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CHALLENGE CUP 2009

Island thrives on soccer fever

But Salt Spring shut out of finals for a change

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hundreds of fans and soccer players from across the province descended on the island to celebrate one of the island's most coveted sports traditions over the weekend.

Challenge Cup 2009 tournament registrar and player Joanne O'Connor said 32 teams participated in five divisions, making the 24th-annual three-day Victoria Day long-weekend event among the legendary tournament's most successful.

And that's even considering that none of the six Salt Spring teams competing in the event made it to Monday's finals.

This year's tournament champs included the Castaways (women's competitive), Signmasters (men's recreational), Vic West (men's over-35) and the Comox Valley Masters (women's recreational).

Despite the team's strong round-robin performance...

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Salt Spring soccer player Colin McDougall gets the ball in weekend Challenge Cup action.

PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

FERRY TRAVEL

Weekend ferry terminal chaos reigns

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you found yourself waiting at a ferry terminal this past weekend, you weren't alone.

Even if you were prepared and went to the terminal early, you likely still missed your boat if you weren't aware of an unannounced schedule change.

With the Skeena Queen undergoing refit and the Bowen Queen unable to meet the demands of May long weekend travellers, BC Ferries made the decision to disregard the schedule and shuttle passengers between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour late Friday afternoon, causing unexpected waits and missed bus and ferry connections.

BC Ferries later issued a notice that the Saturday schedule would be in effect every day except Sunday until the Skeena Queen refit is complete on June 15.

"For people coming to the island it was a benefit, but for people leaving the island it caused major confusion," said Bruce Patterson of Patterson's Market in Fulford.

Patterson has witnessed all the ferry mayhem in Fulford and notes that while the additional sailings eliminated enough overflow to keep the line-up from stretching all the way to the Fulford Inn, the lack of communication between BC Ferries and travellers prior to the weekend caused emotions to run high.

"We've had a fair amount of people arriving for ferries that aren't here," he said.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Coell triumphs, BC-STV defeated

Low turnout marks election day

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The newly re-elected BC Liberal MLA for Saanich North and the Islands lists finding a new surgeon for Lady Minto Hospital as one of his top priorities following a narrow election victory in last week's provincial election.

Murray Coell won his fourth consecutive term by capturing 12,513 votes or 45.23 per cent of all

ballots cast in the riding. NDP candidate Gary Holman's 12,118 votes gave him a 43.83 per cent share of the popular vote while Green Party of British Columbia candidate Tom Bradfield placed third with 3,016 votes and 10.91 per cent of the popular vote.

Candidates had to stay awake well past midnight on election day before learning who would take the seat in one of the province's closest electoral races.

"I knew it would be a lot tighter race this time,"

Coell said. "You could feel it all over Vancouver Island."

He said people he spoke with during the election campaign were most concerned about finding a way out of the economic troubles plaguing the province.

That's why he believes voters decided to stick with the experience of Gordon Campbell and the BC Liberals.

The party ended the night by winning 49 of the

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NEWSBEAT

SALT SPRING PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS (UNOFFICIAL)

| Poll | T Bradfield | M Coell | G Holman | STV-YES | STV-NO |
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| 27 | 23 | 39 | 74 | 91 | 46 |
| 28 | 23 | 34 | 53 | 67 | 43 |

ADVANCE POLL #1

T Bradfield: 82 M Coell: 265 G Holman: 405
STV-YES: 477 STV-NO: 271

ADVANCE POLL #2

T Bradfield: 89 M Coell: 248 G Holman: 411
STV-YES: 462 STV-NO: 284

TOTAL

T Bradfield: 609
M Coell: 1531
G Holman: 2647
STV-YES: 2865
STV-NO: 1718

PERCENTAGE

T Bradfield: 12.7%
M Coell: 32%
G Holman: 55.3%
STV-YES: 62.5%
STV-NO: 37.4%

Murray Coell back in the riding saddle

ELECTION
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province's 85 ridings, giving party leader Gordon Campbell a third-consecutive mandate to lead the province. The NDP took 36 seats and the Greens elected no candidates.

In spite of his loss, Holman said participating in his first provincial election was a positive experience and one he may be inclined to go through again if given the opportunity.

"We truly demonstrated that this can be a swing riding," Holman said. "If I feel the way I do now in four years, which is a big if, I would run again."

Holman said he believes the NDP's ability to capture an additional seven per cent of the popular vote compared to the 2005 results was due to his party's ability to sway Green party voters.

Making any progress in 2013, he added, will depend on attracting even more "progressive voters."

"If, on the progressive side, we



PHOTO COURTESY PENINSULA NEWS REVIEW

Local MLA Murray Coell acknowledges his victory as ballots are counted last Tuesday night.

can't find a way of getting under the same tent, we're going to continue electing right-wing governments," he said.

That is especially true given voters' rejection of the BC-STV electoral system, he added.

BC-STV was defeated in all but eight of the province's 85 ridings. An estimated 62 per cent of voters across the

province chose to stick with the current first-past-the-post system.

Voters in Saanich North and the Islands voted 52.1 per cent against and 47.1 per cent in favour of the BC-STV electoral system.

Province-wide turnout for the election came in at 52.54 per cent of registered vot-

ers. The low turnout shocked many election officials after such a strong turnout during advance polls.

"I guess I'm disappointed if not surprised," said Kenn Faris, event communications manager for Elections BC. "I hope we do better next time."

Turnout in the Saanich North and the Islands riding ranked fifth in the province with 63.34 per cent of registered voters casting a ballot on election day, less than two per cent behind the Stikine riding's 65.5 per cent turnout.

Results counted thus far do not include absentee ballots. Results will be confirmed after the final count, held between May 25 and 27.

Faris said poll-by-poll results will not be available until auditing work is completed in the fall.

However, the Driftwood was able to acquire unaudited Salt Spring results. (See table above).

Overall election results are available online at www.elections.bc.ca.

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Salt Spring pool celebrates one-year anniversary with announcement about UV system funding

Splash hands over \$80,000 cheque

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island residents celebrated the Rainbow Road Pool's inaugural year by welcoming plans to install an ultra-violet (UV) filtration system in the facility by summer's end.

"Chlorine still has to be put in, but it will be reduced greatly and the effect of the chlorine on our bodies will be greatly reduced," said Wendy Rosier, president of the Salt Spring Pool Association (Ssplash). "It's for our health that we've been working so hard to get this in."

Splash members used a lull between the singing of "Happy Birthday" and the day's busy schedule to award PARC an \$80,000 cheque to fund the project.

The donation follows Ssplash's previous donation of \$175,000 for material and labour to tile the main pool and hot tub areas.

The funding announcement was among the highlights of a day-long event hosted by Recreation Excellence pool manager Jim Raddysh, PARC and Ssplash on Saturday to mark the success of the indoor pool's first full year of operation.

Morning events featured swim club, synchronized swimming, water polo, scuba, aquafit and kayaking demonstrations as a way to display some of the pool's weekly activities.

"[Raddysh] has put on a great show this morning," Rosier said at the party.

Hundreds of swimmers took advantage of the afternoon's free swim and fundraising barbecue.

Young swimmers like Ben Dow enjoyed much of the day "just chilling" in the hot tub.

"I like that it's a family place and that you can do lots of stuff here," he said.

While he didn't get the chance to hit the hot tub, PARC operations manager Kees Ruurs extolled the hard work of all the volunteers who helped make the pool such a prized and popular community amenity.

"I think Salt Spring Island is very very lucky to have a facility such as this indoor pool," he said. "There are many communities of 10,000 people that do not have an indoor pool."

Public response to the pool, he added, is an encouraging sign given plans to expand the facility.

"Over the first year, we have had a large number of people coming to the pool and making use of it. The numbers are quite a bit larger than had been expected when the pool was under construction," he said.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

PARC and Ssplash members celebrate receipt of funds for the pool's UV disinfection system.

Ruurs said he believes current PARC commissioners are of the opinion paying down debt accrued during the pool's construction is a top priority.

Splash members, for their part, said they are already prepared to embark their next fundraising goal.

"Our next and long-term goal is to work on a leisure pool, for things that will help with therapy for folks and help keep the kids really really happy," Rosier said.

More information about programs and schedules is available on the web at www.crd.bc.ca, by calling 250-537-1402 or by dropping by the Rainbow Road Pool.

"Over the first year, we have had a large number of people coming to the pool . . . The numbers are quite a bit larger than had been expected"

KEES RUURS
PARC manager

News briefs

Artists' ideas wanted for biz awards

Salt Spring artists are urged to get creative and submit proposals to provide the hands-on prizes for the fourth annual Business Awards.

Nine awards will be handed out at the gala night on Oct. 22 to winners ranging from new business of the year to the greenest business to best home-based

business.

For the first three years Warren Langley provided the beautiful awards. This year the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event, decided to open the opportunity to others.

"Salt Spring has such a wealth of amazing artistry," explained Ganges Visitor Information Centre manager Gail Sibley, "we thought we could give a chance to other Salt Spring artists and hopefully it will be an annual call for artists."

Awards can be in any medium.

Proposal forms are available at the Visitor Information Centre or by e-mailing chamber@ssisland.com.

The deadline for proposals is June 15. Awards must be completed by Oct. 1.

Septic monitoring on hold

Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Garth

Hendren has decided not to sign on to a new proposal that would require some island properties to have their septic tanks pumped every five years.

According to proposed CRD Bylaw 3478, owners of septic systems in watershed and community well capture areas would need to have their tanks pumped on a regular basis by a septic professional.

The regulations were pursued under the leadership of former Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman as a

way to minimize the negative impact of runoff from improperly maintained septic tanks in environmentally sensitive areas.

"It's not a change in direction, it's an administrative thing so we can affect the whole island as opposed to parts of it," Hendren said.

"[The bylaw] wasn't for the whole island and couldn't be amended to include the whole island. It's inequitable as it stands."

Hendren will provide the island's Water Council with an update on his revamped

"total water treatment approach" on Friday, May 29.

CRD officials have already scheduled a June 16 meeting to discuss ways of integrating more of the island's water districts and sewage treatment facilities under the new plan.

Hendren suggested that a new commission may be created to respond to the needs of various districts.

Salt Spring Water Council chair Murray Reiss could not be reached in time for comment.



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2 Fulford Harbour
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ISLANDERS IN THE NEWS

Randy Bachman rocks with Gov Gen and rest of Order of Canada crowd

Medals presented Friday in Ottawa

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Michaëlle Jean placed the Order of Canada around Randy Bachman's neck during last Friday's ceremony, nobody could have predicted that Bachman would soon be jamming on the Governor General's guitar, as she danced with the crowd to BTO hits.

Bachman was nominated for induction as an Officer of the Order of Canada last fall, for his lifetime of achievement in Canadian music and his charity work.

Bachman, despite his more than 120 gold and platinum recordings and over 40 million records sold with the Guess

Who and Bachman-Turner Overdrive, was still surprised to get the nomination call.

"I replied 'Wow . . . Are you kidding? Yes, of course I'll accept! How did you get my phone number?'" Bachman said.

The Order of Canada is the highest civilian honour in the country and has a special significance for Bachman, since it was awarded on the basis of his personal efforts promoting Canadian music around the world, mentoring younger artists and charitable work — not for record sales or song writing, he said.

Order inductees and officials present at Ottawa's Rideau Hall last week got a bit of a sneak preview of Bachman's upcoming tour along with their awards.

After dinner and drinks, attendees took turns playing Broadway-style tunes on Glenn Gould's piano at the hall until someone in the crowd called out that it was time for a different style of music. Inevitably, the onus fell on Bachman.

"When I said I really couldn't play piano, the Governor General Michaëlle Jean asked that if she went and got her guitar, would I play it," Bachman said.

"Of course, [I said.] So I played about four or five songs and the Governor General sang and danced along with the whole crowd to 'Takin' Care of Business.'"

Bachman also shared the spotlight with his wife and fellow musician Denise Beck, who wowed the crowd with her vocals, he said.

"I felt very honoured and humble to be recognized with all the other great Canadians there who have spent their lives following their passions for medicine, sports, arts, politics, humanities, literature and many other things," he said. "We have a great Governor General and she totally loves the people of Canada and is a beacon of light for Canada around the world."

On June 27 in Victoria, Bachman will embark on a national tour with Burton Cummings as Bachman-Cummings, reliving all the duo's iconic hits.

"We both feel very fortunate to be able to tour the country and celebrate our songs one more time with the fans. Our show is kind of like the soundtrack to life in Canada for the past four decades."

Six local teams and a host of fans turn out

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formance, Salt Spring FC just barely missed making it into Monday's men's competitive final by dropping a 2-1 decision to Comox FC in Sunday's semifinal.

Player Jordon Morrison said a series of costly errors early on in the game put his team behind for good and prevented them from representing the island in the final. The defeat was especially heart-breaking since FC had dominated Comox FC in round-robin play.

"They didn't even get a sniff at the net," he said.

Morrison described Monday afternoon's final as "one of the most boring games ever played," until Comox settled the scoreless draw once and for all with a 5-4 penalty-kick win.

The Comox victory ends the Athletic Club of British Columbia's two-year championship streak.

Ganges Gremio failed to win a single match in its inaugural showing at the tournament, but team spokesperson Ryan Smith said the weekend was an all-around great time.

"Every team we played said we had the most distracting sidelines," Smith said.

O'Connor said she believes this year's tournament may be the first time no Salt Spring team managed to make it to a final.

But she said strong performances in round-robin play and close semi-final matches for many of the teams ensured the home-town fans had plenty to cheer about.

"Our beer kept selling out," she said of the event's ever-popular pitch-side beer gar-

"There's a lot of people who really enjoy the vibe."

JOANNE O'CONNOR
Registrar and player

den. Proceeds from all sales go towards organizing the tournament and maintaining the many fields made available by School District No. 64 and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"Almost everything gets funnelled back into the fields," she said.

O'Connor wished to thank the island's youth soccer association for helping with the scoreboard.

One of the best parts of watching the tournament, O'Connor said, is being reunited with Salt Springers who return to the island as fans or players with off-island teams.

"There's a lot of people who really enjoy the vibe," she said. "It's kind of like the first weekend of summer and the weather was pretty good all weekend."

Best of all, O'Connor added, is watching the sport evolve and become more popular on the island. Six local teams participating in this year's event and a solid group of fans point to a real love of the game here on the Salt Spring, she said.

"I guess what I like the most is just watching the Salt Spring teams play and be successful," she said. "Every year we have more and more Salt Spring teams and the framework of soccer on Salt Spring grows and stays positive."

