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**FINE FORM:** Charlie Daigneault from the Sunshine Coast enters the high speed hairpin at the Salt Spring Slasher — a longboarding race that many believe will become an annual event on Salt Spring. See story on Page A21.

**FATALITY**

## Boating tragedy kills Pender man

Salt Springer establishes fund for daughter

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A friend and former mentor of the North Pender Island man killed in a boating mishap on Friday evening is calling on islanders to support a trust fund created for the victim's daughter.

Salt Spring's Brian Little called the boating accident that claimed the life of Mike Fisker a tragedy for the friends and family who knew the "diligent and hard-working" self-employed drywall.

Outer Islands RCMP, Coast Guard and 15 members of the Pender Island Fire Rescue Department responded to a marine distress signal in Swanson Channel between Salt Spring and North Pender islands at approximately 8 p.m. on April 24.

According to Outer Islands RCMP, the incident occurred when two 20-foot power boats travelling next to one another to North Pender Island from Sidney collided approximately 1.5 kilometres from Thieves Bay.

The collision happened after Fisker drove his boat into the path of the other vessel while trying to avoid a log.

Rescue vessels were deployed from the Bowen Queen and the Spirit of B.C. ferries to assist in the initial rescue effort.

Advance-care paramedics flown in by helicopter attempted to revive Fisker and tend-

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**ELECTORAL REFORM**

# BC-STV campaign rolls into Ganges

Proponent anticipates 'major no-side blitz'

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Shilo Zylbergold first heard of BC-STV, he wasn't quite sure if he was being asked about an emerging disease or a new kind of all-terrain vehicle.

That was before the first referendum on voting reform was conducted in conjunction with the 2005 provincial election.

Since that time, Zylbergold has learned all about the unique form of proportional representation recommended by the 160-member Citizens' Assembly.

On Monday evening, he emceed a BC-STV information event at Gulf Islands Second-

ary School in anticipation of the referendum question's second go-round on Tuesday, May 12.

Salt Spring's Jan Slakov told the audience of approximately 30 people that the BC-STV system represents a chance for individuals to change the way leaders are elected and decisions are made.

"It upsets me no end that the parties try to score points off each other rather than try and solve problems," Slakov said. "I think the BC-STV system would push our political culture in general to be more co-operative. That's my hope, anyway."

Keynote speaker and former Citizens'

Assembly member Diana Byford is touring the region ahead of the May election to raise awareness about the referendum question.

Though people seem less vocal than in the last election campaign, she said, voters are still interested in the campaign. I

n 2005, the move to adopt the BC-STV system fell 2.3 per cent short of reaching the 60 per cent threshold required for adoption.

Under the BC-STV system, she said, voters would have a greater say in who gets elected and limit the likelihood of majority governments forming with less than 50 per cent of the popular vote.

She said the current first-past-the-post electoral system has left many voters apathetic and withdrawn.

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## NEWSBEAT

### JAPANESE GARDEN

# Heiwa Garden ribbon cutting set for special Peace Park event this Saturday

Unity, reconciliation theme of long-awaited project

After months of visible changes at the Peace Park in Ganges, the Heiwa Garden will be officially opened on Saturday, May 2 at noon.

The Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society, organizers

of the event, invite the entire community to join them in "creating a garden of unity and reconciliation."

Students from Salt Spring Centre School will participate in the celebration by performing songs on the theme of peace.

"When we learned the students had a project this year whose focus fit so wonderfully

with ours, we knew we wanted them to be a big part of our celebration," said Sheryl Taylor-Munro of the garden society.

The students will also read poems they wrote on themes of peace, unity and reconciliation, and display their origami (paper-folding) creations.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the beautiful gate oppo-

site ArtSpring will mark the garden's official opening as it continues to be a work-in-progress through the addition of trees, shrubs and benches.

Some planting will take place on opening day itself, said Taylor-Munro.

Spirits will be lifted even higher by Japanese shakuhachi flute master Takeo Yamashiro, she said.

## Thirty hear Citizens' Assembly view

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"You came with concerns, you came and told us what you wanted an electoral system to do and you came and told us what you valued," she said of her time spent travelling to more than 50 public meetings across the province with the Citizens' Assembly.

"[BC-STV] was not our decision. It was

a decision we made on your behalf based on what you told us."

Byford anticipates that a "major no-side blitz" will hit the media any day.

She said critics' complaints that the system is too complicated or unfair towards rural regions are easily dismissed with some basic research.

"I'm pretty sure rural concerns will be represented," she said.

One of the obstacles facing the pro-STV campaign is that politicians have yet to come out in favour of the new system, she added.

"It's not popular with politicians because it gives a little bit of power back to you, the voter," she said.

"It doesn't destroy [political] parties,

**"[BC-STV] was a decision we made on your behalf based on what you told us."**

DIANA BYFORD

Former Citizens' Assembly member

but parties have to give up some of that power they've held with an iron fist."

More information about BC-STV is available online at [www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca).



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## Trust fund set up to aid five-year-old daughter

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ed to the two other boaters involved in the collision.

An investigation by Outer Islands RCMP is ongoing.

The other boaters, both residents of North Pender Island, are expected to recover from their injuries, said Charles Boyte, chief of the North Pender Fire Rescue Department.

Boyte said volunteer firefighters on the island wish to

express their deepest sympathies to the victim's friends and family.

"He was good friends with several of the firefighters on the island," Boyte said.

"It's a very close community."

Little said he expects to have the trust fund set up for five-year-old Lily Fisker at Island Savings Credit Union on Salt Spring before the end of the week.

The trust fund is an effort to provide some financial

assistance for Fisker's young daughter as she grows up, he added.

"God forbid if this ever happened to me [when my kids were younger], I'd hope someone would do something like this for my family," he said. "I'm definitely going to do this."

Fisker began working for Little as an apprentice dry-waller while still studying at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

He worked with Little

for approximately 10 years before setting off to work with his step-father, a contractor on North Pender Island.

He will be remembered as a friendly guy who could do just about anything when it came to his trade.

"A lot of people knew him," Little added.

For more information about the trust fund, contact Little at 250-537-7046 or inquire at Island Savings beginning on Monday, May 4.

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**WILDLIFE**

# Neighbourhood whales the stars of fundraising evening

Southern residents form remarkable marine mammal community

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last Thursday, islanders were treated to a fascinating presentation that left them deeply enamored with their friendly neighbours — the killer whales of the Salish Sea.

The well-attended Salt Spring Conservancy fundraiser brought Susan Berta and Howard Garrett to the ArtSpring stage for an engaging multi-media presentation focussing on the southern resident orcas that ply the waters around the Gulf Islands. The evening also included a live auction for a kayaking trip for two, which helped raise money for the conservancy's GISS scholarship.

Berta and Garrett run Orca Network, a small non-profit organization based out of Whidbey Island in the U.S., whose programs include a whale-sighting network encompassing more than 31,000 people, educational programs, a marine mammal stranding program and the "Free Lolita" campaign. Their main goal is to "connect whales and people across the northwest," said Berta, who opened the evening with an overview of the organization.

Garrett then introduced the crowd to "our friendly neighbourhood whales" through a slide show featuring incredible photos depicting the "stars of the show," who included J2 or Granny, born in 1911, and J1 or Ruffles, who Garrett calls "the flagship of the south resident community."

A day in the life of these orcas can include resting (which encompasses swimming slowly abreast in tight formations), spy-hopping, travelling between 75-100 miles every day, surfing, playing, kelping (where the whales play with and wrap themselves in long strands of kelp) and socializing. A remarkable fact is that these specific whales eat only Chinook salmon — never feasting on other species of fish or sea mammals.

Attitudes toward killer whales have changed drastically over the years, said Garrett, considering that until the 1960s they were being shot on a regular basis. Then came the "capture era," where for approximately 10 years whales were taken from their home waters and placed into captivity where 151 of them would eventually die. After 1989, when the last organized capture took place in Iceland, killer whales then became attractions for whale watching outfits, which also brought about multiple scientific studies that unearthed unprecedented information about the species.

In 2001, killer whales were listed as endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Whale populations declined an astounding 20 per cent between 1996 and 2001, most likely due to environmental issues such as salmon depletion, toxic pollution, noise pollution, and PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) and PBDE (Polybrominated diphenyl ether) accumulations.



According to Garrett, approximately 85 orcas currently live in the southern resident community, which includes J, K and L pods. In the 1980s, studies proved that, remarkably, there is absolutely no dispersal amongst this particular community of killer whales, which is not necessarily common to all orca populations worldwide. As Garrett put it, this means that "the kids grow up and they stay with their moms for life."

Transient killer whales, also common to the Gulf Islands, are completely different than the southern resident community. These orcas eat only mammals, travel in small groups, have distinct vocalizations and have absolutely no interaction with the southern resident population.

Particularly fascinating was when Garrett played the audience some recordings of the differing sounds made by whales from the southern and northern populations, the transient and the offshore whales.

It turns out that these southern residents even have their

own orca culture, proven by their distinct vocalizations, unique diet, lack of dispersal, genetic isolation, large brains and long post-reproductive lives.

Garrett finished off the evening talking about killer whales that have made the headlines, including Luna, Keiko (the "Free Willy" whale) and Lolita, a southern resident whale who has been held in captivity at a Florida aquarium for 38 years, and who Garrett and Berta have been trying to free for more than a decade. Garrett feels strongly that Lolita should be allowed to retire and be safely returned to her Pacific Northwest family to live out her days as a free whale, within a community she no doubt remembers.

Orcas are definitely unlike any other marine mammals and it is hoped that the more we learn about this fascinating species, the more we will take on the responsibility of ensuring their ongoing survival in our neighbourhood waters.

For more information on Lolita and the Orca Network, see [www.orcanetwork.org](http://www.orcanetwork.org).

## News briefs



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Elizabeth Lee.

### Mischief makers strike

Elizabeth Lee is out 18 bucks and more than a little annoyed after thieves made off with a licence plate while her car was parked outside her Maliview Drive home on Sunday evening.

"I was pretty annoyed and I feel pretty violated," Lee said after getting her new plates on Monday afternoon.

"It means whoever did this came right on the property."

Lee hopes someone on the

island can return the stolen plate (999 FFB) or contact police in the event they have any information about the incident.

In other RCMP news, Salt Spring RCMP advise motorists to ensure their car doors are locked after a series of incidents were reported in the 300 block of Lower Ganges Road on Friday afternoon.

Police received reports from drivers about stolen property, rifled-through glove compartments and damaged property.

RCMP officers request anybody with information

about the crimes to call the detachment at 250-537-5555.

In other RCMP news, police attended a 9-1-1 call from a male victim of an assault late on Sunday evening.

Police arrived to locate the 23-year-old male suspect in the woods outside the residence, where he was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon and being unlawfully in a dwelling house.

The suspect was detained and held for transport to court in Duncan on Monday.

### PARC survey coming in mail

Salt Spring residents will be asked for their needs, wishes and other comments about their parks and recreation priorities in a survey being sent out by mail in early May.

Created by Yates, Thorn and Associates, the consultant hired to undertake the new Parks and Recreation Commission strategic plan, the questionnaire will be sent to 2,000 randomly

selected mailing addresses on the island.

The hoped-for survey return date is May 16, reported PARC manager Kees Ruurs at Monday's PARC meeting.

Stanley Shapiro, a marketing expert and commission member, was skeptical about the amount of response PARC would receive. He jokingly bet a round of beer that only 500 questionnaires would be returned, while Ruurs was more optimistic in guessing 1,000.

Responses will help develop a long-range plan of action for PARC, which should be completed by August.



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v-Trip continues as Route 3 Vesuvius

**4 Long Harbour**  
 Monday - Friday

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Saturday

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**3 Vesuvius**  
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F-Trip continues as Route 5 Fernwood

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**LOCAL LIBRARY**

**New library timeline set**

BY TILLY CRAWLEY  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Island Public Library Association board is actively working towards the construction of a new library building, necessary because of the rather dire engineer's report received last fall on the present structure.

The board is currently working with the CRD to choose an architect for the final design; the CRD process is time-consuming but very fair. The chosen candidate will be ratified at the CRD board meeting on May 13.

Over the summer the architect will develop a preliminary/conceptual design, a design that will be used to obtain realistic costs for the building by the beginning of September.

The board expects to host public meetings on the design during the summer and early fall. Then a referendum will be held in the second half of October to approve the construction of a new building.

Costs incurred leading up to and including the referendum — CRD staff costs, architect's costs, CRD referendum cost and publicity — will be paid for out of the library's reserve building fund.

The last figure the board has for the cost of a 12,000-square-foot building was developed in January 2007 for the grant application made then.

At that time the Olympic building program was in full swing, and construction costs were rising at nearly two per cent per month, so to be realistic a large escalation figure over the two-year construction period was incorporated into the projected cost.

With the Olympic construction nearing completion and the downturn in the economy, construction costs are dropping, as are interest rates and the cost of borrowing, so

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now is the optimum time to embark on a new building.

In March the board learned of a new federal/provincial infrastructure grant program, and sent in an application for a \$2-million grant earlier this month.

Over the last few weeks the board has received nearly 700 letters of support for the grant from businesses, including the Chamber of Commerce, community organizations and hordes of library patrons and volunteers, and still the letters keep coming and being forwarded to the granting body.

The referendum will ask for permission to borrow the construction cost of the new building, which will be in the region of \$4 million provided that the infrastructure grant is received.

Operating costs will remain lower than those of most public libraries, thanks to the wonderful library volunteers who save the library thousands of dollars in salaries each year. But a small increase in the operating budget will be necessitated by the larger building — an increase in insurance, in contract services such as cleaners, and in utilities, particularly heating and lighting.

However, the latter increase should be quite small as the new building will have an energy-efficient heating system, will be better insulated, and will use natural daylight whenever possible. Indeed, "green" elements in the building will be used wherever they are cost-effective.

**GANGES HARBOUR**

**Harbour vessels 'not a threat'**

Transport Canada to keep monitoring live-aboard ships

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some of them may not be much to look at, but a Transport Canada spokesperson has confirmed that live-aboard vessels currently moored in Ganges Harbour do not pose a threat to navigation or the environment.

Gillian Glover said Transport Canada staff looked into the situation in conjunction with coast guard officers stationed in Ganges before arriving at the conclusion.

"They are not contravening any regulations and we don't have legal ground to pursue this," Glover said from her office in Vancouver. "Certainly, we will look at this on a case-by-case basis and revisit it if there are any changes."

Glover said Transport Canada launched the investigation based on public complaints about a specific vessel moored in the harbour. Concerns were raised as to

whether or not a vessel moored near Grace Point posed a navigation hazard and whether or not the alleged dumping of untreated sewage from the vessel posed an environmental risk.

