Challenge, developing an Energy Strategy Task Force and launching a very ambitious "energy strategy" for the island.

Several groups on the island have mobilized to do their respective climate change work. Mr. Williams mentioned that, most importantly, a municipality would have access to funding for island initiatives. Yes, but this funding is already available to Salt Spring and is being accessed by the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District (CRD), the Earth Festival Society, I-SEA, Island Pathways and other island groups. Federal, provincial and regional funding is available regardless of whether an area is incorporated or not. It is simply not true that climate change funding is only available to incorporated municipalities.

One reason why this island is so successful in so many innovative initiatives may be because we are not a municipality. Salt Spring from my perspective is a true example of participatory democracy in action. Time after time we see controversial issues bringing the collective expertise and passion of many people together

IN RESPONSE

er to learn about and develop solutions for the island. Witness the current campaign underway to save the unique Creekside rainforest. In fact, one could argue that this valuable piece of land, which is also a carbon sink, would already be developed if we were an incorporated municipality. In addition to Creekside, since 1996, we have protected over 4,000 acres of green space on Salt Spring Island. That in itself is an extraordinary climate change benefit because of the carbon sequestration services of our older forests.

This is not to say that some municipalities aren't very effective in adopting and implementing climate change strategies, but it is not because they are municipalities, it is because of the people who give of their time and expertise. When the Mayor of Whistler, Ken Melamed, was asked during a recent talk here about the value of Salt Spring becoming a municipality, his response was that success depends on a mobilized community, not on its governance structure.

Mobilized we are and Salt Spring is reaping the rewards. Last year, Salt Spring shared the provincial Community Challenge Energy Savings Plan award with the City of Vancouver for demonstrating leadership in energy efficiency. The \$15,000 award has been invested in improving the energy performance of the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project. The province has also recognized Salt Spring's accomplishments by awarding one of its first ever Green City awards to Salt Spring —

the only one of 178 electoral areas so honoured — with a prize of \$25,000.

So, Mr. Williams, when you check out the facts about climate change initiatives on Salt Spring, you will realize that this community is functioning at a very high level of effectiveness, that our citizens together with our elected officials are championing many different initiatives. You cited a litany of urban programs that a municipality could champion and I would be pleased to explain how Salt Spring is working on public transit, bicycle lanes, increasing local food production, climate change preparedness, etc.

You mentioned reducing maximum house sizes as another initiative. The Energy Strategy Task Force recommended an innovative policy to improve the energy efficiency of new houses by requiring larger buildings to be more energy efficient. Have you checked the position taken by Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) relating to house size? My recollection is that ISG strongly opposes such measures.

To close, you may be interested to know that Salt Spring was invited along with other Green City Award finalists, Nanaimo and Kelowna, to present to the Local Government Leadership Academy on how we are doing things right. It seems that Salt Spring is regarded throughout B.C. as a leader in sustainability, regardless of governance structure.

Check out the website www.saltspringenergystrategy.org to get a small picture of what has and is being accomplished in this area.

The writer is coordinator of the Salt Spring Energy Strategy.



Imagine Salt Spring as a municipality under the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust. We can have both.

Islands Trust Policy Statement 5.8.3 states: "Trust Council holds that island communities within the Trust Area are themselves best able to determine the most effective local government structure to support their local autonomy and specific community needs within the object of the Islands Trust."

Join Islanders for Self-Government today and send a clear message to the Provincial Government that Salt Spring Islanders want the opportunity to evaluate the benefits of incorporation for ourselves. Fill out the attached form, mail it in or drop it off at one of our Island Business Supporters:

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Islands Trust

Proposed 2008-2009 Annual Budget

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E-mail: budget2008@islandstrust.bc.ca

We'd like to hear from you

The Islands Trust invites input from the public on its proposed annual budget. Trust Council will consider your input during its budget deliberations, before it makes a final decision on Thursday, March 13.

You can get all the budget details directly from the following Islands Trust offices:

1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC Phone: 250-537-9144	700 North Road Gabriola Island, BC Phone: 250-247-2063	200-1627 Fort Street Victoria, BC Phone: 250-405-5151
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This information is also available on the Island Trusts website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Submissions from the public regarding the financial plan must be delivered by:

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

Islands Trust Council
Attention: Treasurer
#200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

OR
Fax: (250) 405-5155

OR
E-mail at: budget2008@islandstrust.bc.ca



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

LAMB LOVE:

Mikaela Fraser hugs a day-old lamb as she visits Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, where spring has sprung.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the person who stole the short wave radio from the silent auction table at the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrifty Shop last week, we want you to know that you have deprived the hospital of at least a \$60 donation — the amount of the bid at the time you stole the radio. Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary

To the man driving a van with his business name on it at around 8 a.m. last Tuesday morning near the Long Harbour ferry terminal: if you are going to be so aggressive and such a bad driver, as well as rude and intimidating to two women walking along a winding road on a foggy morning, you might want to consider removing your name and number from the side of your van so as not to be so easily identified. If your attitude to business is anything like your attitude to passers-by, I sympathize with your clients. C. Hall

Roses

The Baha'i community wishes to thank all those who attended the One Human Family Gospel Choir concert and gave so generously to the food bank. We would also like to thank Thrifty's, which kindly donated water for the event, Debra Olson at Ganges B+B, Embe Bakery, the Driftwood and SD64 for being such gracious hosts.

Gallons and gallons of healthy red roses for wonderful family and friends, especially my beautiful wife Kelda. Thank you for all of your support and help with Elements. D

A bouquet of everblooming roses to Carl Graham at Lightning Press for his donation of printing for Island Comfort Quilts. ML

A fire truck full of roses to Dr. Reznick, Jean and Tracey, the top-notch team at Lady Minto, Salt Spring Island firefighters and my extended family for your care and support! AJ & family

A big bouquet of roses to Island Savings, Ganges Village Market and the Raven Street Cafe for their donations to Special Olympics on Salt Spring. Your donations will be put to good use and on behalf of the executive and our athletes, we thank you.

Roses to the little fawn who

curled up in my garden and left this life. We are honoured by your surrender. Pat and Shiva Dickson

A trellis full of climbing yellow roses to the road crews and pole raisers on the Lower Ganges and North End roads for their courtesy and patience with the drivers of vehicles travelling north and south. Thanks from all of us. GD

A big bunch of roses to the guys at Windsor Plywood, who went over and above the call of duty Friday morning to wrap my "huge" package.

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 (Gulf Islands)

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This does not apply for normal grade transitions to the next level at another school.



SCHOOL DISTRICT # 64
 (Gulf Islands)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Any child who will be five (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2008 (born in 2003) should register for the 2008/2009 school year at the school office **February 25 to 28, 2008.**

Fernwood Elementary School
 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fulford Community Elementary School
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Phoenix Elementary School
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Salt Spring Elementary School
 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Galiano Community School
 (February 25, 26, 27 only) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary
 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pender Islands Elementary Secondary School
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturna Elementary School
 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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OPINION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Murakami Gardens applicant list highlights demand

Applications considered

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With fewer than four months remaining before the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project opens its doors, coordinators are preparing for the difficult task of deciding who will get a spot in one of the complex's 27 units.

"It's going to be tricky and there

are going to be some disappointed people," said project manager Janis Gauthier.