Long weekend challenges ferry users

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One couple was camping on Salt Spring for the weekend and emerged to find that the 9:50 a.m. ferry had sailed 35 minutes early on Monday. They then missed their reservation on the connecting Vancouver boat.

"They said 'We were camping all weekend,'" said Patterson. "How would we know to go to a website? We don't even have a computer. We have a schedule that they gave us."

BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall said the motivation behind the sudden change in schedule came from talks with the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee and several e-mails the company had received from concerned travellers.

Marshall apologizes for the inconvenience that BC Ferries has caused of late, but also points out that nobody was left behind at the end of each day. The Mayne Queen was brought in for an extra sailing on Friday, while the Bowen ran two more trips on top of the regular schedule.

Of the 11 total sailings that day, nine were overloaded — the largest being 113 vehicles in Swartz

Bay at 7:30 p.m. On Monday, 86 vehicles didn't make the 12:15 p.m. boat from Fulford. Smaller overloads — which include denied walk-on passengers, were the norm at all terminals for the weekend, she said.

While chaos erupted between Swartz Bay and Fulford, Janice Harkley was stung by the high volume travelling through Long Harbour. Her son was turned away in Tsawwassen as a foot passenger on Friday.

"He wasn't alone," Harkley said. "There were tons of people there with the same problem . . . We appreciate that they've added the extra [daily sailing between Fulford and Swartz Bay]. It probably won't be enough, but at least it's better than nothing."

Marshall said the Skeena's refit could not be avoided over one of the busiest weekends of the year.

"The Skeena Queen has to be pulled out of the water twice in five years," Marshall said. "And the Bowen Queen has to relieve six other ships, so there is quite a lot of juggling."

As for the possibility of picking up the slack with a larger vessel like the Queen of Cumberland, the time lost loading and off-loading the upper ramps would

negate any gains made by the extra vehicle space, Marshall said.

Patterson questions how BC Ferries could have been suddenly taken off guard by the volume of traffic on the famously busy weekend, given their many years worth of records.

"BC Ferries failed to make a decision weeks ago and failed to communicate the change to its travelling public," he said.

Marshall doesn't offer much comfort for future busy weekends.

"It's unfortunate that people might have a one-sailing wait," she said, "but look at the major routes and you'll see that on long weekends often."

"Certainly there were some lessons learned from what happened on Friday. We need to be more proactive in getting [notice of schedule changes] out quicker."

Any further notifications should be posted on the B.C. Ferries website or e-mailed to those who subscribe to their list.

An additional Salt Spring bus run has also been added to meet the extra 10:45 a.m. ferry. It leaves the Visitor Information Centre at 10:10 a.m. and departs from the Fulford terminus at 10:40 a.m.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY LINDA MATTESSON-REYNOLDS

FIRST AROUND: Race captain Peter McGovern, left, presents Round Salt Spring winners Susanne and Iain Morris from the Royal Victoria Yacht Club with their prizes, along with race coordinator David Wood. See story on Page A13.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Council meeting agenda released

Riparian area regulations, bylaw enforcement among items

Pender Island hosts the next meeting of Islands Trust Council, when riparian area regulations and visits from the San Juan County Council and B.C. Farm Industry Review Board top the agenda.

The meeting, set for June 17-19 at Pender Islands Community Hall on North Pender, also includes a session for delegations and a town hall meeting.

It's scheduled to run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. While the town hall portion is informal, those wishing to make a formal presentation to council must receive an appointment. People should forward their

request to the corporate secretary, including the subject, name and address of the speaker to the Islands Trust's Victoria office.

Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to council are available on the Islands Trust website at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressstips.cfm>.

The meeting is open to the public from 1-3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17 when trustees will receive an update community land use planning and work programs from the various planning teams.

Riparian area regulations will be discussed on Thursday, June 18 from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

An update will be provided on the joint efforts of the Islands Trust and zMinistry of Environment to fulfill requirements of the provincially mandated regulations in the Islands Trust area.

Representatives from the Farm

Industry Review Board will provide trustees with an introduction to the role of their board on June 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Then from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m., trustees will meet with council members of the San Juan Islands to discuss common issues and interests.

Amy Windrope, project manager of the San Juan Initiative, will give a presentation about this partnership of local, state, federal and tribal representatives who are working together to protect natural areas.

In the business decision portion of the meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 19, council will consider a new approach to bylaw enforcement and decide on the annual Community Stewardship Award winners.

The meeting is expected to wrap up on the Friday at 11 a.m.

WATER SERVICES

AGMs on tap for five water groups

This is the week for CRD-connected water service AGMS.

The five Salt Spring services already under the CRD wing are holding annual general meetings either on Saturday, May 23 or Tuesday, May 26, when updates

on upgrades and finances will be provided, and questions taken from residents.

The schedule is as follows:

Cedars of Tuam, May 23, 10 a.m. at Fulford Hall OAPO Room; Fulford Water Service, May 23, 2

p.m. at the same place; Beddis Water Service, May 26, 2 p.m. at the Harbour House, Crofton Room; Highland Water and Sewer and Fernwood Water Service, May 26, 5:15 p.m. at the Crofton Room at the Harbour House.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Pender kids gearing up for Olympics field trips

July 4 fundraiser next on planning agenda

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Every school-aged child from Pender Island will be going to the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

Jane Gregory, mother of two girls at Pender Islands Elementary/Secondary first pitched her idea to send every student on the island to see an Olympic event during a parental advisory meeting.

She didn't initially get with the support she later found for the project.

"[Everyone] rolled their eyes," Gregory said. "That was really an uphill battle. They didn't have the same vision I did."

But at the first Olympic field trips meeting, Gregory received strong support for her idea from other parents.

In 2005, they held a car wash

and auction, which raised \$10,000 toward the trips, thanks to generous community donations.

They now have tickets to 128 Olympic and 48 Paralympic events, including snowboarding, women's hockey, curling and sledge hockey.

"This is an opportunity to study sports and different cultures," Gregory said. "And to focus on healthy kids and physical fitness."

In an effort to avoid finding accommodations in Vancouver during that time, all excursions will be day trips.

Since the kids will be taking the 7 a.m. ferry over and the 9:30 p.m. back, Gregory wants to provide two hot meals for each student, along with the travel costs.

If they're able to make their upcoming fundraiser as successful as the last, meeting that goal will be no problem at all.

Gregory and other commu-

nity supporters are throwing a barbecue cook-off and auction on July 4 to help cover the rest of the costs.

Expect pro chefs, celebrity cook-off judges and a live band, as well as an open barbecue and enticing auction items like art, a new barbecue and various gift certificates.

Although Gregory would like to be a chaperone for one of the field trips of a lifetime, that was clearly not her motivation behind the endeavour.

"It would be a great chance to go with the school, but that's not something I set out to do," she said.

"I thought it would be a once in a lifetime experience for the kids."

Anyone who would like to donate to the auction or contribute financially can do so by contacting Gregory at 250-629-3377 or Pender Islands Elementary/Secondary at 250-629-3711.

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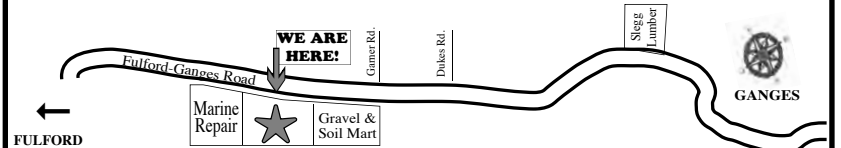
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NEWSBEAT

SALT SPRING LIBRARY

Architect on board for library project

Plans and costs anticipated for Sept. 1

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The proposed construction of a new library building on Salt Spring embarked on a new chapter last week as library board members and the Capital Regional District board announced the hiring of Chang Holovsky Architects to begin work on the project.

Duncan Hepburn, chair of the library board's building

committee, said he anticipates island residents will have at least two opportunities to provide input regarding the exterior design of the building as architects work on plans through the summer.

Staff from the Sidney-based firm have until Sept. 1 to come up with a preliminary design and cost estimates for the project.

The deadline is in place so that library board members can coordinate with a referendum planned for the fall.

The referendum will ask residents' approval for the CRD to borrow funds for the construction of a new library and the new facility's operating budget.

Hepburn said board members await a decision from the federal government's Building Canada Fund regarding the status of a grant application that could cover up to two-thirds of the project's cost.

"That's obviously a substantial amount but, because we don't know the [library's] cost, we can't say exactly how much

it is," Hepburn said.

Architect Ladislav Holovsky, a Gulf Islands resident with working experience on Salt Spring Island, will lead the project.

The construction manager for the building will be Salt Spring's Daniel Ruane.

In a press release following the May 13 announcement, library board chair Tilly Crawley said the board is "delighted with the selection and looks forward to working with Mr. Holovsky on this important community project."

Repeat offender sentenced to 45 days in jail

Alcohol-related charges flood Ganges courtroom

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A former Salt Spring Island man with a history of alcohol-related driving charges received a 45-day jail sentence and a three-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty to failing to provide a breath sample to RCMP officers.

Salt Spring RCMP officers stopped

COURTDOCKET

Scott Littlewood, 54, on Feb. 9 after receiving reports that a person in the driver's seat of a van parked on Tripp Road appeared intoxicated.

Police stopped Littlewood at approximately 5:30 p.m. after they observed his vehicle swerving along Vesuvius Bay Road.

Littlewood's failure to co-operate with police forced officers to wrestle him to the ground and place him in handcuffs, the court heard.

Defence counsel Tybring Hemphill argued that Littlewood's drinking was the result of a "combination of stressors" resulting from his business and personal responsibilities.

"It appears he has a weakness, when under stress, to drink," Hemphill told the court.

Since the incident, Hemphill added, his client has refrained from using alcohol and "is back to where he ought to be."

Littlewood, who now resides on Vancouver Island, was sentenced according to new mandatory minimum penalties introduced in 2008.

Crown counsel Hugh Gwillim asked the court to issue a 60-day jail term, double the mandatory minimum sentence, in light of the six alcohol-related charges Littlewood incurred between 1978 and 1994.

Justice Josiah Wood recognized Littlewood's effort to stop drinking when issuing the sentence.

"You have made an effort by being sober for 14 years as is indicated by the long gap in your record," he said.

In other court news:

- Justice Wood issued a \$1,000 fine and a one-year driving suspension to a Salt Spring Island man who pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while impaired by alcohol.

Norman Noganosh provided blood-alcohol readings of .280 and .260 on the second incident when stopped by island RCMP officers on routine patrol near Blackburn Road on Aug. 20, 2008 at 3 p.m.

Noganosh, 46, accused police of embellishing their reports of the incident "beyond what actually happened," but did admit to providing the higher-than-legal-blood-alcohol readings.

"I have a very high tolerance," he told the court.

- Salt Spring's Adrien Brouillard will have 12 months to pay a \$1,000 fine and is not permitted to drive for a year after he pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol reading above the .08 legal limit.

RCMP stopped Brouillard, 37, while driving north along North End Road on March 9.

He had no previous record and has one year to pay his fine.

- Court issued Salt Spring's James Robinson a \$1,200 fine and a one-year driving prohibition after hearing a guilty plea to impaired driving over .08.

Police stopped Robinson after he was reported to be speeding down Fulford-Ganges Road on July 19, 2008 at roughly 5:30 p.m.

After police detected an odour of alcohol and Robinson failed a roadside screening device, he was taken to the RCMP detachment and provided two blood-alcohol samples of .190.

"In the circumstances, the very high readings warrant a fine that is greater than the minimum," said Justice Wood.



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaws No. 439 and 440

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaws No. 439 and 440** 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 bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

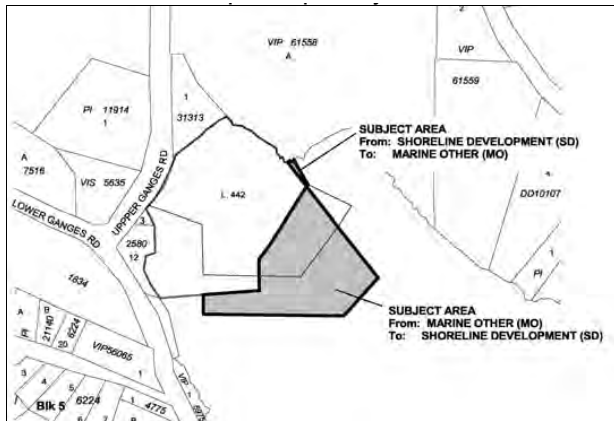
DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Hall), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Public Information Session
7:30 PM onwards – Public Hearing

1. Proposed OCP Bylaw No. 439, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No. 2, 2008" – 124 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.

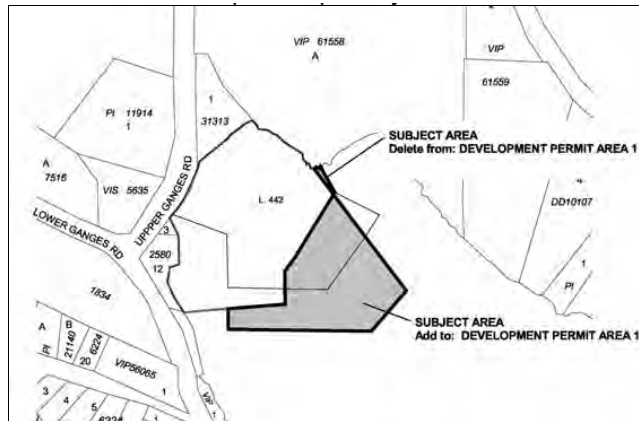
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 439 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 as follows:

- by amending Schedule 'A' – Map 1 (Plan Area with Land and Shoreline Designations) of Volume 1, as shown on the following sketch plan;
- by amending Schedule 'A' – Map 16 (Development Permit Area 1 – Island Villages) of Volume 2, as shown on the following sketch plan.