Salt Spring harbour-master Bob Morrisette said his concerns about vessels moored in the harbour are focussed on whether or not they restrict access to barges arriving and departing from the wharf near the coast guard station.

He too has received complaints about live-aboard vessels, but said nothing can be done from his perspective as long as the vessels are moored outside the harbour authority's own water lease area.

Glover said Transport Canada officials will continue to work alongside coast guard officers to assess any possible threat to boats, floatplanes and other vessels using the harbour over the course of the busy summer season.

People concerned about potential hazards in local waters are advised to contact Transport Canada at 604-666-3518 or via e-mail at [pacific-pacifique@tc.gc.ca](mailto:pacific-pacifique@tc.gc.ca) to register a complaint.

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# NEWSBEAT



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Tom Massy, manager of the Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery, stocks St. Mary Lake with 2,500 Taylor cutthroat trout last Tuesday.

## FISHING

# Fish flow into SSI lakes

Trout stocking program brings thousands from hatchery

For islanders and visitors wondering if it's worth their while to dip a fishing rod into Salt Spring lakes this year, the answer is in the numbers.

Last Tuesday, Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery staff released 2,500 Taylor cutthroat trout into St. Mary Lake and 500 into Cusheon Lake — and that's just the beginning.

In coming weeks the hatchery will provide 500 native rainbow trout for Stowell Lake and 4,000 native rainbows for St. Mary.

The annual spring stocking program is undertaken by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of British Columbia.

"Salt Spring Island is unique in that

many of the lakes on the island have resorts on them, which provide excellent opportunities to generate revenue for the island economy," said Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery manager Tony Massy.

"These lakes offer quality fishing opportunities for anglers of all skill levels."

The Freshwater Fisheries Society works closely with the Ministry of Environment, which does lake assessments and provides stocking requests for each lake, said Massy.

Funding for the society comes directly from freshwater licence sales, which can now be purchased online at [www.fishing.gov.bc.ca/](http://www.fishing.gov.bc.ca/).

For more information on stocked lakes around the Capital Regional District, people can contact 250-746-5180 or visit [www.gofishbc.com](http://www.gofishbc.com) and [www.discoverfishbc.ca](http://www.discoverfishbc.ca).

## ENVIRONMENT

# Grocery store chain bans the bag

Customers' response to plastic prohibition 'mostly favourable'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A plan to stop offering plastic bags at Thrifty Foods is but the latest installment in the plastic bag's rapidly deflating reputation.

"This is clearly an idea whose time has come and a decision that has been a couple of years in the making," said Malcolm Webster, a spokesperson for Thrifty Foods, following last week's announcement. "We are confident this is a step in the right direction."

Starting July 22, Thrifty Foods will discontinue use of plastic carry out grocery bags in all 24 of its stores on Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island and the Lower Mainland.

Shoppers will be encouraged to use reusable cloth bags or be offered paper grocery bags at a cost of 10 cents a piece.

Because paper bags take an estimated four times the amount of energy to produce than their plastic peers and generate more water pollutants and toxic chemicals, Thrifty Foods management does not consider them as a long-term option.

According to Thrifty Foods' own statistics, the chain used an estimated 27 million plastic bags in 2008.

Webster said the biodegradable bags offered since last year have been problematic since they cannot be recycled with traditional plastic bags.

Webster said most of the feedback he has received from customers about the announcement has been positive, though some people have expressed concern about the future supply of kitchen garbage bags and "doggie-doo bags."

"The negative reaction from people is about what it means to them individually," Webster said.

The bag ban follows a similar initiative that came into effect at Ikea stores in the Lower

Mainland last year.

Over at Country Grocer, managing partner Paul Large said Tuesday that as of June 22 his store will charge five cents for each plastic bag, with the proceeds being used to reduce the cost of reusable cloth bags to 50 cents. The reusable bag refund will also rise from three to five cents.

Plastic bags used to package meat, bulk products, fruits and vegetables will still be available at both grocery stores.

Several months ago, GISS student Kelsey Mech and other members of the school's Environmental Action Group Encouraging Responsibility (EAGER) met with staff from Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer to plot the eradication of plastic bags.

"I think it's great," Mech said, adding that she hopes the move prompts other large retailers to implement similar bans.

Webster said Thrifty Foods representatives met with several anti-plastic-bag delegations throughout the region while developing the policy.

With plastic bags on their way out, Mech had some timely advice for people who consistently find themselves forgetting their reusable bags.

"Like so many other things we've gotten used to, it's just a matter of time before remembering our cloth bags becomes a habit."

**"It's just a matter of time before remembering the cloth bags becomes a habit."**

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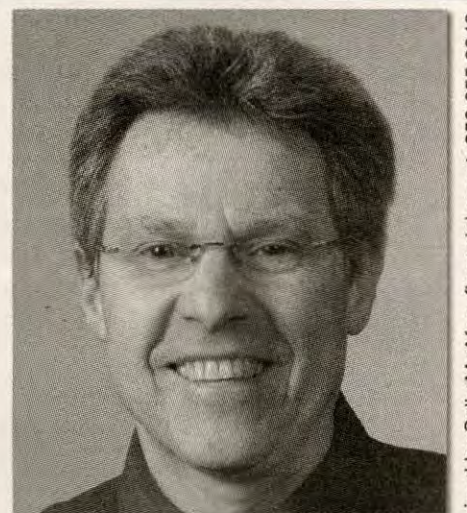
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# NEWSBEAT

## PROVINCIAL ELECTION

# Local all-candidates debate runs April 29 with small field

Nomination period closes with three Saanich North and the Islands choices

When provincial election candidate nominations closed on Friday, April 24, the Saanich North and the Islands list was shorter than it's ever been.

No last-minute "fringe" candidates joined the known trio of Tom Bradfield, Green party, incumbent Murray Coell for the Liberals, or NDP candidate Gary Holman.

Salt Spring residents can meet their three candidates tonight (Wednesday) at an all-candidates debate running from 6 to 8 p.m. at ArtSpring. The event is sponsored by the Driftwood newspaper.

For more general voting information residents should also have received a red-covered Elections BC flyer titled "Get ready to vote" in the mail. If the flyer is not received, contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 for all the information needed to vote on Tuesday, May 12. Details about the BC-STV referendum is also included in the flyer.

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when voting or registering to vote. A B.C. Driver's Licence, B.C. Identification Card or Certificate of Indian Status — all forms of photo ID — is acceptable.

For people who don't have photo ID cards, presentation of two of the following documents will suffice: government-issued identity documents, a provincial Where to Vote card, bank or credit card statement, insurance statement, utility bill or membership card. (A complete list is available in the flyer or at [www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca).)

Voters can also be vouched for by a voter in the riding "who does have the necessary identification, or a direct family member or someone who has legal authority to make personal care decisions for the voter."

Gulf Islands voters can vote in advance on May 6 through

9 at ArtSpring on Salt Spring, at the Saanich Fairgrounds at 1528 Stellys X Road in Central Saanich and the Shoal Centre at 10030 Resthaven Drive in Sidney.

A vote-by-mail package can also be requested through the Elections BC website or the local district electoral office at 250-544-4421; and voters can vote at any district electoral office in any riding if they will be away from their own riding during advance voting days or on May 12.

On May 12, polls will be open at Fernwood and Fulford elementary schools, and Gulf Islands Secondary School on Salt Spring; Mayne Island Agricultural Hall; Pender Island Community School; Saturna Island Recreation Centre; and Galiano Lions Hall.

Residents who have received a Where to Vote card in the mail should look on that card to determine their polling station.

In the 2005 election, Coell won the Saanich North and the Islands riding with 43.9 per cent of the vote, followed by NDP candidate Christine Hunt (37.28 per cent), Ken Rouleau (Green, 15.07 per cent) and Ian Bruce (Democratic Reform Party, 3.74 per cent).

Hunt topped all polls on the Gulf Islands.

## FIRE-RESCUE

# Salt Spring fire department heralds recruitment success

Chief's report recaps busy year

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More training opportunities, new recruits and a steady flow of calls were hallmarks of 2008, according to the annual report from Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield.

The island's fire department received 677 calls in 2008, including 258 first responder calls, 123 complaint calls, 85 public assist calls, 56 motor-vehicle accident

calls and nine structure fires. Call volume was down only slightly from the 682 calls recorded in 2007.

Enfield announced the successful recruitment of 14 new volunteers, bringing the fire department's roster up to 49 members.

"Education and training continues to be our highest priority," Enfield said at the fire protection district's annual general meeting on April 20.

"As for recruiting, we have followed the same pattern as previous years. Usually word of mouth [and/or] recommendations from

existing firefighters brings people out," he added.

"Personally, I believe that the prospect of working out of a new No. 1 fire hall and the advent of the training ground brought out the new people."

Enfield said a personal highlight for 2008 was the growth in confidence of every member from the deputy chief down to the newest recruits and "being able to give them the tools needed to feel comfortable in how they handle day-to-day situations."

Goals for 2009 include helping the fire protection district find the

best person available to carry on his job after his retirement later this year, Enfield said.

Acquisition of a fire extinguisher training simulator, 39 community tours of fire department facilities and the ever-popular annual summer training weekend offered members the chance to share their passion for the job with fellow firefighters from across the province and the public.

Due to budget cuts at the provincial level, the department will not provide FireSmart presentations aboard BC Ferries this summer. The presentation sought

to educate visitors to the Gulf Islands about fire dangers facing the region.

The chief commended retiring firefighters Mike Bartle, lieutenant Stan Mulder, Rick Kilbourn and 40-year veteran Dan Akerman.

He further noted that lieutenant Fiona Foster began a leave of absence to pursue a career in Alberta.

Last year also saw captains Todd McIntyre and Laurence Spencer awarded Government of Canada Long-Service Medals, marking 20 years of service.

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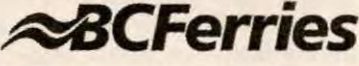
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While the Skeena Queen is removed from service, the Bowen Queen will operate as the replacement vessel for sailings between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay.

As the Bowen Queen is a smaller vessel, please note that overloads may occur. Where possible, passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and consider car pooling, travelling outside of peak sailing times and/or arriving at the terminal early for their desired sailing.

The Summer Saturday schedule will commence on Saturday, May 2 to accommodate heavy traffic that weekend and will continue to accommodate the smaller size of the Bowen Queen. This schedule will be in effect until the end of the summer. The **Saturday Schedule** is as follows:

Leave Fulford Harbour	Leave Swartz Bay
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7:45 am	8:30 am
9:15 am	10:00 am
10:45 am	11:30 am
12:15 pm	1:10 pm
2:00 pm	3:00 pm
3:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:50 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	9:00 pm

Commercial customers are advised that vehicles over 10 tonnes GVW (10,000 kg) are restricted to centre lane loading only on the Bowen Queen. As a result, available commercial vehicle capacity will also be reduced while the Bowen Queen is in service.

The Bowen Queen will stop for necessary fuelling on Wednesday nights. As a result, a 15-20 minute delay may occur on the 9:00 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay.

To assist commuters during the refit of the Skeena Queen, BC Ferries will provide parking at the Swartz Bay terminal to those Salt Spring residents who register in advance at the Swartz Bay General Office. Identification, license plate number and vehicle description are required at time of registration.

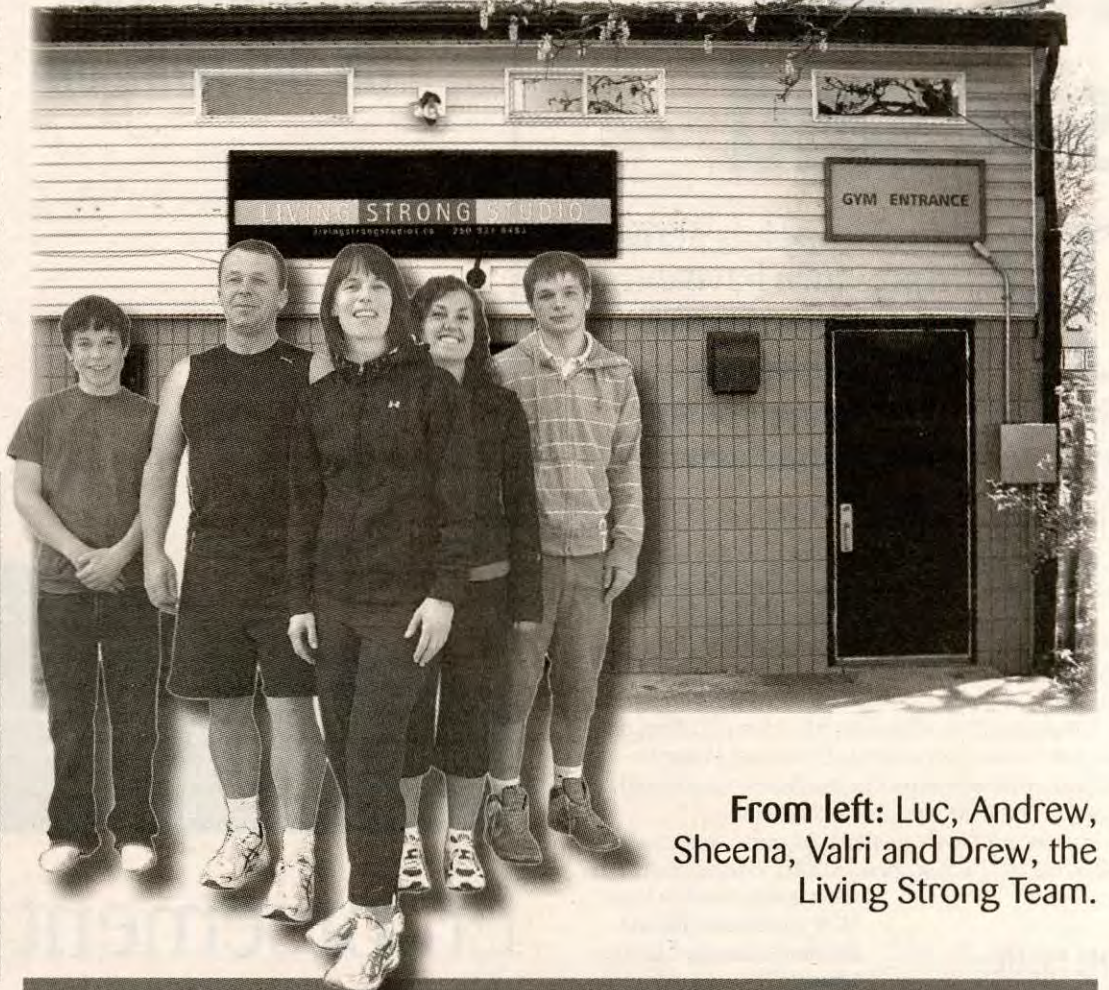
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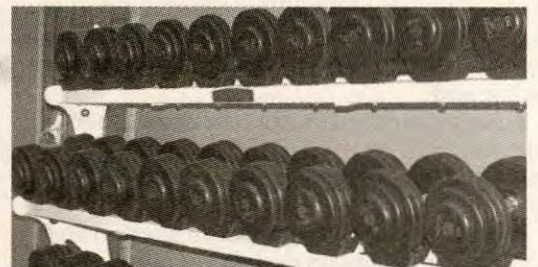
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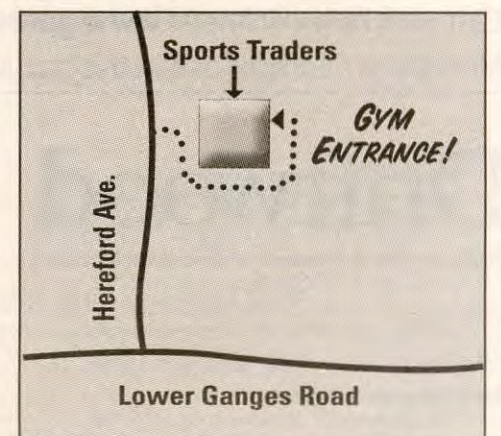


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**EDITORIAL**

## He said she said

Political hopefuls across the province have done just about everything to win over voters since the election campaign began what feels like so long ago on April 14.

