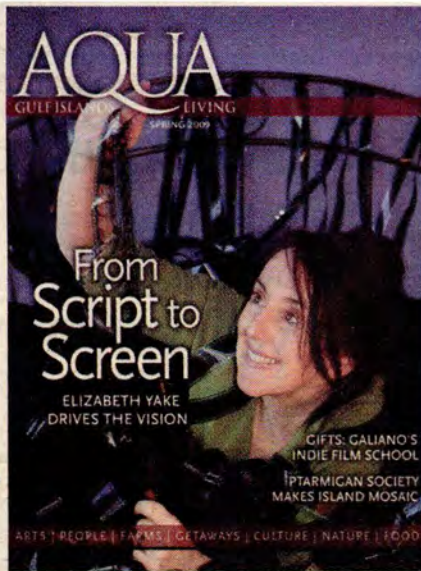




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FLEA FIND: Jonn Ashlie gets a new hairdo as he hams it up with a mask, just one of the treasures found at last Saturday's Fulford Hall flea market.

ISLAND ROADS

Dods drives North End Road campaign

Action required to prevent further deaths

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 77-year-old Salt Spring woman has taken it upon herself to make a difference on a stretch of North End Road notorious for its crashes. "We're going to win this one," said Rita Dods, brandishing a list of 185 signatures from people who want changes in signage made to a section of North End Road near St. Mark's Anglican Church. Dods collected the signatures in fewer than 24 hours last week. Not only that, but she also compiled a series of letters from neighbours and emergency ser-

vice providers voicing their desire to see road improvements. "Since 1999, we have had upwards of 20-plus responses for motor-vehicle crashes directly attributed to poor driving habits at or near this location," wrote Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield. "Our records show that we have had to do upwards of a dozen extractions and there has been at least one very tragic fatality here." Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis wrote that he had an officer deal with "another vehicle in the ditch" at the very curve in question on the previous evening. Dods has packaged up the lot and sent copies

to the offices of Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell, and to Greg Galpin, the south island area manager for the province's Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. She's asking the powers that be to take the initiative and install large chevron-type black and yellow signs to warn drivers of the dangerous curve. "They've got them on Vesuvius Bay Road and they've got them on Fulford-Ganges Road. Why can't they install them on North End Road?" Dods said on Monday. "Chevrons and reflectors — don't tell me that's not cheap." Dods, who lives on a North End Road property near the curve, said she decided to take matters into her own hands after witnessing a near miss

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REAL ESTATE

Bush buys island parcel

South-end acreage ideal for duck hunting

The Driftwood has learned that former U.S. president George W. Bush and his wife Laura have purchased a property on Salt Spring Island. After the former president's speaking engagement in Calgary on March 17, event organizers reportedly offered to show the Bushs some of the construction related to the 2010 Winter Olympics. Sources say that the president and his wife were flown to Whistler on Saturday by private plane, and then went to the San Juan Islands to meet with Microsoft founder Bill Gates. A realtor who asked not to be identified confirmed that the Microsoft yacht Octopus was anchored off the south end of Salt Spring on Sunday and Monday, while the Bushs and their secret service detail toured several large secluded properties at the south end of the island. A neighbouring property owner, who also asked to remain anonymous, said that the president seemed in good spirits, joking that his twin daughters and their families "will love the free health care they'll get up here in Canada and won't have to order prescriptions online anymore."

A quick review of the area on Google Maps reveals the property is expansive, offer- **BUSH FAMILY** continued on A2

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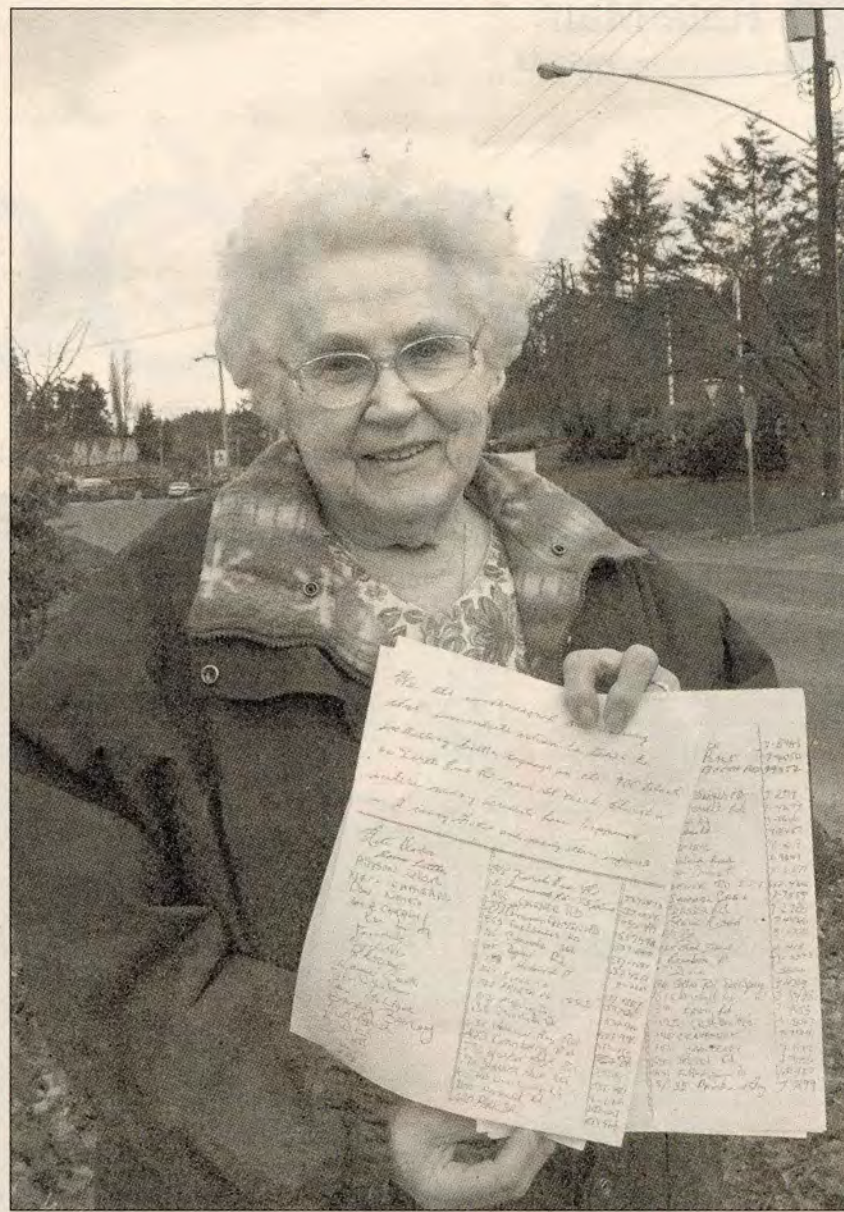


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Rita Dods needed less than a day to collect 185 signatures from people who want to see the s-curve near St. Mark's Church on North End Road made safer.

'Overwhelmed by support'

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on the road last week.

"There are a lot of issues, but this is the one that is affecting me the most right now," she said. "Everyone was saying 'somebody ought to do something,' so this is what I did."

So far she's been overwhelmed by the level of support from people on the street.

Almost everyone she's spoken with is aware of the dangerous section of road, she added.

For more information on the campaign or to lend your support, contact Dods at 250-537-9737.

PARAMEDICS STRIKE

Paramedics in strike position

Strike won't affect patient service

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Right now, paramedic wages are the lowest paid of emergency service providers anywhere in B.C."

Contract negotiations between British Columbia's paramedics and the provincial government remain deadlocked with the union in a position to legally strike as of Wednesday morning.

"I am very concerned to learn that there is almost no chance for the two sides to reach a successful agreement before the election is called," said Paul Straszak, the province's deputy labour minister, in a statement issued over the weekend.

The province's latest offer to paramedic workers is a one-year contract featuring a three per cent wage increase. That's not enough for William (BJ) Chute, a spokesperson for the union representing the province's 3,500 full and part-time paramedic workers.

Chute said the union seeks annual increases of four per cent for at least seven years. The union's demands, he added, reflect a five-year wage freeze and the need to bring paramedics' wages closer to the provincial average for emergency service providers.

"Right now, paramedic wages are the lowest paid of emergency service providers anywhere in B.C.," he said. "It's time to treat paramedics fairly."

Chute said the union is also looking for government to increase service levels, long-term wage security and better wages for paramedics on stand-by.

"The latter would be a big issue on Salt Spring," he added.

Chute said a Labour Relations Board decision outlining essential service levels means people in need of an ambulance will not experience any inconvenience during the strike.

Chute said the public can expect to see a withdrawal of voluntary services and administrative functions as part of the strike's initial phase.

"Let's face it, a strike is designed to cause chaos," he said. "We intend to make it difficult for the government to operate."



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Former US president anticipates island duck hunting

BUSH FAMILY

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ing enough acreage for the Bushes to enjoy their hobbies such as raising quarter horses

and duck hunting.

Word began spreading around the island late Tuesday about the former president's visit, which resulted in a flurry of calls to the Driftwood.

The Raging Grannies performed outside the newspaper office late Tuesday afternoon, chanting "The Grannies love red, white and blue; Dubya — we just don't love you."

The Bushes were said to be so taken with the property they wanted a quick closing and prepared an offer to be presented to the owners today, April 1.

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POWER GENERATION

Political stalwart speaks of rivers at risk

Province's strategy could end in 'bankruptcy of BC Hydro'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Outspoken journalist and former MLA Rafe Mair sounded the alarm to Salt Springers during a visit to the island on Friday evening.

In introducing the evening's speakers, Salt Spring's Arthur Black got straight to the point, calling Mair a "professional feces agitator" for his articles and insight on the province's public policies, fish farming and the media.

"When he looks at the political seepage in B.C.'s waterways, he doesn't like what he sees," Black added.

The issue that has Mair touring across the province is the Save Our Rivers campaign, a grassroots effort to fight the privatization of the province's power network through the creation of hundreds of run-of-river hydro electricity projects on B.C. rivers.

At the moment, applications by independent power producers (IPPs) have been taken out on more than 700 rivers throughout the province. Roughly 40 such projects have already been built and there are more on the way.