A committee formed by staff at Salt Spring Island Community Services Society is tasked with selecting which of the roughly 50 applications have the greatest need for housing.

Because many applications represent couples and families, the number of prospective residents is significantly higher.

"This tells us there is a screaming

demand for affordable housing on the island," Gauthier said.

Committee members will consider the length of time an applicant has been on the waiting list, applicants' incomes and their current housing situation.

Friday marked the official application deadline, though community housing coordinator Lizzy Rowe said applications to fill future vacancies are always welcome considering the level of demand.

"We've had lots of inquiries and one thing that's really clear is the need for safe, secure and affordable housing on the island," Rowe said. "The Murakami project cannot meet and address all of the island's needs, but it's a very solid beginning."

Construction on the \$5-million project remains within budget and on track for the anticipated June completion date. Rowe said she expects successful applicants will

begin moving in on July 1.

The facility will provide residents with centrally located and rent-controlled housing. Tenants will be eligible for public transit passes and membership in a two-vehicle car-share co-op.

Monthly rents for the studio apartments start at \$560, with three-bedroom suites going for \$1,065.

For more information on the project, contact Rowe at Community Services at 537-9971.

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THE FILM FEST

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WAR/DANCE

1:15 PM/Kimiko Murakami Room/107 min./Sean Fine, Andrea Nix Fine/2007

For twenty years Northern Uganda has been at war with a rebel force, the Lord's Resistance Army (L.R.A.) They abduct boys to become soldiers and girls for sexual slavery. Amidst the grief and violence, children's voices are heard - singing strong, without fear. Across the country, Ugandan children are getting ready for the annual Kampala Music Festival. War Dance follows students dancing to the rhythms of their ancestors, dancing about their future, dancing to be children...and dancing to win a festival competition.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

9 STAR HOTEL

2:10 PM/Raging Grannies Room/78 min./Ido Haar/2006, In Israel's occupied territories, thousands of Palestinians make an arduous and dangerous journey to work illegally as construction labourers. At night they sleep on the hillcrests in improvised shelters, a stark contrast to the luxury apartment complexes they build by day. Sharing food, belongings and stories, they live under the constant threat of being arrested - police, soldiers and secret service agents are tirelessly on alert for illegal workers.

100% COTTON: MADE IN INDIA

1:15 PM/Virginia Newman Room/30 min./Inge Altemeier, Reinhard Hornung

Cotton is the main textile we wear directly on the skin. During cotton production, huge quantities of pesticides are used, including poisons used as chemical weapons. Many of these pesticides are banned in other countries but still used in India. Hundreds die of the poisons during the spraying season or from handling the contaminated cotton during processing. The residues of the poisons also enter the bodies of consumers as they wear the clothing made from contaminated cotton.

ARGENTINA: TURNING AROUND

1:15 PM/Kimiko Murakami Room/38 min./Melissa Young/2008 Sequel to ARGENTINA:HOPE IN HARDTIMES. In the 1990s Argentina embraced globalization, but the economy collapsed. The eyes of the world were on Argentina as a desperate people turned to each other for mutual support in a remarkable outpouring of grassroots organizing. Now, years later, have there been fundamental changes, or is it business as usual? ARGENTINA: TURNING AROUND shows the new models of work, politics and community development that are now underway, as people re-invent their society to offer a better life for all.

BLESSED UNREST

10:00 AM/WAV & SWOVA Room/5 min./Paul Hawken/2007
11:45 AM /Dorothy Cutting Room
2:00 PM/WAV & SWOVA Room

BLESSED UNREST explores the diversity of activism, its brilliant ideas, innovative strategies, and hidden history, which date back many centuries. A culmination of Hawken's many years of leadership in the environmental and social justice fields, it will inspire and delight any and all who despair of the world's fate, and its conclusions will surprise even those within the movement itself. Fundamentally, it is a description of humanity's collective genius.

BORDERLESS

1:15 PM/Raging Grannies Room/25 min./Min Sook Lee/2006 BORDERLESS gives voice to the dreams and struggles of undocumented workers in Canada. Workers tell their stories of exploitation and displacement. Against the odds, they work to build a future for families painfully separated by restrictive immigration laws. You will meet an often invisible workforce and reflect on the hidden costs of sustaining our "first world" economy.

CANDEMONIUM

11:45 AM/Virginia Newman Room/7 min./ Jason Margolis/2006 You won't believe the sculptures that can be built using cans of food! Check out this most delightful short where you construct sculptures out of cans in support of this annual Vancouver anti-hunger project, "Canstruction."

THE CATS OF MIRIKITANI

2:10 PM/WAV & SWOVA Room/74 min./Linda Hattendorf/2006 "Make art not war" is Jimmy Mirikitani's motto. This 85-year-old Japanese American artist was born in Sacramento and raised in Hiroshima, but by 2001 he is living on the streets of New York with the twin towers of the World Trade Center still ominously anchoring the horizon behind him. When a neighbouring filmmaker stops to ask about Mirikitani's art, a friendship begins that will change both their lives.

CHINA BLUE

10:00 AM/Nairn Howe Room/88 min./Micha Peled/2005 Shot clandestinely, this is a deep-access account of what both China and the international retailers don't want us to see: how the clothes we buy are actually made. Following a pair of denim jeans from birth to sale, CHINA BLUE links the power of the U.S. consumer market to the daily lives of a Chinese factory owner and two teenaged female factory workers. Filmed both in the factory and in the workers' faraway village.

THE CURSE OF COPPER

1:15 PM/Nairn Howe Room/34 min./Robert Greenwald/2007 Intag region in Ecuador is one of the world's ten most threatened biodiversity hotspots. After a fierce battle in the 1990s between local people and mining corporations, the local government declared the whole of Cotacachi an "Ecological County", and banned mining activities in the region. Despite this, in August 2002, two mining concessions in the Intag were secretly auctioned off. These rights were transferred to Ascendant Copper Corporation (ACX), based in Vancouver. Cotacachi has resisted and has gained the support of international organizations including Friends of the Earth, Mining Watch Canada and Rainforest Concern.

ESCAPE FROM LUANDA

2:10 PM/Virginia Newman Room/72 min./Phil Grabsky/2007 Following 27 years of civil war, Angola remains one of the poorest and most dangerous countries in the world; hardly somewhere you would expect to find hope or laughter. This documentary shatters expectations with a portrait of three students from Luanda, who run the gauntlet every day to attend the country's only music school, finding escape from the horrors of the conflict and the shanty towns where they live in the work of Mozart and other composers.

FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITES

3:40 PM/ WAV & SWOVA Room
3:40 PM/ Raging Grannies Room
3:40 PM/ Kimiko Murakami Room
3:40 PM/Virginia Newman Room
3:40 PM/Nairn Howe Room
3:40 PM/Dorothy Cutting Room

Audience favourites. These will be re-screened on Sunday afternoon, and will be purchased for the library. Vote for your choices and turn in your ballots at the hospitality table in the multipurpose room. Ballots will be located at all venues, including The Fritz, and at Intermission Café.

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

10:00 AM/Virginia Newman Room/95min./Daniel G. Karslake/2007

Can the love between two people ever be an abomination? Is the chasm separating gays and lesbians and Christianity too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? Through the experiences of five very "normal", very Christian, very American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how insightful people of faith handle having a gay child.