They've blogged, streamed and twittered their hearts out in an effort to try and connect with younger voters.

They've hit up the classic campaign stops like Olympic venues, elder-care residences and down-on-their-luck mill towns to stir the hopes of special-interest groups.

A watering hole in Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts Bill Bennett's riding of Kootenay East even offered a free beer to prospective voters who would come in and meet the Liberal candidate.

Prospects for lively political discourse were dashed when the offer was suspended after word spread to the

news media and the local NDP candidate dubbed the ploy "a new low for the Liberals."

But why should we be surprised? This is politics as usual in the province.

In late March, it was Environment Minister Barry Penner who said his opponents had reached the new low, this time in response to a union-sponsored website

**THE ISSUE:**

Electoral doldrums

**WE SAY:**

More ideas, less bickering

that proclaims: "Gordon Campbell Eats Children" and "Gordon Campbell Tried To Kill Your Grandma."

Two parties reaching two "new lows" within a single month. Swell.

Meanwhile, there's not a lot of mention about how to reduce child poverty, maximize the efficiency of our healthcare system, clean up fish farms or get people back to work.

It may yet be early days, but candidates' failure to raise very many issues of significance may have something to do with the province's move to fixed election dates.

Parties no longer have to call an election and dissolve parliament on the basis of principles. Like spring certainties such as the Stanley Cup playoffs and yard work, elections just happen whether we like them, want them or really even need them.

As consumers we can vote with our wallets, but as voters we can't avoid the position we find ourselves in. In response, we must force discussion of the real issues when we have a chance. Salt Springers have that opportunity when they face local candidates to ask the hard questions at tonight's (April 29) all-candidates meeting at ArtSpring from 6 to 8 p.m.

Unfortunately, free beer will not be available.



## Enforcement tears community apart

**BY DEON VENTER**

It's not about the cars in the field. It's about "the elephant in the room."

- Interned during the Second World War due to race.

- Land and possessions confiscated and lost.
- Model farms allowed to fall into disrepair.
- Recent harassment, racial insults and death threats.

The Murakamis returned to this island to rebuild their lives and have been one of the most generous families of this community, for example:

- A yearly student grant to GISS.
- Donated land for a quality, low-income housing development for the community.
- Assisting the less fortunate at no or little cost for repairing their vehicles.
- Assisting work/learning skills for high school students.
- And the list goes on . . .

Richard Murakami does this island a service by recycling our vehicles when they are wrecked or die. Otherwise, these vehicles would be strewn here and there all over the island. Richard has constructed a fence around these vehicles, which makes them less visible to the public at large. Some serviceable car parts are re-used and regularly the wrecks and discards are crushed for efficient transport and recycling off the island.

The vehicles have been scheduled to be crushed later this year and removed. In the meantime, the Murakamis' most pressing priority, after their house and contents burned down, has been to rebuild their home and see the completion of Murakami Gardens for the community.

There are no immediate residential properties around the Murakamis other than their own or land donated to the community. The Murakamis are isolated by their own land, a public

### VIEWPOINT

I encourage all to sign in support of the Murakamis.

park, the Windsor Plywood building and lumberyard, and the high school. They were there long before any of these were constructed. Obviously, it was not an immediate residential neighbour who made the anonymous complaint.

Richard had vehicles in his field long before the Islands Trust Act or the Agricultural Land Reserve came into place, i.e. before CRD Bylaw #66 came into place in 1971 and before the Islands Trust was created in 1974.

This kind of bylaw enforcement will tear our community apart. I feel that the community of Salt Spring cannot sit this one out. I, for one, strongly urge the Trust to reconsider the principle of grandfathering this activity and other uses that were existing before the subsequent newer regulations.

There is currently a petition circulating on behalf of the Murakamis and the grandfathering principle. I encourage all to sign in support of the Murakami family and the related principle of "live and let live."

On googling Miles Drew, I found this following quote attributed to him: "For us as bylaw officers, it's all about the tape measure."

The heavy-handed manner in which Islands Trust bylaw enforcement has dealt with the Murakamis amounts to exceeding the mandate to negotiate and seek voluntary compliance (only), and not to act as judge, jury and executioner by threatening legal action.

It would be good if Mr. Drew could do us all a favour and see if his tape measure is long enough to measure the contributions and generosity of the Murakamis to this community. Anonymous complaints leave us all vulnerable to malicious complaints.

The writer is an internationally known artist living on Salt Spring.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

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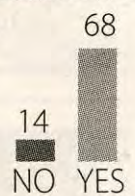
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Do you support the banning of plastic bags?**



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Everything the world knows about itself is from the stories we've told, whether it's truth or lies."

AUTHOR PHYLLIS SMALLMAN

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What can be done to increase voter turnout for the provincial election?



EMMA DRURY

*I've heard that in Australia people are required to vote, and that seems like a great idea. That would solve it.*



DEB THIELEN

*Just creating more of a buzz and organizing forums for people to become more educated about issues.*



OSCAR KEMPE

*A lot of the issues seem like complete jargon. Aside from the politicians, we need more people talking about politics.*



MAGGIE WARBEY

*Have different candidates.*



JOHAN ULLMAN

*Better campaign platforms. I find a lot of the talk is about what's in need now and not necessarily in the long-term interest.*

## 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](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.**

### Majority is real authority

This is not democracy: this is full-bore, hard-core Babel.

Imagine the legislature should STV pass. According to the naifs of STV, more minority parties will force the dominant players to seek coalitions of consensus and compromise resulting in better government for us all.

Do you, Mr. and Ms. Voter, really want ongoing coalitions for every substantial piece of legislation? Do you really want more political wrangling, horse trading and back-slapping cronyism?

We are assured by the STV utopians that the legislature cannot possibly become our version of the Israeli Knesset or, god forbid, the Italian

parliament. Why not? Where is this reservoir of good will? As I write, the Greens are doing their best to kneecap Carole James.

STV only exacerbates the fundamental problem we have provincially and nationally, which is parliamentary majorities elected by a minority of voters. Mr. Chretien ruled for years on 40 per cent. Mr. Harper is prime minister by not much more than a third of the votes. The only truly democratic solution is a run-off so that whoever wins wins by a majority. Majority means real authority and real democracy.

Under STV's math magic, seats can be taken with as little as 15 per cent of the vote. STV means computer software written by who knows whom according to who knows what will determine the final disposition of

your vote.

The only sure winners with STV will be the media, pundits, bloggers and political junkies. Vote "no" and know you did the right thing.

**CHARLES BRETH,**  
SALT SPRING

### Take back politics

I will soon be making one of the most important political choices of my life: voting yes to the BC-STV.

When we vote on May 12 we will have the opportunity to choose a new electoral system, one that more accurately reflects voters' preferences and values.

This is a landmark decision we are participating in — one that could create a true, modern democracy, where all voices are heard, not just those of the major-

ity. The time for change is now — our land and our people need this. Let's change our electoral system to the single transferable vote and take back politics!

**SHOSHANAH RAY,**  
SALT SPRING

### Housing obstacles

Rick Laing hit the nail on the head (April 22 "Good concept, bad location" letter).

It takes more than one willing party to make affordable housing come to life.

I forgot that I had worked on the exact property he brought up, around 2002.

That makes at least 18 properties I have researched in depth, properties that at first showed real promise for community housing.

Each one took time and money to research and all

but three had obstacles too great to overcome. Either they could not be made viable, the owner could not wait, the owner decided not to sell, a backer backed away, or some other reason came up to stroke it off the list.

Not only is a willing vendor required, but the timing has to be right for funding. A successful project requires significant grants and loans from governments and foundations as well as a land price with a maximum of about \$20,000-\$25,000 for each self-contained unit.

Even the five acres "secured" for free by the Islands Trust for affordable housing on the Victoria Catholic diocese property 14 years ago is still tied up and unattainable.

Meanwhile, Brackett Spring could give us an opportunity to have afford-

able homes on a property not so far for the bus to extend (Rainbow Road), where there is the ability to protect many trees with covenants, the possibility to use a cluster design surrounded by green space with large setbacks from the neighbours and the chance to use something of a cooperative model to create community.

Without donated land or a willing vendor and the potential funding (parties coming together), secure affordable housing will continue to remain an unrealized top priority that we can only talk about. It is up to us.

Definitely call me if you want to donate the kind of land that Rick is talking about.

**PAT (NEDDY) HARRIS,**  
SSI LAND BANK SOCIETY

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A11

## Forces of nature conspire to give us Year of Radish

Springtime on Salt Spring is all about promise and unlimited potential. Everywhere you look, all you can see are buds budding, blooms blooming and shoots shooting. These are the usual rites of spring.

All winter you've been dreaming of this time of year. You've closed your eyes and imagined the sensation of sinking your hands into the warm soil, gently breaking up lumps of clay between your fingers, and massaging in the sweet fragrant loam. Sometimes the sensation has overcome you and you've had to calm yourself down with a cold shower.

You've dropped a small fortune at your garden supply centre. New hand tools and fresh new gardening gloves sit on the kitchen table, waiting to get to work. You've read your seed catalogue cover to cover and you can spend hours extolling the virtues of a burpless cucumber (even if there's no one around to listen).

You have an irresistible urge to sing "Spring is Bustin' Out All Over" while you drive into town with your latest shopping list. You can hardly wait to start filling up your freezers, cold cellars, pantries, larders and canning jars.

In your mind's eye, you see the forces of nature aligning themselves just for you. The days grow longer, the sun climbs in the sky, the soil warms and the rain gently falls. Even the birds and bees are gathering just beyond your window to play their part in this seasonal ritual. You truly believe that all the factors for growth (soil, water, nutrients,

pH, et cetera) will rally around you. You hear a soft murmur rising from the ground to your ear.

"I will grow for you," it promises.

At least, that's what this season should be like. However, this year, something is terribly amiss. The rites of spring have all gone wrong.

It's been five weeks now and you're still waiting. Oh yes, there's the return of light, the lengthening days, the chirping of the bird life in the mornings and the croaking of the frogs in the evenings — all signs that spring has sprung on Salt Spring. By this time, the garden should be bursting (or at least straining) at the seams with the promise of summer's fruitful harvest.

Instead, Mother Nature must have something else on her mind. The continuing night frosts and chilly mornings are her way of saying, "not so fast, Mr. Green Jeans." The calendar, seed catalogues and gardening books are all screaming for you to get your seeds in the ground NOW, but old Mother N. doesn't seem to want to cooperate. In a sense, what you are experiencing is nothing short of a breach of contract. Despite your enthusiasm, optimism and boundless energy, she seems to be loudly proclaiming, "No fecund way!"

What is so difficult to comprehend is that this spring Mother Nature is rooting for "the Other Guys." She has gone over to the Dark

Side. You see, the chartered members of the Axis of Gardening Evil (aka weeds, insects, fungi and bacteria) have joined forces and are now conspiring against your utopian dreams. The battle lines are drawn. And leading the troops is none other than the Unseasonably Cold Weather.

So far this spring it's been frost, frost, frost, warm day, warmer day, cooler day, frost, frost, snow on Mount Bruce. According to Agriculture Canada, our climate zone is supposed to average between 200 and 250 frost-free days a year. Nobody asked me, but as far as I'm concerned, this reassures me about as much as the frost-free guarantee on a second-hand fridge.

I think I must be on my 32nd planting of peas. Normally, by this time the first sowing should be knee high and starting to flower. Instead, I have layer upon layer of rotting and composting pea seeds. My row of peas is more like a pea cemetery. I'm thinking of taking the white plastic row markers and stapling them together as miniature white crosses. Can the Tomb of the Ungrown Pea be far away?

At the rate we're going this season, we'll be lucky if we get 50 days when we won't need snowshoes to make our way down to the garden. We might as well be sowing our seeds in some high Arctic tundra, or perhaps on some iceberg floating along aimlessly in Hudson Bay.



Shilo Zylbergold

**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**



# Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

2008 was a landmark year for Salt Spring Island with the opening of the Rainbow Road indoor pool, the result of years of tireless work by countless pockets of the community. There are many to thank for making the vision a reality: from the past commissioners who put in hundreds of volunteer hours; to the community forces that came together to make up Ssplash who have done an amazing job of fundraising and organizing community events to promote the pool; and to the many many individuals who have donated their time in the various committees that have overseen the design and construction of the facility; to the Provincial Government for their \$2,000,000 Community Initiatives Grant. While the taxes approved and raised for pool construction, and ongoing pool operation, constitute significant support from the entire community, it would not have been nearly enough on its own. The project leads as a example of a whole community initiative with inestimable contributions from across the island in all phases of its development – and it hasn't stopped yet. Community committees continue to provide advisory roles and fundraising has not stopped for further enhancements to the pool.

Beyond the pool, PARC has been proud to participate in a number of other Salt Spring successes. The Market in the Park has continued to shine as a central hub of activity, trade and art for both locals and tourists. Drawing tens of thousands of tourists every season, the market paid for itself again in 2008 with no cost to taxpayers for PARC's role in coordinating the weekly venue for artists, artisans, farmers and bakers.