By diverting part of a river through a power generation facility and eventually returning it to the riverbed, Gordon Campbell's Liberal government embraced run-of-river power projects as the ultimate green form of electricity. Unlike coal, greenhouse gas emissions are next to nothing and, unlike traditional hydro installations, land need not be flooded to make way for a reservoir.

According to Mair, however, viewing run-of-river as an energy panacea creates problems of its own. Diverting much of a river's flow, even for only several hundred metres, can have significant impacts on fish populations and contributes to the silting of rivers, he said.

Roads, power-line corridors and other infrastructure required to get power from the source to receiving populations stretch like a web and leaves a dramatic mark on the landscape around such projects.



Rafe Mair, left, raises a river ruckus with Damien Gillis on Salt Spring on Friday.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

"We're not just talking about runs of salmon here," he said. "Once these things are done, they're done for good."

Worst of all, Mair added, is the potential bankruptcy of BC Hydro, a Crown corporation since 1962, since the entity is required to purchase power supplied by IPPs above market value over the next decade.

"I love this province dearly — and this is a disaster," he said. "What's at stake is the soul of our province."

Approximately 30 people were on hand to hear Mair speak at the Community Gospel Chapel. The visit is the latest stop in a tour that has Mair and "fellow agitator" Damien Gillis crisscrossing the province in advance of the provincial election on May 12.

Gillis has spent the past several years collecting video footage of some of the province's remotest and most threatened rivers. His video, he added, lets people see the extent of what has already occurred and

"What's at stake is the soul of our province."

RAFE MAIR,
Lawyer, politician, journalist

what is at stake "out in the bush."

Clearly, the message is getting through to people like Salt Spring resident Peter Haas, who called on British Columbians to preserve their sovereignty on election day.

"This is a wonderful place to live and what is happening to it is evil and alarming," he said. "People need to be shaken. This is a major issue that is going to wreck our world."

Mair, a provincial Social Credit party member during the 1980s, chided the province's NDP for mistakes made in the past, but said it is the only party with a chance to turn things around when it comes to private run-of-the-river power production.

As for the province's Green party, Mair figures they haven't got a chance.

"A vote for them is a vote for the BC Liberals," he said. "It's too bad, but that's the way it is."

Mair added that much of what will transpire in the province will follow from the government's decision on a proposed mega project slated for Bute Inlet, northeast of Campbell River.

The project, proposed by Plutonic Power Corporation, is the largest of any run-of-the-river initiative in the province and involves 17 individual rivers.

To Mair, what happens in Bute Inlet stands as a harbinger of things to come.

"If they can't stop the Bute Inlet project, they can't stop any of these," he said.

For more information about Rafe Mair and run-of-the-river power, visit www.saveourrivers.ca. The government's energy plan is available at www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca.

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News briefs

LTC meets

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee holds its regular monthly meeting at ArtSpring on Thursday, April 2, beginning at noon.

On the agenda is the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's application to rezone 584 Rainbow Road for the purpose of constructing 14 units of affordable housing for up to 40 people.

Islands Trust staff will make a 20-minute presentation on the mapping of sensitive ecosystems within the Islands Trust's jurisdiction.

Participants will have the opportunity to address their elected representatives during the meeting's town hall session that begins at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Released on bail

The Salt Spring Island man charged with attempted murder last week was released on bail after appearing in a Duncan provincial courtroom on Tuesday, March 24.

Simon Teskey, 29, will have to abide by the conditions of a curfew between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., refrain from consuming alcohol and not leave Vancouver Island except with the written permission of his bail supervisor, according to Duncan-based Crown counsel Brad Tomlin. The accused's next court date is set for Tuesday, April 14 in Duncan.

Salt Spring Island RCMP charged Teskey after a struggle ensued at his

residence just after 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20. The victim, a 43-year-old Salt Spring man, was airlifted to Victoria General Hospital, treated and later released.

RCMP officers have not commented on what caused the argument between the two men.

Variance

Representatives on the Parks and Recreation Commission want more information on a Seaview Avenue property owner's request for a development variance permit.

The owner of two homes recently moved to Seaview Avenue behind ArtSpring has applied to the Islands Trust for two variance permits that

would reduce the minimum setback requirement on the property by 12 and 18 inches.

The property is adjacent to Mouat's Park. The Islands Trust requires input by PARC before it can proceed with the application.

"I feel uncomfortable about this laying the foundation for other requests," said commissioner John Suk at last week's monthly PARC meeting. "It almost seems a little bit convenient at this point and I'm thinking, 'where does this stop?'"

Commissioner Ben Goodman called upon the applicant to provide more information and a list of alternative ways to accommodate the homes outside of the existing setback.

FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood incorrectly stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission developed new regulations to protect youth vendors operating at the Saturday market.

The story should have stated that the commission will implement new procedures.



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NEWSBEAT



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FINALLY FINISHED: The infamous gappy Ganges boardwalk was miraculously completed last week as Salt Spring's revitalized Parks and Recreation Commission crossed another item off its to-do list. "Of all the unfinished projects on the island, the boardwalk was the one I've heard about the most since I started my job in September," said PARC manager Kees Ruurs. Volunteer help came from Salt Spring Tennis Association members, who needed some late-winter exercise due to the lack of an indoor tennis facility on the island.

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FEDERAL POLITICS

Financing questions dog Lunn

NDP MP calls for Lunn to 'step aside' amid controversy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An NDP MP is calling for an investigation into the alleged violation of third-party advertising rules during Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn's 2008 election campaign.

Burnaby-Douglas MP Bill Siskay told the commissioner of Elections Canada he has concerns about financial support offered to the Conservative party candidate by four registered third party organizations.

"Several of these organizations appear to have ties to the Conservative candidate and the local Conservative party riding organization," Siskay wrote in his letter dated March 23.

"In one case there appears to have been the direct provision of goods or services to the third-party organization by an official of the local Conservative campaign."

Siskay said his suspicions

arose after he learned that four third-party organizations backing the Lunn campaign shared the same financial agent and mailing address.

According to a list of third-party advertising reports filed on the Elections Canada website, Mark Dickinson is listed as the agent responsible for the Economic Advisory Council of Saanich, the Dean Park Advocacy Association, the Saanich Peninsula Citizens Council and Citizens Against Higher Taxes.

The mailing address is that of lawyer Bruce Hallsor, who chaired Lunn's 2006 election campaign.

The four groups spent some \$12,000 to purchase advertisements supporting the Lunn campaign.

Elections Canada regulations capped individual third-party contributions at \$3,666 per electoral district during the 2008 election campaign.

Individual donations were limited to \$1,100, while Lunn's campaign was permitted to spend \$92,000 and came under that mark by about \$2,000.

"It appears it might be an

attempt to spend more than the legal limit," Siskay said in an interview from Ottawa last week.

"It's significant in the fact that how we run our elections is central to our democracy. I think that whenever allegations are made, we have to investigate them."

In the House of Commons last week, Siskay asked whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper thought it appropriate for Lunn to "step aside until the matter is fully resolved." No answer was provided.

According to Elections Canada, a third party may be a person or a group established to contribute funds towards a political campaign. The act defines a group as an unincorporated trade union, trade association or other group of persons acting together by mutual consent for a common purpose.

Spokesperson Maureen Keenan said Elections Canada regulations do not restrict third party groups from sharing a financial agent but do impose penalties of up to \$5,000 if contribution limits

"It appears it might be an attempt to spend more than the legal limit."

BILL SISKAY,
NDP MP, Burnaby-Douglas

are exceeded.

Keenan added that she cannot comment as to whether or not an investigation has been launched into the financing issue.

"The Commissioner of Elections Canada looks into compliance and enforcement," she said. "I cannot comment. That's their policy."

Gary Lunn was not available for an interview.

However, he told the Victoria Times Colonist last week, "I followed all the rules as I always do. There's nothing unusual here."

ISLAND GOVERNANCE

Minister sends governance ball back to local table

The provincial minister of community development recommends that Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director meet with elected representatives from the Islands Trust to discuss "viable local governance options."

"I would like to work with all three of you and I would welcome a joint meeting once you have a consensus," writes Minister Kevin Krueger in a letter dated March 24.

The letter is a response to Garth

Hendren's call for the province to support a governance study for the island. Hendren made the request immediately after he was elected as CRD director in November 2008.

"I'm looking forward to meet-

ing with Christine [Torgimson] and George [Ehring] to establish a plan to implement the governance study and a subsequent referendum," he said on Tuesday.

A date for the meeting has not been set.

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Green hopeful visits SSI

Tom Bradfield aims to beat 15.58 per cent mark of 2005

Saanich North and the Islands Green party candidate Tom Bradfield spent time talking to Salt Springers over the weekend in anticipation of the May 12 provincial election.

"Islanders have a reputation for living and thinking outside of the box and that's something in common with the Green party," Bradfield said.

The Green Party of British Columbia announced Bradfield's candidacy in January. He succeeds Salt Spring resident Ken Rouleau, who finished in third place with 15.58 per cent of votes cast in the 2005 election.

Bradfield said he plans to improve upon the 2005 result by "meeting people face to face, at their doorsteps and on the streets."

"I plan to spend a lot of time walking, talking and listening," he said. "Monster rallies are not the way of good communications."

Bradfield identified the economy, the environment and a need for greater accountability as leading issues facing the province.

"I feel we can do better than what we have seen in terms of behaviour and limbo legislation," he added. "People are so tired of the old theatrics that they aren't paying any attention."

REGIONAL DISTRICT

CRD keeps tax hikes to single digits as pool takes biggest bite for 2009

Budget goes easy on taxpayers

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Regional government will cost more to run in 2009, but Gulf Islands taxpayers won't be paying much more for services than they did a year ago.

The Capital Regional District board passed its 2009-10 budget at a special meeting last Wednesday.

Salt Spring property owners will pay 6.63 per cent more to the CRD in 2009 than they did last year, with the cost per average residential assessment set at \$507.44. When Salt Spring's share of the Capital Regional Hospital District is added, that number rises to \$632.39.

For Southern Gulf Islands property owners, the figures are \$226.11 and \$328.65, respectively, with a 3.97 per cent increase.

Amounts do not include taxes

to support specified area services such as CRD-operated sewer and water systems.

On Salt Spring the largest chunk of the pie goes for parks and recreation services, including operating costs for the Rainbow Road Pool that opened last May.