GIMME GREEN

1:15 PM/IWAV & SWOVA Room/27 min./Isaac Brown & Eric Flagg/2007

Lawns are undeniably a North American symbol. But what do they symbolize? Pride and prosperity—or waste and conformity? GIMME GREEN is a humorous look at a \$40 billion industry that fuels the US's largest irrigated crop - the lawn; and the effects it has on our environment, our wallets, and our outlook on life.

GREENPEACE: MAKING A STAND

12:00 PM/WAV & SWOVA Room/48 min./Leigh Badgley/2006 35 years after Greenpeace set sail for Amchitka to fight testing of the nuclear bomb, Leigh Badgley's cameras follow Rex Weyler, one of Greenpeace's founding members (who will be in attendance) to Argentina where he and others fight in a dangerous campaign to save the Chaco forest - homeland of the indigenous Wichi people. As a result, the Argentine President formally gave the title deed for the Pizarro Reserve to the Wichi Indians on August 15, 2006.

LOOP

2:10 PM/Dorothy Cutting Room/78 min./Sjur Paulsen/2006 Loop is a study of four men whose lives are in transition—two retiring, two searching for meaning. We witness two young gadabouts who journey far from home in a leaky fishing boat, an ambulance driver/former UN rep in Lebanon and Bosnia who seeks solitude in a fire watchtower, an octogenarian returns to the mountain peaks of his youth, and a rock climber hell bent on setting a record. Adventuresome yet thoughtful, and beautifully filmed.

MY DEAD HUSBAND'S LAND

1:15 PM/Dorothy Cutting Room/34 min./Mia Malan/2006

Culture and its proponents prevent Luo women of Kenya from inheriting and owning their deceased husbands' land and properties. The widows themselves are deemed property and are often "inherited." They are forced to marry male relatives, usually brothers-in-law, according to an ancient custom known as 'ter.' But the women of Orongo are emerging victorious in a battle against practices they consider oppressive and cruel.

NOMAD'S LAND

12:00 PM/Nairn Howe Room/60 min./Gordon Henderson, Silva Basmajian & Ian McLeod

They're civilians, yet the military runs their lives. Wives of soldiers, these women inherited a lifestyle they hadn't necessarily chosen. When her husband joined the Air Force, filmmaker Claire Corriveau discovered a singular world where everything was subordinate to the needs of the Canadian Forces, to the detriment of family life. Without their sacrifices and backstage work, the military would be unable to deploy its operations. Their unsung contributions come at a high personal price.

NO MORE HIROSHIMA, NO MORE NAGASAKI

12:00 PM/Virginia Newman Room/52 min./Yuki Nakamura & Timothy Richards/2007

A powerful telling through art, of the horrendous disaster of the August 1945 nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States. Hundreds of thousands of people were killed and/or died of radiation and few are still alive to tell the tale. We meet several survivors of that nuclear war and hear the stories of their personal experiences being on the ground in those cities while under nuclear attack. When so many countries are currently stockpiling and building nuclear weapons, the film reminds us about the reality of warfare of this magnitude.

ONE MAN, ONE COW, ONE PLANET

12:00 PM/ Kimiko Murakami Room/56 min./Barbara Sumner Burtsyn/2007

The outcome of the battle for agricultural control in India may just dictate the future of the earth. 78 year old Peter Proctor is quietly determined to save the world. Peter is known as the father of modern biodynamic farming, a form of organic agriculture. ONE MAN, ONE COW, ONE PLANET reveals the hidden battle of marginal farmers to own seeds, to grow diverse crops, to feed themselves and their communities.

OS TRES DE PORTUGAL/THE THREE OF PORTUGAL

12:35 PM/Dorothy Cutting Room/24 min./Jordan Paterson/2006 Os Três de Portugal is a Vancouver fado music group comprised of luthier Jose Amaral, guitarist Manuel Redondo and singer Suzana Rodrigues. The trio is driven by the desire to preserve fado, an important cultural tradition from their native Portugal and they try to impart the spirit of fado to a new generation of Canadians. This beautifully photographed film climaxes with a final concert held at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre.

PETE SEEGER: THE POWER OF SONG

10:00 AM/ Dorothy Cutting Room /91 min./Jim Brown/2007

The son of an academic musicologist and a gifted violinist, Pete introduced Martin Luther King Jr., and later spearheaded the cleanup of the Hudson River. He suffered banishment due to his political affiliations for decades after the McCarthy Witchhunt era. He will soon be 90. Pete Seeger is an institution and a monument and remains devoted to peace, justice and democracy and song. Sponsored by Watermark Books.

THE PLANET

10:00 AM/IWAV & SWOVA Room/84 min./Michael Stenberg, Johan Soderberg, Linus Torelli/2006

The extraordinary visual style and the unexpected content may unlock alienated attitudes about climate change. Yet, the film is about more than climate change, it's about the earth as a whole, and the global changes we're experiencing right now, including the dramatic loss of life in the animal and plant kingdoms. Beautiful cinematography.

THE REAL DIRT ON FARMER JOHN

10:00 AM/Kimiko Murakami Room/83min./Taggart Siegel/2005

Shooting farmer John Peterson over the 25-years of their evolving friendship, and using multiple media, from 8 mm home movies to modern video, allowed Taggart Siegel to capture Farmer John's alternately humorous, heartbreaking and spirited life with raw drama and intimacy. Defying all odds, John gradually transforms his land from production farming into a revolutionary community, where people work and flourish providing fresh vegetables and herbs to thousands of people every week through Community Supported Agriculture.

THE REFUGEES OF THE BLUE PLANET

12:00 PM/Raging Grannies/53 min./Helene Choquette, Jean-Philippe Duval/2006

Each year, millions of people the world over are driven to forced displacement. The disturbing accounts of people who have been uprooted are amazingly similar. THE REFUGEES OF THE BLUE PLANET sheds light on the desperate plight of individuals who are suffering the repercussions of this reality: environmental refugees. They are constantly growing in number and often have no legal status, even though their right to a clean and sustainable environment has been violated.

¡SALUD!: CUBA AND THE QUEST FOR HEALTH

10:00 AM/Raging Grannies Room/93 min./Connie Field & Gail Reed/2006

A timely examination of human values and the health issues that affect us all, ¡SALUD! looks at the curious case of Cuba, a cash-strapped country with what the BBC calls 'one of the world's best health systems.' From the shores of Africa to the Americas, ¡SALUD! hits the road with some of the 28,000 Cuban health professionals serving in 68 countries, and explores the hearts and minds of international medical students in Cuba -- now numbering 30,000.

SHE'S A BOY I KNEW

2:10 PM/Nairn Howe Room/70 min./Gwen Haworth/2007

Parents lost a son, sisters lost a brother, and saddest of all, a wife lost her husband after Steven Haworth answered the nagging inner voice of his true gender identity and undertook the process to become Gwen, the director of this film. In the retelling of her own story, Haworth employs archival footage and animation to enhance a transgender success story. Refreshing in its candor, SHE'S A BOY I KNEW becomes a deeply moving story of loss and unconditional love.

A STRING QUARTET IN HER THROAT

12:00 PM/Dorothy Cutting Room/23 min./Mark Lawrence/ CBC/2006

Kronos' Quartet violinist and artistic director, David Harrington, first heard Inuit throat singing in 1981, and became convinced that the art form held great potential for collaboration with Kronos. "Inuit throat singing is one of the most string-like sounds that I've ever heard come from the human voice." Upon discovering Tanya Tagaq, Harrington realized that he'd found his collaborator. "Her voice sounded like four voices—it was as if she were carrying around a quartet in her voice!"