A major responsibility of PARC is the maintenance and development of the island's trail network. Another community volunteer group – the Trails Advisory Committee – continued its consistent and invaluable work towards developing trails and water accesses in every part of the island, connecting neighbourhoods and promoting pedestrian and biking alternatives to automobile transportation on the island as well as recreational multi-use trail usage. The Trails Committee is made up of islanders from a variety of interests and meets monthly to provide 'on the ground' advice to PARC on park dedication opportunities, connection options and water access improvements. 2008 saw the completion of two major improvements for ocean accesses as part of a systematic review of ocean access opportunities under a licence agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for PARC. More is yet to come.

2008 also ushered in an almost entirely new Commission – 8 out of 9 Commissioners including a new CRD Director (the 9th Commissioner). As the lone voice hailing from Commissions past, I'd like to welcome them all to the 'post pool construction' era of PARC, with a special welcome for the new manager, Kees Ruurs, who comes to us with a wealth of experience in parks, recreation and pool operations. The skills and knowledge he brings to the table are an invaluable contribution to the issues and debates that face the Commission.

This Commission faces a special challenge in the formation of a new strategic plan in a process that was initiated in 2008. The task is to gather and consolidate the community's wishes on future directions and priorities for parks and recreation on the island, and PARC's role in that. In reviewing the previous strategic plan, it can be seen that PARC has come a long way in the last years and stands ready to listen to the changing voice of Salt Spring and set new goals. It is thanks to all those involved as Commissioners, staff and other volunteers from 2008 and before who lent their wisdom and time to help bring PARC to the solid ground it sits on now. A range of opportunities will be made for islanders to voice their opinions and thoughts and provide input to the new strategic plan and I encourage all to take advantage of them. Apart from these formal opportunities for input on the strategic plan, keep in mind that every Commission meeting is a public meeting and the PARC office can be reached five days a week with your input. Our job is to represent the interests of the Salt Spring community, so don't be shy.

**Rob Wiltzen**  
PARC Chair



Pool users take advantage of the variety of fitness and recreational experiences offered at the Rainbow Road Indoor Pool.

## Beach Access Improvements

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, under the CRD, has recently entered into a Licence of Occupation with the Ministry of Transportation over a number of beach accesses on the island. The sites currently covered under this agreement are ocean accesses at Bayside, Bigelow Road, the foot of Churchill Road, the Fulford foreshore adjacent to Drummond Park, Kingfisher Cove and Quarry Drive adjacent to Quarry Drive Park. The licence will be reviewed yearly, with the intent that additional sites be added when feasible.



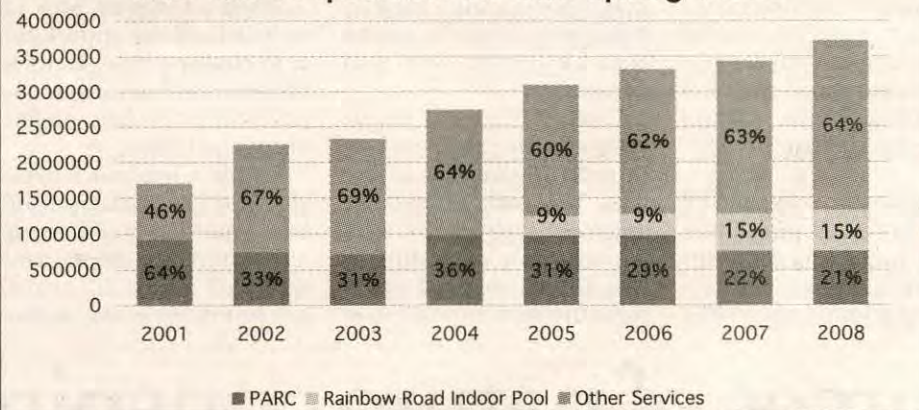
The stone steps at the foot of Churchill Road have sustained severe storm damage over the past few winters, as has the stairway at the Quarry Drive access. Both sites were closed to the public, for a few months in 2008, due to safety concerns. Once PARC received permission from the Ministry of Air, Land and Water BC, crews constructed concrete landings, ramps and stairways, and reinforced the banks at both accesses so as to withstand erosion from high tides and storm activity. Both upgrades were completed by the end of September.

The site, at the end of Churchill Road is a popular beach access year round, not only for swimming and family picnics, but as the only public launch site for kayaks and canoes near the town.

The trail in Quarry Drive Park leads down to a sandy beachfront area. It can be hiked in approximately 10 minutes (one way) and contains some steep grades. From here you can walk to Booth Canal and during low tide and explore the tidal pools.

For more information on beach accesses under PARC jurisdiction, please contact the administration office.

## CRD Tax Requisition on Salt Spring Island



## SALT SPRING ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Operating Period ending December 31, 2008



### SOURCES OF INCOME

Requisition.....	1,320,890
Market.....	50,602
Programs.....	182,212
Carry Forward – Prior Years.....	307,603
Other.....	10,222
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,871,529</b>

### EXPENSES

Active Parks.....	114,119
Trails and Passive Parks.....	150,865
Market.....	49,359
Programs.....	415,203
Start Up Costs.....	100,000
Grants to Community Groups.....	27,914
General Administration.....	296,032
Capital and Major Repairs.....	56,471
Transfer to Reserve Funds.....	102,172
Debt Servicing.....	352,106
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,664,241</b>

**Surplus/(Deficit).....207,288**

The difference of revenue over expenditures, of \$207,288 is the result of reduced start up and operating costs due to the delayed indoor pool opening, lower interest rates on borrowing for the new indoor pool, and projects that were deferred to 2009. These funds have been carried forward into the 2009 budget so that the projects can be completed without increasing the tax requisition.

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#### Commission Meetings.....

PARC usually meets on the last Monday of every month, in the PARC Portable at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

#### To speak to the Commission.....

PARC invites comments or suggestions from members of the public at the beginning of each meeting, but we ask that your presentation be limited to 5 minutes. Please email the PARC office at [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com) at least one week before the meeting to be put on the agenda. Time has been allotted for three delegations per meeting.

#### To have the Commission speak to your group.....

Please contact the PARC office at 250-537-4448 to arrange a time and date.

### PARC COMMISSIONERS FOR 2008

- Gayle Baker (June 2008-present)
- Robert Brewer (until May 2008)
- Carol Dodd (until May 2008)
- Ben Goodman (June 2008-present)
- Brenda Guiled (June 2008-present)
- Gary Holman, CRD Director
- Fraser Hope (until May 2008)
- Brian Little (until August 2008)
- Margery Moore (May-Dec 2008)
- Steve Peterson
- Derek Topping
- Rob Wiltzen

### PARC COMMISSIONERS FOR 2009

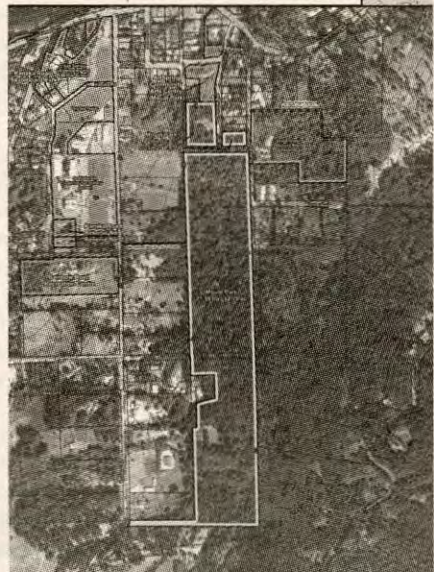
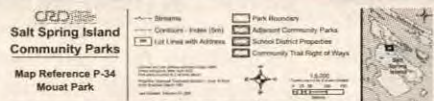
- Gayle Baker
- Ron Chamney
- Gregg Dow
- Ben Goodman
- Brenda Guiled
- Stanley Shapiro
- Darlene Steele, Alternate CRD Director
- Jon Suk
- Rob Wiltzen

### Did you know ....

PARC has stewardship over more than 300 acres of parkland, including the 55-acre Mouat Park. Located next to the downtown core, this park offers wonderful opportunities for leisure and recreation activities that are easily accessible to all. Take a long or short walk through the network of hiking trails, enjoy a picnic, or play disc golf at the free public course (a great sport for all ages). The entrance to the park is on Seaview Drive, just past ArtSpring.

Salt Spring community parks are for everyone. We have nature parks and hiking trails, sport parks, beach parks, quiet parks in the downtown core, and public walkways. Located all over the island, our parks provide beautiful views, majestic forest trails, contemplative corners, sunny beaches with sea breezes, and places to play and picnic.

Visit our website [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) for information on other community parks.



**MORE LETTERS**

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**Supportive islanders**

Awesome! Just perfect! I grew up learning about the injustices done to my family due in part to ignorance. How wonderful to learn that they are being persecuted yet again. Sigh... It is so sad that people are not learning from past mistakes. My grandparents Kimiko and Katsuori Murakami constantly helped out people in need throughout their lives and that gracious trait has been passed down to their children despite the hardships that they have endured over the years.

Thank goodness for the lovely islanders who are supporting my Uncle Richard. They are a part of the reason that my family is full of love and forgiveness.

It is a waste of space to rehash the discrimination as they are forgiven infractions, but my only wish is that all people could evolve and envelop the true nature of humanity that the wonderful, supportive islanders have displayed toward my family.

**AKIKO KAREN MICAL BENNETT,**  
SURREY, B.C.

**Still hassled**

They say that the more that things change the more they stay the same.

The 14 years that I spent on Salt Spring were in many ways some of the best of my entire lifetime.

When I and my now ex-wife came to Salt Spring, our twin daughters were born here, and I was a commercial fisherman who spent months away from home. I usually did most of my own mechanical work while at home. However, when car trouble hit while I was away, Richard Murakami was the man to whom one's wife took the car.

He would do a good, reasonable job — no ripping anyone off! And one could go fishing

with peace of mind.

But back to things remaining the same. In the 1980s Richard Murakami was being hassled for cars in his back field. Like others, I contributed to his collection. Often we would trade parts, or with Richard it was "take what you need."

But now I'm told that "the powers that be" are virtually denying the existence of Murakami's mechanical operation in the past. I guess all of us who took our vehicles — or whose wives, girlfriends, mistresses, whatever, did — to Richard Murakami must have imagined the whole thing?

So! In 2009 history repeats itself. Once again Murakami is being hassled! What for?!

With my various moves — Salt Spring to the Powell River area to Clearwater where I now reside — I've been followed by incorporation, which means garbage disposal plans that look like they've been designed by the Mad Hatter and the March Hare. The recently elected town council in Clearwater has been playing the role of a very large cane toad in a miniature puddle.

They realize that the Campbell government has stripped whatever real power these small municipalities ever had and have enacted a bunch of annoying bylaws — noise, no logging trucks parked in your driveway, etc. When you don't have real authority you've got to give that illusion.

I thought Salt Spring was past all of that. Guess I was wrong!

**DENNIS PEACOCK,**  
CLEARWATER, B.C.

**Concert lifts the spirit**

A loud bravo to George Sipos, Simon Rook and all others responsible for bringing the Selvaggi Trio to ArtSpring for a concert on April 22.

"Outstanding" is an adjective to be used sparingly, but one that fits the trio of Grace

Fong (piano), Jun Iwasaki (violin) and Patrick Jee (cello). Their technical brilliance, infectious energy and sheer enjoyment of making music together enable them to communicate with startling clarity to the audience. It is remarkable how seamlessly they meld as a trio, considering that they are busy professional musicians based in different cities in the USA.

Their program of Hadyn, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn, with a charming encore by Piazzolla, was first-rate. Haydn's well-known "Gypsy" Trio in G illustrates that composer's elegance and wit. Not a note was out of place. The whirling melodies of the last movement had violinist Iwasaki leaping out of his chair.

The Shostakovich Trio No. 2 in E Minor is a somber commentary on the Holocaust and other horrors of the 20th century. It is an intense piece, marked by vivid contrapuntal exchanges

between the violin and cello and a series of rhythmic and melodic phrases, some derived from Jewish music, for all three instruments. It packs a powerful punch. Felix Mendelssohn's second piano trio is a romantic tour-de-force in classical form. With its cascade of notes, the work poses a formidable challenge to the pianist, which Grace Fong met deftly, her fingers flying up and down the keyboard with deceptive ease.

It was a privilege to hear a concert of this quality, presented in an out-of-the-way place like ours, by gifted young performers like these. It lifts the spirit. It makes you realize how much music like this matters.

As cellist Patrick Jee said in the pre-concert chat, once you connect with great music, you cannot live without it. Access to music of this calibre should be promoted and encouraged in our land. The apparent policy of our

federal government and public broadcaster, the CBC, to reduce access to and support for music of this calibre, when they should be doing just the opposite, is a shameful disservice to all Canadians.

The Selvaggi Trio said they would like to return to ArtSpring some day. If they do, as I hope they will, I encourage all Salt Springers with an interest in fine music to make a point of hearing them.

**ASHLEY HILLIARD,**  
MEYER ROAD

**Pearson thanks**

A field of roses to the Salt Spring Emergency Services who came to our rescue so quickly when our home was on fire last week.

Many, many thanks for all your hard work and efforts through the night. A special thanks to Todd McIntyre, who was first on the scene, and also to the unknown fireman who took the care to remove

the pins on a vintage door as opposed to using a fire axe.

Bouquets of roses to the Salt Spring community as a whole: thank you for all the generous food drop-offs, gifts, hugs and overwhelming support. Words cannot express our gratitude to our neighbours, dearest friends and family for all their kindness and support.

A thoughtful rose for the memory of Simone Chantelu and her family, who originally built this historic homestead.

Dozens of roses to Lil, Al, Daniel and Ty for taking care of us through this difficult time. We are so very grateful for all the support given to us. A friend reminded us of the old Buddhist proverb "House burnt down, now I can see the moon."

**THE PEARSON FAMILY,**  
EPRON ROAD

**Institution**

I recently returned to the island to discover that Richard Murakami

is again under attack — unbelievable! The old cars on Richard's property are practically a public resource... anyone who has lived here for any length of time knows about Richard's legendary generosity with his car parts.

As a single mom on Salt Spring, for many years I was able to keep my vehicles in safe running order with Richard's guidance and generosity, and I know dozens of other people who are big Richard fans for the same reason. The man is an institution here, for heaven's sake! The order to remove the cars is just one more step in the direction of making it impossible for ordinary (unwealthy?) people to live here, which may in fact be the mean-spirited intention of the complainer in the first place.