Almost \$647,000, or \$101.11 per average residential assessment, is allotted for the pool from the property tax requisition. Last year's amount was \$556,980.

Salt Spring electoral area director Garth Hendren said the increase is not a surprise given that 2009 will mark the pool's first full year in operation.

"Pools are expensive to build and expensive to operate and always will be," he said. "That's a given and that was a certainty."

The pool's total budget this year is \$940,000, including \$277,630 in debt servicing. PARC anticipates bringing in \$197,000 in revenue from the pool.

Hendren called the overall

CRD budget a "holding budget."

Other requisition amounts for Salt Spring in 2009 include \$166,567 to support general CRD government, \$264,152 for the regional parks function, \$148,900 for the Salt Spring library and \$84,216 for public transit.

Residents on Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna contribute a total of \$144,652 for general government, \$229,397 for regional parks, \$244,540 for the southern Gulf Islands emergency program and \$79,290 for library services.

The average residential assessment on Salt Spring Island is \$536,353, while in the southern Gulf Islands the figure is \$440,197.

Islands Trust decision makers went even easier on Gulf Islands property owners in passing a \$6.45-million budget with a .96 per cent property tax increase earlier this month.

Property tax notices are sent out each year in May.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring's Richard Murakami is seen at his Rainbow Road property, the site of his home, his auto repair business and a controversial collection of scrap cars.

Trust wants scrap cars out

Murakami says land-use predates bylaws

1972 bylaw restricting what can be done on the property.

Murakami has collected a number of letters from neighbours, clients and other islanders who stand by the pre-1972 use, although it is not certain the Trust will accept these in addition to aerial photographs already collected.

"Despite diligent research, I have been unable to determine [Murakami's] claim," wrote Drew. "As car wrecking was not permitted on the lands in Bylaw No. 103 and as the evidence shows that it was not taking place before the bylaw's adoption, use of the land for car wrecking or storing is illegal."

Murakami said he does not intend to remove the vehicles by the Islands Trust's April 1 deadline.

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NEWSBEAT

RADIO STATION

Broadcasting veteran at CFSI helm

Bob Simpson aims for programming that speaks to the community

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dream that some islanders have been pursuing for over a decade is well on its way to realization, according to CFSI general manager Bob Simpson.

A veteran of commercial broadcasting who came out of retirement to build a campus radio station for the University of the Fraser Valley, Simpson's experience covers everything from programming and management to ad sales.

He's also owned a radio station and acted as a consultant for stations in trouble.

In October of 2008, Simpson started coming to Salt Spring every second week to manage the administration necessary to get the island's first radio station, CFSI, on the air.

He's been on the island full time for the past month.

Despite Simpson's 40-year career in commercial radio, it is the possibility for community involvement that has really inspired him of late.

It's what caused him to come out of retirement for the University of the Fraser Valley, and it's what brought him to Salt Spring to help build CFSI.

As an industry consultant, Simpson said he's been aware of Salt Spring's push for community radio for some time.

"It's been 10 or 11 years people have really been trying to get a radio station here, but now we're really, really close. Our transmission site is just about complete, the studio is coming together and our staff is complete."

Attending to technical details such as the transmitter has been a large component of Simpson's initial work for the station.



Bob Simpson

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

He said the Mount Erskine site is almost ready and is just waiting for some work by BC Hydro. The Merchant Mews studios are also nearing completion, with renovations carried out and broadcasting equipment about to be installed.

The station should be powered up and ready to go to air at the end of April, and will hopefully be live by Mid-May, depending on how long mandatory testing by Industry Canada takes.

Simpson is currently very involved in the programming side, working with program director Richard Moses and creative director Patsy Siemens.

In his many years working in radio, putting together programming that speaks

"I enjoy what radio can supply for the listener."

BOB SIMPSON
CFSI general manager

to the community remains his favourite task.

"I enjoy what radio can supply for the listener," Simpson said.

"When we do a good job in programming and it's well received by the community, that's what makes me sit back and say we've done a good job, collectively."

The station manager said the local audience can look forward to an informative and entertaining program that integrates talk shows and music programs of various genres with news, weather reports and ferry reports.

The day will start off with a "very good" morning show and carry on from there, with blocks of programming arranged to guarantee "good flow," the goal of all broadcasters.

Although the station will be commercial in that it will rely on advertisers, it will also rely on community volunteers to produce programs and fill other roles.

Simpson said he and Moses are continuing to meet with islanders who have ideas for shows.

"We're constantly looking for program submissions from people on the island. Really the station will be programmed by the people of Salt Spring and will give them a voice. We are able to please a lot of people who have felt they could contribute to the medium but haven't had the chance to."

"It is the community's radio station," Simpson said.

"We're really looking forward to being on the air."



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HEALTH CARE

Nurses' aides may get local training

Islanders could take course on Salt Spring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A perpetual shortage of health care workers may soon see some relief with the expansion of a nurses' aide program offered locally through a community college.

Ryan Gibson is a registered nurse and the care team leader at Greenwood's eldercare facility. He said local institutions have been trying to find a way to offer the resident care attendant course for at least as long as the four years he's worked at Greenwood's.

The aides offer essential services to patients that nurses are not able to provide, including help with everyday tasks such as bathing, using the toilet, eating or making the bed.

"They are the real front-line people in health care. Aides have the most interaction with our residents," Gibson said.

"Nurses and care aides do a lot of overtime, so it takes a lot of effort to provide good care. It's really important that we can provide the crucial interaction and companionship to our residents."

Despite the demand for care workers at Greenwood's, Lady Minto Hospital and Beacon Services home support, there is a constant shortage of trained workers on island. This problem is only likely to get worse with an aging population and corresponding need for more support.

"We often have a waiting list of people waiting to get into the facility," Gibson said.

"Part of the barrier to building an addition or a new building is staffing — there's really no point in trying to offer the community more beds without staff."

One of the problems in recruiting care aides on Salt Spring is that Vancouver Island colleges offer the nearest training facilities. Adding travel time and cost to the tuition for the professional course can mean the difference between islanders registering or not, Gibson said.

In the past, Greenwood's has tried to interest Camosun College in offering the course at a Salt Spring location. More recently a promising connection has been established with Spratt-Shaw Community College. Having the college offer the course on Salt Spring would depend on at least eight people registering and on accreditation by the Private Career Training Institutions Agency of British Columbia.

While she cannot confirm at present whether the college will offer the program on Salt Spring, communications director Cindy Stevens said in an email that "Spratt-Shaw Community College has set up numerous satellite campuses throughout B.C. in order to train and meet health-care needs."

She added that Spratt-Shaw offers satellite programs to help overcome travel difficulties, and that Salt Spring is among one of the communities being considered.

Two local open house meetings have been sponsored by the college, one several weeks ago and one yesterday (Tuesday). Gibson said he's also had good response by posting information on the course on a local e-mail list, receiving four or five calls a day.

If Spratt-Shaw is able to offer the program on Salt Spring, a four-month course would be followed by two months of clinical placement, ideally with one four-week segment at Greenwood's and another at Lady Minto.

Jo Twaites, head of nursing at Lady Minto, said the hospital employs 13 regular care attendants as well as relief workers, and hires two or three of the workers each year.

"We have a regular need to hire care aides and it's wonderful that we may have the course here," Twaites said.

"If they do have it here we look forward to having the students [at Lady Minto]. We've had experience with Spratt-Shaw grads and been really pleased by them."

For those thinking about taking the course, Gibson pointed out that health care is one area that current hard times won't likely affect.

"It's not recession proof, but the need won't go down with the economy."

Gibson said tuition costs can be offset by student grants of \$1,300 to \$2,500 and training incentives through the federal government's Employment Insurance branch.

NEWSBEAT

JAPANESE GARDEN

Rocks, water, plants: Heiwa park unfolds

Garden of unity and reconciliation on track for May 2 opening

BY SHERYL TAYLOR-MUNRO
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Since September, the Japanese Garden Society has received many questions about our plans for the park across from ArtSpring, including what we are building and why the big rocks are needed.

The society's purpose is "to create a garden of unity and reconciliation."

By working mostly with volunteers, we hope to enhance a small part of the Peace Park which was originally established by Salt Spring Voice of Women in 1992.

Our garden within the park is named Heiwa (pronounced HAY-wa), which means "peace and harmony" in Japanese.

Although our starting point was to recognize the contribution made by the Japanese-Canadian pioneers, who lived and farmed on Salt Spring before World War II, our intention in building Heiwa encompasses far more.

First, we decided to do our best to present the spirit of a traditional Japanese garden while celebrating our island's wonderful artisans and contractors.

So many came to us eager to offer their skills, including one carpenter who made a return visit to Salt Spring in November specifically to volunteer his help.

Secondly, we took as a key principle that the design must suit the site. With a coastal B.C. location, we built the ceremonial gate using rammed earth and yellow cedar logs, which were beach-combed near Bella Bella.

Rocks, water and plants — these are the basic components in many gardens, but their relative importance in a Japanese garden is quite different from a typical Western garden.

While a Japanese garden may be a place of subtlety, it can also be a place of contradictions. Rules are set down as absolutes and then broken with another rule.

One of the first things that most Western eyes notice in a Japanese garden is the "emptiness" of portions of the garden. This can seem unsettling to gardeners accustomed to filling every



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

From left, Martin Wentzel, Bona Young, Erica Tarissan and Lind-E Hoban pose beside the new gate at the Heiwa Peace Park across from ArtSpring.

space to create a riot of colour, but it is a key element in Japanese gardens.

This space, or "ma," defines the elements around it and is also defined by the elements surrounding it.

This may be a difficult point to grasp, but it is a central tenet of Japanese gardening.

When properly placed, rocks are the bones of a Japanese garden.

The rest of the garden will lay itself out for you. By following in sequence rocks, then trees, then shrubs, a complete landscape in miniature is created, with the rocks representing mountains and hills.

A large number of rocks were delivered to the site. We are now selecting which ones to keep near the gate, and how to place them with the others used elsewhere.

But not just any rock can find a home in a Japanese garden. The individual rocks must themselves be carefully selected. In no case will you see "the three bad stones" used.

Bad stones are diseased (withered or with a misshapen top), dead (for exam-

ple, one that is obviously a vertical stone used as a horizontal, like propping up a corpse), or a pauper (one which has no relation to other stones in the garden).