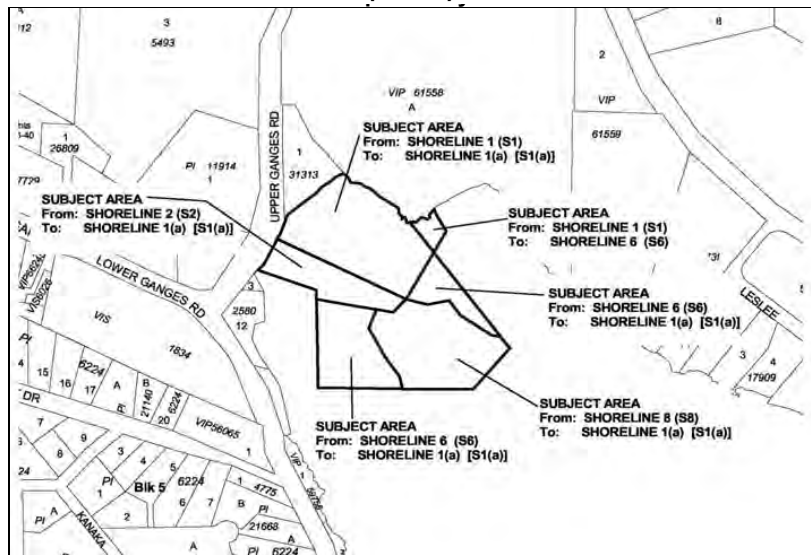
Map 1 – Proposed Bylaw No. 439



Map 16 – Proposed Bylaw No. 439



Plan 1 – Proposed Bylaw No. 440



2. Proposed Bylaw No. 440, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2008" - 124 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 440 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- by adding a new Shoreline 1 Zone Variation (a) – S1(a);
- by further defining the term *marina* to include the installation and operation of a marine sewage pump-out facility and the provision and maintenance of a public boat ramp;
- by changing the zoning classification of District Water Lot 442, as amended, from a combination of shoreline zones to S1(a), as shown on the following sketch plan.

Copies of the proposed bylaws, 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, May 20, 2009 and up to and including Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaws No. 439 and 440 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca. For the convenience of the public, a copy of this notice is also posted on the Salt Spring Island page of the Islands Trust website under "Latest News".

Enquiries regarding proposed Bylaws No. 439 and 440 may be directed to Island Planner Mark Brodrick at (250) 538-5602, or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (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:

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- 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.

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POOL PARTY: Youngsters enjoy the equipment at a free swim held in celebration of the Rainbow Road Pool's first anniversary.

ISLANDS TRUST

Industrial Task Force nears end

Members of the Islands Trust's Industrial Task Force expect to announce results of their investigation into the availability and need for industrially zoned property on the island by June.

As part of their data collection, task force members have circulated a questionnaire to Salt Spring business owners and sent a letter of enquiry to the owners of industrially zoned land.

They anticipate hosting a public meeting to discuss the findings when all of the data has been compiled.

Speaking at the May 7 local Trust committee meeting at ArtSpring, trustees agreed to not

name a replacement for task-force member Darryl Janyk, who announced his resignation from the board in late April.

"[Task force members] hope to wrap up work in June, and to bring in somebody new at this point would do more harm than good," said trustee

Christine Torgrimson.

Janyk cited family commitments as the reason for his resignation.

The seven-member task force began meeting in February of this year to assess the quantity of and need for industrial land on the island.

Buying property 101 in a buyers' market

No time like the present

BY TOM NAVRATIL
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Even though, unbelievably, we have been lately experiencing scenarios of multiple offers on the island, it is generally accepted that we are now in a buyers' market.

That means the buyers now have some advantages, they now have more time to think about their purchase and can enjoy some advantage in negotiations.

Does it mean it is bad for the seller? Not necessarily.

If you are trying to unload the spec house you built before the market turned — perhaps not the best timing.

But if you are moving "side-ways" to another property, either up or down, you get to experience the position of both the seller and the buyer.

If you are thinking about purchasing a property, considering today's market and the record low interest rates, there is indeed no time like the present.

Where does one start? Firstly, of course, you need to know how much you can or want to spend.

If a mortgage is to be involved, there are many good mortgage calculators on the Internet, but most helpful can

be your broker or financial institution that, based on your financial situation and ability, will "pre-qualify" you for the amount of mortgage available. Shop carefully for best rates, terms and services.

Next thing is to see what properties are available.

It seems that the vast majority of buyers have been surfing the web for some time before contacting a realtor, although some prefer to make the contact right at the start.

No matter what the price range, there will always be compromises.

The national website where you can find all MLS listed properties for sale right across Canada is www.realtor.ca (formerly www.mls.ca). This system has two basic search options.

One is map based, the other data driven, similar to what www.mls.ca used to be. The

map-based search is excellent but it takes some time to get used to. In my opinion, it is not best suited for rural properties, as the map frame is square but, for instance, Salt Spring Island, thank goodness, is not.

Once you find a realtor you have confidence in, stay with him or her.

Mutual commitment in the process of searching for a property is essential and like any business relationship, it should be pleasant and fun, even if hard work.

Perhaps the most common hindrance to finding a suitable property is unrealistic expectations.

That is not to say that one should not aspire high, but it becomes apparent quite early in the search what the available money can realistically buy.

No matter what the price range, there will always be compromises.

Often, if able to, reaching just a bit higher than originally intended may significantly improve the chances to meet one's goals.

It is important to keep in mind that there are things we cannot change on a property, such as location or exposure, but there are things we can

easily change such as carpets, landscaping or adding a workshop.

Once you've found a suitable property and after negotiating through your realtor the price and terms, you will have an "accepted offer."

You then have typically two weeks for "due diligence," i.e. to satisfy (or not) the subject conditions. Typical subject conditions are (1) financing, (2) property inspection, (3) title search and (4) home insurance.

During the due diligence period, no other offer can be accepted on the property, except a back-up offer. A back-up offer can take effect only if the first offer should collapse (by the buyer failing to remove the subject conditions).

In most cases, a deposit (five per cent of the purchase price is a good guide, depending on the circumstances) is required when the subject conditions are removed — the contract then becomes unconditional and the deposit non-refundable. The deposit stays in the broker's Trust account until it is applied toward the purchase price at completion.

Next month we will have a mortgage broker take us into the world of financing.

Tom Navratil is a Royal LePage Salt Spring realtor; tomas@islandnet.com.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Locals assists in Sidney search

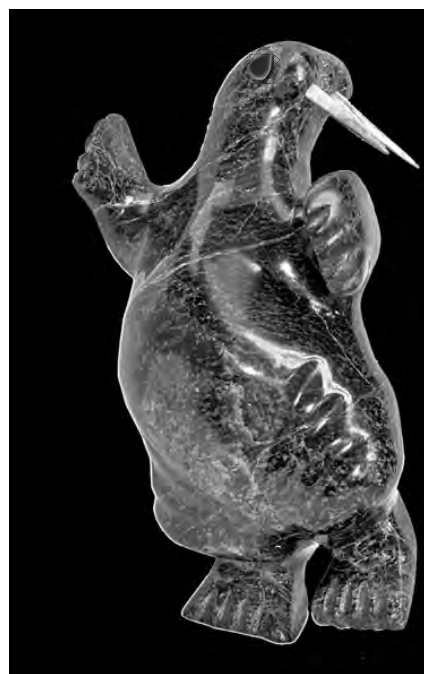
Seven members of Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue were called into action early on May 13 to help find a man reported missing off the coast near Sidney.

Andrew McLean, 46, of Victoria was reported missing after his 16-foot aluminum boat was discovered adrift with his dog on board at 5 p.m. on May 12. The Salt Spring SAR team was called in to assist with a multi-agency search of the water, shoreline and islands near the Washington State Ferries dock. The search area included portions of Salt Spring's southern coast.

An extensive day-long search failed to uncover any evidence of the missing man.

Sidney RCMP continued the search until May 15 before announcing that the man is presumed to have drowned.

Salt Spring SAR co-ordinator leader Chuck Hamilton said the sea near Sidney is noted for its strong currents.



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EDITORIAL

Ferryland weekend

When BC Ferries announced way back on April 8 that the Skeena Queen would be out of service from May 2 to June 16 — the skies suddenly blackened for regular Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry users.

They knew that a 30 per cent drop in capacity on the same schedule spelled trouble, especially on peak-demand weekends such as the one that just passed. For people who had no choice but to travel, the results weren't necessarily happy. But did it have to be that way?

Traffic figures from past May long weekends should have given BC Ferries the data needed for some realistic planning. Adding sailings or deciding in advance to shuttle back and forth on the Swartz Bay-Fulford run are two conclusions that could have been drawn from that information. Then those changes should have been communicated in advance.

THE ISSUE:

Long weekend ferry planning

WE SAY:

Communication is key

On Friday an extra sailing from Swartz to Fulford at 12:30 p.m. was managed via the Mayne Queen, which alleviated some pressure. But then the decision was made to start shuttling the Bowen Queen, leaving Salt Spring bus passengers and others aiming for the 3:50 p.m. ferry from Fulford aghast while they watched a not-full ferry scoot out of the harbour at 3:30 p.m. They were there in plenty of time and their plans were thrown overboard completely.

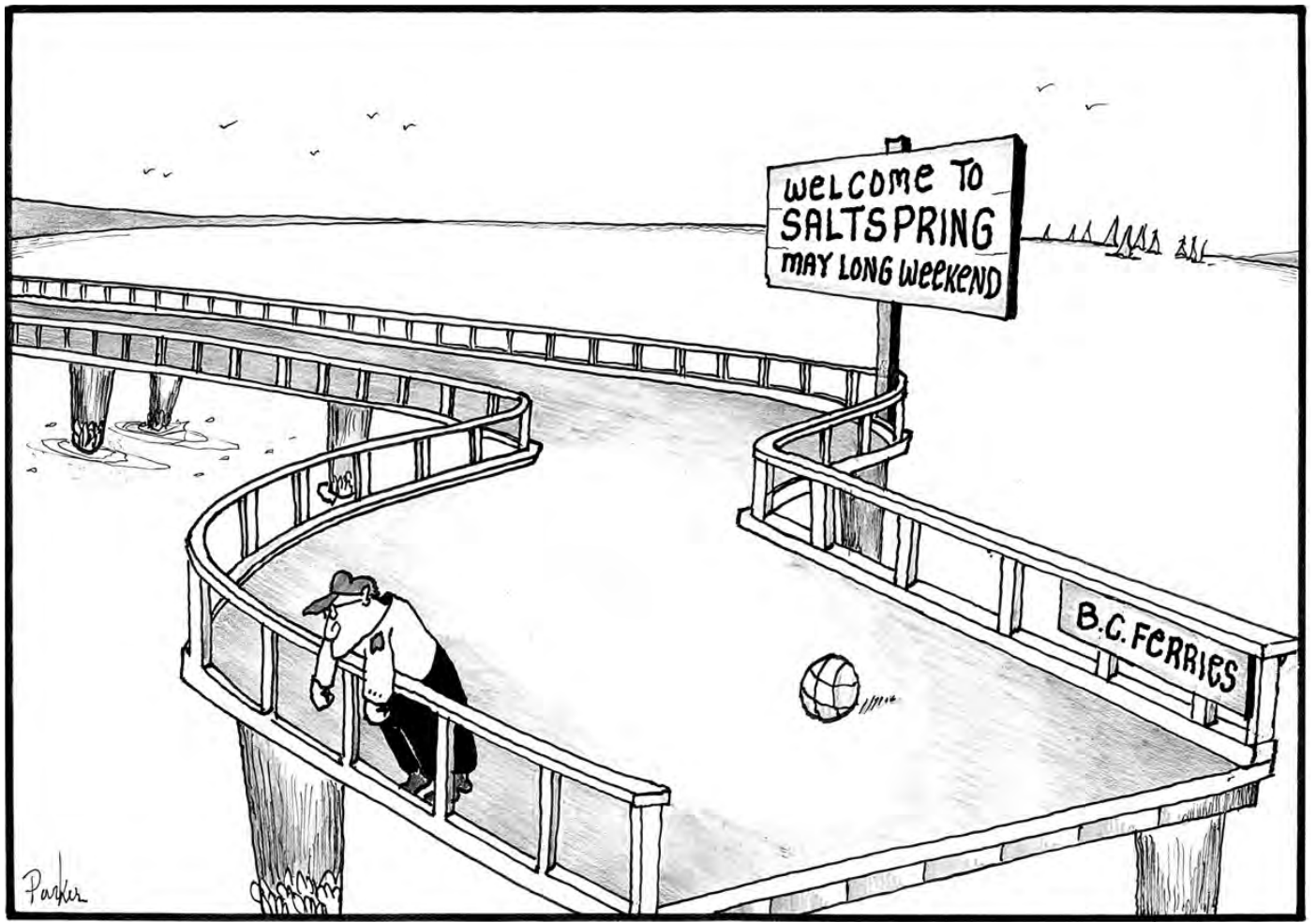
While BC Ferries has a decent e-mail alert system to advise people if ferries are late, break down or if schedules change — to which all regular users should subscribe — it was not used in this case.

We understand the priority was getting as many people as possible onto Salt Spring on Friday, but not making a planned-for ferry can have dire consequences for island residents and visitors.

BC Ferries is clearly trying hard to manage the challenge it has been presented with due to the Skeena Queen's absence and having now added another sailing to the Fulford-Swartz schedule (except for on Sundays) is laudable. Yet that decision was only made after the chaos had occurred.

This weekend it felt like the ferry company was motoring along by the seat of its pants, leaving travellers confused and gasping in its wake.

With a little more planning and communication, that could have been avoided.



Holman puts seat within reach

BY MARION PAPE

What a nail biter it was last Tuesday night as we waited for the election results to come in for Saanich North and the Islands (SNI).

For much of the night, Gary Holman was neck and neck with Murray Coell, taking all but one of the polls from Salt Spring and the other islands. At press time it looked as if he had won.

Those of us working with Gary on his campaign knew how much impact he had made. We saw the number of campaign volunteers mushrooming, the campaign donations exceeding expectations, and the joy and commitment from campaign workers. But even we were amazed to see the results coming in. Taking what was being touted as a safe seat for the Liberals down to a 1.5 per cent margin at the same time as the party was unpopular because of its "ax the tax" policy was no mean feat.

Coming over on the ferry the morning after the election, the ticket agent commented that she could tell we were all high with victory. Unfortunately we had to tell her that Gary had lost in a squeaker.

So what have we learned from the SNI election results? Firstly, that when we have an excellent candidate with the track record of Gary Holman, voters of all political stripes respond positively. On the campaign trail, during the poorly attended all-candidates debates, media interviews and on the street, Gary Holman impressed everyone with whom he came in contact. The endorsement from the Conservation Voters of B.C. was also hugely positive. We have learned that Saanich North and the Islands is no longer a sure Liberal seat.

Secondly, we learned that the media follows the leaders, who, to a large extent, were not aware of Gary's growing popularity. The media let him and the voters down by not recognizing the excitement that was brewing on the streets of Sidney, within the family

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conclaves in Brentwood Bay and the politically astute voters on the islands. They often missed the all-candidates debates and so did not see Gary fielding questions like the pro that he is.