TABLELAND

2:10 PM/Kimiko Murakami Room/74 min./Craig Noble/2004

From the orchards of Interior BC, Napa Highlands, rural Quebec and other places where "slow food" is celebrated, TABLELAND consists of interviews with chefs, farmers, writers, teachers, activists and other proponents of the production of tasty, local and seasonal food from field to plate. The movie contains themed sections on taste, sustainability, the environment and is filled with entertaining facts and tasty treats.

TRADING DEMOCRACY FOR CORPORATE RULE

11:45 AM/Nairn Howe Room/10 min./Paul Manly/2007

The top ten reasons to oppose the two worst trade agreements in Canadian history, TILMA (the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) and the SPP (the Security and Prosperity Partnership). The film describes ten areas and issues that will be impacted by these agreements. Several experts send an alarming message to Canadians that it is time to end undemocratic trade deals that are developed with input from only the largest corporations.

THE UNBEARABLE WHITENESS OF BEING

11:45 AM/Kimiko Murakami Room/10 min./Faisal Aziz/2007

Faisal Aziz tackles a topic that many people won't even be aware of in this interesting documentary - the rising trend of Asian skin-lightening. Talking to a couple selling 'all natural' products that promise to make skin look whiter and a host of Asians whose attitudes vary from the converted to those who view it as a worrying development, it is revealing and thought provoking.

WORK FOR PEACE—CONSCIENCE CANADA

11:45 AM/Raging Grannies Room/11 min./Sarah Zammit/2007

This fast-paced, informative, emotionally engaging film on conscientious objection to military taxation invites us to refuse financing war and to redirect our taxes to peace.

THE FRITZ MOVIE THEATRE

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

7:30 PM Saturday/The Fritz/Juli Taymor/2006

3:00 PM Sunday/The Fritz/Juli Taymor/2006

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE is a fictional love story set in the 1960s which captures the Zeitgeist of the era—with the early innocence; the struggle for civil rights; drugs, sex and rock and roll; and anti-war protests. At once gritty, whimsical and highly creative, the story moves from high schools and universities in Massachusetts, Princeton and Ohio to the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the Detroit riots, Vietnam and the dockyards of Liverpool. A combination of live action, special effects and animation, the film is paired with songs written by "The Beatles that define the time.

4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS

3:00 PM Saturday/The Fritz/Christian Mungiu/2007

5:45 PM Sunday/The Fritz/Christian Mungiu/2007

During the final days of communism in Romania, two college roommates Otilia and Gabita are busy preparing for a night away. But rather than planning for a holiday, they are making arrangements for Gabita's illegal abortion and unwittingly, both find themselves burrowing deep down a rabbit hole of unexpected revelations.

BREAKFAST WITH SCOT

5:30 PM Saturday/The Fritz/Laurie Lynd/2007

8:00 PM Sunday/The Fritz/Laurie Lynd/2007

Eric lives for all things hockey. Now in his thirties, he's managed to turn his stint as an ex-Toronto Maple Leaf into a full-time gig as commentator for sports TV. But when Eric's boyfriend Sam announces that they're to become temporary guardians of a young boy, Eric's comfortable world shatters. Enter Scot - a recently orphaned, swishy 11-year-old sissy-of-a-boy - and Eric's mirror opposite. Freaked out by Scot's "joie de vivre", Eric and Sam gently nudge Scot away from scented hand cream and all things pink, towards a more "acceptable" pastime, hockey. But after Scot's disastrous first game, Eric begins to rethink the compromises he's made in his own life in order to be "accepted."

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Salt Spring Island's eclectic community of activists moves us from awareness to action, both locally and globally. Stop by their tables surrounding The Intermission Café in the multipurpose room of GISS on Saturday and Sunday.

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G.I.F.T.S SCHOLARSHIPS

Galiano Island's Gulf Islands Film and Television School (G.I.F.T.S), in concert with Ganges Village Market are generously offering a full scholarship for a Youth Media Intensive Program week. The recipient will make her/his own film, in six days!

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This year G.I.F.T.S. has graciously offered a second scholarship for an Adult Activist Documentary Program: A Media Intensive Program taught by leading Canadian documentary filmmakers, intended to gather and empower today's voices for positive change.

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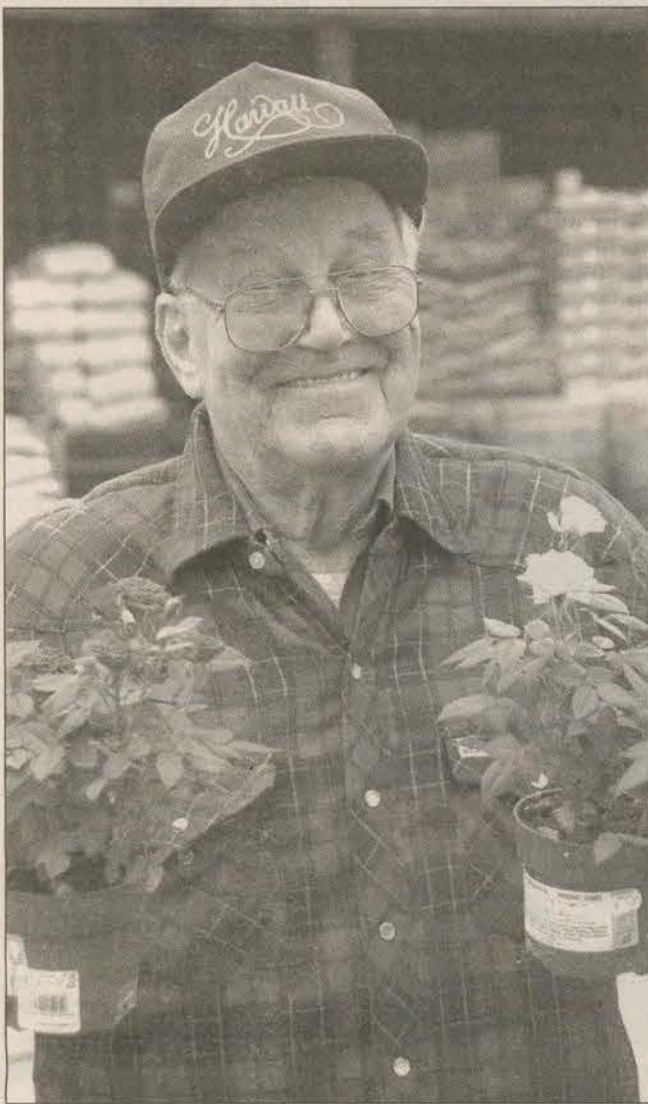


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SPRING IS SPRINGING: Vic Austin was one of many people inspired by a week of sunshine to pick up some potted flowers at Foxglove.

SPIRITUALITY

Personal theology: begins next week

Unitarians sponsor seven-session event

The Unitarian Fellowship of Salt Spring Island is offering a course titled Building Your Own Theology (BYOT), beginning Monday, March 3.

Classes will take place at Salt Spring Seniors every other Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. for seven sessions, ending on May 26.