A pathway symbolizes the journey through life where even specific stones in the pathway have meaning. In this park, the pathway will be extended eventually to link ArtSpring with the centre of Ganges.

Only three of the dozen cherry trees originally planted by the Voice of Women in the Peace Park have survived.

The society plans to group these three survivors between the gate and the creek where, with good soil and better availability of groundwater, we expect they will thrive once more.

Although we have already received a number of plant and tree donations, which we will place in the garden during April, we welcome others.

A list of trees and plants we need can be found on our website: www.saltspring-japanesegarden.com/get_involved, or by calling 250-537-4716.

An official opening of the Heiwa Garden is planned for Saturday, May 2.

LIBRARY

Library seeking 'stimulus' funding for new building

Revised CRD bylaws needed for grant

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island library board requires the Capital Regional District board's support ahead of submitting its application for a \$2-million grant to the federal government.

Board members will consider passing bylaws 3612 and 3613 at their next meeting, set for April 8, to demonstrate that the CRD is prepared to lend up to \$4.85 million for the construction of a new library building contingent on taxpayers' approval in a referendum planned for late 2009.

According to a CRD staff report for the Electoral Area Services Committee's April 1 meeting, funding is needed to replace the current "old and decrepit" library building.

"No part of the building meets current building codes, especially seismic stability requirements and it falls far short of current library standards," the report states.

Proof that funding is in place is needed before the library board submits its application to the Building Canada Fund.

Administered through Infrastructure Canada, the fund's cultural component will administer \$500 million in funding for projects in smaller communities.

Duncan Hepburn, chair of the library board, said he and other board members are being careful before they commit any of the funding.

"We would use enough to do a decent job of the project and anything left over would reduce the tax burden," he said. "As for where that falls, we aren't in a position to say because we don't have the costs in at this point."

Hepburn said the library board is in the process of hiring an architect for the library project. Costs will be calculated by Sept. 1.

The library board applied for a similar grant in 2007, only to lose out in the face of larger, more competitive proposals. Board members are optimistic about the library's chances this time around, he said.

"We thought it was good the last time," he said. "Perhaps with the main competition already satisfied and more money available we stand a very good chance. Sooner or later all good projects get funded and this is a good one."

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**9:00 A.M. Tuesday March 24th, 2009
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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 three (3) Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 20th, 2009 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2012.

The Election is to be held on **Monday, April 20th, 2009** 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 11th 2009** 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.

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Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

Opinion

EDITORIAL

Victory for voters

Democracy got a much-needed boost from the B.C. court system last week.

On Friday, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Frank Cole ruled that parts of the Election Amendment Act (Bill 42), which limited spending by third parties for 60 days before an election writ is dropped, or 88 days in total, violated constitutional rights.

Establishing fixed election dates, as the Liberals did in 2001, has been a positive move, removing some of the partisan muscle the sitting government could flex. But the playing field was filled with trenches again when the government passed Bill 42 last year, effectively "gagging" its opponents for an unreasonably long period of time before an election. While the restrictions obviously apply to advertising spending originating with those of any political stripe and aimed at any party or individual running for election, incumbent governments tend

to be the targets of most pre-election criticism, which made the bill an unnecessarily partisan beast.

THE ISSUE:

Defeat of 'gag law'

WE SAY:

Government shouldn't appeal decision

But the months running up to an election should be filled with debate, allegations and defending of the same, whether they consist of letters to editors, stories distributed in any media

about election issues, or the paid-for advertisements subject to Bill 42.

Unfortunately, that period runs by in a blur.

As of today there's only 42 days until we next head to the polls, but public dissection of the issues has barely begun to burble. Even with the third-party advertising spending limits now scaled back to 28 days, that only leaves two weeks for the "paid" part of the debate, which should be given some validity.

It's valid to say "big money" shouldn't have too much influence in the democratic process. But for interest groups ranging from teachers to business councils to be able to broadcast their message in a format they have control over and have paid for from 28 to 88 days before an election is a small part of the process. Government members have the means to combat any negativity stirred up by advertising in that period, and they use it — witness the steady stream of good news coming from B.C. government offices in the past few months.

An appeal of Justice Cole's decision, hinted at by the province Tuesday, sends the wrong message. We need to hear more, not less, from those willing to participate in democracy.



Identity should have been blocked

BY ALEX ARNET

I am writing to convey my shock and disappointment, but frankly not surprise, at the front-page article in last week's publication. ("RCMP investigate attempted murder.")

Since when has the presumption of innocence until proven guilty been cast aside by the editorial decision-makers at the Driftwood?

We have read about countless incidents of alleged crimes committed here on Salt Spring Island, from traffic violations to assaults, yet I cannot remember a time when the names of any of the individuals was published.

In this instance, in a sure case of drive-by, gotcha tabloid journalism, the name of the alleged perpetrator of an assault was published, yet the name of the alleged victim was not.

The entire tone of the piece was biased and lacked any sense of a commitment to fairness to all involved.

A young man who moved here to start a new life in a new community and who most people know as a gentle person handing them their coffee with a smile is now assumed to be a violent person to be avoided.

Is it known whether the alleged victim is "known to police"? Is it known whether the alleged attacker was defending himself? Is it not known to most of us, nor should the identity of the persons involved have been.

This is just another example of the Driftwood's drift towards irrelevance. It seems that our local paper would rather keep its head in the sand regarding real issues in our community and instead put all of its resources into garnering advertising revenue, with the odd headline grabber to get us to fork over the equivalent of the cost of one of our national daily papers.

How many column inches do we need to read about a silly

VIEWPOINT

The entire tone of the piece was biased

tennis bubble while the rot at the centre of our community goes unreported?

While the staff at the Driftwood regurgitate Islands Trust meeting minutes, those of us that live here avoid our park at night, trying to pretend that the creep of drugs and violence isn't happening.

Why is our local weekly unwilling to tackle the real issues that people are talking about around the dinner table and at work?

Do we live within the illusion that we have sold, that Salt Spring Island is innocent and idyllic? We market our Saturday Market, yet disappear from there like shadows when the sun goes down.

If I am going to fork over \$1.25 for a "newspaper" that purports to reflect and represent my community, I expect it to do just that.

We don't live in a tennis bubble. We live in a community with cuts and bruises that need to be attended to, and it can start with the Driftwood covering these very issues so that we can drag them into the light and recreate the safe, alternative and peaceful community that we claim to live in.

Otherwise our local paper might as well fall to the fate that many papers around the world are and become its nick-name, the "Deadwood."

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Editor's note: The Driftwood does not publish the names of most individuals charged with crimes until a guilty conviction results from a court appearance. While such incidents rarely occur here, the names of individuals charged with "serious" crimes are and have been published, except in cases of domestic or sexual assault when the victims would be identified through naming of the accused.

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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Chevrons and reflectors — don't tell me that's not cheap."

RITA DODS, ON NORTH END ROAD SIGNAGE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What issue should be a top priority for the provincial election campaign?



DAVE LEWINGTON

A willingness to negotiate fairly with all union groups negotiating new contracts.



EDUARD ANDRINGA

On Salt Spring, I'm totally in favour of improving our infrastructure. We need more cycling lanes and walking paths.



MARY TROKE

I'd like to see more funding for programs that support local organic farmers and more tax breaks for energy-efficient technologies.



THEA CHAPMAN

It would be nice for everyone to have easier access to Canadian news and the internet regardless of their social standing.



TYLER IRWIN

School overcrowding. I think it's an important issue in some of my classes.

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 letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com, under the Opinion tab.

Pond battle still alive

Many of us thought that the issue of Swanson's Pond development was over and the battle for conservancy was lost, but we still have one final chance to make a difference.

As a member of the Gulf Islands community I believe that each of us has the responsibility to contribute to maintaining the natural beauty and biodiversity that we have come to enjoy. This may be our last chance for input into the Swanson's Pond development.

As many of us know, plans are in place to construct condominiums on top of what used to be a wetland. Originally, we were led to believe

that Swanson's Pond was a man-made-pond, however, we have now discovered that it has always been a wetland area.

If there is any chance of saving this wetland to any degree at all we really need everyone's support. Last year we collected over 400 signatures from students alone in protest to this development, and the Trust seems to be disregarding this completely.

So please, for the frogs and the birds, the neighbours and the school children, and the fish and the trees, and ultimately for us all, take a moment to phone or e-mail the Islands Trust and the local trustees on Wednesday and Thursday morning to urge them to slow their decision-

making and provide for a proper public meeting on this issue.

KELSEY MECH,
SALT SPRING

Yoga goal achieved

On behalf of Amnesty International's 4th Annual Yoga Day event I would like to express a deep gratitude to everyone who helped us not only meet our goal but more than double it! We pulled this all together in just three weeks but we will be donating \$1,066 to the cause. I want to thank the many people who made its success possible.

Many thanks to: Jenny Cullver and Renee Koplan for signing people in, staying

organized, making tea and generally holding down the fort during a long day.

The teachers: Lee Mason (for teaching and starting the ball rolling getting us teachers together), Shannon Cowan, Sid Filkow, Lyndsay Savage, Dorothy Price, Cathy Valentine, Shaughn Jensen, Radhika Sugden, Shelby Johnstone and Celeste Mallett for not only teaching but also donating the space and making the awesome chai. Thank you Leslie DeAthe for getting more schedules out after "someone" removed many of the posters from around town.

Thank you for the generous support of the Kirtan musicians and singers Kishori, Ramanand and Vikash from Salt Spring Centre for provid-

ing a beautiful finale to the day's events and to Raven Hume who organized this support.

Also, a big thank you to our "donating yogis" Bob Young, Jean Davison and Madeleine Christie from Apple Photo for the posters, Mike Boizard for the bickies and milk from Thrifty's, and Craig and Cathryn Seedhouse from Natureworks for the chai served throughout the day.

Thank you to Gail "B" Sju-berg, Sean McIntyre and Derrick Lundy of this fabulous Driftwood paper for providing the best, last-minute promotion money can't buy.

Finally, thank you to all of you who attended throughout the day (especially Michael Bushby who was at every class

except the kids one). Without you we would have nothing to send to Amnesty International. And thank you in advance to all those that would have liked to have participated but for whatever reason weren't able to make it.

We'll see you next year when it is our intention to do this again but even bigger and better — maybe even 24 hours.

You all embody the true spirit of yoga — unity!