Most new candidates go in with a binder full of facts and statistics. Gary held them in his brain and responded easily and with full analysis to every complex question. He also won over the young voters with whom he came in contact. A high school student from Stelly's High School told us that Gary had provided such a clear economic description when he visited their high school that she was able to take that information to a meeting with Murray Coell and challenge Liberal policies. She went on to tell us how great that made her feel. With more coverage of campaigns such as Gary's, the election might not have been such a sleeper and could have attracted more voters.

And lastly, we learned the importance of party support for the candidate. The dust is still settling as I write this but hopefully, the NDP will fully recognize the importance of what is happening in this constituency and beyond. We are voters who truly care about the environment, about a vision for the province that includes all life.

The NDP has some real soul searching to do. The "Sustainable BC" Policy Framework developed by the party's Standing Committee on the Environment and the Economy was largely ignored in spite of the fact that it passed unanimously at convention a year ago. Who was making the decisions around election strategy and the NDP vision on dealing with climate change, arguably the most important issue we are facing?

And, most importantly, where do we go from here? Let's hope that Gary will stay involved in political life. He is a natural for it.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring NDP Club.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you been inconvenienced by BC Ferries in the last month?

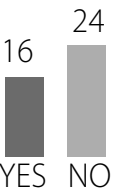
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the economy is recovering?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
 “Our show is kind of like the soundtrack to life in Canada for the past four decades.”

RANDY BACHMAN, RE THE BACHMAN-CUMMINGS TOUR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What's your favourite part of Salt Spring's Challenge Cup weekend?



ERIK ROTHWELL
Seeing the locals come back and play.



GARY MacLELLAN
The shootouts.



ALAN COOMBES
The greatest thing is the people having fun and that it's a really good-natured event.



RHIANNON ROZZANO
The people, the sunshine and the beer garden.



JOEL FRASER
Playing in the sand and getting dirty.

Letters to the editor

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

Continued practice

Islands Trust chair Sheila Malcolmson, in her May 13 letter called Trust Responds to Murakami Letters, states: “The Murakamis have indicated that they plan to have vehicles removed from the land in June”

All the cars will not be removed. Richard will continue the practice he has followed for over 40 years — that is, at scheduled intervals, cars which had all useful parts removed will be culled by the recycling company from Victoria. Richard has been doing this since the mid 1960s before the creation of the Islands Trust in 1971, the Agricultural Land Commission in 1974, and CRD Bylaw No. 66 in 1971. Thus the Murakamis have always believed and continue to believe that their land use is grandfathered.

ROSE MURAKAMI,
 RAINBOW ROAD

Candidate thanks

My thanks and appreciation to those voters in Saanich North and the Islands (SNI) who supported me as a first-time NDP candidate for MLA of Saanich North and the Islands.

I also want to express my gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers and citizens who played a role in my campaign. Your dedication and contributions built on the 2005 success of NDP candidate Christine Hunt. The close result in this election demonstrated that this constituency must not be taken for granted.

Finally, I would like to thank elected MLA Murray Coell and Green candidate Tom Bradfield for their civil and respectful conduct during this election.

To all the residents of this constituency, from the Saanich Peninsula to the southern Gulf Islands, I hope you

will continue to engage your elected representatives at all levels, to ensure they work hard to preserve and protect this very special place in which we live.

GARY HOLMAN,
 SNI NDP CANDIDATE,
 SALT SPRING

Everyone shone

This year's Stagecoach Theatre School's production of Peter Pan was pure delight!

Rarely have I seen a year-end production actually showcase all of the students involved. Bravo to Sue Newman and Don Keith for creating a piece of theatre where everyone shines!

LYNDA JENSEN,
 SALT SPRING

Gratitude

Thank you doesn't seem adequate to express the gratitude we feel towards the incredibly kind individual who recently made a very

generous donation to Tree Frog Daycare, as reported in the April 22 Driftwood — but we certainly do thank you!

The staff thank you, the children thank you, the board thanks you, the parents thank you. Our gratitude is widespread and so heartfelt. We have all been working so hard to ensure that the doors of Tree Frog stay open for a long time to come. Your incredible generosity helped save our beautiful daycare, but it did so much more than that. You believed in us enough to give us a much-needed boost to get out of a difficult position.

We are so blessed to live in a community where there is so much care and compassion. It has been truly inspiring to see the amount of support we received from so many on this island. You have renewed our belief in ourselves and what we do by rewarding our hard work with your very gener-

ous donation. Please know that your faith in us will not go to waste. We are more determined than ever to do the restructuring needed to ensure that we're not in this situation again.

With your support, we as a board are able to make this restructuring our top priority. And now we can all focus once again on the children and the joyful place that Tree Frog is! Thank you for giving us one more reason to celebrate Child Care Month this year!

TAMI MARCOTTE,
 FOR THE TREE FROG BOARD

Privilege

Fifty per cent of eligible voters failed to vote. That is sad. I do realize that there are good reasons why some people were unable to get out and vote. For those who could have and did not vote, I have a question for you. How would you feel if you were not allowed to vote?

It may sound corny but I knew a lot of good people

who actually gave up their lives so that we could have the privilege of making our choice known.

There are many countries in the world at this time where the population are dying trying to have the privilege of casting a ballot as we do.

JACK CLEMENTS,
 SALT SPRING

Music for food bank

First, thank you to John Lefebvre for donating the double CDs of his songs to the Salt Spring Food Bank. The songs are very well written, from the heart and the music just perfect. We just can't stop playing them.

We encourage everybody to get the discs at Acoustic Planet. Your donations go directly to the food bank. What a bonus in these days!

DOMINIQUE AND BILL MOSELEY,
 SALT SPRING

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Voting via laptop system only way to boost turn-out

If I say this is an election story, promise me you will keep reading. On May 13, our provincial voting day, when the democratic process theoretically reached a crescendo, less than 50 per cent of eligible voters made their mark. But this isn't a story about the election.

And it's not a story about the single transferable vote referendum, or STV, which, for the second vote in four years went down in flames. The zealots pushing the single transferable vote always seem to be the perennial losers, like the Green Party.

While casting dispersions on everyone within striking distance, Green Party leader Jane Sterk saved her most vociferous condemnation for the STV referendum . . . “If [STV] doesn't pass, it will hurt B.C. voters. We are the only party that believes in electoral reform.” If you can't win by the traditional first past the post count, try changing the post. Thus the raison d'être behind the STV lobby.

You still with me? Good. This is really a story about the abysmal voter turnout, and what can be done about it. Here are some numbers. North Saanich/Gulf Islands again had one of the highest voter turnouts (63 per cent — Salt Springers, give yourself a pat on the back.) Other top contenders were Parksville-Qualicum (64 per cent) and Oak Bay-Gordon Head (63 per cent.) The inter-

esting commonality here is that these ridings are all full of retired folks. Retired folks will crawl across cut glass to exercise their right to vote.

The younger generations? Not so much. We are evolving into a nation of Game Boys, Twitters and Facebooks. We are a nation that makes phys-ed an elective in high school.

We are a nation that watches hours of TV daily, and if not parked in front of the wide screen, we are in front of a computer screen. The conundrum is how to pry all those lazy butts out of the Ikea bean bag chairs and down to the polling stations.

In short, you can't. In the last U.S. federal election, quite possibly the most contentious ever, with all the galvanizing charisma of Obama, Americans were only able to muster a 56.8 per cent voter turnout. Appalling? Take a look at our own federal voter turnout in the 2008 election — 59 per cent. We're all in the same boat. North America is close to the point of democratic paralysis.

What's the answer, if not the single transferable vote? One solution is to make voting mandatory (effective, but flies in the face of every democratic principle). Another is to make the process as painless as voting for your favourite on “American Idol.”



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

In the continuing saga of “American Idol,” about 50 million votes are cast each and every week. The '08 U.S. federal election saw a total of 131 million votes. That speaks volumes to the priorities of the great young unwashed. It also indicates an electoral voting system that needs a makeover.

I am not suggesting an electoral phone-in system.

The potential for election fixing would be far too great. But voting through a home computer is a solution whose time has come. If you want to get Gen X'ers and the like involved, make it dead simple, and what could be easier than flipping open a laptop, entering your social insurance number, some sort of individual code number and hitting “return?”

Security issues? The federal government doesn't have any trouble whatsoever taking my GST payment every three months via the Internet. The provincial government, same thing. Every company on the planet from VISA to Home Depot happily accepts payment through my Internet banking program. What could be more important to world banking than a secure system to transfer money out of my account and into

theirs? If they have a lock on this technology, what is stopping the government?

In 2005, more than 60 per cent of Canadian households used the internet at least once a day. In 2009, I would bet that these numbers are closer to 90 per cent. We have the tools. We have the technology. Somebody do something.

Why hasn't it happened? Perhaps they don't want the act of casting a ballot to be an easy one. Perhaps the powers that be would rather see the 20, 30 and 40-somethings sitting at home with a bowl of Cheezies and a game stick. The established opinion is the younger the voter, the more “radical” the thinking.

There is a very good chance if the voting process becomes as easy as a mouse click, Canada could see the Green party sweeping to power, a thought that would obviously strike terror in card-carrying Liberals, Conservatives and NDP-ers.

Better to let sleeping dogs lie and rely on stalwart pensioners braving the elements to line up at the polling stations. Better to beat your chest, weep crocodile tears and decry the death of democracy due to lack of interest. The alternative may be too scary to contemplate.

Peter Vincent's website/blog is at <http://web.mac.com/republicofsaltspring>.

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Personal harassment

I have known the Murakami family for a long time.

Rose since 1983, while she was the vice-president of the extended care hospital at UBC and I was the evening receptionist. I met Richard about 25 years ago.

I have always admired their attitude about life and their ability to "go with the flow."

They work hard and are law-abiding citizens, who have on many occasions turned their cheeks.

I am not writing this to glorify anyone. People who deal with Richard are aware of the "field."

So for years and years it has been a given. Not one person was disturbed by its function.

Suddenly one individual has the power to prompt the Trust's involvement, who wave the bylaws/land uses/grandfather clauses like a magic wand.

Did they examine the motive of the complaint?

Of course not, that is not their concern. They exist solely to judge land use.

Should every Salt Spring Islander live in fear that one day their chicken coop be closed by a complaint from an individual because their property is zoned residential.

Whether the Murakamis are right or wrong, the issue forms the foundation from which the complaint evolved.

This is not about land.

It is a form of personal harassment motivated by spite.

D.M. DOBSON,
SALT SPRING

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GO GREMIO: Red was the Salt Spring colour at last weekend's Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament. Here fans cheer for the island's Gremio soccer squad.

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Local boaters win with bylaws

BY LESLEY CHEESEMAN

I have been the manager of the marina docks for 19 of the 23 years since Salt Spring Marina was built to its current configuration in 1986.

The outer dock was originally designed to last 12 years. By carefully managing the weight and alignment of the boats moored at my marina in the winter, and disengaging docks that are not in use, we have escaped irreparable damage to the docks during winter storms. Every year we evaluate the condition of the docks before winter sets in and beef up the weak points. Every spring we repair the damage that has been done.

Seeing a nearly empty marina in the winter, many people have asked me why we need to expand. I have a waiting list of 40 boats, but cannot take them if we want to keep the docks and the boats on them safe.

In order to build a proper breakwater that will calm the waters inside the marina and make it safe to take our maximum capacity of year-round boats, we need to expand.

Building the breakwater within our current foreshore release would

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mean a 40 per cent loss of dock space because the breakwater has to be wide enough and heavy enough to "break" the water. The expansion will increase our dock space by approximately 20 per cent.

Our proposed breakwater will be built around Moneymaker Rocks, which are hit by several boats every year, in spite of the floating barrels placed over them.

We have agreed to keep the boat launch if the expansion is approved.

This will restrict the development of the upland, and cost us money to maintain it. We have agreed to keep the launch fees in line with other such fees in the area. Many boaters try to use it without paying, just as they try to dump garbage without paying.

The pump-out station at the government dock, from time to time unusable because there are boats moored next to it or because it is out of order.

If it is not convenient to pump-out waste, many boats will

choose to dump into the bay. If we do not offer adequate moorage at our docks, anchored boats will do the same.

By providing an alternate pump-out facility, as well as safe moorage with clean, convenient shore facilities, we can lessen the impact of boat waste in our harbour.

I treat the marina like my own, even though I do not own it. It's my life.

The people I meet in the course of doing my job are my friends and maybe yours. Even though you may not own a boat, I urge you to support the expansion of Salt Spring Marina because boating is part of our culture on the island and our local boaters need a safe place to keep their boats year-round.

Visiting boaters also contribute to the economy of the island without using our roads and limited parking.

On the May long weekend, 27 vessels could not find a berth in Ganges. Some were forced to anchor out while others went elsewhere.

The writer is manager of Salt Spring Marina.

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Support bylaws

Much has been said recently about waiting for the completion of the Ganges Harbour Management Plan, however, little has been said about its purpose or content.

The Small Craft Harbours Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans commissioned and provided initial funding for a risk assessment and risk management plan for Ganges (called the harbour management plan). The report's focus will be on their own facilities at Centennial Basin, the Kanaka docks and the Coast Guard wharf and floats. The harbour manager (not harbourmaster), under the direction of the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI), operates these and other facilities on the island. The harbour authority is the largest provider of commercial and recreational wharfage on Salt Spring.

Certainly the entire harbour will be addressed in the report, but the harbour manager only has authority within the confines of the Small Craft Harbours' water lots. At the end of the day, Small Craft Harbours and HASSI will have a risk-rated management plan for their docks and Ganges will have the benefit of that knowledge and the opportunity to fund and undertake their own harbour study. The Harbour Management Plan is the first small step in developing a comprehensive master plan for the area. It should include marine and air traffic studies, environmental assessment and a dialogue on regulations and jurisdiction.

In 2005 I was engaged as a consultant to Salt Spring Marina Ltd. and have spent the last four years developing a plan to rebuild and expand that marina. As a stakeholder in the harbour I also participated in the initial stages of the Harbour Management Plan.

I am proud of the proposal now before the Islands Trust for consideration (Bylaws 439-440). It is the product of compliance and compromise between the marina owners, federal and provincial government agencies and the Islands Trust.

To delay this project another month would effectively postpone it for two years given the demands of operating a marina in season and the schedule of permitted work time as determined by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

If you are a boater looking for a berth for your boat you should voice your support for this proposal.

If you do business with our transient boaters you should write a letter of support and send it to the trustees. If you would just like to see a harbour project completed in a timely fashion you should make your opinion known.

JOHN ROLAND,
SALT SPRING

Where's HMS Ganges crest?