Led by ministerial consultant Marian Stewart, BYOT will guide participants to explore their personal theology, talking about what they already know or feel to be true and examining why.

"Individuals will reflect on their religious experiences and knowledge, and create their own credos.

"The process of study, reflection, group discussion and credo-writing will guide participants in examining and articulating their own theology.

"Participants will explore their values and beliefs about God or ultimate reality, human nature, ethics, and the meaning and purpose of life."

Everyone is welcome. Suggested donation to cover cost of copying is \$10. Contact Melynda Okulitch at 537-8327 to register.

Friends of the SSI Public Library Association Final(?) Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday, February 28th, 2008, at 4:00 PM
Where: Lower Hall, United Church of Ganges

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the last AGM
2. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer (Pat Byrne)
3. Report of the Chair (Stan Shapiro) "Blending Back into the Library"
4. Directors' Motion Regarding the Dissolution of the Friends

"Be it resolved that the Friends of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association be dissolved and all its assets turned over to the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association"

5. Guest Speaker: Marilyn Ming, Chief Librarian, SSI Public Library
"Your Library, Building-in Every Way-- for the Future"

(Memberships for 2008 can be renewed or taken out at the meeting since only members in good standing can vote but no dues will be collected.)

PERSONAL GROWTH

Women's group mending the web

Hope cultivated in multi-faceted explorations

Salt Spring women are invited to join a unique 13-week group facilitated by Oona McQuat with the intention of "mending the web" connecting them to nature, each other and ourselves.

Through voice and song, authentic movement, journaling, ceremony, meditation and "spontaneous acts of joy and celebration," participants will embrace and explore the themes of the goddess prayer flags created by Salt Spring Islander Sheya Jordan. The themes are Water, Fire, Earth, Air, Sex, Women, Men, Children, Animals, Plants, Food, Love Returning and EarthHeaven.

"Over the 13 weeks, women will evoke memories of balance and beauty, and cultivate hope, restoring the individual threads and the entire web of life to wholeness and balance," explains

a press release.

"This group will appeal to women with an interest in deep ecology, interspecies communication, vibrational healing and ritual, and to those who hunger for a deeper communion with and connection to self, nature and community."

Facilitator McQuat is a singer-songwriter, storyteller and keeper of the women's ways. She has been weaving women's circles in B.C. and Hawaii for several years, most recently on Salt Spring through the Sisters of the Moon Vocal Ensemble. McQuat brings insight, deep feeling, and a strong sense of safety and possibility to her play and work.

The group runs from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 5 to Wednesday May 28. The cost is based on a sliding scale of \$84.50 to \$169 for the 13 weeks.

For registration, location and information, call Oona at 653-2088. Her website address is www.oonamcquat.com.



General Board Meeting & Open House, Wednesday, March 19, 2008

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors is holding its regular General Board meeting:

Wednesday, March 19th at 1:00 pm

Pacific Ballroom, Anchor Inn

261 Island Hwy, Campbell River, BC

In addition to conducting its regular business, there will be a limited amount of time set-aside during the meeting for scheduled presentations from the public and to respond to questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

Presentation Guidelines:

A written request is required to make a presentation to the Board. Requests should include the general nature and viewpoint of the presentation and groups/organizations must identify one individual as the spokesperson. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Questions for the Board:

Questions must be submitted in advance of the meeting to allow for a formal response, which will be distributed in writing at the meeting and posted to our website following the meeting.

Note: Should the number of applications exceed the time available at the meeting it may not be possible to schedule all presentations. You will be contacted to confirm whether or not you have been selected to make a presentation.

Presentations will not be accepted without prior arrangement and questions from the floor will not be addressed. There will be an opportunity to informally ask questions following the meeting during the Open House.

Written questions or requests for presentations to the VIHA Board **must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 4, 2008** by fax to (250) 370-8750 or by email to heather.stewart-drewry@viha.ca or by mail to: Vancouver Island Health Authority, Executive Office, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

FAMILY RESOURCES

Caught in the Middle aids families in transition

Community Services' support group program begins March 6

Families dealing with a separation or divorce can benefit from Salt Spring Community Services' Caught in the Middle support group.

The eight-week program for parents and children was created "to help families overcome issues related to separation and divorce, and help parents understand their child's unexpressed feelings during this time of transition," explains a Community Services press release.

The parents' and children's groups

run at the same time, which is meant to facilitate discussion on several topics.

For parents, discussion will centre on understanding grief and loss, helping children understand grief and loss, logistical issues such as transitions and visits, effective co-parenting, communication skills and community resources.

In the children's group, topics include grief and loss, effective communication, loyalty issues, problem-solving techniques, as well as discussing responsibilities towards self and family.

"Community Services has run this program for many years and participants have found it helpful to be in a

supportive environment with others dealing with similar issues," states the release.

"Parents benefit from learning how to keep their children out of the middle of adult issues...."

"Parents benefit from learning how to keep their children out of the middle of adult issues and how to co-parent on an emotional level

that is healthier for them and their children.

"The children benefit by learning coping tools to help them deal with the major lifestyle changes of family separation, and these coping tools transfer into other areas of life as well."

The program was started through the Separation and Divorce Centre, which is now called B.C. Families in Transition.

Caught in the Middle will run for eight Thursdays from March 6 to April 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Anyone needing more information or wanting to register can call Maryanne Benwood at 537-9938.

FUNDRAISING

Girls have one week to raise \$7,500

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While Scorpions senior girls basketball players have earned a berth in the AA provincial championships March 4-7 — their challenge begins now.

The nine-member Gulf Islands Secondary School team has just a few days left to raise the \$7,500 needed to fund their trip. While the girls have been successful so far in gathering donations from local businesses, friends and family, they are still far from their target.

They hope a car wash planned for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ganges Village Market parking lot will boost their fundraising efforts.

"The community has never failed us before," noted Lane Gromme, whose daughter Kayla Gromme was named tournament MVP following the team's second-place finish at the Vancouver Island championships last week. Kayla, considered one of the best players in the province, has been offered a full, four-year basketball scholarship to Idaho State University.

Lane Gromme hopes people in the community will recognize the value of sports in teens' lives and contribute to the team's fundraising efforts.

"The kids that stay on the [basketball] courts, stay out of [law] courts," he said, paraphrasing a friend who is a judge.

The cost of the girls' week is high, Gromme added, because they plan to fly to Kamloops rather than rely on the Coquihalla Highway, which has been closed several times this winter.

Gromme said tax receipts can be issued for some donations. Anyone wanting to contribute to the team can contact Jenny Gromme (537-4190) or Barb Bird (537-1535).

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Museum seeks personal stories

The People's History Project tells story of British Columbia

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An exhibition on a southern B.C.-bound steam locomotive, a life-sized version of Nelly Furtado, videos shot by high school students and a pocket watch owned by bandit Bill Miner share something in common.

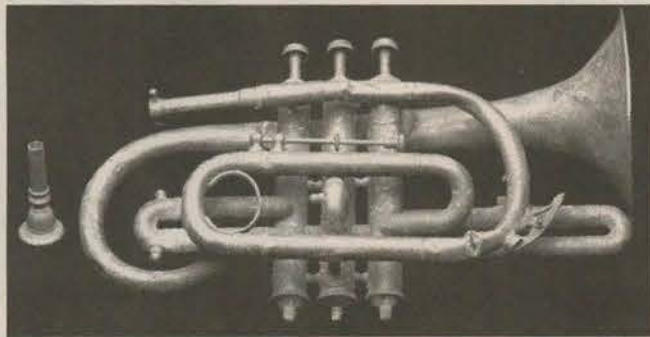
All play a role in the Royal B.C. Museum's newest project of telling the story of B.C.'s collective heritage — an undertaking that pushed the museum to both expand geographically and to revolutionize the way museums showcase history.