Shame on you, whoever you are!  
**JANE STACK,**  
BAKER ROAD

LETTERS continued on A12

**New Transit Service Begins Saturday, May 2**

Salt Spring Island transit service changes to reflect the seasonal ferry schedules.

The following service will be in effect from **May 2 to June 29**. The schedules shown update the Saturday service published in the May 2 Rider's Guide.



1 Ganges Local					
Monday - Friday					
A	D	H	C	A	
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Meadowbrook	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworthy Place	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22	
10:00	10:03	10:06	10:10	10:17	
11:50	11:53	11:56	12:00	12:07	
2:05	2:08	2:11	2:15	2:22	
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22	
6:05	6:08	6:11	6:15c	—	
Saturday					
8:10	8:13	8:16	8:20	8:27	
9:50	9:53	9:56	10:00	10:07	
11:20	11:23	11:26	11:30	11:37	
1:05	1:08	1:11	1:15	1:22	
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22	
6:15	6:18	6:21	6:25c	—	

c - Combined route: Trip continues as 3 Vesuvius & 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Brinkworthy Place.

2 Fulford Harbour										
Monday - Friday										
A	I	J	K	E	E	K	J	I	A	
Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Cushoon Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cushoon Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre	
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00	
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00	
11:00	11:06	11:13	11:17	11:20	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00	
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Saturday										
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10:00	10:06	10:13	10:17	10:20	10:40	10:43	10:47	10:54	11:00	
10:15e	—	—	—	10:40	10:50	10:53	10:57	11:04	11:10	
11:30	11:36	11:43	11:47	11:50	12:10	12:13	12:17	12:24	12:30	
12:35	12:41	12:48	12:52	12:55	12:55	12:58	1:02	1:09	1:15	
1:15	1:21	1:28	1:32	1:35	1:50	1:53	1:57	2:04	2:10	
2:55	3:01	3:08	3:12	3:15	3:15	3:18	3:22	3:29	3:35	
2:55e	—	—	—	3:20	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00	
5:00	5:06	5:13	5:17	5:20	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00	
5:15e	—	—	—	5:40	5:50	5:53	5:57	6:04	6:10	

e - Express route: via Cushoon Lake Rd. to Fulford Harbour. Limited pickup and drop off.

3 Vesuvius					
Monday - Friday					
A	F	G	G	F	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
12:10	12:17	12:25	12:37	12:43	12:50
3:30	3:37	3:45	3:57	4:03	4:10
4:30	4:37	4:45	4:57	5:03	5:10
6:05c	6:19	6:25	—	—	—
Saturday					
8:35	8:42	8:50	9:02	9:08	9:15
12:10	12:17	12:25	12:37	12:43	12:50
3:35	3:42	3:50	3:57	4:03	4:10
6:15c	6:29	6:35	—	—	—

c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local and continues as 3 Vesuvius.

4 Long Harbour		
Monday - Friday		
A	L	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
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Saturday		
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5 Fernwood		
Monday to Friday		
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Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	11:00
2:25	2:38	2:55
6:05c	6:38	6:53
Saturday		
11:00	11:13	11:30
2:20	2:33	2:50
6:15c	6:48	7:03

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## OPINION

### MORE LETTERS

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### Organic means

Dandelions!  
Those golden blossoms that suddenly appear in the formerly pristine green lawn cause many gardeners to reach for or buy some toxic substance to get rid of them. But wait. With these flowers come the bees, butterflies, ladybugs and birds that depend on them for food.

This is the most crucial time of year for migrating and nesting birds.

The hummingbird has been gathering fluff for her nest, and yesterday my daughter called to say that a flock of 30 migrating golden crowned sparrows had arrived at her feeder. I saw a thrush in the garden and warblers in the shrubs. The song sparrow and finches fill the air with their songs, and the robins cruise my weedy lawn for worms.

I hear the frogs chorus in the evening and see the orchard bees on my fruit trees and bumble bees in the flower garden, and I am so grateful . . . grateful for their existence here — and grateful for my neighbours who don't use herbicides, fungicides or insecticides.

At a time when both wild and domestic bee populations are threatened, when frogs are mutating and disappearing world-wide, and many bird populations are under threat, it is essential that we find and use organic means to cope with what we call weeds.

There are solutions available, or we can just enjoy the other plants and remember the daisy chains and dandelion crowns we once made. I hope children still do those things.

**NANCY WIGEN, FERNWOOD**

### Home inspection

I appreciated the article last week about licensing home inspectors. ("Home inspector licensing in effect.")

To be a qualified home inspector, I have taken numerous courses and educational

upgrades. This is an ongoing process. For me, when licensing came to pass, all I had to do was to apply and provide my credentials.

Up until April 1, anyone who cared to could hang out a shingle and call themselves a home inspector. It was up to you and other home buyers to sort out if the inspector knew what he/she was doing.

Now, home inspectors are required to carry their licence and to provide it on request.

The consumer's interests are protected by the knowledge that to get a licence, we had to meet certain criteria and that if there is a problem, they are backed by the BPCPA (Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority), an independent authority that regulates a variety of industries.

B.C. is the first province to license home inspectors. Other provinces are currently looking into it.

I personally take pride in my inspections. I enjoy the opportunity to discuss the results with my client and to help them understand what is involved with any issues with the home.

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**BOB PATTERSON, PILLAR TO POST HOME INSPECTIONS**

### Volunteering

I believe the article in last week's Driftwood re Volunteer Salt Spring ("Volunteering: a way of life worth preserving") gave me undue credit.

The idea of its formation and encouragement all along the way may have been mine. But the major credit for its creation and operation belongs to others.

There is not space here to name them all, but the main ones were Carol Biely, Ruth Pepin, Ann Williams, the Salt Spring Island Foundation and the Community Services Society.

Carol's vast experience in the volunteer sector at the municipal, provincial and federal levels was invaluable. Ruth was

the main one who developed the various brochures and website material.

Ann developed and administers the website itself. The Salt Spring Island Foundation has provided funding from time to time.

The Community Services Society took Volunteer Salt Spring "under its wing" to provide administrative support.

Volunteer Salt Spring is basically a "clearing house" to match prospective volunteers with volunteer opportunities. Check it out at [www.volunteersaltspring.com](http://www.volunteersaltspring.com).

**BOB RUSH, SALT SPRING**

### Soccer stimulates local economy

Hats off to Malcolm Legg and his staff of volunteers for the fabulous soccer event they brought to Salt Spring this past weekend.

With 40-plus teams from all over B.C. and Alberta, it brought the island to life and demonstrated the wares of a great promoter — bringing a much-needed boost to Salt Spring's economy.

Mr. Legg and his team also reminded us of the good times when we see joy in the faces of the youth who participated in the Windsor Plywood Cup.

As a small business operator, I was thrilled to have more than a thousand soccer enthusiasts, be they kids, parents, chaperones, coaches and the support teams shopping, eating and staying on the island for two and three days, helping support our businesses.

The question continues to linger, however: how is it we have a Parks and Recreation Commission and former CRD director that willingly committed \$600,000 of our tax dollars to the Salt Spring Tennis Association with a non-existent youth tennis program and yet has never funded the Salt Spring soccer organization?

**SHIRLEY LAMBERT, GANGES**

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The Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society would like to thank the community for the tremendous support we have received for Heiwa Garden in Peace Park, in particular the following businesses, organizations and individuals:

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There are so many more who volunteered their time, or made other contributions we would like to thank personally, and hope you will join us on

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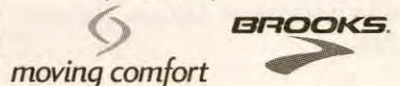




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**BOAT TALK:** Salt Spring Marina manager Lesley Cheeseman directs tug boat operators into Ganges Harbour where they converged for Salt Spring's second annual American Tug gathering on Saturday. The event brought together the owners of 12 vessels from Nanaimo, Vancouver, Salt Spring Island and the United States.

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The 150 volunteers at the library send 150 long stemmed, pure white roses to all their patrons as a token of appreciation for their patience and forbearance while we fully master the new library computer system. Let the petals fall where they may. We thank you sincerely, and will soon be up to snuff. But please remember to bring your library card. With this new system, we need the card for all transactions.

Fernwood Elementary School would like to send a big bunch of roses to Ron Holcroft for the awesome donations to our school library. Thank you!

Bunches of colourful roses to the local businesses who supported the Centre School's Art Lottery: Salt Spring Cheese, Country Grocer, Thrifty's, The Local, SS Vineyards, The Rental Stop, Barnyard Grafix, Gecko Green Living and SS Books.

When my anniversary roses failed to open, the wonderful flower ladies at Country Grocer saved my husband's skin with an armload of lovely roses, lilies and the most beautiful tulips. Thanks — you just won all my business! Signed, Happy

Roses of thanks to Len Voegeli for donating his whole change jar to our Toonies for Tree Frog drive. You're great!

Full Scale Excavating sends excavator buckets full of sweet-smelling roses to Laurie Hedger's Recycling and Salt Spring Garbage: Nancy and Laurie, John and Pam,

and their crews, for their excellent service in disposing of the ambulance building. Drew Jory.

Several dozen roses in heartfelt thanks to Kim Hunter for taking over the stage managing duties on Tuesday. You were terrific. Thank you. JR.

Beautiful pastel roses to Sue King at Fables Cottage for making Kane's Easter eighth birthday "eggstra" special! From Kane's family and friends.

Our sincere thank you to John Quesnel and crew for taking away all of our metal "junk" in such a professional manner. Ted & Marg

For the rest of my life, thank you to Catherine and Laura. You rock! Rob

A rumour of angels to all the participants who took my Findhorn cooking class. It was sheer

delight for me. Bless you, Jonn Ashlie

A pantry full of African violets for the kind people and businesses who supported GISS's African dinner fundraiser. These include Thrifty's, Country Grocer, Robert Bateman, Island Escapades, West of the Moon, Catherine at the Fulford Post Office, Island Star Video, The Salt Spring Inn, Talia Cafe, Rainbow Trading, Jill Louise Campbell, Old Salty, Windflower Moon, Pomodoro, Sweet Somethings Gallery, Skin Sensations, Harlan's Chocolates, Salt Spring Books, B-Side Clothing, and Sports Traders. We would also like to thank SOLID for their ongoing support, Positively Africa for telling us about the project, Maggie Ziegler and Phil Vernon for their amazing presentation, James, whose music provided heart and soul to the evening, and our two young drummers, Willem and

Aina. From Kelda Logan and GISS's Global Awareness group.

Huge bunches of roses for the staff at Harbour House Hotel, Mouat's Clothing Co., Old Salty's, Mouat's Home Hardware, The Local, Harlans and especially Lesley at Salt Spring Marina from the American Tugs Owners Group for making us so welcome at our get-together this weekend.

Arvid helped me find my ring when I lost it off a deck/patio of a local restaurant. We would love to acknowledge this kind deed. If it wasn't for him going out of his way, we wouldn't have found it. Natalie and Rich from Calgary

A truck full of roses and congratulations to Louise Faulkner of Salt Spring for completing the 10K in Victoria with a personal time of 54 minutes. Love, Mum & Dad

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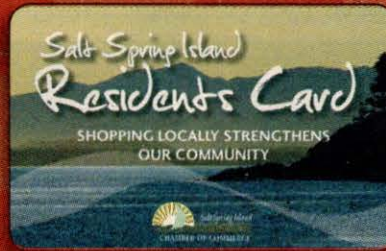
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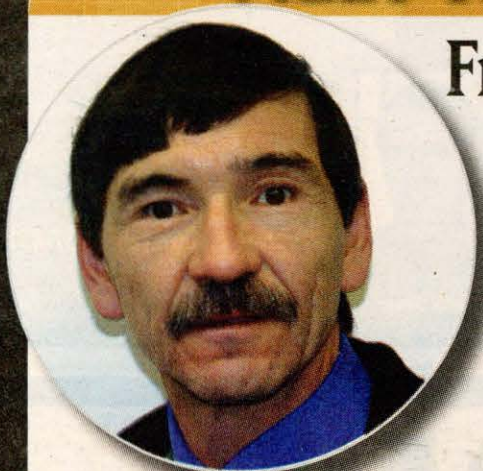
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In small pan over medium heat whisk together **2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon maple syrup, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 finely minced green onion** (use the whole thing), **2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, 1 tablespoon milk, 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper**. When heated through, remove from heat and serve warm over 4 cups prepared pasta and top with salmon, or serve over cedar plank salmon hot off the grill.

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# Half truths, exaggerations in BC-STV claims

BY MARTIN WAIGH

Having only recently returned to B.C. from several years in Europe, I knew nothing about BC-STV and so looked up the BC-STV website. My guard was immediately raised by the strong language and bold assertions contained therein, so I did a little digging.

When someone asserts that our B.C. political system has failed, that it causes the election of a government that most voters don't want, that it prevents the election of women through its structural defects, my first reaction is one of incredulity. The louder one proclaims this failure, the more I don't believe it.

For example, the BC-STV site infers that STV is used by the following countries, presumably to elect representatives to the legislative house of the government: Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. Can't be bad if those countries are using it, right?

In fact, Australia uses STV to elect their senate and the upper house representatives in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. The only legislative or lower house to use STV is Tasmania, a largely rural island of 500,000 people living in 26,000 square miles or a little over twice the size of Vancouver Island. New Zealand only uses STV for elections in local government. Scotland only uses STV for election of candidates in city councils.

Ireland and Malta have used STV for many years and provide examples of the success of having women elected to parliament. In Ireland, 13 per cent of the legislative representatives are women and in Malta this is reduced to nine per cent. In B.C., our

## INDEPTH

current system has elected women to 22 per cent of the electoral seats.

Australia can claim a better record at 47 per cent of the senate until one notes that the success was due to the majority party nominating women as 50 per cent of the candidates for election and not to the voting process itself. Prior to that move, STV had no more success in Australia than we have had in B.C.

Another claim that begs closer scrutiny is that the STV balloting system will not require computers to count votes. In the Capital Regional District there will be seven seats up for election. Experience in other jurisdictions, using the BC-STV statistics, suggests that this would mean that about 14 to 16 candidates will be on the ballot. If voters only marked ballots for their party candidates, using BC-STV statistics, this would result in 80,000 combinations. Each major party will likely offer candidates for each seat open plus one, so in the seven-seat CRD riding, the Liberals and NDP would put up eight candidates each while the Greens and other parties might field one to three.

As a Salt Spring resident I am concerned that the present system will be replaced by one that disenfranchises this island community. In the last election the southern Gulf Islands represented some 4,000 votes in a riding of 40,000 concentrated in the Sidney/Saanich area. With party politics splitting the vote to 20,000 per candidate, the local favourite was able to make a close but unsuccessful bid. How successful would our candidate be when facing the ratio of

4,000 votes to 300,000 that make up the CRD electoral riding?