During our recent visit to Victoria, we made our usual ferry trip over to your beautiful island in search of the model of H.M.S. Ganges, which used to be so well displayed at ArtSpring.

Since our previous visit to Salt Spring in 2008, we contacted John Fulker of the Farmers Institute, who assured us that the model was safely installed on their premises, which we were able to see. With the advent of the 100th celebration of the Royal Canadian Navy next year, I would hope that the powers that be could see fit to move the H.M.S. Ganges model to a more central site.

When my brother visited Ganges from England in September of 2003, he was very disappointed that the crest of his training establishment in England, H.M.S. Ganges, which he had sent to the Harbour House Hotel some years before for their display of ships' crests, was returned to him, due to changes made at the hotel. He located the ship's model at ArtSpring and they were only too pleased to accept the crest to display with the model.

I made enquiries at ArtSpring re the crest, as Mr. Fulker knew nothing about a crest coming with the model.

I am hopeful, therefore, that through

your newspaper someone can help me trace the whereabouts of the crest of H.M.S. Ganges, so that it can be displayed with the model.

If any of your readers of the Driftwood know where the ship's crest is now, I know my brother would be most grateful to see it with the model when he and other ex-Ganges men and their wives visit Ganges next year for the centenary of the Royal Canadian Navy.

ANN D. SMITH,
DIDSBURY, ALBERTA

More on marina bylaws

Because of the lack of a breakwater and the age of our docks, they will not withstand winter storms with any significant weight on them. So we limit the long-term moorage to 400 lineal feet (one third of the maximum capacity allowed by the parking requirements in Bylaw 355).

The Islands Trust imposed zones on the water surface after the marina was built in 1986, putting the marina lease into four zones; it is time to normalize the zone boundaries with the boundaries of the foreshore lease.

In 2007, Integrated Land Management offered us a new foreshore lease, which would expand the wharfage by approximately 20 per cent, subject to local zoning. This will allow the construction of a well-engineered breakwater that will protect the boats within the marina as well as the shoreline, deflect the silt that accumulates under the docks and cover the navigational hazard known as Moneymaker Rocks. During the application process, DFO reviewed the ecology of the site and determined the expansion would impose no threat to the environment.

The breakwater will make it impossible for the marina to provide 1200 lineal feet of year-round moorage. There are currently 40 boats on our waiting list.

In 2008, a boat tied to Ganges Marina caught on fire and was set loose. Quick action kept it from colliding with boats tied to Salt Spring Marina. The Coast Guard subdued the fire and towed the boat to our launch as it was safer than taking it to the Centennial boat launch. The boat was soon engulfed in flames once again and the fire department put it out. We had to clean up the mess. The development plan approved under the previous owners eliminated this boat launch. We offered to keep the boat launch for emergency use and boater convenience, if the Trust approved zoning that would allow our expanded foreshore lease.

The approval of bylaws 439 and 440, with the necessary covenants attached, will have many public benefits (1) eliminate a navigational hazard, (2) provide local boaters safe and convenient moorage, (3) maintain the boat launch, (4) use local expertise, including local labour to the greatest extent possible, (5) use best "green" practices in constructing the docks, (6) maintain a pump-out barge to give boaters more options for keeping our harbour cleaner, (7) guarantee our support of a boardwalk when it is approved and constructed to our property. Structures within the marina are limited by Bylaw 413.

In addition to local boat moorage, the marina also accommodates visitors to the island who come by boat and help to support our local businesses, without clogging our roads and parking. Many of them have holding tanks and will use the pump-out station. We require people on boats without holding tanks to use our shore facilities, which are connected to the sewer.

Transport Canada has designated Ganges Harbour as an aerodrome, which allows only one resident seaplane facility. We have no plans to relocate the existing one to this marina. Local boats, yacht clubs and transient moorage will occupy all dock space.

We urge you to support bylaws 439 and 440.

BONNY O'CONNOR AND JERRY PARKS,
SALT SPRING MARINA

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For information please call: 1.800-663.4425 or 250.360.3087 or email lziemens@crd.bc.ca

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The Annual General Meeting of the Beddis Water Service Committee will be held on Tuesday, 26 May 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Harbour House, Crofton Room.

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Highland Water & Sewer Local Services Committee

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OPINION

Salt Spring, Okanagan in review

Kevin Ade writes a column called The Green Fuse in the Kelowna Courier. He lived on Salt Spring Island in the 1980s and recently decided to return for a brief visit and write a few articles comparing Kelowna and Salt Spring Island. He wrote this first piece before venturing to Salt Spring at the end of April.

BY KEVIN ADE

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

OK. The time hath cometh. I have decided to address an issue that has been bugging me for years 'n' years.

It's not that easy to explain, but basically it goes like this: If, as appears to be the case, the world is dissatisfied with how society has developed and is afraid of what corporate culture threatens us with, what are the ideals we wish to defend and how do we organize ourselves in order to do so?

Now, before I expand on that pithy (I love that word — it's so organic) sentence, I should explain that I have been mulling this over for a long time and have been using the development histories of Salt Spring Island and Kelowna as my metaphors.

Salt Spring is the best place I ever lived and I lived there for less than four years. But it was the most non-judgemental of communities and the neighbours were the most supportive I've known.

Kelowna, for all its good qualities, could never be called non-judgemental. The

first white settlers were missionaries — Father Pandosy, Oblate priest and builder of the mission.

Missionaries never improve a society and their presence in any given culture invariably undermines that culture and is automatically based upon prejudice and a condemnation of the natives. It's the nature of the game.

Kelowna has always shown such attitudes. We are a predominantly right-wing Christian society with a predominantly conservative political perspective.

Salt Spring is entirely different. Its settlement was not a religious or a corporate one. Mainly it was by people who wanted to escape the trappings of conservative tradition and settle peacefully, undisturbed by the social mores of the day, and live without complaint according to the produce of their sweat and blood.

This meant that the island was mainly agricultural and settled by people as varied as freed slaves leaving the difficulties of the U.S., failed fortune hunters, draft dodgers, hippies, artists, writers and Vietnam vets. Religion and convention didn't enter into it.

Their geographical differences also play a role here. Salt Spring's enclosed space versus the Okanagan's open valley. Then there is the weather, the ecosystems, the wildlife, the climates. All different.

But one thing the two places do have in common is that they are both very desirable places to live, which has brought

great pressures from outside.

In Kelowna, the small-town community values that were so important up to and including the '70s have now virtually disappeared, smothered by development, poor municipal design, and the hedonism that comes with wealth and investment.

There are still many fine people in and around Kelowna, but many too have left, overwhelmed by commercial opportunism pandered to by past councils which has caused so much insecurity and instability in our society.

But what of Salt Spring? How has it dealt with these pressures? Do these disparate communities reflect the greater worldwide trend of corporate control at all costs versus protection of our better interests?

That's what I intend to address in the next article. Tomorrow I am going back for the first time since 1983 to gain some perspective on the issue.

I spoke with Robert Bateman, who moved there just after I left, and he feels that the non-judgemental community values that were so important to me then, are still prevalent today, although at least one gated development has crept into their weave.

He also made two very important points during our conversation: restrictions, whether defensive or aggressive, create elitism (and with it higher costs of living), but a lack of government (no taxation) means Somalia.

Good points to ponder.

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

From Windflower Moon on Friday, May 8 to the person who stole four books (The Chakra Bible, Astrology Bible, Homeopathy Bible, and Psychic Bible). Shame on you. Guess you haven't figured out that stealing is bad karma, but you will. Anyone with information leading us to the desperate thief will receive a reward. Laura Roveda (Windflower Moon-Gifts for the Spirit)

A bucketful of skunk aroma to the male driver of small red car who skirted vehicles lined up behind a long transporter at the entrance to the ticket booth for Salt Spring travellers checking through to board the Bowen Queen on May 6 at 18:53 hrs. You butted in front of

approximately eight small cars to be the last but one car to get onto that ferry, leaving other small cars another two hours of wait time for the 9 p.m. ferry. Shame on you! D. Parsons

Roses

A dozen origami roses to Carl Graham of Lightning Press for years of donating the cutting of reams of origami paper for all those eighth graders at the Salt Spring Middle School. Origami Mommy

A Wilson's busload of roses to the wonderful guy who sent money to the Salt Spring Middle School band program to replace money stolen from me! There is a balance in this world! Brianne Hetherington

A multitude of thanks to all persons who stopped to help a smoking grey Honda on the side of a curved road on the afternoon of Mother's Day. Especially thanks to a young woman from Duncan who drove my son to Fulford to catch the ferry and phone BCAA on behalf of mum, and then back again to try to find mum when son did not like to leave her there alone. You have my eternal gratitude. D. Parsons

Roses for the ladies that dress the window at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop each week. It always looks no nice. Keep it up ladies, you are all doing a wonderful job in there.

Huge, cozy, fuzzy and warm roses to Salt Spring Drycleaners and their customers for keeping 116 Salt Spring fami-

lies warm again this winter with "Coats for Kids." Thank you. Family Place

Pools of peach roses to Irene and Mary who led a splashy team of volunteers at the Rainbow Road Pool's first birthday party on Saturday . . . and a single long-stemmed rose to everyone who came and helped support the installation of the UV treatment system for the pools.

Fourteen old-fashioned, rainbow-hued roses to Salt Spring's "senior peer counselors" who quietly and confidentially listen with their hearts and help other seniors to help themselves — week after week, month after month, and sometimes year after year. Your help is not only free, it is priceless!

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MORE LETTERS

Riding clinic

All those on Salt Spring who attended the Jean-Claude Racinet clinic last year will be saddened to learn of this eminent riding teacher's death.

At the end of last summer, during a riding clinic in Germany, he suddenly fell from a horse and was rushed to hospital. There were complications, so that although he lived for six months, on April 25 Jean-Claude Racinet crossed the threshold in his adopted homeland of Virginia.

So that we who were able to take part in his most interesting clinic do not lose the thread of his revolutionary ideas in equitation, and so that we can continue to learn Jean-Claude's methods, his most dedicated pupil, Susan Norman, who is an accomplished and professional riding teacher in her own right, has been invited to Salt Spring. She will give a lecture on Tuesday, June 2 at noon at Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre. Immediately following the talk she will embark on a three-day clinic with five riding lessons per day.

They take place Tuesday-Thursday, June 2-4 starting at 1 p.m. each day at Blennerhassett. Auditors are welcome to watch the events and attend the comprehensive lecture. Cost is \$10 for the lecture and for the events each day. For more information, contact me at 250-653-4184.

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ROUND SALT SPRING 2009

Low wind creates 'emotional challenge'

But participants find solace at barbecue

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Next to no wind made for one of the slowest Round Salt Spring Races in recent memory, but that wasn't enough to maroon the spirits of the approximately 500 people who participated in the event.

"The weather was great for everything except the sailing," said race co-ordinator David Wood. "The barbecue was great, but many veterans said the [lack of] wind made this the most frustrating Round Salt Spring Race they'd ever sailed."

Of the 115 boats registered in the event, only 60 finished the course without resorting to motor power.

Wood said he and other race organizers were thrilled to learn that the weak economy didn't deter people throughout southern British Columbia and northern Washington State from travelling to the island and participating in the annual race.

"It seems those people who have boats are determined to use them," he said.

Of those who did sail the entire 80-kilometre course, times ranged from just under 17 hours to more than 25 hours.

Skipper Susan Morris of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club finished well ahead of her competitors, but still arrived after midnight, with a corrected



PHOTO BY LINDA MATTESON-REYNOLDS

Some wind came up in Ganges Harbour for Rampant, skippered by Gary Bustin in Class B, but Rampant was one of many boats unable to finish the race because of the lack of wind.

time of 16 hours, 47 minutes and 12 seconds.

The top Salt Spring Island racer was Greg Slakov, aboard Imp, finishing in fourth position with a corrected time of 19:03:37.

Other finishers among the field of 16 Salt Spring Sailing Club boats in the race were Craig Leitch (19:45:31) in 12th, Ole Anderson (19:56:30) in 15th and Jim Spencer (20:00:19) placing 16th.

"It was long, but we knew we were going to go around," Slakov said in an interview on Monday afternoon. "Not getting around was never on our radar."

When he and crew member Ian Cook finally crossed the finish line at nearly 6:30 a.m., Slakov was surprised to hear he'd placed so well.

"We didn't feel like we put in ultimate performance," said the four-year veteran racer. "We definitely did not feel like we had our best race."

While the lack of wind may not have made for the most exciting race, Slakov said the calm weather placed an emphasis on other facets of sailing like tides and currents.

"Sailing is interesting because there are many factors that go into making a good race," he said. "It's very tough,

in a race like that, to not get frustrated."

Strong winds blowing between Cape Keppel and Southey Point offered a bout of excitement as skippers piloted their way through Sansum Narrows on a spinaker run.

A lack of wind in Trincomali Channel left all those who stuck it out progressing at a snail's pace under the moonlight and the glow of lights from other vessels.

"It was wonderful," Slakov said of his night at sea. "I would say I'll be doing [the race] for several more years to come."

TRACK & FIELD

First-place finishes dominate GISS results

Several head to Vancouver Island championships this week

GISS students put in strong performances at the Mid Island Schools Track and Field Championships in Duncan this past week.

Grace Morgan and Kevan Brown each led the way with three first-place finishes.

Morgan was first in the 100m in 12.65 sec., first in the 200m in 26.20 sec. and

first in the 400m in 63.83 sec.

Brown was first in the 400m in 54.52 sec., first in the 800m in 2:20.96 and first in the 1500m in 4:43.55.

Fraser Ball was first in the 3000m in 10:29.08.

Ian Barrett was first in the senior boys 400m in 55.82 sec.

Nicole McMahan was second in the 200m with a time of 30.83.

Majiec Krok was fourth in the 400m in 1:26.47 and fourth in discus with a throw of 8.06m.

German exchange students continued

to perform well.

Anne Wertheimer was first in the 800m in 2:44.49, third in the 100m in 14.95 sec., third in the 200m in 31.35 sec. and third in long jump at 3.71m.

Isabel Sproll was first in long jump at 4.27m, second in the 100m at 14.86 sec. and fourth in shot put at 7.38m.

Melisa Hering was second in the 200m in 32.69 sec.

The next school meet is the Vancouver Island Track and Field Championships in Victoria on May 20 and 21.

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GISS Scorpion girls head to provincials

Team pumped about chances

BY NATALIE NORTH

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

GISS Scorpions senior girls soccer players are riding their steady winning streak all the way to this year's provincial championships.

The team of 18 is undefeated in league play and recently won its league championship for the first time since 1999.