And for those teachers who haven't yet connected with the rest of the teachers group, feel free to e-mail me and I will make like the cable guy and hook you up! nomi@paradisefoundyoga.com

NOMI LYONNS,
PARADISE FOUND YOGA
MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Cuba's wild, crazy beauty bites former non-touristos

Imagine a place where perforated mufflers and rusted tailpipes spew choking exhaust fumes into the pristine air. Picture car windows that won't roll up and doors that are attached to the rest of the vehicle with duct tape. There are no airbags, seat belts, or baby car seats. No, this is not Fulford; this is Cuba.

How do I sum up an island of over 11 million people after spending only 14 days there? I don't. I won't even try. Here are a few impressions, though, to give you a light frothy picture to tickle your imagination so that you might want to go there to experience Cuba for yourself.

This was my first time away from a B.C. winter in over 20 years. For several decades now, all the Salt Spring Snowbirds have been heading down to Arizona, Mexico, and other points south. All these years I've resisted. After all, somebody had to stay home and take care of the island.

But this March we joined the ranks of the tourists. We were the ones asking the stupid questions. In Cuba, asking where you can find the liquor store is stupid. Similar to most of the planet, with the exception of the Moslem countries and Canada, you don't have to ask where the liquor store is. Liquor is everywhere. The whole country is a liquor store, especially if you like rum! And who knew there were so many types of rum? You have to believe we were cooperative in trying as many variations as possible.

Besides the booze, one of the first things you notice in Cuba are the cars. There's a real dichotomy between the two most obvious types of cars, especially in Havana. On one hand there's the constantly photographed 1950s vintage curvy, big-finned American Buicks, Chevies, and DeSotos

that come in loud, LOUD colours and make you think they are refugees from a Ukrainian Easter egg hunt. Contrasting with these "visual overload" beasts are the boring but appealing little rectangular blue or beige cookie-cutter Russian Ladas, which trail along behind the big American gas guzzlers like remora fish cleaning up after sharks. No matter what the car, they all emit huge amounts of noxious black diesel fumes, making a ride in them a trial of seeing how long you can hold your breath. Also, in Cuba, if you ask for a vehicle with air, you're probably not going to get air conditioning or air bags. More than likely it means you will get a bicycle with tires that are actually pumped up (or, possibly, you might end up with an ox suffering a bad case of intestinal gas).

You can't talk about Cuba without mentioning the public washrooms, or banos, as they are called. In front of every bano sits a little Cuban woman who, for a donation of a couple of centavos into her little metal dish, will dispense to you exactly three measly sheets of one-ply toilet paper. If you feel overly generous, or you haven't figured out the complicated Cuban currency system, you can toss in a couple of convertible pesos (worth roughly just less than three dollars or about a 10th of a month's salary for a Cuban teacher). You will be rewarded with a very big smile and the same three sheets of toilet paper.

Another thing you will notice is that hardly any of the toilets have seats. Yes, there is running water and the toilets flush, but where are the seats? I imagine that somewhere out in the boonies of Cuba there

exists a stockyard with thousands and thousands of toilet seats stacked sky high.

Language is important. We made the mistake of leaving for Cuba with a two-word vocabulary — si and agua. Needless to say, until I learned the word for rum, I ended up drinking a whole lot of bottled water. We had a Spanish-English phrase book with us but, unfortunately, every time we found ourselves in a tight situation and needed to quickly find the Spanish equivalent for "can you call the police" or "the door to the bano is stuck," the only Spanish phrase that immediately turned up as we frantically flipped through the pages was "Do you live with your mother?"

Despite our problems with the language, we were still able to communicate using a language known as "Mimico." Using a complicated series of hand signals and facial expressions, we were often able to get the necessary information across. The exercise is not always foolproof as the miming that you want less salt on your food at a Havana restaurant may instead bring a maraca-shaking salsa band to play for you personally at your table.

Baseball (the Cubans have a passion for the game and call it Beisbol) is another universal language available in Cuba. I had a lengthy conversation with Umberto, the cigar-snipping, pipe-smoking venerable patriarch of the Cuban family we were staying with in Vedado, consisting solely of the names of New York Yankee greats of the '40s and '50s. I would say "Joe DiMaggio" to which Umberto would answer with a gleeful grin "Phil Rizzuto." By the time we got through Mantle,



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Berra, and Whitey Ford we felt like we had known each other all our lives.

Cuba oozes sexuality. Sensuality pours out of Cuban pores like sweat. The salsa rhythm is everywhere. Cuban babies must slide out of the womb at birth with their pelvises in motion and their legs doing the "1-2-3-step." They move like sleek Lamborghinis compared to our solid Land Rover suspensions.

Don't go to Cuba if you're looking for peace and quiet. Imagine a 20-man marching band on every street corner and a poet on speed holding court in every café. Noise, and lots of it, is part of the culture. First of all, the Cuban people express outright, open, prolonged laughter at any time of the day or night. Add to that the ubiquitous music, drum rhythms, tooting car horns, barking dogs, crowing roosters, squealing pigs, et cetera and you get the picture. (There's probably only about an hour at most each night between when the last loud radio gets turned off and the first rooster starts it all over again.)

The politics of Cuba are far too complex for the scope of this column. Nobody asked me, but my feeling is that when Fidel Castro and Che Guevara called for a revolution, the Cuban people said, "Sure, but is this going to take long?" Fifty years have now gone by. Some Cubans think it's gone on much too long. No matter what happens in the future, I am convinced that the spirit and grit of Cuba and the Cuban people will prevail.

The wild, crazy beauty of Cuba has smitten us and we know we will return. Next time, however, we intend to know the language better before we go. After all, "Do you live with your mother" can only take you so far.

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

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Make fares election issue

Regarding your editorial of March 25, there is no question that the BC Ferries fare increases set for April 1, and all future increases as well, should be an issue in the current provincial election.

The significant increase in fares is an ongoing result of certain terms implemented by the Coastal Ferry Act of 2003, which mandated a steady increase in the fare revenue for BC Ferries while at the same time provincial financial support was reduced.

It is important that it be recognized that the basic problem is the political decision taken by the provincial government when it set the terms of the Coastal Ferry Act. The cross-subsidization of the profitable mainland-Vancouver Island routes and the Gulf Islands routes was eliminated under the act, but the expected provincial financial support for the local routes has not kept pace with the rising costs.

BC Ferries has to pay its bills and although there is plenty of scope for argument regarding the impact of higher fares on ridership and therefore on revenue, the trend to higher fares is a direct result of lower real provincial financial support for the coastal ferries.

The Ferry Advisory Committees by way of the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC) have made a continuing series of representations to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on this issue. The position of the candidates regarding future provincial financial support for the marine highway serving the communities on the B.C. coast at a level comparable to the support for other transportation links should certainly be part of the political debate in this election.

HAROLD SWIERENGA
CHAIR, SSI FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appropriate site

Head-to-Head columnist Peter Vincent does us a disservice when he denigrates our local democratic process. Let us support the Islands Trust, which represents all Salt Spring residents and the procedure which allows us to formally dialogue.

The coffee roasting company made a rezoning application for property next to Ford Lake before any consultation with the neighbours. The neighbours have been forced to respond.

As we are reminded at Islands Trust meetings, let's concentrate on issues, not personalities. The property in question is next to the Ford Lake project sensitive wildlife farming area. No fence line or mitigation will protect the ecology that includes the watershed and airshed, from incremental or accidental poisoning by "pristine waterborne and airborne emissions" (to quote Vincent).

Let's not postpone this discussion for the future. The local Trust has an industrial task force underway. Let's help determine an appropriate site. What the coffee company needs for its expansion is a site with access to road and hydro, away from residences and sensitive habitat, with airflow up and away (not pooling and settling as at Ford Lake) and with better sun exposure for greenhouse production.

The "expense and trouble" the coffee company has undertaken should not be the burden of its neighbours. Let's be community minded and come up with a suitable site. Thus the corporation can manifest its green vision and take true advantage of the island's good name without diminishing the nature of its internationally renowned "bucolic, pastoral" local economy.

LIA ARGO,
SALT SPRING

Flawed logic

Peter Vincent's logic in his column in the March 25 Driftwood is fatally flawed. By his logic, London should now start burning coal, Russia should fire up Chernobyl and we would go back to war in Viet Nam because it would all create jobs.

That some rich and greedy bankers in the U.S. made horrendous business decisions does not necessarily mean we should make equally stupid, if much smaller, decisions here to get a short-term economic construction blip and a few modest retail/commercial jobs.

His argument demonstrates that he does not understand the economy of this island. One building project is not going to make or break local contractors who are normally so busy here you have trouble getting them. Okay, so they may be or will experience a slight slowdown here in the short term but construction on Salt Spring is fuelled by people with money who come or have retired here.

Yes, there may be a few businesses here that go, but businesses come and go. While Fields is going, the Country Grocer is expanding into that space. Salt Spring does not live or die by the few (and I argue they will not be that well paying) jobs the Coffee Company's industrial roasting plant will provide.

And to portray this as a one-person (or Perkins) crusade is to ignore the whole community of residents around the proposed roasting plant who object to it, the residents around the current plant who say the smell from it is ghastly and the larger community feeling against the project (I cite the Driftwood's web poll from Feb. 11, which was about two to one against the rezoning).

To portray the coffee company's paid-for report as "science" is suspect enough that the Trust is having it checked by outside experts and sending staff off scurrying to check on other coffee roasters.

Get a grip, Peter. There are some real issues here such as what kind of island do we want and the slippery slope of spot zoning.

GREG MIDDLETON,
SALT SPRING

Create new health pattern

I want to thank writer Gayle Mavor and all at the Driftwood for the March 27 Weekender article on raising awareness about hypnosis.

It was well written and allowed a glimpse into what is possible when one truly embraces their journey into the alpha and theta frequencies of the subconscious mind. Being certified in and having practised both clinical and Ericksonian hypnotherapy, I see the true benefits in both styles for smoking cessation, weight loss, birth preparation, understanding and healing anxiety issues, and, of course, enhancing memory and sports performance. There are a multitude of additional benefits, with the most important being for stress reduction. It is a well-researched and documented fact that stress is the #1 cause of all disease within the human system. To effectively recreate homeostasis within our mental, emotional, physical and spiritual bodies, one should consider including a variety of relaxation practices in their weekly plan, including such things as yoga, massage, meditation, hypnosis and other healing arts!