The fundamental premise of STV is to elect candidates based on the proportion of the total vote rather than on the winner-take-all system now in place. If 40 per cent of the population in a riding wants a Liberal MLA, then 60 per cent of the population don't get the candidate they want. The proven result of the use of the STV system is that second-place parties get more seats, proportionate to its overall party support. Unfortunately, this is at the expense of the

majority party, giving rise to coalition government.

I say unfortunately because at the federal and provincial level the process of legislation is driven by the policies of a political party, not individuals. Individuals do not make policy, they make suggestions. These suggestions then have to be marketed to friendly and opposing forces in the parliament, generally in exchange for support on a secondary suggestion or pet project of the opposition.

My last concern is that of the degree of representation involved in the determination of the STV choice. B.C. has a

population of roughly four and a half million people. In selecting STV, the committee of 160 listened to the views of 1,600 B.C. residents and 350 selected speakers. This represents a total of one half of one per cent of the population.

There is no quantifiable evidence that the majority of the population of B.C. sees any need for electoral reform, let alone wants STV as the answer.

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## Firefly logo needed for annual lantern festival

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With Salt Spring's Firefly Lantern Festival set to light up for the third time this September, its organizers are seeking a logo to use in its promotional materials.

"We've been working on organizing the festival for the last couple of months and we're really keen to have more community involvement," said co-organizer Lou Ellis.

"And this is a way to bring more attention to the fact it's our third year. We went from a modest showing the first year to at least a couple of hundred people last year."

The Firefly Lantern Festival, which will run on Sept. 12, is a free community, family-oriented event that includes music, dance and other performances as part of a lantern parade.

Lantern-making workshops precede the festival.

Logo submissions may be hand-drawn or computer-generated. A folder will be set up at Apple Photo, or they can be e-mailed to shecarra@hotmail.com.

Ellis notes that a firefly should be incorporated into the logo.

Submission deadline is Thursday, May 21. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

For more information, send an e-mail to shecarra@hotmail.com.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**EARTH DAY PLANTING:** Madeline Woodley and Samara Sladen-Dew put their green thumbs to work as children from Salt Spring Elementary School spend some time planting trees at the Rainbow Road pool for Earth Day.

**CULTURE**

## Rainy weather stories, art, songs and photos wanted for project

Royal Roads University takes initiative

BY TOBY NEWSTEAD  
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"These stories will be used .. to map out ... some of Canada's diverse regional weather cultures."

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**"Sound vibration and physical tapping will also be used to strengthen the sinuses in order to prevent allergies and snoring."**

sity, the brain, endocrine system and lung capacity; improve muscle/tendon flexibility, coordination and balance; relieve stress and balance the hormones.

Also included in the course are techniques that help massage and heal the internal organs to help prevent toxicity and tumors; improve energy circulation, blood circulation, bone density and efficiency of the lymphatic system; and help prevent wrinkles.

Sound vibration and physical tapping will also be used to strengthen the sinuses in order to prevent allergies and snoring.

The I-Fit 150 course runs upstairs at the Core Inn from 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays beginning May 9. Call 250-653-4864 or see [www.ift150.com](http://www.ift150.com) for information and to register, and to qualify for the early-bird discount.



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**MOTHER'S DAY RIDER:** Josephine O'Donnell rides Lady in preparation for the Western Riding Club's seventh annual Salt Spring Island Therapeutic Riding Association's Ride-a-thon. It will be held on Mother's Day, May 10. For more details, entry forms and pledge sheets, contact Shane Barclay at 250-538-1846. Walkers are invited to participate as well.

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**General Board Meeting Presentation on Patient Streaming and New Emergency Department at NRGH & Open House**  
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors is holding its regular General Board meeting: **Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 2:30 pm**  
**Social Centre, Beban Park**  
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

In addition to conducting its regular business, there will be a presentation on the Patient Streaming and New Emergency Department at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH). There will also be limited amount of time set-aside during the meeting for scheduled presentations from the public and to respond to questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

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

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

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Presentations will not be accepted without prior arrangement. There will be a limited amount of time set aside for questions from the floor regarding the Presentation on Patient Streaming and the New Emergency Department at NRGH. Other questions will either be addressed in writing as noted above, or responded to during the Open House.

Written questions or requests for presentations to the VIHA Board **must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2009** by fax to (250) 370-8750 or by email to [janet.shute@viha.ca](mailto:janet.shute@viha.ca) or by mail to: Vancouver Island Health Authority, Executive Office, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8


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## PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Raffi evokes Spirit of One at ArtSpring

Evening launches Child Honouring Centre

BY SUSAN LUNDY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ArtSpring rocked with Raffi Tuesday night, as the famed Canadian musician — along with several eloquent speakers — launched his Spirit of One campaign to create a Child Honouring Centre on Salt Spring.

The evening, which included a poetry reading, guided meditation and fiddle performance, featured Raffi as both speaker and musician. Among his musical offerings was the first-ever public performance of Spirit of One, a song from his upcoming CD called Communion — and even a new, intergenerational verse of Baby Beluga, the children's song for which he is most famous.

But the real point of the evening was to introduce a packed ArtSpring crowd to Raffi's vision of a systems change in the world, spinning outward from a hub on Salt Spring via the Spirit of One campaign.

A former children's entertainer, Raffi has spent the last decade of his life promoting Child Honouring (CH), a "holistic organizing principle and a way of life that puts children's needs at the heart of a global movement to heal communities, restore ecosystems and create a sustainable way of living for the greatest good."

In CH, Raffi said, people make decisions based on a children-first perspective on everything from economics to the environment.

Having moved to Salt Spring last September, Raffi's vision for a Child Honouring Centre here has captured the enthusiasm of locals and non-locals alike.

Literature sent home with those who attended the evening detailed the proposed centre's campaign initiative, and a program outline that aims to have programs running by 2011. The multi-faceted centre would have education and communication components as well as a leaders-in-residence program (aiming to create a CH dialogue between leaders of diverse groups and faiths), a children

and nonviolence initiative, plus municipal forums on toxicity. (More information is available at [www.raffinews.com](http://www.raffinews.com)).

The campaign launch was quickly kick-started by a \$25,000 donation from an anonymous donor, announced by campaign manager Jason Rodham just after the intermission to even Raffi's surprise. Rodham presented the "nitty gritty" of the Spirit of One campaign, asking for community donations to launch the centre. One way to give, he said, is for businesses and or people to donate one per cent of their annual income.

"We're looking for cash, volunteers and partners: any way you can help spread the word," he said.

"Raffi has been ...

creating joy, hope and respect in the hearts and souls of children."

LINDA KAVELIN-POPOV  
*Virtues Project*

The entire evening was a homey, Salt Spring-centric event, with Raffi musing enthusiastically about island life as he extended his message and MC Briony Penn using anecdotal asides to add to the decidedly "island flavour."

Included in the evening was a video screening of a conversation between Raffi and the Dalai Lama, discussing the importance of Raffi's CH vision, which transposes "people, cultures and religion" and is seen as a unifying force in the world.

Salt Spring's Linda Kavelin-Popov, co-creator of the world-renowned Virtues Project, was among the speakers throwing support behind Raffi's vision and the Spirit of One campaign.

"Raffi has been planting seeds all his life, creating joy, hope and respect in the hearts and souls of children."

She said that in Raffi, she sees the virtue of "idealism: "When you

have ideals, you really care about what is right and meaningful in life. You follow your beliefs. You don't just accept things the way they are. You make a difference. Idealists dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible."

Eloquent island poet Peter Leavitt read one of his poems and reflected on the concept of child honouring.

"When we honour a child, we honour joy, for example," he said. "The joy of the child is the first joy the world has ever known for that child. When we open the human heart (like a child does), we go forward and discover the wonder and mystery of the world."

Centre board member Charles Holmes (a facilitator known for enabling "meaningful dialogue among ... groups within government, industry and the non-profit sector") also took the podium, leading the audience in a guided meditation focussing on family and community, past, present and future. He said he recently worked with the CEOs of natural gas companies and asked them to reflect on how it would look if corporate decisions were made with the "voice of the child in mind."

Taking the stage to sing and speak, Raffi quoted numerous sources and named some of the high-profile people who support his cause, many of whom contributed chapters to his 2006 anthology Child Honouring: How To Turn This World Around.

The focus of child honouring, he said, "is to respect and honour children in every sector;" while "the mission of the centre will be to advance child honouring as a universal ethic worldwide."

Other speakers and performers included the Salt Spring Fiddlers — led by Carolyn Hatch and accompanied by Zav RT, who admitted she and her husband played Raffi music at their wedding — and Salt Spring Centre School principal Erin Porter, who is also a Centre for Child Honouring board member

Porter welcomed Raffi to the community, noting, "[He] has chosen a community that 'gets' his vision."

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# PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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**SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION:** Candise Peirce, recipient of the the Katherine Chorney Rural Nursing Scholarship sponsored by the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, chats with auxiliary president Rosalind Hope about her work at the Greenwoods Care Facility. A student nurse in her third year of studies at the University of Victoria, Peirce began her working scholarship in February.

## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Kimono exhibit runs at Heiwa Garden opening

Show and sale at Flow Day Spa

The opening of the Heiwa Japanese Garden in Ganges on Saturday, May 2 has inspired another event: a show and sale of antique Japanese silk kimono from the personal collection of Penny Berton.

"Kimono are wearable art," explains Berton in a press release. "They can be worn to dress up a simple outfit or be hung from a bamboo pole on your wall."

Berton has collected these beautiful textiles since she left Canada on a trip around the world in 1975. The first stop was Japan, where she says she became fascinated by the exquisite detail and subtle elegance of Japanese textiles.

Although vintage clothing had become fashionable in North America, it had not yet reached Japan.

"The Japanese had a disdain for anything second-hand, so I found many beautiful kimono by seeking out rag dealers."

The quest took her down back alleys in Kyoto, meeting people she would not have encountered as an ordinary tourist.

It also led her to antique dealers who explained the intricacies of the textiles and the function of each kimono.

She learned that long, flowing sleeves and bright designs mean the wearer was a young girl, while shorter sleeves and subdued colours are for older, married women.

A cherry blossom design indicated a kimono worn in the spring, a long black kimono was for formal occasions, and the short kimono called "haori" are actually coats worn over longer kimono.

The formal man's haori is black with a woven or painted scene on the back, but this design is on the inside lining of the garment and is seldom visible, she explains.

The collection features a variety of textile techniques, including tie-dye, ikat weaving and brocade.

An added feature of Saturday's event will be free 15-minute energy balancing sessions offered by Bob Supernant, a Salt Spring massage therapist.

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## RUNNING

# Island runners set 10K pace

Sunny skies, record crowds mark Victoria event

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A total of 21 Salt Springers were among the nearly 10,000 runners and walkers who completed the 20th annual TC 10K under ideal weather conditions in Victoria on Sunday morning.

Vlad Pomajzl (M60-64) and Lisa Adams (F20-24) were the top island male and female finishers with times of 47:14 and 47:34, respectively.

Pomajzl's strong finish placed him ninth in his age category, while Adams placed 35th in her category. Catherine Bennett (F55-59) placed ninth in her category with a time of 54:01.

The 10-kilometre course stretched from Beacon Hill Park and along Dallas Road to the finish line in front of the provincial legislature.

Other Salt Spring participants were Sabine Georgy (50:30), Sean McIntyre (51:39), Sarah Kerrigan (51:54), Sophia Howse-Collier (54:05), Louise Faulkner (54:35), Carolyn Pomajzl (54:50), Karen Curtin (56:05), Linda Hilyer (56:35), Natsuko Inaba (56:52), Mary Rowles (57:06), Amy Geddes (1:03:18), Frank Moore (1:03:31), Jill Thomas (1:09:35), Bradley Henderson (1:16:29), Geri Teagle (1:34:42), Trudy Mueller (1:46:09), Steve Mueller (1:46:15) and Terry Simard (1:54:46).

The top time of the day, 29:29, went to Willy Kimosop, a native of Kenya who now resides in Lethbridge, Alberta. Kimosop's victory comes only a week after he won the Sun Run in Vancouver. The top female runner was Kathy Butler of Nederland, Colorado with a time of 34:01.



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**USING HER HEAD:** GISS senior girls soccer player Emily Rothwell goes for the ball as the high school team takes down Kwalikum in a 4-2 match last Thursday.

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FUNDRAISER



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Salt Spring's Choices crew gets ready for next Saturday's fundraising golf event.

## Golfers of all levels invited: Texas scramble fundraiser

7th annual Choices tournament tees off

Following on the success of last year's successful golf tournament, the Choices/Community Initiatives group is doing it again on Saturday, May 2.

The yearly nine-hole Texas scramble for novice and expert players raises funds to help provide recreational activities for developmentally challenged adults living on Salt Spring.

Last year saw more than 90 golf-

ers vie for fabulous prizes donated by local businesses and artists. This year's tournament has prizes including dinners, flights, gift certificates and a lovely print by Robert Bateman.

Tee off time is 10 a.m. at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The entry fee is \$25 (\$12 green fees, \$13 fundraiser) or \$13 for golf club members. Club rentals are available and tag ons are always welcome to join.

People can sign up at the golf club (250-537-2121), or at Choices Day Program — 250-537-1115.

High scores in recent bowling league play were:

### HIGHROLLERS

Circus League,  
March 30: Martin Hoogerdyk, 201.  
April 6: Derek Tamboline, 203.  
April 20: Myles Wilson, 229, 262 for a

three-game total of 688.  
Special Olympics:  
Mahjor Bains, 204, 206, 219; Jimmy Beck, 166, 182; Stuart Elliott, 191, 193, 214; Dominic George, 141, 148, 149; Jason Newport 179, 186, 208; Terry Swing 148, 155, 162.

LONGBOARDING

# Slasher longboard race destined to become Salt Spring tradition

Inaugural event wows onlookers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The organizer of a longboarding race wants to make it an annual island occurrence based on the success of Saturday's day-long Slasher event.

"It was amazing — a huge success in every way," said Adrian English, a former Salt Spring Island resident who now lives in Vancouver.

An estimated 45 racers, ranging in age from nine to 45 years, competed in various categories that saw helmeted and leather-clad racers reach speeds in excess of 80 km/h along the Juniper Place course.

Aside from the odd cut and bruise, English added, racers suffered no major injuries. That's saying a lot considering each heat pits four or five racers side-by-side down one of the island's steepest roadways.