Free Spirit: Stories of You, Me and B.C., the exhibit, opens to the public on March 13 to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Crown Colony of B.C.

Featuring 400 B.C. artifacts and an interactive "party" offering insight into key figures in B.C.'s history, the exhibit is part of a larger project that includes two travelling exhibitions: one featuring a vintage Empress steam locomotive taking visitors across southern B.C. along the Canadian Pacific track; the other, a road exhibit stopping at six B.C. communities.

"As a provincial museum we face a geographic challenge," the museum's director of exhibitions Tim Willis said. "Not everyone can get here and we can't always reach people."

Travelling is one way



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At top, a cornet belonging to Fred Tibbs, eccentric recluse who lived on Arnet Island castle. Above, an Iver-Johnson pistol owned by Lewis Colquhoun, a former school teacher and bookkeeper who robbed a train with Bill Miner.

the museum is getting the project to as many British Columbians as possible. The other is The People's History website inviting everyone in the province to submit personal stories, past or present, in writing or as audio or video clips.

"There is enormous value," Willis said, "in people taking charge and telling their own story rather than just the museum doing that."

Willis said people too often assume their own stories are not important or exciting enough to be told. Contrary to that assumption, Willis finds history fascinating when viewed through the eyes of the individual.

"Personal stories are dynamic. We get the unusu-

al, the unexpected."

Some surprise submissions include a B.C.-themed audio clip containing a female vocal composition and a story written by a man who recounts crowding around the Fort Rupert Reserve's black and white television as a boy watching a Hockey Night in Canada telecast.

To encourage video submissions, the RBCM is working with departments of education to get youth involved.

"We think most videos will come from young people comfortable working with videos," Willis said.

Submissions are not limited to the past. A man who immigrated from China, now struggling to live in Van-

couver, writes, "Since 1996, I began playing casinos both in Canada and U.S. . . . I am broke now. My wife left me, my son hates me and I am alone working as security guard patrolling in this dark, cold winter night."

"There was always a great expectation when the Princess Mary docked at Hope Bay."

BY "JOAN"
From website submission

So far, only one web submission relates to the Gulf Islands. "Joan" writes of growing up on North Pender Island: "There was always a great expectation when the Princess Mary docked at Hope Bay. In the summer time the children were allowed on board to buy an ice-cream cone from the dining room. Wow!"

Willis encourages Gulf Islanders to submit their stories to help tell the complete story of B.C. The Royal B.C. Museum aims to reach one million British Columbians, either through their in-person visits to an exhibit or participation in the website.

To submit a story or for more information, visit www.freespiritbc.ca/peoplehistory.

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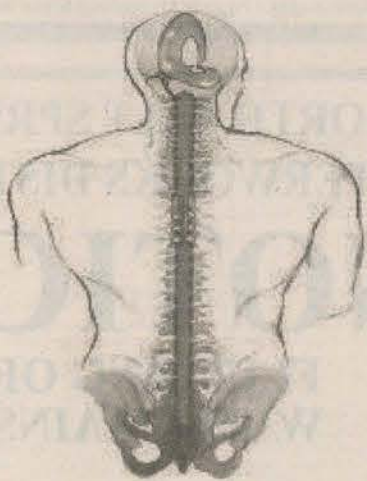


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Kelly Johnson is a Registered Massage Therapist and Craniosacral Therapist. She has received her CST training through the Upledger Institute. To book an appointment with Kelly please call 538-8848. Her Clinic is located in the heart of Ganges at 128 Hereford Street.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy / (10) Mama M.	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Florida (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	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	(4:30) Poker After Dark	
	:30	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar The Coin			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	WHL Hockey - Kamloops vs. Regina (Live)	
	:30			Popular Mechanics			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly		
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Meerkat Manor	NHL Hockey - Colorado vs. Vancouver (Live)	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Istanbul	Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle		
	:30	Marketplace	L'Epicierie	Sustainable Region (N)		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Prank Patrol		
8	:00	Little Mosque (N)	Le match des étoiles	100 Greatest Discoveries Earth Science		Deal or No Deal (N)	Coach	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	American Idol Top 10 Girls Compete (N)	Vancouver Nights	Wife Swap Myers/ Sutton (N)	Next Top Model New York, Here We Come (N)	Next Top Model New York, Here We Come (N)	American Idol Top 10 Girls Compete (N)	Wife Swap Myers/ Sutton (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Ballroom Challenge Grand Finale (SF) (N)	CBC News: The National	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Fries With That?	Monster Warriors	
	:30	Sophie (N)				Coach				Iranian Pop												
9	:00	the fifth estate	Une heure sur terre	Mighty Movers (N)		Father Hood (N)	The Standard	The Office Diwali		Sabor Latino	Supernanny Tafoya Family (N)	Rock of Love Talk Dirty to Me	Girlicious Confidence		Supernanny Tafoya Family (N)	Law & Order: C.I. Lonelyville (N)	American Masters Pete Seeger: The Power of Song (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Penelope	Futurama	Poker After Dark (Live)	
	:30				SportsCentre	Kimora: The Fab Lane	Ustat	My Name Is Earl	Robson Arms (N)						Back to You (N)						Shadow Raiders	
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Canada's War in Colour Call to Duty	Score Golf TV (N)	Final 24 David Koresh (N)	Cold Case Yo, Adrian	Friday Night Lights 'Giter Done	Law & Order Tango (N)	Hola Que Tai	Comedy Now Jeffrey Yu Comedy Inc.	Men in Trees Charity Case (N)	Seinfeld The Face Painter	Seinfeld The Trip	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Men in Trees Charity Case (N)	Law & Order Tango (N)		Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work	CSI: NY Boo	Falcon Beach Summer Solstice	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30																	Women In Science				
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	With Glowing Hearts (N)		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Bad Dog	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30									CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier The New Friend	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight	Nightly Business		(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone (N)	Masterworks We Are Family	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live		South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Prime Time Sports
	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins	(45) Fosse aux lions			(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 [Part 1 of 2]		(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Gourmet's Diary					