All hypnosis is in fact self-hypnosis and some of the best candidates are children and youth. Having access to these tools at an early age can assist our future leaders in creating healthy strategies right from the start! Spring is a wonderful time of year to fully engage in creating new health patterns for yourself, so go and give yourself the gift of a hypnosis session. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

LEAH HANSEL,
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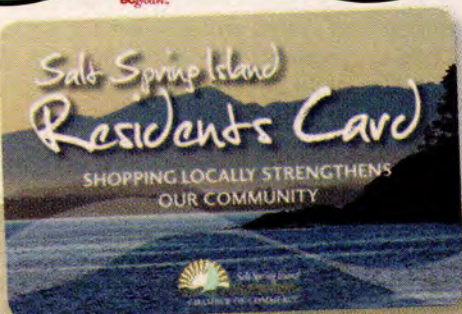
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IN MEMORY: Quilters gather around a memorial set up at the Farmers Institute for friend Carol Simpson, who co-founded Island Comfort Quilts and died last summer. The women were taking part in the Island Comfort Quilts annual work bee on Sunday.

Show mercy for cyclists

I had a terrifying experience this week when my partner was struck by a car and knocked off her bike in front of the RCMP station as she travelled north along Upper Ganges road through the intersection of Blain Road.

The car took a right turn in front of her and knocked her to the ground. Thankfully she was not seriously hurt save for her left hand, which was badly bruised against the car. What is most frightening is that the driver of the car failed to stop and continued down Blain.

We were informed by the local RCMP that there were mitigating factors: my partner was not wearing a helmet and was riding on the shoulder. We were also informed that on Salt Spring, bicycles are forced onto the shoulders by traffic but are then technically at fault as they are no longer riding in the lane. Despite this claim, riding a bicycle on the shoulder is, as far as I can tell, not only legal but often recommended

in British Columbia. I would never advocate riding without a helmet, but driving without a helmet is an act punishable by a small fine; leaving the scene of an accident (if the driver was aware of what happened) falls under the Criminal Code, and the attempt to equate these acts is a joke.

In lieu of beating my head against the wall I would like to make a humble request: Could the drivers out there (and I am one of them) show that they are not controlled by their gas pedal and give a bike a bit of room?

For the time being the cars are winning this battle anyway, so why not show some mercy? Thanks.
COLIN MCNAIR,
SALT SPRING

Vincent returns to form

I've always enjoyed Peter Vincent's column in your paper.

It is usually controversial, often one-sided, sometimes wrong-headed, but always entertaining.

MORE LETTERS

A few weeks ago he wrote a piece on the current dilemma faced by our two Islands Trust representatives caused by a rezoning application made by the Salt Spring Coffee Company in order to build a new roasting facility on Fulford-Ganges Road, overlooking Ford Lake.

It was quite a surprising piece, and to those accustomed to Peter Vincent's articles, a disappointment.

It presented a reasonable and balanced view of the problems faced by a respected local company looking for suitable space

to expand their business.

It also sympathized with the neighbours who live near the proposed development, who would have to put up with industrial activity, odours, noise, and an entirely unlooked-for change in the character of their neighbourhood.

The whole affair, he concluded, presented our trustees with some very difficult decisions.

Last week's Vincent piece on the same issue showed a welcome return to form: controversial, one-sided and sometimes wrong-headed.

Oh — and entertaining.

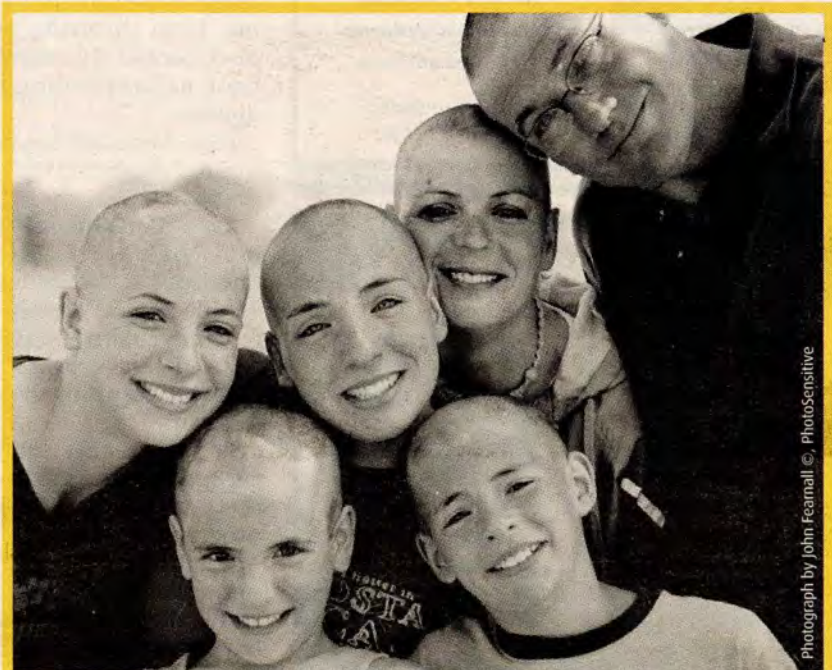
ILLTYD PERKINS,
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OPINION

Radical economic rethink required to survive beyond the current crisis

BY GREG SPENDJIAN

Economies around the world are suffering major disruptions.

First came the real possibility of global financial system collapse from bankruptcies of big banks, insurance companies and even countries.

Now we have serious economic downturns with mounting job losses and bankruptcies in many sectors.

We find ourselves in the strange situation where ardent unregulated free-marketers who normally bash public sector spending and regulation are suddenly calling for government intervention in the economy, from throwing billions of dollars at the problem to bank nationalization to regulation.

John Maynard Keynes has been rehabilitated overnight.

Even Alan Greenspan, disciple of ultra-rightist Ayn Rand, has acknowledged that his ideological framework of free unregulated markets was "flawed" and did not anticipate the resulting economic "tsunami."

Policy makers are trying various strategies to deal with the unprecedented range of problems.

A common thread in recommended solutions (after stabilizing the banking system) is the need to "stimulate consumer demand" and "promote sustainable growth."

With business and consumer spending in the doldrums, governments are now embarking on massive spending of their own in the hopes that this will "stimulate demand."

It is unfortunate that the rethinking of accepted economic dogma brought about by the current economic disaster has not led to a questioning of one of its most fundamental aspects: the quasi-religious belief in the absolute necessity of "economic growth."

The present economic situation underscores the fact

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that modern free enterprise economies are largely based on the production and consumption of non-essential goods and services.

After the provision of the necessities of life such as food, water, clothing, shelter, health care, education, means of transportation, etc., most consumption of goods and services is discretionary and can be scaled back.

Yet when this happens, economies tank.

Because modern production systems and technologies are so efficient they allow necessities to be produced by a fraction of the labour force.

To provide employment for the remainder, the economy has to generate additional demand for goods and services.

This is done by all-out efforts being made to convince us that we live unfulfilled, inadequate lives whose misery can only be alleviated by indulging in an ever-renewing smorgasbord of consumer goods and services.

Happiness, or even a more mundane sense of basic satisfaction, becomes equated with consumption of goods and services.

While free market production systems are very efficient and effective at the creation of wealth, they fail when it comes to ensuring adequate distribution of the benefits of this wealth.

Governments can therefore choose to redistribute part of the wealth generated by the private sector via taxation, providing social services, infrastructure, pensions, etc. In societies believing strongly in free market ideologies, redistribution of wealth via the tax system and expenditures by the public sector are considered anathema.

Nevertheless, in the extreme situation we now find ourselves, all sorts of free-marketers are begging for government to save the

day with massive expenditures.

But such government intervention can only be a stop gap measure until "economic growth" and its associated high levels of consumption resume.

If this did not happen, then huge deficits and debt would be accumulated with further terrible consequences down the road. Hence the urgent call to generate surplus consumer demand.

This is all very good until we factor in the euphemistically called "externalities," the side effects of our production and consumption systems: air, water, land pollution (with global climate change the most major impact), loss of habitat and biodiversity, resource depletion, to name but a few.

The current problems caused by the collapse of our economic system will be miniscule when compared to what will happen in our societies when local and global ecologies and their life-sustaining functions collapse.

This is happening at an accelerated rate because of the indiscriminate use of natural resources required by our dependence on economic growth. Such resource use and its associated impacts need to be scaled back massively, not increased.

This is the real conundrum our societies face. If you solve economic and social problems in the short term it will lead to ecological problems which will lead to greater social and economic problems in the long term. Even when you win, you lose.

Crisis situations offer the opportunity to question the basics.

But the current reassessment of economic ideology is falling short of the radical and revolutionary rethinking required.

For seven billion people to survive on the planet we need to address several fundamental issues simultaneously: To dramatically reduce

throughputs of material and energy in our economies, to produce what we consume with minimum externalities, to distribute the benefits of economic activity in a way that ensures a decent standard of living for all, and to do all this while sustaining the natural resource base on which everything depends.

But nothing will happen until the link between "satisfaction" and "consumption" of material and energy-rich goods and services is severed once and for all.

But nothing will happen until the link between "satisfaction" and "consumption" of material and energy-rich goods and services is severed once and for all.

For this to happen, a new set of dominant social values will have to emerge at both local and global levels.

A positive alternative future might envision societies that rate themselves using values such as community, family, friendship, protection of nature, fairness, equality, health, music, art, learning and people developing their full potential as human beings.

In other words a society considerably more desirable than the one we now have.

Let the revolution begin!

The writer chaired the Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism Focus Group of the OCP review.

RANTS and Roses

Two glasses of Guinness to Bob McIvor and Michael Aronoff on behalf of the residents of the extended care unit of Lady Minto Hospital for an enjoyable hour of Celtic music on Wednesday, March 18. Thank you also to Kelly from Country Grocer for her thoughtfulness and expertise in preparing special cookies for the occasion. It was a wonderful afternoon.

I send 190 bunches of roses to the volunteers who participated in the 5th annual quilting bee for Island Comfort Quilts. It was a rewarding day, with great results. Thanks to each of you for making this happen. Marguerite Lee

A rope bag full of red roses to Aron Dalton and the volunteers of the Salt Spring Climbing Wall for allowing the Salt Spring Fire Rescue team members a chance to team build and practice in your facility.