English said roughly 300 spectators stopped by to grab a peek at the event.

"So far, I've only heard good things about the event from racers and spectators," English said.

Many of the race's veteran participants noted that the Salt Spring venue rivalled anything offered in the longboarding hotspots of Europe and South America.

"It's a five-star course," English said, adding that he thought his home island would make a

great stop on the world cup longboarding circuit.

Racer Dyllon Stevens of Summerland, B.C. won Saturday's main event. Brianna Davies was the top woman racer of the day and longboarding prodigy Wolfgang Coleman, 15, took home top place in the under-16 category.

"Give him four years and I think he'll be the next world champ," English said.

Racers speeding down Juniper Place prompted Salt Spring RCMP officers to issue a "fake" warning ticket to one racer clocked travelling at 82 km/h.

English thanked Bricin Lyons of Coast Longboarding and countless community volunteers whose hard work and support made the event such a success.



Islands Trust

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaw No. 441

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 441** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 6, 2009  
**LOCATION:** Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Public Information Session  
5:00 PM onwards – Public Hearing

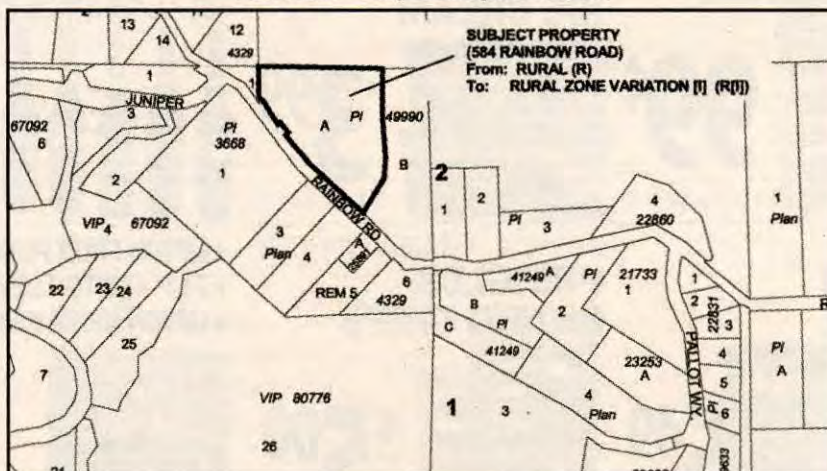
- Proposed Bylaw No. 441, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2009" – 584 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island.**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 441 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- by adding a new Rural Zone Variation (m) – R(m);
- by defining the principal uses that include affordable housing and agriculture, the maximum number of affordable housing dwelling units, and exceptions from permitted uses in lands zoned R(m);
- by changing the zoning classification of Lot A, Section 2, Range 1 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 49990, from Rural – (R) to Rural Zone Variation (m) – R(m), as shown on the following sketch plan.

As part of the consideration of the bylaw, the applicant is proposing to grant covenants that commit to: implementing various groundwater conservation and management initiatives; providing buffer areas along the northern boundary adjacent to Agricultural Land Reserve lands; and regulating various other site management issues.

Plan No. 1 – Proposed Bylaw No. 441



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and up to and including Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 441 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

Enquiries regarding proposed Bylaw No. 441 may be directed to Regional Planning (Project) Manager Brodie Porter at (250) 538-5601 on Salt Spring Island; or in Victoria at (250) 405-5170. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, in Victoria at (250) 387-6121, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

- By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm) by completing the **Public Hearing, May 6, 2009 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.
- To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

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

Pauline Brazier  
Deputy Secretary

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## SPORTS & RECREATION

### OUTDOORS

# Trail and Nature Club strides off and on SSI

Number of special outings planned for May

This month's social will be on Thursday, May 21, when Jack Gunn will give an exciting talk on the geology of Salt Spring Island, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church. Non-members also welcome.

The May 19 trip to beautiful Prevost Island, open to ramblers, walkers and hikers, is now fully booked. Departure is 9 a.m. from the Ganges water taxi dock and estimated departure from Prevost Island will be 3 p.m. The water taxi cost is \$17.50/person. Kees Visser (250-537-5443) will keep a waiting list until May 10. Cancellations will only be accepted until May 12.

For those who come by kayak, please note to be at Prevost Island by 9:30 a.m.

As we are affiliated with BC Nature, I like to draw attention to their Spring Conference at the Quw'utsun' Conference and Cultural Centre in Duncan from April 30 to May 3. There will be many interesting talks and nature outings, and as members we can register and participate for single days or the whole conference (see www.bcnature.ca or your last BC Nature issue).

### Nature Group

(Sunday, not on Tuesday)  
 Sunday, May 31: Spring wildflowers of Harewood Plains (Nanaimo) with wildflower expert Kent Anders. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for 9 a.m. Crofton ferry.

Sunday, June 7: An exchange trip with the White Rock/Surrey Naturalists to Boundary Bay (White Rock/Crescent Beach). This will be a full day of birding, World Oceans Day celebration, etc. See the website (www.saltspringtnc.ca) or the last Oystercatcher for more details. Call Teresa Hitch for more information and required pre-registration (250-538-0978).

### Hikers

May 5: Charles Kahn will lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10.

May 12: Mary Hof will lead a moderate hike along Holland Creek Loop to Heart Lake and beyond, in the Lady-smith area. Leave Portlock at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. We'll meet Mary at 9:40 at Russell

### TENNIS

# Hot tennis on cool April day

Opening mixer draws new members

Twenty-four hardy souls turned out for the first Salt Spring Tennis Association tennis tournament of 2009 on Saturday.

"The weather: sunny, windy and cool; the tennis: hot!" reports a press release on the event.

"Players changed partners each

Farms on the Trans-Canada Highway. May 19: Prevost Island trip for those who have registered. See details above. Bill Wowchuk will lead a hike/walk.

May 26: Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike climbing Mount Sullivan and Mount Bruce from Mill Farm. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10.

### Walkers

May 5: Bryan Adderley will lead an 8 km roadside walk visiting the three little churches in the Burgoyne Valley. Leave ArtSpring at 9:50 a.m. and Burgoyne triangle at 10:10. Please note the different times to avoid ferry traffic.

May 12: Curt Firestone will lead a surprise walk. The exact location remains a mystery until this morning! Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

May 19: Prevost Island trip for those who have registered. Sheila Wowchuk will lead a walk/ramble and Bill Wowchuk will lead a hike/walk. See details above.

May 26: Anke Smeele will lead an off-island rhododendron walk to Playfair Park, Cedar Hill Golf Course and Finnerty Gardens at the University of Victoria as an optional addition. Leave ArtSpring at 9 a.m. to meet at Fulford ferry to take 9:50 ferry to Swartz Bay.

### Ramblers

May 5: Terry Fuoco will lead a walk in Burgoyne Bay. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or meet at the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:15 a.m.

May 12: Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding in the Quebec Drive area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

May 19: Trip to Prevost Island for those who have registered. See above for details.

For those not going to Prevost, Mickey Lyytikainen will lead a walk in the Blackburn Road and Salt Spring Centre School area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

May 26: Joan Wrigley will take us for a ramble in Maracaibo. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

### New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Zeke Blazevka (president) at 250-653-4782, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Also check our website at www.saltspringtnc.ca.



Bob McKay Fine Woodturning



**ISLAND SQUAD ON TOP:** Malcolm Legg presents a trophy to Ben Barter, representing the U16 boys. The island squad was one of four island teams who topped their divisions during the annual youth soccer tourney over the weekend. Other island trophy winners were the U15 girls, U11 boys and U11 girls.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**SOFTBALL**

# Island Star girls win first four

Strength shows at plate, mound

Salt Spring's Island Star pee-wee C girls softball team has come out of the gate in winning form, with a 4-0 record after four starts.

The 12- to 14-year-old players beat Duncan 15-9 on April 16, downed Langford-2 14-10 at home on the 18th, and took care of Peninsula-1 15-5 and Peninsula-2 17-13.

In the game against Duncan, highlights included three unassisted outs by Erika Forte at first base in the first inning. Anora Ludlow caught two fly balls and worked with pitcher Kayla Pultke to make a double play. Carrysa Kinnear had three RBIs and Pultke gave up only two earned runs in three innings.

On April 18 against Langford-2, Carly Davenport was the winning pitcher with six strike-outs. On the offensive side, Kinnear hit a double. Pultke was the winning pitcher in both Saturday games against the visiting Peninsula teams at Fulford ball park, with great catching by Emily Fraser. Kinnear went three for three at the plate.

In the second game, Monica George had a double among the team's 10 hits. Aggressive base running also contributed to Salt Spring's 17 runs.

**MOTOCROSS**

# Riders bring home north island prizes

Trophies and top finishes in hands of all ages

For the past two weekends, several Salt Spring Island motocross racers and their families have gone "up north" for some spring competition.

A two-day event in wet and windy Port McNeill on April 18-19 and a meet at the Campbell River Motocross Track on April 26 gave Salt Spring riders plenty of opportunity to show off their skills. Many of the kids walked away with trophies for their first- to third-place finishes.

In Port McNeill, Cameron Bradley, the youngest racer, took first in the 50cc age four to six class. Wesley Pickering, at age 12, finished with a second place in the Supermini and a third in the 85cc class.

And Harrison Bradley took a second and third overall in the 65cc pee-wee class.



Harrison Bradley flies through the air during Port McNeill motocross race.

PHOTO BY JESSICA WILSON

That's to mention only a few.

From the Campbell River event, Cameron Bradley came second in his class, and Pickering snagged two seconds. Harrison

Bradley finished fifth in the 65cc class and David Bradley took sixth in the 50cc group for seven- and eight-year-olds.

The older crowd is pulling off a few wins

too, with Matt Kerigan finishing first in the Vet Jr. class at Port McNeill. Howie Spencer placed first in the Vet Master and +25 class, as well as taking a third in the GP Pro/AM class, while Scott Richardson took third place in the +25.

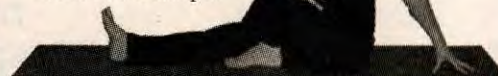
In Campbell River, Richardson took home a third and fourth place, while Spencer had two firsts and a third.

Other Campbell River results were Brandon Johnson, third in 50cc (seven- and eight-year-olds), 11th in 65cc pee-wee; Colton Archer, eighth in 50cc (seven- and eight-year-olds); Austin Archer, ninth in 65cc pee-wee; Wyatt Shiers, 12th in 65cc pee-wee.

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**LOOK WHO'S 50!**

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**HEARTFELT THANKS** to the Morningside Responders who attended the accident scene at the foot of Orchard & Morningside Roads on Fri., Apr 17. Nina is doing well & hopes to be back on Salt Spring soon. The promptness & concern demonstrates, once again, how special this community is. Nina, Anne & Tina.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMING EVENTS**

**ANTIQUA JAPANESE** Silk Kimono sale: Art to wear or hang on your wall. Come for tea, try on a kimono, and enjoy a free energy healing session. Saturday May 2, 11 am - 3 pm, at Flow Day Spa, 5C Creekside Bldg. (above Apple Photo).

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 8** Butterfly Talk with biologist Patrick Lilley with Raincoast Ecology. Come and hear what to do to help save some of SS's rare butterflies. Lion's Hall, 7 pm. Suggested donation \$5.

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**DEATHS**

**Ben F. Greggains** passed away on Sunday, April 26 at the age of 53, at Lady Minto Hospital, from Lung Cancer. He is survived by his wife Margo, daughter Madison, step-mother Joyce Greggains (West Hill), sisters Sarah Newberry (Ajax), Fiona Greggains (West Hill), Brigid Elmay (Toronto), nieces Meaghan and Caitlin and nephews Jeffery and Aidan. He is predeceased by his father, Brian Greggains and mother Marie Greggains.

Many things were invaluable to Ben. First and foremost was his daughter Madison, whom he adored. Ben loved living on Salt Spring Island and in Banff, Alberta, where he resided for over 20 years. He loved skiing, golfing, tennis, diving, boating, crabbing, beer, exploring SSI, and taking his dogs, Sasha and Nikita, to the beach. His thirty-nine year friendship with Carlos was important to him, as were his friends on SSI. Thank you to everyone who visited and cared for Ben, to the amazing Doctors, hospital and staff and for the sun, which cheered him in his last days.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the SSI Golf Course on Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life by going to www.cancer.ca, clicking Relay for Life-Salt Spring Island and finding BEN'S TEAM, or a charity of your choice.

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 NOVEMBER 15, 1919 - APRIL 24, 2009



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Cheers, Mumsy dear and may the next round be as much fun.

*We Love You.*

The family would like to thank Bobby Crichton for his kindness and excellent care, and the wonderful nurses who work so hard - we are so very lucky to have you here.

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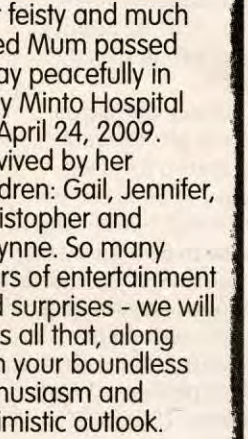
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**Isabel Mary Vane-Hunt**

1917  2009

On April 19, 2009 Isabel Mary Vane-Hunt (nee Hooper) died at Lady Minto Hospital.

Isabel was born January 12, 1917 in Reigate, England, the 4th of eight children of Edith (nee Tatton-Winter) and Vincent Hooper. After her primary education, Isabel attended Studley College studying landscape design.

In 1936, Isabel traveled to Canada as a nanny, then worked with Nellie McClung gardening during the depression. Nellie McClung mentored Isabel's lifelong beliefs in social activism.

Isabel returned to England to attend King's College in London to train as an RN, working as an Army nurse during WWII.

After the war, Isabel married Conhor Vane-Hunt in 1947, with whom she had 5 children, emigrating to Canada in 1957.

Isabel lived in Cloverdale, Surrey, where she served as a Girl Guide and Ranger leader. She moved to Salt Spring Island in 1973.

An active organic gardener all of her life, Isabel planted orchards, vegetable and flower gardens wherever she lived. Isabel won many trophies for her outstanding exhibits at the Salt Spring Fall Fair.

Isabel supported Amnesty International, World Wildlife Fund, Western Wilderness Committee, Salt Spring Land Conservancy, and many other social and environmental causes. She supported Cowichan Therapeutic Riding and many other charitable works. Isabel traveled extensively until her debilitating condition confined her to a scooter.

A familiar sight on her scooter around Ganges, Isabel loved the Farmer's Market, and led a protest in the 1970's to keep the market in Centennial Park. She was also one of the early founders of the Salt Spring Recycling Depot.