They've conquered tournaments from all over the province this season under coach Doug Pearson.

From a stop in Summerland, which Pearson describes as a solid bonding experience for the girls, to the UVic Umbro tournament and then the Vancouver Island Championships in Courtenay, the Scorpions are stronger than ever and ready for the provincials set for May 28-30 in Campbell River, says Pearson.

High pressure isn't likely to crack the young ladies, since the squad beat former North Island champs Carihi Secondary 5-1 and took down Kwalikum Secondary 4-1 for a spot in the finals.

Tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time in the final against St. Michael's University School, the game went into overtime, followed by a double

shoot-out and a notable effort put in by keeper Olivia Morgan. Unfortunately, the GISS girls lost the shoot-out and settled for second place.

Pearson knew that his team was bound to be strong this year since the girls are mostly senior students and include names on the roster like key defenders Monique Comeau and Sam Bowen; Dani Severn, Erica Rimmer and Danica Lundy in central/mid-field positions; and powerhouse Sierra Lundy, who Pearson said was involved in virtually every goal scored.

The team's two victories on the first day of the Vancouver Island Championships secured their position at the top of their pool — as well as a berth at provincials.

Once the girls knew they had finally made it, they indulged in the excitement of their accomplishment.

"They were on the sidelines trying to figure out the ramifications of the game they were watching and they realized that no matter what, they were going to the provincials," Pearson said.

"Then they all started screaming."

Pearson is equally pumped for the championships, which is still in need of funding, he added with a laugh.

Keep an eye out for excited Scorpions flipping burgers or washing cars in between their final practices of the year.

ROWING

Youth takes on nation's top at St. Catherines regatta

Participation marks a first for GISS student

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island rower Hal Cook is hoping for the row of a lifetime when he competes at the Canadian Secondary Schools Association's 64th annual regatta in St. Catherines, Ontario between May 29 and 31.

The 17-year-old proved he's got what it takes to go up against the country's best when he finished third in a 2,000-metre event at Shawnigan Lake earlier this month.

"My coach [Stacy Mitchell] said we could go to the nationals if my time was under nine minutes," he said.

Cook's final time was 8:50.23 and he's aiming to shave another minute off that time when he hits the water for the 2,000-metre men's lightweight single event.

"That would be enough to get me through to the finals," he said.

Cook is the first student from Gulf Islands Secondary School to earn a spot in the national competition.

"There's going to be schools from every province and the states," Cook said.

Scouts from major universities and

the national team will also onsite searching for new talent.

The Grade 12 student began rowing two years ago after his mom suggested he check out the Salt Spring Rowing Club.

"I tried it and started doing it more and more," he said.

What began as an interest in boats and water sports has become a focal point of Cook's life. Most days he can be found honing his rowing technique on St. Mary Lake between 6 and 8 a.m.

When he's out competing, Cook said, he likes to stoke his competitive spirit, put his head down and get the job done as fast as possible.

"I tend to get angry at the other boats and I just push through and try my hardest," he said.

Cook credited the sport's rising popularity for giving him the opportunity to excel in the sport.

"There's more awareness and more kids are seeing that it's kind of fun," he said.

That local support and the success of Canada's national team over the past decade have inspired him to keep on rowing.

"If a school or the national team offered me something, I'm sure I'd take it up," he said.

EQUESTRIAN

Equine colic expert speaks at HHH

Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic arranges event

Horse enthusiasts are invited to an informative presentation on equine colic at the Harbour House Hotel on Thursday, May 21.

Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic has invited Dr. Doug Meyers, western technical services veterinarian for pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim, to present the talk, which will cover causes, prevention and treatment of colic.

Meyers is a graduate from the West-

ern College of Veterinary Medicine who practised large animal veterinary medicine in Alberta for nine years before changing his career path.

He has extensive equestrian experience and attended the University in Wyoming and Colorado on rodeo scholarships prior to his veterinary training.

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FRANK CULLIS

Frank Cullis passed away on May 7 at 93 years of age. He will be fondly remembered by his three children, Frank (Janet), Diana and Richard (Lorraine), seven grandchildren, Toby (Kathy), Trisha (Bruce), Ian (Claire), Jessica, Amy (Sean), Jessica and Jayda and two great grandchildren, Stuart and Sophie.

Frank was born in London, England on Dec. 3, 1915 and moved to Canada with his family in 1954. After an upholstery career in the lower mainland, he and Hilda moved to Salt Spring Island in 1973 and were active members in the community. He loved his Tai Chi, piano lessons, choir, church and garden.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at Salt Spring Island United Church at 2 pm. Thank you to everyone who visited, and the staff of Lady Minto Hospital for the care and kindness shown to him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

WORKED IN BRITAIN?

AN INFORMATION MEETING
 Learn of the changes to British State Pensions
Sat, 30th May, 2pm
 All Saint's by-the-Sea
 Lower Hall
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THE CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF BRITISH PENSIONERS
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ROGERS – Sheila Ann (nee Thurston)
 March 4, 1948 – May 8, 2009

After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Sheila passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side and is now at home with Jesus to join her mother and father, Colin and Irene Thurston, as well as her first grandchild Angel Lee.

Sheila is the beloved wife of Peter Rogers; mother of Lee, Becky and Julie; and grandmother of Jordan, Avery, Jaxson, Skyler, Makayla, and Cruz. Sheila was a vibrant creative force and led an inspiring life filled with energy and enthusiasm which impacted anyone who came into contact with her.

Born in Colchester, England and a graduate of Southend Art College, Sheila immigrated to Canada with husband Peter in 1970 and built a brand new life in Calgary. Sheila loved the raw beauty of Canada which as an artist she expressed over the years in her many paintings and photographs. Sheila was a soccer mom and coach as well as the soccer co-ordinator for Silver Springs Community in the early eighties. Sheila had many gifts and talents and when her family started to grow she went back to school and graduated from the University of Calgary with a Masters Degree in Social Work. From there she became an instructor at Mount Royal College where the students were always vying to be in her class because of her unique teaching style where she employed her art and drama skills. Among her various talents Sheila also worked in Human Resources for Rogers Insurance Ltd for a few years and more recently has been a director. Sheila was also a prolific writer of poems and stories and achieved her lifetime dream of having her book "From Fear To Freedom" published in 2002. Sheila was passionate about the Okanagan Valley where many summers were shared together as a family. This eventually led to her finding her dream summer home in the place she called paradise. More recently Sheila fell in love with the beauty of the Gulf Islands and with Peter acquired a romantic and special home on the waterfront on Salt Spring Island. It is here where she found the inspiration for her more recent artistic works. Sheila had such a strong love, loyalty and protectiveness for her family that will be sadly missed along with her laughter, her vibrancy, her affection and her desire to "always be there". Sheila had a special bond with her grandchildren who will miss their wonderful "Bumma" and "Dubby". Sheila had an unwavering faith in God and her love for the Lord shone through her approach to life bringing others to know Him as well.

Sheila will be greatly missed by her family and friends and yet her memory will live on as we know she is now in a better place where she can have no pain.

Funeral Services were held at Centre Street Church Main Campus (3900 – 2nd Street N.E., Calgary, AB) on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in Sheila's honour may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, c/o Tom Baker Cancer Centre, 1331 - 29 Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2N 4N2 Telephone: (403) 521-3433. The family wishes to convey appreciation and gratitude to all the nurses and doctors at the Tom Baker Cancer Clinic as well as her palliative care team and doctor who have been so caring all the way through making it possible for Sheila to remain at home until her passing.

In living memory of Sheila Rogers, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 CENTRE STREET NORTH, CALGARY, AB T2E 2V6 Telephone: 1-800-661-1599.

ART HARDEN

Art Harden passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2009, at the Hospice House in Kelowna with most of his family members by his side.

Arthur William Harden was born August 30, 1924 in Auckland, New Zealand, the fourth of six children to Leslie and Ivy Harden. He grew up in Te Awamutu. He left home to seek his fortune at sixteen and two years later joined the NZ Armed Forces. In 1945 he crossed the Pacific as part of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and was stationed in Calgary, graduating as a Wireless Operator/Gunner. There he met a young nursing student, Ernestine Peel, and after the war in the Pacific was over, he returned to Calgary and they were married in July 1948.

Over the next three years, Art worked in both Calgary and Winnipeg and after two Winnipeg winters, decided that if he was going to live in Canada, it had to be on the west coast. They moved to Vancouver in 1951 and settled in Burnaby where their five children were born. Art began working for Pacific Western Airlines in 1954. In 1962, he and Ernestine packed up their family and moved to NZ. There he built his first house in the Auckland suburb of Glendowie. After three years, they all returned to Vancouver and Art returned to PWA.

He built his second house in Tsawwassen where the family resided until the kids were grown. During this time, Art had a 35-foot steel hulled ocean-going ketch constructed and he spent four years doing the finishing, both inside and out. It was his desire to sail it back to NZ after he retired. He and Ernestine also purchased an acreage on Salt Spring Island, and after Art took early retirement from PWA at age 53, they moved to Salt Spring and Art built his third house. Time marched on, and after the boat was finished and the move to Salt Spring, Art discovered he might have waited too long to achieve his goal of sailing it back to NZ. Ernestine may have influenced his decision as she was quite clear that she was not going to be a crew member. So he sold the boat and turned his attention to landscaping his little piece of paradise. He was famous for tiered gardens and curving rock walls. He loved to work with concrete and with wood and he turned the Salt Spring property into an English style garden. He could be a bit of a perfectionist, and more than once, he disassembled what he had built and redid it, as the first attempt did not meet his expectations.

For more than forty years Art devoted a great amount of time and passion to the Masonic Lodge, both in the Vancouver area and on Salt Spring. He served as Master of the Aviation Lodge, Master of the Admiral Lodge and as District Deputy. In latter years, Art's health declined and after being diagnosed with kidney disease, he realised he would need more medical care than Salt Spring Island could provide. So in 2006 Art and Ernestine sold the acreage and moved to Kelowna. It turned out that dialysis never really agreed with Art and after giving it a good try and his health declining further, he made the decision to stop treatment, which the family understood and respected.

Art is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ernestine; daughters Leanne Campbell (Don) of Auckland, NZ; Maureen Miller (Steve) of West Vancouver; Rhonda Caza (Kirk) of Paget, Bermuda; sons Eric (Cathie) and Tony (Anita) of Kelowna; sister Elizabeth of Auckland; grandchildren Jonathan, Dana and Andrea Campbell; Mike Miller, Kevin and Michelle Caza; Tony (Marie), Dan and Tim Harden; Jennifer and Matthew Harden; and great granddaughters, Kaycee and Taylor. Art was predeceased by his parents, his sisters Joan and Nora, and brothers Bruce and Eric, all of New Zealand.

FOLLOWING CREMATION, A PRIVATE FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD IN KELOWNA ON MAY 12, 2009

Salt Spring Island CONSERVANCY

Annual General Meeting
 Friday, June 5, 2009
 7:00 pm Lion's Hall,
 103 Bonnet

Special Speaker
David Denning:
 'The Secret Seashore'
 Everyone welcome

BAG-A-BOOK SALE Spring Drop-off Day. Tuesday, May 26, 10am to 4pm outside Country Grocer. Donate your books in good condition to SSI Community Education's giant fundraising book sale. Questions? E-mail: info@saltspring-accommodations.com

HOUSE CONCERT: Folk Arts Quartet. Progressive Celtic String Quartet from Berkeley. Tue., May 26, 7:30pm, 175 Kanaka Rd Ganges. Tix \$15-\$20 at Salt Spring Books.

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LEA - Siegrid "Sigi" (nee Hausknecht)
Born July 11, 1941 - passed away peacefully on May 13, 2009



Siegrid is lovingly remembered by her husband Roger, sons Perry and Andy (Nicole), daughter Krista and grandsons Jakob and Kaden. Predeceased by sister Kay (Jim) survived by brothers Vi, Wally, Ted (Heather) and sister Helen (Denis) as well as many family and friends. Sigi will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

A Memorial Service will be held
May 24, 2009 at Hazelmere Country Club, 18150 8th Ave., Surrey in the Panarama Room at 11am followed by a celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

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Tim Cahill Emergency Pod Coordinator.
New members heartily welcomed. If you live in the area that means YOU

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Contact: Margery Moore
537-4400/sustain@saltspring.com

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JOHNSON DR. HJALMAR W.

Passed away suddenly on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the age of 78. Loved by his wife Lorna, daughters Lynn and Karen (Jim), son Jeff and his pride and joy his grandsons: Kris and Jorgen. Hjalmar was born in Riverton, Manitoba and grew up in Gimli and Winnipeg. After graduating from the University of Manitoba he began his medical career serving as the only doctor for the Gulf Islands, residing on Salt Spring. Following this, he completed his residency, specializing in pediatric urology, at UBC and practiced at BC Children's Hospital until his retirement in 1995. During retirement he continued to mentor and teach medical students as well as spend as much time as he could at the Shaughnessy Golf Club.

A well respected and popular physician, he was known for his kindness, sense of humour, and practical jokes. In addition to his clinical work, he was passionate about teaching and mentoring and was a Professor of Surgery at UBC, actively involved in surgical research. His joy was his family, their summer place at Woodlands, his many friends and his Icelandic heritage. It was a toss-up whether hockey or golf came first. He will be deeply missed by his family, colleagues, friends and by his former patients who were fortunate enough to have been in his care. Special thanks to the VGH Emergency staff for their kind and compassionate care.

Service to be held on Thursday, May 21, at 11am at St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church, 2490 West 37th Ave., Vancouver. Reception to follow at the Arbutus Club.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Urology Foundation, 6th Floor, 2775 Laurel Street, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 1M9, or a charity of your choice.

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The Phoenix Coyotes — Canada vs. Gary Bettman

As far as hockey in Canada goes, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is just about as close to the embodiment of pure evil as there can be.

And that's putting it nicely. On May 5, Phoenix Coyotes majority owner Jim Moyes filed for bankruptcy after yet another season of deteriorating arena attendance and overall mediocrity from the Arizona sports franchise that he's owned since 2001.

That same day, Moyes announced that he had agreed

in principle to sell the team to PSE Sports and Entertainment, headed by Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, for \$212.5 million and part of the deal would include having the Coyotes relocate to a new city in southern Ontario, particularly Hamilton.

Not on Bettman's watch. The commissioner quickly jumped into the picture, stating that Moyes may not even have had the authority to file the bankruptcy petition and that the NHL was committed to maintaining the team in the Phoenix area. Soon enough, Moyes was stripped of virtually any authority he had as owner, thus leaving the southern Ontario deal with Balsillie up in the air as the matter made its way to court.