A huge bunch of fragrant and ever-

lasting roses to our truly wonderful and generous benefactors. We are in amazing and heartfelt gratitude to you all for giving the food bank such incredible donations this past month. You all know who you are and may you all be blessed with a good life now and always. SSI Community Services volunteers and staff

White and yellow roses of appreciation for the great number of people who came to Wednesday's Reflections on Hope Concert at All Saints. Kudos to the dancers, singers, Jean Knight (violinist) and David Storm (pianist) for such a special program of music that obviously touched the spirit of all who were there. Armloads of colourful "TulipHugs" for the kitchen helpers: Ann Barber, who created the delicious muffins and Pam Berry, who prepared the refreshments for everyone to enjoy in harmony! Many thanks to each and everyone who supported this event with their presence and donations. Spread-

ing the spirit of hope, your very generous donations will be shared by the food bank and the Soup's On program at All Saints.

A giant bouquet of fragrant roses to Lauren Bowler and the cast and crew of The Who's Tommy — the show was amazing! Thank you so much for your generous donation to our mental health and addictions programs, your acknowledgement of these issues is appreciated as it contributes to a greater awareness and understanding. Salt Spring Island Community Services

Grateful thanks from the Salt Spring Island Prostate Cancer Support Group to the Salt Spring Coffee Company for helping refresh everybody at the cancer forum last Friday, March 20.

A grateful thank you to the kind lady who returned my new, special spectacles recently purchased in the UK. Chrissy

Celebrating our 6th Anniversary!

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Steve, Colleen and Staff



Steve & Colleen



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Rachael

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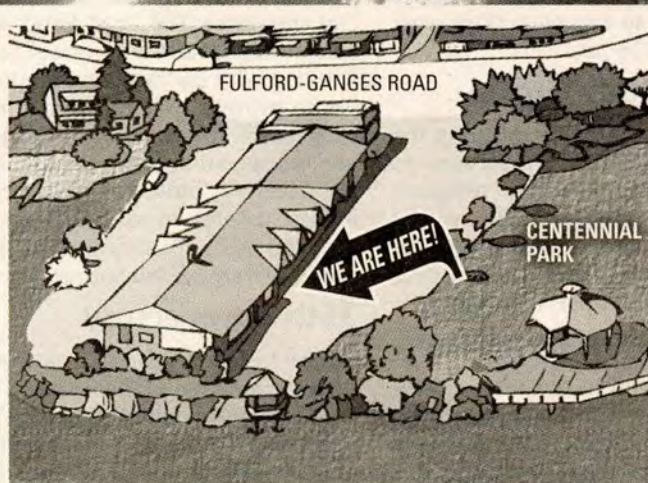
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OPINION

Trustees lay out busy spring event schedule

BY CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON AND GEORGE EHRLING

Now that we are several months into our new term, we want to give the community a sense of our many activities. Being a trustee is at least a full-time job, often encompassing a dozen or more meetings a week, as well as conversations and correspondence with many groups and community members. We try to give as much attention as we can to land use issues and applications, while attending to matters like affordable housing, the completion of the Salt Spring Official Community Plan review and the future of the Fulford area.

Affordable Housing

Our community is losing young families and economic diversity because we lack affordable housing. Young people growing up here can't afford to stay, and working people can't find adequate housing. At the Trust, we're working with the community to help develop effective affordable housing solutions. Therefore, we initiated a housing needs assessment, funded by the Real Estate Foundation and the local trust committee. Consultant Janis Gauthier completed Phase I last year, which addressed housing costs and perceived community needs. Phase II, to be completed by early fall, will update that data, survey key housing needs groups in the community, identify tools and resources, and communicate the results. Next fall and winter, we will engage the community in developing an effective implementation strategy.

OCP/LUB Review

Our OCP guides Islands Trust land-use decisions on the island. In the last term, the main policy section of the OCP was revised and adopted, after an extensive process involving scores of community volunteers and community feedback. The process will be completed in this term by updating the guidelines for development permit areas and heritage conservation areas. The island's land use bylaw will also be amended to bring it into line with the new OCP. Staff are now preparing a proposed work program for this process.

Industrial Task Force

In the OCP review, islanders voiced concerns about a perceived shortage of land for light industrial use. In January, we appointed a nine-member Industrial Land Task Force to: a) review and inventory all existing industrial-zoned land and facilities on the island; b) quantify to the extent possible, industrial zoned land requirements over the next five to 10 years; c) identify the form and type of industrial use that may require industrial zoned land, and d) propose potential options to address the preferred location of industrial zoned land requirements. They have now identified current industrially zoned properties and are preparing to survey industrially zoned landowners and home-based business operators, to ask about their future plans. The task force expects to complete their work and report out by July.

Fulford Study Group

This group, established during the last term, is beginning to meet again to discuss issues important to residents in the Fulford village area. They will be inviting south-end residents to discuss their concerns and propose solutions. We continue to support their efforts.

Local Governance Study

As we pledged in our recent campaign, we will support and participate in a thoughtful community dialogue about local governance during this term, identifying what's working well, what could be improved, and the costs

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and benefits of various options. In December, we wrote to the Ministry of Community Development, inquiring about their possible support for such a process, but we have still not received a response.

Trustee Communications

We believe our community needs more information about what the Islands Trust is and does. We think the Trust is something special and worth keeping and improving. One of our major commitments during this term is to help islanders understand and participate in our unique local government. To help you understand the work of the Trust and your trustees, we will publish and deliver a trustee newsletter to every Salt Spring household several times a year. We'll also post our newsletter throughout the community. And we'll soon launch a local trustee website, another tool to better communicate with you, save paper, and provide more information about the Trust's land use planning work, primarily on Salt Spring.

LTC Meetings

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee usually meets on the first Thursday of the month at ArtSpring. These are our working sessions to consider land use applications and advance the business of the LTC. To encourage public participation, we now hold the town hall and delegations (up to five-minute presentations) during the lunch hour. Because LTC meetings usually last four to six hours, they must be held during the day. We try to hold public information sessions and public hearings about specific applications in the evenings and weekends.

Trust Council

We are two of 26 trustees from throughout the Trust Area who form the regional Trust Council. Our most recent quarterly meeting focussed largely on the Trust budget. The June meeting will be on North Pender, with the December meeting set for Salt Spring. Each meeting is open to the public, with at least an hour set aside for public comments. Christine Torgrimson participates in the council's Financial Planning Committee, which helps draft Trust budgets and oversees ongoing financial reporting. George Ehring chairs the Local Planning Committee, which reviews community and local planning functions, public education, application processing procedures and bylaw enforcement. He also is a member of the Trust Programs Committee, which oversees resource and water management, land and conservation strategies, marine environment protection and other issues.

Islands Trust Fund

Christine serves as chair of the Islands Trust Fund Board, and has been a board member since early 2008, serving originally as a provincial appointee. The Trust Fund is the Trust's regional land conservancy, working with partners and landowners to protect special places in the Trust area via outright acquisition and conservation covenant. The Trust Fund has now protected 75 properties in the Trust area, totalling 975 hectares or 2,409 acres. Twenty-four of those properties are on Salt Spring.

35th Anniversary

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Jeremy Deshaun Collin Dares



Jeremy was born at 7:51 p.m.,
 March 19, weighing 6 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs.
 His Aunt Jasmine and Gramma Linda were there with
 Alyssa and Jay to welcome him into the world.

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 From her family

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 Royal Canadian Legion
 7 PM THURSDAY
 Apr. 2
 Early Birds, 6:30 pm
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 Ladies Auxiliary
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 All proceeds to bursaries
 for Salt Spring Students.

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COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of
 coming events check the Drift-
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 our office in the Upper
 Ganges Centre, 328 Lower
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 Use the calendar for event
 planning and to make sure
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SAT. APRIL 4 - Hedgerow
 walk with David Bradbeer and
 George Laundry. Cost \$10.
 Call SSI Conservancy to regis-
 ter. 250-538-0318. Limited to
 25, 10am - 12pm.

SPANISH CLASSES every
 Thurs. in Ganges: Apr. 9th
 3:30-5:30pm. Conversation,
 reading, grammar. \$120 for 8
 weeks. Limited space. To
 register: Evelyn 653-2067

Megan and Andrew happily
 announce the arrival of their
 beautiful, bouncing baby boy,
Charles Henri Coupland
 Born at Lady Minto Hospital
 on March 10th,
 and weighing in at an
 impressive 10 lbs 2 oz,
 Charlie is joyfully welcomed
 by his tribe!

Grandparents Joy & Allen Coupland,
 Maggie Ramsey and Jake Watt, Great
 Grandmother Sue Ramsey, and a host of Aunts,
 Uncles and Cousins are thrilled.
 Many thanks go to our birthing team:
 Midwives Terri & Maggie,
 Nurses Jacquie, Gail, and Israel, and a special
 wonderful sister Katie- we couldn't have done it
 without every one of you!

Angela G. Moseley
 March 5, 1963
 to March 12, 2009

A Celebration of Life for Angela took place
 in Baynes Lake on March 22, 2009.

Angela is survived by her mother, Sharon Moseley, father
 Bill Moseley, siblings Cliff, Heather, Tashika, and Mary
 Anna, and many nieces, nephews, friends and her dog Boo.

I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work or play,
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.
 I've now found peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 O yes, these things, I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
 Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3. Hedgerow
 talk with David Bradbeer from
 Delta Farmland and Wildlife
 Trust. He will give an illustrat-
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 7pm Lion's Hall.

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Edith Emily STEWART

Born in Vancouver on
 May 16, 1917, our dear
 Emily passed away
 peacefully on the island
 that she loved on the
 evening of March 24,
 2009 at the age of 91.

Predeceased by her
 husband Dave in
 1998, her sister Peggy Knowles and nephew Brian.
 Emily is survived by her loving family: sons Doug (Gloria), John
 (Verna) and Neil (Monika); grandchildren Chad, Todd, Hailley
 (Aaron) and Brianne; great-grandchildren Aiden and Taylor;
 cousin Steve Reed (Pam) in England.

Both Emily & Dave were born in Vancouver, where they
 met and married in 1942. While raising their three boys,
 Emily worked for many years in the meat department at
 Woodward's, traveling occasionally to assist in the opening
 of other stores elsewhere in the province. In the early 1980's
 Dave & Emily retired to Salt Spring Island.