Isabel is survived by her sister Margaret; her five children: Michael, Rosamond, Mary, Caroline and Martin; grandchildren: Tarka, Jordy, Selchie, Cryano, David and William and two great-grandchildren, Amber Isabel and Devon.

The family would like to thank Drs. Holly and Hansie and Nurses Israel, Jo and Michelle for their compassionate care during Isabel's final hours.

Special thanks to caregivers Amornrat, Josie, Evelyn, Anna, Mary Morden, Rachel, Lisa and others for their devoted care over the last two years.

**'A Time for Everything'**

To everything there is a season,  
 And a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
 A time to be born, and a time to die;  
 A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
 A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
 A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
 A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
 A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
 A time to get, and a time to lose;  
 A time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
 A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
 A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
 A time to love, and a time to hate;  
 A time of war, and a time of peace.

**AN ACCOIL**

A potluck celebration of Isabel's life will be held at Tasaday Farm 180 Sharp Road on **Saturday, May 16th** from noon onwards.

Anyone who knew or was touched by Isabel is most welcome.

Please plant something, a tree, a vegetable or a bulb in her memory.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMING EVENTS**

*Salt Spring*  
**COMMUNITY HOUSING & LAND TRUST SOCIETY**

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*"if i were me"*

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**SPIRITUALIST SUNDAY SERVICE**  
(1st Sunday of Each Month)

*Please note!*  
The Continuous Light Service will be held:  
  
May 3rd @ 11:30am  
506 Lower Ganges Rd.  
  
*All Welcome*  
  
Info?  
250-537-2150

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOST AND FOUND**

**HAVE YOU** seen our lectern? Our pine wood lectern has been missing from the hospital lobby for several months now. Please contact the office at 250-538-4847 if you borrowed it or have information about where it might be. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

**LOST CAT:** Grey & white, Meadowbrook area. 250-537-9810.

**LOST: SET** of keys with a yellow pocket knife. 250-537-4765.

**BURNING PERMITS 2009**

1. Burn Permits are required May 1 - October 15 for small brush piles, incinerators and campfires, however a burn ban may be put into effect at any time. It will be the homeowner's/ permit holder's responsibility to update themselves daily to our current rules by visiting our website [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) or by telephoning 250-537-2531
2. Class A land clearing machine piles always require a permit and the ventilation index must be observed.
3. There will be no incinerators, small hand piles, nor Class A land clearing machine piles allowed from July 1 - September 30.
4. Incinerators, small hand piles, and Class A land clearing machine piles are NOT permitted at any time within 500 meters of a hospital, continuing care facility, nor a school that is in session.

**IMPORTANT SSI MEETING TO RESTORE THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF BC'S LEADERSHIP**

With Executive Director Bill Turner at the lead, TLC The Land Conservancy was crucial in helping SSI to protect the Creekside Rainforest, Texada lands and Cusheon Cove.

Under his leadership, TLC has protected over 120,000 acres of sensitive and threatened lands around the province. TLC's success has been due in large part to Bill's vision and integrity. On March 27, Bill Turner was fired by the Board without warning.

The Board's shocking decision and conduct is one of urgent importance to anyone concerned with the integrity of the Environmental Non-profit Organizations and the continued protection of sensitive ecosystems across British Columbia. Members, donors and others deserve transparency from the TLC Board. People interested in the conservation of natural areas, heritage lands and BC's farmlands are invited to this meeting to find out more and what we can do about the situation.

Please visit [www.savetlc.ca](http://www.savetlc.ca) and attend the information meeting with Bill Turner, Briony Penn and many others from TLC at Lions Hall Tuesday May 5th at 7 pm  
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**WHAT'S ON**  
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**artcraft 2009**  
**June 12 - September 12**  
**Registration Deadline: MAY 8**

For registration packages or info.  
Please contact Vivienne @ 250/537-0899  
(e): [info@ssartsouncil.com](mailto:info@ssartsouncil.com)  
(f): 250/537-1678

**CARDS OF THANKS**

A big *Thank You* to all who helped make the Earth Day Festival on April 19th a success, including:

**Shoshanah Ray**  
**Billie Woods**  
**Gemma G.**  
**Gene Grooms**  
**Eliyas**  
**Mark and Terena** at Treehouse Café  
**Arlo** (soundman extraordinaire)  
**Bill Matthews** for spreading the word  
**Jane MacKenzie** and her friend **Sue Celeste Mallett**  
**Kathy Reimer**  
**Kate Richer**  
**Therin Gower**  
**Andrew Haigh**  
**Lynne Thorwaldson** for supplying the gloves  
**Adina Hildebrandt** and Salt Spring Books

**Alf** at the Fulford Inn  
**Trinda and Chris** at Public Health  
**Marnie Poole** at Community Services  
**Richard** from Monkey Wrench Bikes  
**Jason Rodham** from Centre for Child Honouring  
**Representatives** from **SSI Conservancy**, **Energy Strategy** and **I-SEA** including **Marion Pape**, **Amanda** and **Margery Moore**  
**Michelle** with Climate change petition  
**Island Savings** staff and volunteers  
**Gail** from Hotties Hot Dogs

**Michael Lahay** at Gecko Green Living for T-shirts and raffle  
**Robert Bateman**  
**Corinne** at PARC RCMP, Lions and **Country Grocer** for the tents  
**Rob Pingle** at the market  
**Randall Burke** for last-minute sound assist  
**Wolfgang Brunnwieser** for impromptu garbage clean up  
**James Wood**  
**Teri Anne McLees**  
**Rani Dunkley**  
And all the knitters, puppet makers and creek clean up participants!

You showed that our community works well together to care for our environment. Thank you — you help make every day Earth day!

*See you again next year!*

From Clare at SSI Earthday/ Gecko Green Living

**HOT YOGA**  
Friday 9:15am  
& Sun 10:30am  
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& Sat 4:30pm  
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**MOVIES THAT Move Us.** The United Church invites you to join us for four films of social significance on the following dates: May 7, Amazing Grace; May 14, Away from Her; May 21, Land and Freedom; June 4, Samsara. Discussion and cookies follow. There is no admission charge, but an item for the Food Bank would be appreciated. If you wish more information, please call 250-537-4739.

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**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
We welcome Rev. Stephen Atkinson this Sunday, May 2 at the SS Senior's Centre, 11:00am. His sermon is "Roads: Taken and Not". Robert Frost suggests that the less-traveled path makes "all the difference." But what about the more traveled route?  
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**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND: 16 FT.** white canoe near Booth Channel. To claim call Transport Canada at 604-775-8867.

**FOUND CATS:** Female, s/h tortoiseshell, spayed, Horel Rd. area. Male, s/h black with white tail tip, neutered, Long Harbour area. Male, s/h blue, neutered, Reynolds Rd. area. Female, l/h grey/white, 'Sushi', tattoo: L99V. Call Salt Spring BC SPCA at 250-537-2123.

**FOUND KEYS** in town. Claim at the Driftwood.

**FOUND: MEN'S** ring at GISS in Feb '09. Claim at the Driftwood office.

**FOUND: PAIR** of women's glasses at SSI Garden Club Plant sale. 250-653-9191.

**LOST DOG:** "Crittter", a 13 y/o arthritic black lab. Bolted after shocking himself on elect. horse fence. Last seen Sharp Rd. 537-5334 or 537-5586.

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<p><b>Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land</b></p> <p>Take notice that <b>Thomas D. Haggard and Priscilla Z. Haggard of Saturna, B.C.</b> intend to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for Private Moorage, Specific Permission situated on Crown Land located at <b>Winter Cove, Saturna Island, B.C.</b></p> <p>The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is <b>1413978</b>. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142-2080 Labieux Rd. Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: <a href="mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca">AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca</a>. Comments will be received by ILMB until May 15, 2009. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date.</p> <p>Please visit our website: <a href="http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca">http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca</a> under the link: Applications &amp; Reasons for Decision for more information.</p> <p>Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICES</b></p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICES</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL LABORER</b> needed. Must have own vehicle and be willing to start immediately. Position will be part to full-time as required. Please drop off resume with references to Box 10, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.</p>	<p><b>ASSISTANT GROCERY</b> Manager, Dawson City, Yukon Ordering, Maintain Inventory, Receiving, Warehousing Merchandise, Produce experience an asset, Assist at check-out, computer experience. Fax 867-993-5813 e-mail <a href="mailto:dcs@northwestel.net">dcs@northwestel.net</a>.</p>	<p><b>SWAMPER / WAREHOUSE PERSON</b> Jordans Interiors Langford Jordans Interiors at our Langford Store requires a SWAMPER / WHSE person to assist with in-home deliveries and set-up. Must be able to lift heavy loads. Duties include loading/unloading truck, general whse &amp; cleanup. Driver abstract for relief driving would be an asset.</p> <p><b>COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATES &amp; FULL BENEFIT PKG.</b> Fax resume attn: Manager, 250-478-8387 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:chv@jordans.ca">chv@jordans.ca</a></p>	<p><b>STRUGGLING WITH DEBT?</b> You may qualify for instant help. Our Debt Consolidation Program will reduce or eliminate interest, regardless of your credit. Steady Income? You may qualify for instant help. Considering Bankruptcy? Call 1-877-220-3328 FREE Consultation Government Approved, BBB Member.</p>
<p><b>Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land and Allocation of Water</b></p> <p>Take notice that the Capital Regional District of Victoria, BC intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for a Statutory Right of Way - Utility (Water Line) situated on Provincial Crown land crossing the bed of St. Mary Lake, Salt Spring Island from the base of Maycock Road to North End Road near Fairway Drive. The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File No. 1413979.</p> <p>A Water License application has also been submitted to the Ministry of Environment for Change of Works located on St. Mary Lake, Salt Spring Island for amendment to existing Water Licences. The Water File Numbers are: 0252616 (Licence #C028860); 0277696 (Licence #C65711, PCL 16228); 0296181 (Licence #C65712, PCL 16228); and 0322252 (Licence #C65713, PCL 16228).</p> <p>Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9 or emailed to: <a href="mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca">AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca</a>. Comments will be received by ILMB until Wednesday, May 20, 2009. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca">www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca</a> under the link: Applications and Reason for Decision for more information.</p> <p>Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional office.</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICES</b></p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICES</b></p>	<p><b>HOLBROOK DYSON</b> Logging Ltd. operates a year-round union coastal logging operation offering a full benefits package. We are accepting applications for the following position: Heavy Duty Mechanic Applicants must be experienced and in good physical condition. Please Forward resumes to: Holbrook Dyson Logging Ltd. 113 - 1720 14th Avenue Campbell River, BC, V9W 8B9 Fax 250 287-9259</p>	<p><b>IT IS</b> Summer Time. The Fulford Inn needs help in the Pub, in the kitchen and the Liquor store. Fax resume to 250-653-4331 or see manager.</p>	<p><b>TURFGRASS EQUIPMENT</b> Technician training at Fairview College Campus. Level One - home study. On campus October - April. Affordable residences, cafeteria. Fairview, Alberta. OPET Apprenticeship Opportunity. 1-888-999-7882; <a href="http://www.gprc.ab.ca/fairview">www.gprc.ab.ca/fairview</a>.</p>	<p><b>OFFICE SUPPORT CLERK</b></p> <p><b>EMERGENCY AND</b> Health Services Commission The Administrative Assistant is responsible for administrative functions supporting the operations of the EHSC and the executive offices. This position provides records and reception support to the EHSC; and administrative support primarily to the Executive Administrative Assistants (EAAs) in the executive offices, as required. You will bring to this position Post Secondary training in Office Practices or Business Systems plus a minimum of three years of progressively more responsible administrative/secretarial and office management experience including experience working for senior management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. For more details about this opportunity please visit our website <a href="http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/ehsc/careers/bulletins/09/059.pdf">http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/ehsc/careers/bulletins/09/059.pdf</a> Closing date: May 7, 2009</p>
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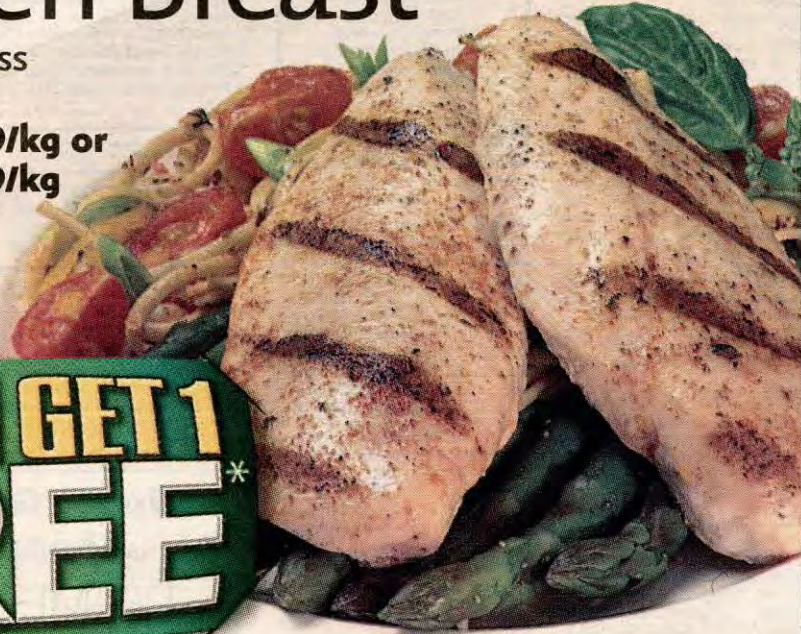
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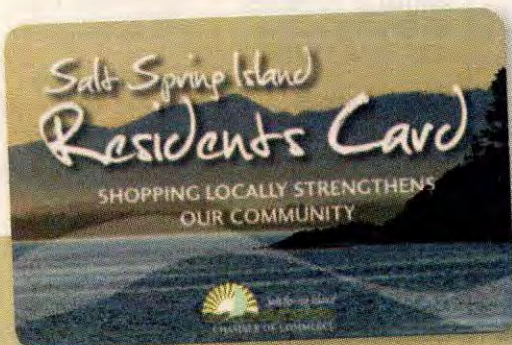
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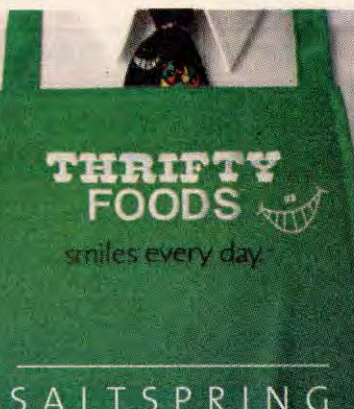
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