After an unresolved hearing on May 7, bankruptcy court Judge Redfield Baum scheduled a second hearing for May 19, to determine who is actually in control of

the team. However, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly stated that regardless of how the judge rules, the league owners will get the final say in whether or not to approve the Coyotes move. Daly also added that Bettman doubts Balsillie's bid for the team will be successful and even went so far as to say that Balsillie was "acting in total disregard" for NHL rules when he made the bid.

First, let me start by asking whose bright idea it was to move a hockey team to the middle of

the desert in Arizona in the first place? I guess I can swallow that one. If Anaheim and Tampa Bay can be successful and win Stanley Cups, then

maybe the desert isn't such a bad place to have a hockey team after all, right?

Wrong. The Coyotes have been a lacklustre team throughout their entire 12-year existence, making the playoffs a total five times and being knocked out of the first round each time.

But hey, I'm willing to not give up on a team if they're at least building some kind of fan base and making money. But seeing as how the Coyotes have the third lowest average attendance in the entire league behind the New York Islanders and Atlanta Thrashers, it doesn't look like they're making much of anything these days.

Meanwhile, in Hamilton you have a city full of hockey nuts that would easily fill the NHL-size Copps Coliseum's capacity of roughly 19,000 on a nightly basis almost guaranteed.

But of course with Bettman in charge, we might never see that become a reality, since he said himself that the only way he sees there being a team in Hamilton is if it was by expansion.

He even said he would move the team back to Winnipeg before moving it to Hamilton.

Ouch. Now I'm not trying to come off as a Canadian hockey activist and I do feel for the fans who support the Coyotes in Phoenix and don't want to see them go. With that being said, I also don't feel as if the city is a large enough hockey hub to keep the franchise intact and if you're going to relocate, why not move it to a to Hamilton where there's sure to be a massive fan base resulting in a lot of money?

Regardless of the outcome of the hearing, the NHL needs to take a long, hard look at teams like Phoenix, Atlanta and the Islanders and really ask themselves if it's worth keeping these dying franchises on life support, or start moving them elsewhere.

That doesn't necessarily mean moving them exclusively to Canada because there are also many passionate hockey cities in the United States, but since Balsillie obviously has the money and motive to bring the Coyotes to Hamilton, why not?



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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

With plenty of places to go and people to see, your social calendar may be all filled up. You are in the mood to explore. Necessity may be part of the deal. Finances may be the issue in this regard. At best you feel focused, determined and versatile and, at worst, stuck and blocked. Circumstances may be the issue but it may also be your own attitude and perspective. Outline clearly what you want and need and let intention magic go to work for you.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Your sights are firm and set. Whether by inspiration or desperation, you are looking for new angles, avenues and perhaps new streams of income. As ever, blocks and obstacles perhaps within, and/or without may be in your way. How to overcome them is ever the question. This is where imagination power comes in. On the other hand, determination backed by revolutionary action of some kind may be required. Set your focus to take risks.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You are getting ready to spring into action. Yet, there may be certain delays and restrictions with which you must contend. This may be a source of anger and/or depression. Avoid rushing into things and making them happen with the force of your will at the expense of the reality of the greater flow of things. Look for signs and openings, yet be willing to explore your options more on the drawing board than in fact with literal action. The start you are seeking may come a little later than hoped so play along.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Seems a lot of people are laying a low these days, a little more than usual and you may be one of them. Amidst dreams and ambitions for more fun and money, you are eager to learn a few new tricks. Gathering new tools, techniques, tips and methods to meet with the changing times is likely. Beyond the everyday, reach for higher perspectives and truths. Security is not just financial and emotional, it is ultimately spiritual. Nurture a deeper connection with your heart and soul.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Your individuality is showing in full color these days. All shades and shadows too are clearer for others to see. This may feel like a mixed blessing. Yet, with the right attitude it can be seen as a total blessing, as long as you are willing to see your shadowy parts that it. Your brighter colors are shining through as well, but the murkier sides are giving you the opportunity to identify and so heal or clear them. Getting the recognition you want may require that you polish your act even more.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Worldly ambitions are kicking you into high gear. Unfortunately, the shift mechanism may not be working to its full capacity... Don't panic, persevere patiently. Decipher what is and is not working and as calmly as possible, make the necessary corrections and adjustments. Aim to take full responsibility for your situation and seek assistance as little as possible, but perhaps just a little. Where necessary step back or forward, as circumstances require, to see things realistically.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

It may be time to put your thinking cap on more securely. You want certain information, and clear answers and are willing to dig deep to get them. There is much shaking in your world, on both domestic and professional fronts. These brewing changes will become more evident by mid autumn and in a year from now especially. This will be true for many people, but you may be one of the first to tackle the situation head on. Get informed before you take big action!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The time has come to unload everything you do not need or want or that is blocking progress. As much as this may include stuff, it all includes attitudes, perspectives, self concepts, habits, jobs living arrangements etcetera. Cleaning, clearing, cleaning, purging or whatever it takes to feel lighter yet more focused. Avoid trying to please others and focus on your own needs, remembering that everyone is responsible for their own expectations and emotions. Yet, aim to be graceful and diplomatic all the while!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Taking a closer look at the quality of your relationships, both personal and professional, is the call now. You may be in a playful and romantic mood. Further, you are ready to secure a better deal somehow, to consolidate a more reliable foundation. There remains strong indications that you might tend to scatter your focus so pay attention to that. Aim for quieter pastures where you can feel more peaceful, stable and secure.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Attending to the many details that require your attention is keeping you busy now. At best, you can focus on creative projects to which you can devote your full attention. Renovations, clean-ups and/or creating more beauty and order close to otherwise will prove satisfying. Keep on eye on the future and be willing to learn what you must to prepare and follow through to bring your plans and projects to a satisfying completion.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A creative, playful, adventurous and romantic mood is rapidly emerging. It may be as simple as wanting more fun in the sun with the one(s) you love. So, turn off the bad news and get into the happy groove and embrace the moment now. Once you do and allow yourself to drink deeply the pleasures of simplicity, you will be ready to dive deeply again as your reality requires. Be willing to go and see and explore new places and faces and laugh and love and remember that life can be really fun!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Creating your base close to home and journeying from there will bring fulfillment now. Your ambitions will remain strong for a while yet and your ability to weave fun and games with production and progress is the tricky challenge. This will require extra attention to establish effective and healthy time management. Make every effort to enjoy the moments and feel the pleasure that comes in so many little yet important ways.



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FINE ART

Shape, colour and texture at Pegasus

Eight Island Artists show runs until May 30

BY GAYLE MAVOR
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Last Friday Ganges felt a bit like Santa Fe, New Mexico, albeit on an extremely miniaturized scale.

Every Friday evening in Santa Fe, the 100 or more art galleries off the famed Canyon Road throw open their doors and art patrons — wine glasses in hand — wander from one to the next, observing and being observed.

Right here, much closer to home, my second gallery stop on Friday was the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art where the work of eight local artists is on display.

If you missed the opening, visit and absorb the artistic expressions of Peter McFarlane, Ronald Smith, Roland Gatin, John MacDonald, Randolph Parker, Morley Myers, Gail Johnson and Steven Armstrong. Their oil and acrylic paintings, mixed media, and sculptures in bronze, soapstone and alabaster complement each other surprisingly well in the small space.

Through the door, Roland Gatin's Disposable Modernity, a collection of hollowed-out, alabaster-sculpted pop bottles, one complete with bar code, is on display. Think of it as the appetizer for his more substantial main course of soapstone masks/sculptures that combine mixed tones into a seamless patchwork of glassy smooth rockwork pieces.

Gracious host and gallery employee Pat Fraser described it as melding the classical with the futuristic in a process that is unique in the world as far as they can tell.

"It's only a matter of time before he's known more widely," she says.

He uses a self-taught process he calls "multistone," involving a complex technique of building intricately laminated stone. That piece-by-piece detail contrasts with Morley Myers style, in which long fluid lines as in Close Embrace seem to emerge from the stone or where definition is birthed out of roughness in Life Passing.

Have fun with Peter McFarlane's unique cityscapes painted onto recycled computer circuit boards — imagine looking down, out a plane window on descent. In Skyline, the pinprick of yellow paint dots are the lights against dark blues and purples of a city accepting dusk; the perspective forces viewers to navigate to the centre of the piece and the circuit board's



Ronald Smith with his painting Beyond at Pegasus Gallery.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

texture perfectly replicates the density of a city. His ability to see the potential for art in circuit boards is almost as intriguing as the end results. In his piece called From Pony Express to Circuit Board, circuit boards are sculpted into horses, each one unique and in motion, representing the transformation in communications technology in the past century.

And then for something completely different, Light, a man of wire struggles to haul an oversized light bulb, perhaps a metaphor for the weightiness of ideas, the heaviness of all human knowledge to date and where to go with that. The materials used and the subject matter force a longer look. It's thought-provoking and funny. I personally think it's the perfect piece for the lobby at Google's head office.

Rick Hill, dropped by the gallery on Sunday and said, "Peter's a former rugby player. I think that's why he was able to get the tension in that body so right." Think Atlas, the Titan, re-interpreted.

Next. Let your eyes wander across John MacDonald's beach scenes. Broad strokes, visible on the canvas, evoke the mood of a day at the beach. You know it. There's nowhere to go on purpose; stillness amidst kid shrieks and wind.

The angles of his subjects observed from a distance and from behind, (the way you'd often observe strangers at the beach), are enhanced by the slightly out-of-focus treatment, which could well re-

resent heat rising off the sand.

MacDonald likes really large canvases of 80 X 90 inches, but out of necessity (for the gallery and for purchasers) most of those here are smaller. He's also done a Heroes series of men he admires. There's a stylized portrait of Dr. John Rae, (a Scot from the Orkney Islands who joined the Hudson's Bay Company as a ship's doctor and set sail for Hudson's Bay in 1833) hanging in the gallery's walkway display case.

Eight Island Artists also includes the warmth of Gail Johnson's bold orange and red vibrant flowers as bountiful and lively as the gardens where she finds her subject matter, and the strong sense of local colour in Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands as captured by Steven Armstrong.

Randolph Parker's extremely detailed cool blue landscapes, some inspired by this past long winter, and an examination of the natural environment juxtaposed with the urban within of Ronald Smith's internationally known oil abstracts are also on display.

As in Smith's mocha skies in his piece Casiar, the works in this exhibit overall offer a complexity of colour, shape and texture that leave an unexpected calming effect.

All, that is, except for McFarlane's piece Light. That keeps coming back after the fact, like an unresolved question or a song that gets stuck in your head.

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Beat and Groove Mash-up on tap

Greenlaw returns to the rock with cool friends



Greenlaw performs May 30 at Beaver Point Hall.

Beaver Point Hall is set to host a gathering of talented front-of-the-line artists when it comes to cutting-edge electronic music.

Greenlaw, Kia Kadiri and DJ Tedder are considered some of the best performers in dub step, hip hop, liquid, DnB and experimental music.

Their Beat and Groove Mash-up runs Saturday, May 30 beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is \$15.

Greenlaw has twice been nominated for Best International Act and Best New Producers at the 2009 MTV DnB Awards.

"Having toured the world from Russia to Toronto with WODNB, Greenlaw's spectrum of sound goes from deep dub soul to phat liquid DnB, all the while Skylia J's live voice, flute

and trumpet float effortlessly overtop," states press material.

"The powerful lyrical content and melody will transport you while the pounding beats

and rich bass move you."

For more info on Greenlaw go to <http://www.greenlaw-music.com>.

In the last five years, Kia Kadiri has become a West

Coast phenomenon.

Drawing on hip hop, jazz, funk and soul to create a sound that is truly universal, she has emerged as a stand-out artist from a scene that has produced some of this country's most exciting urban artists. Kadiri's website is <http://www.myspace.com/kiakadiri>.

Dubby basslines, jazzy riffs and pure soul are just a few of the influences that have shaped the style of DJ Tedder.

Tedder began DJing in 2002 and has been in the foreground of liquid funk on Vancouver Island ever since.

"His soulful dub selections and smooth mixing have moved dance floors throughout B.C. and he has played alongside the likes of Calibre, LTJ Bukem, London Electricity, T Power, Benny Page, Marcus Visionary & Mutt to name a few."

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COMEDY

Arvid takes the pulse of remaining islanders with They're Dead & Gong Show

Sunday, May 24 is night for character-filled solo romp

the ways things were running on the island, he said.

"It's about things they told me when I said, 'Oh yeah, sure' . . . Now I've become one of them."

He will also remind his audience about some wonderful islanders who died far too young, such as James Wilkinson and Anne Lyon, who he performed with as part of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society and in other ventures.

Chalmers asks audience members to suggest their favourite dead people and he will try to imitate them or otherwise acknowledge them in his show.

"The benefit of talking about the dead is they can't come backstage and yell at you," he said.

As usual, Chalmers will also poke a bit of fun at the Islands Trust, other regulatory bodies and rumours of bodily functions that persist on the island.

He was alarmed to note that "the turds in the harbour" have returned to clog up the latest debate about what should or shouldn't occur in Ganges Harbour. Floating fecal matter was a major factor in the Ganges sewer debate of the 1970s and '80s, he recalled.

Show time for They're Dead and Gong is 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$16 and are available in advance at ArtSpring.

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Having just passed his own 62nd birthday, the number of obituaries in the Driftwood each week is starting to get to Arvid Chalmers.

And when something bugs the island comedian, there's only one way to deal with it — put on a show.

"The benefit of talking about the dead is they can't come backstage and yell at you."

ARVID CHALMERS
Performer

This Sunday, May 24, Chalmers hits the ArtSpring stage with his They're Dead and Gong Show.

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GISS

High school writers encouraged and entertained by author Susan Juby

Writer-in-residence presents week of workshops

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For writer Susan Juby, real life illustrated her point better than words as she read from a collection of essays about writers' embarrassing moments at a GISS workshop last week.

Her week had been successful; the students were engaged, interested and entertained, and then her cell phone started making the type of loud noises that cell phones only make when you don't want them to. The writer gave her purse a kick and announced to anyone who missed hearing the various ring tones that her phone was indeed ringing.

Is it wrong to see awkward, 15-year-old Alice MacLeod of Juby's award-winning novels-turned-television-series (*Alice, I Think*) at the front of the class in that situation?

If everything went exactly as planned for Juby, where would she get her inspiration from?

"People who write comedy thrive on adversity," Juby said after giving the class an honest and often comedic look at some realities of being a Canadian novelist.

"I'll tell you some good things and some terrifying things about writing for a living," she said.