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy / (10) Mama M.	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Pittsburgh vs. Boston (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	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	(4:30) Poker After Dark	
	:30	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar A Charmed Life			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Taylor (Live)	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors / (20) Tommy		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh		
	:30			Reach for the Top	That's Hockey (N)		King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Profiles of Nature		El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe Egypt	Geologic Journey The Canadian Shield	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Poker Million Dollar Cash Game	
	:30	Project X Invaders (N)	Infoman			The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	PBS Previews		The Insider	Prank Patrol		
8	:00	Blue Jean Confidential (N)	Tous pour un il était une fois... les dinosaures	Rolando Villazón		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Coach	Survivor: Micronesia - Fans vs. Favorites (N)	American Idol Week #7C: 4 Voted Off (N)	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Lost Eggtown	America's Most Smartest Model	Smallville Blue	American Idol Week #7C: 4 Voted Off (N)	Lost Eggtown	My Name Is Earl Our Other Cop Is On	Children's Centennial Celebration	CBC News: The National	Survivor: Micronesia - Fans vs. Favorites (N)	Fries With That?	Poker European Tour	
	:30				Off the Record																	
9	:00	Doc Zone The Climb (N)	Enquête	Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón In	Motorcycle 2008	"In Her Mother's Footsteps" (Susp. '06)	The Standard	Celebrity Apprentice The Money Shot (N)	Lost The Constant (N)	Teri Meri Duniya	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Reaper Ashes to Ashes	Reaper Ashes to Ashes	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Lost The Constant (N)	Celebrity Apprentice The Money Shot (N)	Nova The Four Winged Dinosaur	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Goodbye & Good Luck	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter	
	:30				Motorcycle Experience	Emma Caulfield	Messages	The Money Shot (N)		Sadabahr Nagmae										Shadow Raiders		
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Paris	Poker	Emma Caulfield	Cold Case Time to Crime	Big Love Eclipse	Eli Stone One More Try (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Lipstick Jungle (N)	The Murdoch Mysteries Let Loose the Dogs	Seinfeld The Trip	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Eli Stone One More Try (N)	Lipstick Jungle (N)	Frontline/ World State of Emergency	Geologic Journey The Canadian Shield	Without a Trace One Wrong Move	Falcon Beach Wake Jam	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
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11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Canada's War in Colour Call to Duty		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier Party Party	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30									CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight	Nightly Business		(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone (N)	National Geographic Chimps On the Edge	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live		South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(35) Can. Reflections	(45) Fosse aux lions		Hockey Royal Bank Cup	(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 [Part 2 of 2]		(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Mexico: One Plate					

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 29

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy / (10) Mama M.	NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Tampa Bay (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	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) NBA Basketball - Indiana vs. Toronto (Live)	
	:30	Arrested Notapussy	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! Music Video		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show The Pill	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	(05) Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30			Kratz's Creatures			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Endurance		
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8	:00	Air Farce Live	Paquet voleur	The Impressionists Claude Monet		Life Is Wild (N)	Sikh Virsa	Amnesia (N)	Grey's Anatomy Forever Young	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	"Robin Hood: Men in Tights" ★★ (Com. '93) Cary Elwes.	Battlestar Galactica The Woman King	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Bones The Woman in the Car	Grey's Anatomy Forever Young	Amnesia (N)	NOW	CBC News: The National	Price Right Million Dollar Spectacular (N)	Naruto The Sand Shinobi Avatar		
	:30	Rick Mercer Report															Washington Week					
9	:00	iPOD The Last Shot (N)	L'heure de gloire	A Long Journey Home	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Green vs. Miller	20/20	The Standard	House Who's Your Daddy	Ghost Whisperer Double Exposure	Here Comes Ajumma		Stargate: SG-1		House Who's Your Daddy	20/20	Dateline NBC (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Double Exposure	Futurama		
	:30						3D Dialogue Light													Bleach		
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Masterworks Snap Judgements	20/20	Cold Case Revolution	Numb3rs Primacy	Nip/ Tuck Chaz Darling (N)	Open Concert	Jeff Ltd.	The Collector	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20		"Guys and Dolls" ★★★ (Mus. '55) Marlon Brando.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Primacy	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		
	:30									Grand Star										Gundam S Destiny		
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives Manufacture d Landscapes		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Brando.	CBC News: The National	News	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
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12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone (N)	Chris Woods Billboard	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami Invasion	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live		South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	The Hour		(35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(35) Kenny vs. Spenny	(45) Fosse aux lions		Score Golf TV	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H Last Laugh		(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Burt Wolf Alaska					

Sports & Recreation

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Senior girls off to provincials

Team takes second in AA island championships

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Another Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team is provincials-bound as the Scorpions senior girls basketball team stormed the Vancouver Island championships last weekend, nailing silver in the AA event.

GISS player Kayla Gromme won tournament MVP, while Amanda Hoy was named to the first all-star team and Monique Comeau took second all-star team honours.

Going into the event seeded third, after a disappointing four-point loss to Woodlands in the North Vancouver Island championships, the girls headed to Wellington Secondary in Nanaimo Thursday determined to grab a top-two finish, which would ensure a provincial berth.

In the first game against sixth-seeded St. Michael's University School, head coach Tony Mason said the girls started out with a new "press."

"It was very successful and we were up 12 points before SMU even scored."

A strong push by SMU just before half saw the GISS lead cut to nine, but in the second half, the girls pressed again and the final score was 53-29.

"Everyone played well, our press was effective and our scoring was balanced," Mason said.

The win spring-boarded the team into Friday's semi final against Woodlands, with the winner assured a spot in the finals as well as a provincial berth — something the GISS team has been eying since the start of the season.

"The girls were well rested and very focussed," said Mason.

As the girls prepared to battle their nemesis on the court, spectators warred from the bleachers. In addition to family supporters



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Tournament MVP Kayla Gromme charges to the hoop as the senior girls Scorpions beat St. Michael's University School at the Vancouver Island AA Championships last weekend.

clapping and stomping on the sidelines, a group of GISS senior boys basketball players blew ear-thrumming noise-makers to counter the sounds of Woodlands' fans banging huge garbage cans on the gymnasium floor.

Following the toss of the ball, Woodlands and GISS warily pressed forward and then carefully defended, neither giving up a basket for a full three minutes before Sammy Bird sunk the first two-pointer of the game.

Woodlands rallied back for two, but then Gromme nailed a three-pointer, pushing the score up by one — and Salt Spring never looked back.

"Woodlands in our last match had pressed us," Mason said. "So we decided to turn the tables on them. We started out very strong and our press had Woodlands quite confused."

With the score at 9-6 following the first quarter, GISS stormed the opposition in the second quarter, grabbing 19 points to Woodland's seven, bringing the

half-time score to 28-13, and obviously rattling the opposition.

GISS had extended its lead by 17 points at the end of the third.

Unfortunately for GISS fans, a 45-minute delay in game start time meant most had to leave Wellington just after the third quarter to catch the last ferry back to Salt Spring.

But GISS maintained its dominance "and held off a strong push by Woodlands, winning the match 49-36."

Gromme led the scoring with 20 points, followed by Kristi Lee with 13, and Amanda Hoy with eight.

The late game start also meant the team was unable to get home that night and had to scramble to find hotel rooms and eat a late dinner. They travelled back to Salt Spring for a few hours Saturday, before heading to Nanaimo for the 6 p.m. finals against Lambrick Park. The team was accompanied by several cars full of fans, prepared to out-cheer the Lambrick contingent.

"Lambrick Park is the

number one team on the island, and always tough to beat," Mason said. "Saturday was no different. Lambrick came out shooting well and took the early lead. It was a scrappy game and we trailed by 16 at the half."

In the end, GISS lost 69-56.

"Although a little disappointed with our performance in the final, the girls are still amazingly happy to be going to Kamloops from March 4 to 9."

In addition to practising their skills, the girls' biggest challenge will be to raise \$7,500 in the next week. They will be holding a car wash next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ganges Village Market, and will be looking to the community for donations. (See separate story on Page A20.)