Emily enjoyed crosswords and puzzles, quilting, knitting
 baby sweaters for the hospital showcase and prize winning
 dolls, volunteering at Extended Care. She was very social,
 and always had a cheerful word for friends she made along
 the way. Emily enjoyed weekly dinners at the Legion, being
 part of the congregation on Sundays, singing with "The Lost
 Chords" and, until a few short years ago, going on organized
 senior's bus trips around the province. Always appreciative
 of the help she received from friends, neighbours and
 Seniors for Seniors, Emily also enjoyed her visits with her
 kind, professional Homecare "girls". The family would also
 like to thank the caring staff at Lady Minto Hospital and the
 wonderful friends on Salt Spring Island.

A memorial celebration will be held in honour of Emily's life
 on **Wednesday April 8, 2009 at 2 pm at the United
 Church, 111 Hereford Avenue.**

A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family would
 appreciate any donation to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation,
 135 Crofton Rd, SSI, BC, V8K 1T1, or the charity of your choice.

Marion Seymour White
 12 October 1930 - 27 March 2009

Marion passed away on
 27 March 2009 after a
 brave and courageous
 fight against cancer.
 She is sadly missed by
 her loving husband of
 54 years, Dennis; her
 daughter Sue (husband
 Ron) Diederichs of
 Courtenay, and sons
 Antony (wife Kate) White
 of London, UK and David
 (wife Karen) White of
 Taunton, UK, and also by her grandchildren: Carl, Matt and
 Claire Diederichs; Eve, Alice and Tim White; and Brindley,
 Courtenay and Christie-May White.

Marie was born in Shardlow, Derbyshire, in 1930. She
 initially began training as an RN; however, after her marriage
 to Dennis in 1954 she became a full time homemaker and
 looked after their three children. Over the next few years
 they had a succession of houses in the UK while Dennis
 pursued a sales career. They emigrated to Canada for the
 first time in 1963 and stayed for seven years, enough
 time to build equity to return to England in 1970 and buy
 a farm. Many happy years followed with Marie working
 side by side with Dennis at Woodhayne Farm in Somerset,
 raising their children, and they remained in the UK until
 1980, when they decided to sell up and retire to Salt Spring
 Island, and latterly Qualicum Beach.

Marie was a wonderful loving wife, mother and
 grandmother. She was a gifted needlewoman, a fine cook
 and an early pioneer of healthy foods. She loved gardening,
 square dancing, and playing the piano. In her retirement,
 she always found time to help others, and volunteered
 with the Hospital Auxiliary and the library. She was always
 a source of positive inspiration to others around her.

SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Ed's Computer classes:

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A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at Mayne Island School Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Public welcome!

To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/boardmeetings.html.



Islands Trust

The Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust will be closed to the public on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

Regular office hours will resume at 8:30 am, Thursday, April 9, 2009.

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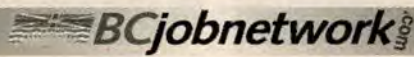
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Closing Date: April 10, 2009

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.
Thank you to all applicants for your interest.

HELP WANTED

Part-time Coordinator

IslandLink Library Federation

The IslandLink Library Federation encompasses four public libraries serving communities with populations ranging from 1,200 to 300,000. The person applying for this position must have the ability to work independently, coordinate programs for partner libraries, and supervise work of others as needed.

This is a part-time position. It is expected that this position will average 20 hours/week. The coordinator will maintain an office in his/her home or in one of the member libraries. Residence near a member library would be desirable.

Duties may include some or all of the following:

- Carry out initiatives and goals of the Federation
- Oversee day-to-day operation of the Federation
- Act as liaison to members
- Act as secretary to the Board
- Maintain files and membership information
- Administer budget and manage accounts

Requirements:

- Library experience, library technician diploma or MLS/MLIS
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Digging deep within to focus clearly and to advance in your outer life continues as a central theme. Yes, we have our inner world and then there is the outer world. Recognizing both is the key to inner and outer success. Expanding your social horizons is a central theme. Yet, you feel conflicted about giving when you feel the need to receive. Aim to give yourself what you need. This probably includes a rather deep assessment of your priorities for both the short and the long term. Vision!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
Your public and professional world is expanding. You are getting an unusual amount of attention these days. This may be a good thing but could include a certain amount of rebellion or revolution of some kind. This is coinciding with a desire to retreat and/or escape from it all. Time management may be the best solution whereby you meet with the public as necessary with full presence, then slip out of sight again. Create workable boundaries now.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
You feel charged these days. Your individuality is peaking and you are determined to advance your overall position. Realizing dreams is part of the plot. Perhaps projects are coming to fruition and/or new visions and goals are surfacing. Either way, this is a good time to both receive instruction of some kind, as well as to offer it. New friends and associations are featured in this stellar scenario. Take leaps to expand your social horizons and risks to let your authentic sense of individuality shine forth!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
The time has come to be seen and heard. However, you want the attention only from those who are ready and able to recognize your worth and value. Other sorts of attention that is distracting and demanding of you could be a source of annoyance. This is a good time to take a strategic approach to be seen and heard for the sake of gain and advancing your overall position somehow. Be willing to push for what you want. Yet, don't over do it and push others away or cause other retaliations. Affirm your worth!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
An expansive time continues. Whether by choice or circumstance, you are being called out to new people and places. Fortunately, you are in an adventurous mood. Your ambitions are running deep these days. You feel inspired by new angles and innovative approaches. Make efforts to see you're self as others do. This conscientious approach will help you to win the support and respect of others. However, do not lean and expect things that you have not earned. See a bigger picture then bring color to the empty spaces....

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Cleaning, clearing, purging and so on is now in focus. In order to merge more deeply with people and situations, you may have to clean-up. This may include your environment but also your own body or attitude or product or service. Look for ways to do this rather than passively wait for others to have to tell you. As new horizons open, old ones may have to close. Accept this as part of the process. Others will be pushing you somehow meet their expectations. Exercise full willingness with a spirit of cooperation and diplomacy.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Making extra efforts to create harmony in your relationships continues. There is probably much shaking in your world. Shifts, moves and adjustments in your overall lifestyle are likely. In fact, if these are not happening you might look at how they can. Look to see if you are controlling and resisting the flow. Change is life and sometimes it moves faster than others and this is one of those times. Be willing to listen well, at least as much as be heard. The love and respect you receive will be based on the quality of the same given.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Exploring new avenues is keeping you busy. These may be new hobbies and lifestyle interests and/or new means of stimulating new income streams. Either way, you should have reasons to feel more confident about the changes that are unfolding. Be willing to play the game by paying closer attention to the details. This includes getting to know yourself better and exploring new facets of your character. We all have many hidden resources and latent talents. Acknowledge this fact and explore the possibilities.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
A creative and passionate cycle is underway in your world. You may have many things on the go. There is a very real danger that you are spreading yourself too thin - be on the watch to avoid this. The time has come to take a more concentrated approach. Consolidating your foundation is likely. This will require some very real efforts, focus and discipline. Yet, with the right attitude you can also choose to enjoy the process as yet another aspect of the game of life.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Concentrating your energy and focus at home or on your home is a central theme now. Home is the new headquarters of our times. With the internet, for example, there is much we can do and learn from our own place of power. Creating a space that works for you in this regard may be just what you need. More generally, this is a good time to tend to family matters or to simply enjoy the comfort and privacy of your own surroundings for a while. Concentrate your focus to achieve a lot without having to venture beyond familiar borders.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Learning and exploring new angles and facets is keeping you busy now. These may be new aspects of you and/or new people, places and realities unfolding in the world. Either way, your mind is probably busy processing a lot of bits and pieces of information. You want new information to be able to break through old patterns and achieve your goals and ambitions, and you do not want to work harder than you have to. This is where a deep and clear assessment of your wants, needs and priorities comes into the picture. Take the time to clarify.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Identifying your talents, abilities, resources, worth and value and so on, are now a central focus. Who are you and what do you have to offer? This is a good time to review and perhaps to brainstorm to identify new abilities and skills and angles of approach that will yield returns. Take a pioneering and innovative approach. Aim to add to your existing list of talents and qualities. Investments of your time and energy to increase the quality of your self-expression and existing skills or for the sake of new angles is sure to bring positive returns.

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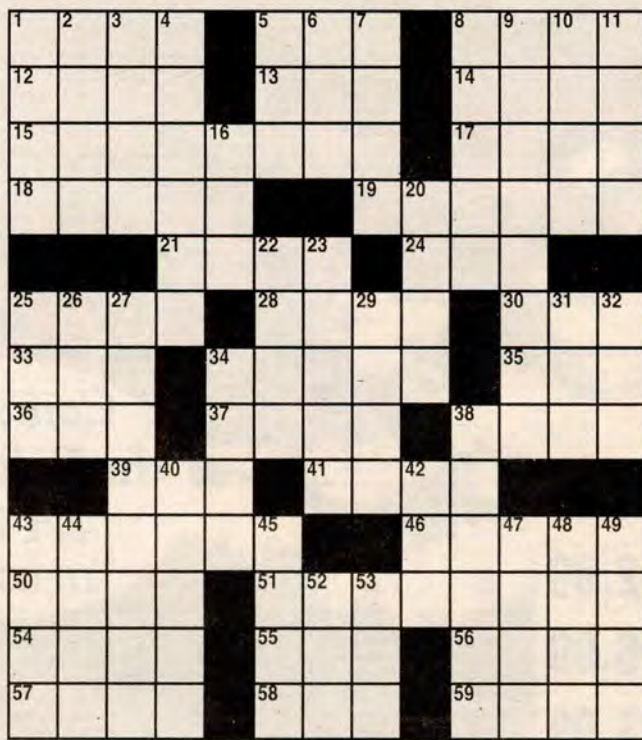
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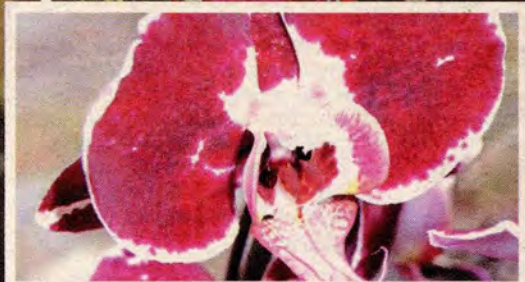
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