Provincial-bound team members include: Sammy Bird, Monique Comeau, Kayla Gromme, Amanda Hoy, Kirsti Lee, Ayla Lundy, Danica Lundy, Kate Parker and Meredith Raddysh. Coaches are Tony Mason and Kellie Booth.

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GISS BASKETBALL

Senior boys, junior girls come up short at islands

Season ends as teams give stellar effort

The Gulf Islands Secondary senior boys basketball team came close, but will not be heading to the provincial finals next week.

After winning a thrilling qualifying game against heavily favoured Cedar last week, the team dropped its opening game of the island championships against the top-ranked Brentwood College 73-43 on Thursday.

"We started flat and didn't get any better," said team spokesperson Bobby Byron. "We just weren't making our shots."

Despite a strong defensive stand, the Scorpions fell to Woodlands in their second game by five points.

"We were somewhat close, but the competition was pretty tough," Byron said.

He said the Scorpions' Dylan Hunsberger, Dylan Marsden and James Cameron had stand-out performances despite the losses.

"I was somewhat pleased with a lot of what happened, even though we lost," he added.

The Scorpion junior girls did not fare any better, facing off against a fast, sleek AAA Claremont High squad in their first match of the island championships, which, at the junior level, pits all sizes of schools together.

After easily winning the mid-islands, the girls dropped their match against Claremont by 30 points and also lost their second game to Spectrum.



A full contingent of fans — including several members of the seniors boys team — travelled to Nanaimo to loudly cheer on the senior girls squad in GISS basketball action last week.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni FC cruises to 1/4-finals

Team remains confident

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With their opponents shut out and scoring on their own net, Salt Spring Alumni FC players barely had to lift a foot to win their weekend match against Bays United.

But show up they did, scoring four goals of their own in Sunday afternoon's 5-0 trouncing.

"We played a good game. Hopefully we can keep it going," said coach and player Jesse Fisher.

Salt Spring used a 2-0 first-half lead to set the stage for a punishing second half, which culminated with a frustrated Bays United squad scoring on their own net.

Richard Lee earned a hat trick while Fisher rounded out the scoring for the Salt Spring side.

A strong defensive effort and some great saves provided keeper Ken Marr with the shutout.

With the competition in the Tony Grover Memorial Cup expected to get steeper in coming weeks, Fisher said, it's important players remain prepared.

"We're doing well, but we've still got a long way to go."

Alumni FC's next game is against Lakehill in this weekend's quarter-final match. Kickoff is scheduled for 10:30 Sunday morning at the Gulf Islands Secondary School main sports field.

Tournament time again

All Salt Spring teams are involved in different tournaments.

The Super 6s and 8s have tournaments — please check our website at www.saltspringsoccer.com to see where they will be going.

Our youth 11-a-side teams will have some teams in the Gordon Head Jamboree, some players in the Cordova Bay World Cup and all our U10 to U18 teams playing in the Salt Spring Island Youth Challenge Cup on the week-end of April 26-27. The adult teams have their own Challenge Cup on the weekend of May 17-19, with close to 32 teams coming to play in five different divisions.

The mini program wind-up is on the last weekend of March and is usually lots of fun for all the U9 and under players, with fun games, lunch and prizes for all.



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons challenge league's best

Losing never felt so great, says team

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When your opponents haven't lost a game in seven years, just making it through the game is reason enough to celebrate.

That's why the Salt Spring Dragons are feeling pretty good about the weekend's 2-0 loss to Gorge FC 30A.

"They are a good team and we stepped up to the plate," said the Dragons' Sue-Anne Donaldson. "Even they said

we were the most intense team they had played in a while."

Not only did keeper Kym Bellavance and the Dragons' defence keep the game competitive, the team came close to scoring a few goals of their own on several occasions.

"We played a good game all around," Donaldson said. "Everybody did their part and we gave them a run for their money."

Donaldson said she is confident the team can make it to the finals if it keeps up the quality of play demonstrated on the weekend.

Unfortunately, it looks as

though Gorge and their seven-year undefeated streak will be waiting for them.

"It would still be good soccer to play and to watch," Donaldson said.

The Dragons will wrap up their regular season this weekend against the Vic As at the lower high school field on Sunday at 12:30.

A victory could move the team to within a single point of second place in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association's third division.

Stephanie Shergold Cup play will resume the following week.

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Trail, nature club schedule set

Our March social event is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, and will be held on Friday night, March 14, at Lions Hall at 7 p.m.

Wayne Campbell will give a presentation on West Coast shore birds. On March 15 there will be a workshop with Wayne Campbell and a visit to three sites. Phone 538-0318 to register. Cost is \$20 and participation is limited.

Fees are \$20 for new members and \$25 for late renewals. Please complete and sign a membership/waiver form and leave it with your cheque at the Cobbler's Box or present them to our membership secretary Barry Spence (537-2332). For more details on our activities, go to www.saltspringtnc.ca.

Following is the March schedule:

HIKERS

March 4: Zeke Blazecka will lead us on a moderate hike to Bold Bluff. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the Burgoyne Triangle at 10 a.m.

March 11: A new strenuous hike through Peter Arniell and

Deep Ridge led by Kees Visser. There will be a difficult, steep descent at the end. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join behind the concrete barrier at the top of Stewart Road

March 18: Sheila and Barry Spence take us off-island for a moderate hike on the Cowichan River Trails from Skutz Falls to Marie Canyon and return. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Vesuvius ferry.

March 25: Brian and Marjie Radford lead us on a moderate hike in the Shepherd Hills area. Meet at 9:45 a.m. ArtSpring.

WALKERS

March 4: Lynn Thompson will lead an off-island moderate walk to the historic Old Railway in Crofton. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Vesuvius and walk onto the 9 a.m. ferry.

March 11: Nieke Visser will lead a walk in Ruckle Park for a moderate shoreline walk to King's Cove. Return via Merganser Pond. Meet at 10 a.m. at ArtSpring, or at 10:20 at the lower parking lot at Ruckle Park.

March 18: Nature Group. Nancy Braithwaite will lead a "spring flower" excursion in Peter Arnell Park. North enders should leave the ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. to meet the south enders at the park at 10:15 a.m. Please remember to bring your flower identification books.

March 25: Noreen and John Davies will lead a walk to Maracaibo. It is longish, but not difficult. Meet at 10 a.m. at ArtSpring.

RAMBLERS

March 4: Leader's choice with Frauke Prystawick. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

March 11: Mickey Lyttikainen will take us for a ramble on Churchill Road. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

March 18: Eleanor Lloyd will lead a walk on Harrison Road to Baker Road. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

March 25: Terry Fuoco will lead a ramble through Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. There is one short steep section. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now receiving applications from interested community members to fill currently vacant positions on the Advisory Planning Commission, Advisory Design Panel, Advisory Environment Committee and Advisory Agriculture Committee. These appointments are for a 2-year term, and may be extended for a further term. All applicants must be Electors of the Local Trust Committee and residents of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

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Further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members may be obtained by contacting Sheila Johnson at the Ganges office of the Islands Trust, at 538-5600.

While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset and is required for the Advisory Environment Committee, the Local Trust Committee is interested in hearing from all persons who have a broad understanding of the island community and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character. Citizens interested in participating in any of these committees are invited to apply in writing before March 19, 2008. Applications must include a statement of interest, relevant experience, qualifications, and identification of which committee(s) you wish to be a member of, and should be addressed to:

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