"Have any of you ever had



PHOTO BY NATALIE NORTH

'Alice' series writer Susan Juby leads a GISS workshop.

the experience of submitting things only to have them be rejected?" she later added. "How did you deal with the rejections? Did it make it harder or easier to do it all again?"

Juby made light of her struggle to find an agent and publisher, along with the constant rejection letters that she received along the way before the first young adult novel in her *Alice* trilogy was published.

The stories — which she started to write during morning bus rides in Vancouver — draw heavily on her experiences growing up in Smithers, B.C. She encouraged the Grade 12 students in Ray Colleran's

English class to consider their own environments when writing.

"This town is going to influence them a lot," she said, adding that writing about one's hometown "gives a lot back if you're willing to risk it."

The love/hate relationship that Juby shows for Smithers and the tension therein drives many writers, she said.

Juby taught the class as a writer-in-residence for the Vancouver International Writers Festival Spreading the Word program. She currently teaches a writing for young adults course at UBC as part of an MFA program.

Juby spent an entire week

at the school and by the second day word had gotten out about her presence, so Colleran's class got a little bigger, he said. But the English students weren't the only ones benefiting from the high-calibre literary instruction — Colleran himself had his notebook out at the back of the class.

"I'll tell you some good things and some terrifying things about writing for a living."

SUSAN JUBY
Writer

"I was doing the activities alongside the kids," he said. "They were a lot of fun."

The Nanaimo-based writer stuck to her word and offered a healthy balance between the "good" and the "terrifying" elements of a career in writing. She joked about needing to sell her latest novel, *Getting the Girl*, since it took two and a half years to write, but didn't forget to remind students of why they become writers in the first place.

"You have the freedom to produce something that matters to you," she said.

SINGING

Song circle facilitates 'our birthright to sing'

Barb Slater leads vocal play group

Salt Spring Arts Academy presents an evening of Ubuntu with Barb Slater at Mahon Hall on Sunday, May 24.

"Ubuntu is an ancient Zulu word meaning 'I am because we are,'" explains an academy press release.

The event, which begins at 6 p.m., is a community family song circle led by Slater of Soul Food & Co.

"We invite you to come togeth-

er as a community and sing simple oral rounds, chants and songs from many traditions. All voices and ages are welcome and no previous singing experience is required. Come and play!"

Slater is a graduate of the Ubuntu Global Choir Network's Community Choir Leadership Training Program, taught by the directors of Victoria's Gettin' Higher Choir, Shivon Robinson and Denis Donnelly. She has sung a cappella for over 30 years and has led song circles in large and small groups for the last three.

"Slater believes it is our birthright to sing and in doing so we create community and cultivate joy. Her enthusiasm encourages confidence and creates a safe, playful environment."

The Ubuntu evening begins at 6 p.m.

The Salt Spring Arts Academy hopes to run this program on a weekly basis starting in September 2009 and is looking for suggestions on how to make the event a unique Salt Spring tradition. Call the office at 250-537-4294 or check the website www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.

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ART AIDE: Kate Parker helps out with the food at a J. Mitchell Gallery re-opening event Friday night. Her aunt, Samantha Parker, is the manager of the island gallery now owned by Razali Wahab.

CONCERT

Berklee comes to SSI as folk-string quartet

In-demand FAQ at Tuesday house concert

A Boston "chamber-folk" band getting lots of attention these days has made Salt Spring part of its first West Coast tour.

The Folk Arts Quartet (FAQ), described as "a new, grooving and prodigiously tasteful progressive folk string quartet," will perform at fiddler Zav RT's house at 175 Kanaka Road on Tuesday, May 26.

FAQ members met while studying at the Berklee College of Music, arranging traditional tunes and original compositions using an array of techniques and ideas.

"With the addition of the occasional beautiful song or energetic step dance, their groovy, contemporary style nods to their many influences and breathes new life into folk and chamber music," notes press material. "They will perform a mix of their original compositions and modern-day spins on old-time and traditional

tunes."

FAQ consists of four-time North American Fiddle Championship winner and Victoria local Ivonne Hernandez; cellist Emma Beaton, a native of Qualicum Beach and a vocalist, banjo player and recording artist who recently took home a Canadian Folk Music Award for Young Performer of the Year; Hannah Read on fiddle and voice from Edinburgh, Scotland; and Massachusetts native Julie Metcalf on viola.

"Evidently passionate and extremely tight, it was an absolute delight to see them perform," said Anja McCloskey, writer for Wears the Trousers Magazine.

For more information on the Folk Arts Quartet and samples of their music, visit www.folkartsquartet.com.

Space for Tuesday's concert is obviously limited so people should pick up tickets soon from Salt Spring Books or reserve a seat by e-mailing zav@zavrt.com. Cost is \$15-\$20 on a sliding scale.

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HANDING OVER THE 'TORCH': At left, Sabine Swierenga, of Sabine's Fine Used Books, hands over her vest in a symbolic gesture to the store's new owners Cheyenne Goh and Barnaby Fell.

AFRICAN DANCE

Wontanara back with form classes

Four-week introductory session begins Friday

After two successful African dance class sessions at All Saints By-the-Sea, Mohamed and Marielle of Wontanara Drum and Dance are thrilled to announce the offering of another session.

Classes will run for four weeks beginning Friday, May 22 and continue through June 12.

The instructors are Mohamed Duranteau, a master dancer and choreographer from Guinea, West Africa, and his wife Marielle

Duranteau, a fireball dancer who has a passion for African drum and dance.

The introductory-level classes run from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

"This is your chance to come and experience for yourselves what so many people are talking about," states press material. "African dancing is a spiritually and physically uplifting art form that has shown to be a very positive way of expression and a great stress reliever. The dance classes are always accompanied by live drumming, by members of local drum group IROKO, which is

a great way to introduce and bring rhythm into your body."

The classes are great for all levels of fitness and experience and all ages are certainly welcome, although children aged 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

Registration costs \$50 and students may register upon arrival at the class. To secure a spot or to find out more, call Deanna at 250-653-2431 or e-mail Marielle at marielle@wontanaradrum-dance.com.

Visit www.wontanaradrum-dance.com for more information.

CONCERTS

Juno-winning singer-songwriter at Mahon Hall

Sue Medley, Barry Donaldson and Aaron Troy on tap May 29

Islanders can expect a stellar night of musical entertainment when Sue Medley and Barry Donaldson perform on Friday, May 29 at Mahon Hall.

Medley is a native of the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island, who has now worked in the music industry in Los Angeles for several years.

She has toured with John Cougar

Mellencamp for events such as a Tribute to Bob Dylan at Madison Square Garden, performed at Farm Aid in Louisville, Kentucky, at the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio and on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Among Medley's awards are Female Vocalist of the Year at the 1987-89 West Coast Music Awards, SOCAN songwriter of the year in 1991-92 and the Juno Award winner for Most Promising Female Vocalist in 1991.

Her singles include Dangerous Times, Maybe The Next Time,

That's Life and Love Thing, from the albums Sue Medley, Inside Out and Velvet Morning.

She is also known for writing and performing songs on the hit TV series Dawson's Creek.

Donaldson has been a guitarist for more than 30 years. His inspirations run from Leo Kottke to Bruce Cockburn to Doc Watson and his musical credits include opening for bluesmen Tim Williams, Ray Bonneville and Guy Davis.

Salt Spring's own Aaron Troy is the opening act for the show that begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10.

DANCE

Kundalini returns to Core Inn

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Kaia Mitchell and DJ Gordon Field are again offering a journey through the chakras with an eight-week series of Kundalini Ecstatic Dance sessions.

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The sessions take place on the third floor of the Core Inn on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning on May 25 with an introductory class. Over the following seven weeks, the group will explore a specific chakra for each class.

No dance experience is necessary.

Introductory class cost is \$15. The full eight weeks, including the intro class, costs \$120. Drop-in rate is \$20.

Since the class is limited to 20 participants, people should register early to avoid missing out. Contact Kaia Mitchell at kaia@globalambient.com or 250-537-1788.

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Sidewalk Superintendent
 The business beat of the Gulf Islands
 By Peter McCully

Renovated Auntie Pesto's reopens

- Island gourmands and visitors will be happy to know that **Auntie Pesto's** in Grace Point Square has re-opened following its renovation period initiated by flood damage during our very scary winter weather.
- Liz and Shawn Walton** of **Auntie Pesto's** will be among those welcoming two new business owners in Grace Point Square: **Cheyenne Goh and Barnaby Fell** of **Sabine's Book Shop**, and **Razali Wahab** of the **J. Mitchell Gallery**. All three had a chance to meet the public at well-attended special events last weekend.
- The **Moby's Marine Pub** restaurant has also changed hands and is now known as **M.O.B.Y.'s Oyster Bar and Marine Grill**. Check out the new look and menu.
- Ganges will bid farewell to a great little business and its owner, **Cathy Ward of Family Jewels**, when she closes her doors at the end of the month. Drop by to say goodbye and catch some sparkling deals at the same time.
- Speaking of deals, the scene at **ArtSpring** on Saturday morning was apparently quite something as the doors opened for **Skyler's** first

"warehouse sale" on Salt Spring. **Skyler** is the successful active-wear company of a former Salt Springer, **Sky Marcano**, and the sale brought out the bargain-seeking mobs.

- Saltspring Air** keeps on expanding with announcement of a new service from the Pat Bay seaplane dock, "We've had a lot of requests for service from the Saanich Peninsula," says **St. Clair McColl**, president and pilot, **Saltspring Air**. "This service saves them the drive into downtown Victoria or a wait at the ferry terminal and shortens their commute time." The Pat Bay to Vancouver service will run five days a week, departing from Pat Bay 7:30 AM and departing downtown Vancouver in front of the Westin Bayshore Hotel at 4:45 PM. Until June 15 passengers can fly for an introductory rate of \$89.00. **Saltspring Air** has created a thriving business with a fleet of five planes, six pilots and 10 dispatchers and support crew. Scheduled flights or charters may be booked by calling 250-537-9880 or emailing reservations@saltspringair.com.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Garry Kaye retrospective show well-received at Point Gallery

One of two exhibits running until June 7

Island friends and neighbours poured into The Point Gallery last Friday night to congratulate painter Garry Kaye on a rare exhibition of his work. Close to 100 people turned up for the opening reception, which is a gallery record, according to owner and curator Margaret Day.

Bringing together Kaye's paintings for a retrospective show has been a desire of Day's for some time. She first mentioned the idea to me almost two years ago when we visited Kaye and his wife Bly at their home as part of the South End Alternatives studio tour. The problem, she explained at the time, was that Kaye's paintings take several months to complete and are inevitably bought within days of completion. There just wasn't an existing body of unsold work to exhibit.

With a few new paintings and help from local collectors willing to lend their pieces to the show, Day's desire has finally been satisfied. The retrospective is therefore a unique chance to see Kaye's work together and to see his progression as one of the island's true talents.

An incredibly modest and unassuming man, Kaye's history includes deep family roots on Salt Spring and a trade in building log homes. He's been painting full time for only a few years, but in that period has reached a masterful understanding of his subject matter, the local environment.

With the exception of one scene at Fulford Harbour, all of the paintings on display depict locations along a favourite walk that runs from the Kayes' property on Reynolds Road, past Lisa Lloyd's farm and Stowel Lake to South Ridge Road.

Kaye says in his artist's statement that his intention has been "to show the chaotic and subtle beauty of our almost impenetra-



Garry Kaye's painting called Apple Tree.

ble landscape." He achieves this with the attention of someone who has closely studied every blade of grass and every leaf on the path, and fallen in love with them along the way.

In looking at Kaye's work over the years, his progression into what Day calls a "tighter" style is evident. Though always realistic, his work has become richer in detail and more lifelike. The green fruit on the recent painting Apple Tree, for example, appears to actually come out of the canvas into three-dimensional space.

Light Through the Trees is a good example of how Kaye's close observation conveys the complex patterns of shape and light

found in the forest. Hundreds or even thousands of branches are portrayed, all at different angles and being met by sunlight or shadow in different positions, but Kaye gets it completely right. This level of detail (and his habit of painting large-scale canvases with tiny brushes) explains why he normally takes a few months to complete each work.

Charlotte is an odd one out for containing non-vegetation life, being a lovely portrait of a cow on the forest path. Seen from the rear view while she inspects something ahead on the trail,

Kaye captures both the motion of her tail in mid-switch and an idea of her personality.

In the upstairs portion of the gallery, Day has brought in a contrasting but complementary artist in Renay Piper, a Surrey resident with family connections to the island. Piper's style is also realism, but her landscape is the urban one surrounding her home.

Some Would Call Her Stubborn is a scene from a city crosswalk at feet level, except there are no people to be seen. The study in mainly grey and white portrays one tiny daisy growing between the joins in the pavement. Where Kaye can individuate a branch, Piper can give sections of concrete and asphalt their separate shades and textures.

Escapism I and II are both oblique views of an apartment building at night. Seen as if looking up sharply from below, the upper floor is dark while light glows from behind the curtains on the next level down. Piper creates a dynamic scene using the static building's sharp angles. Although a warm orange, the illuminated window does not actually give the promise of human contact. Outside the building the sky is black and other habitations are invisible.

The Point continues the exhibition called Real Worlds Closely Observed until June 7. Look for signs for the gallery entrance on South Ridge Road.



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

FAMILY FESTIVALS

Spring Carnival rolls with fun, food and music for 10th year celebration

Co-op preschool family connections run 'full circle'

BY CALICO CHANG
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It's that greatly anticipated time of year for our island kids again — almost like Christmas or your birthday where it's all about having fun with your family and friends and ending up with an armful of loot at the end of the day.

On Sunday, May 24, the Farmers Institute gates open for the 10th year in a row in what has become another wonderful Salt Spring tradition.

The Spring Carnival is hosted entirely by the families of the Salt Spring Co-op Preschool and is our biggest annual fundraiser.

It's a completely family-oriented event for islanders of all ages and includes fabulous food,

fun, games and prizes. An imagination station, petting zoo, and games like balloon darts, wheel of fortune, haystack dig and the flying frog catapult run all day.

The great thing about the games is you can't lose! Every child wins something every time and about 2,000 toys are given away every year.

There will be a petting zoo and fire trucks for kids to check out when they are not singing and dancing to the entertainment. This year the main stage will host Harry Warner, Jim Rad-dysh, The Relatives, Gel, Small Dogs at Large and a few surprises.

There will also be loads of roving entertainers to wow and delight young and old. Just wait until you see the truly incredible acrobat Mr. Fantastic!

Oystercatcher, our main sponsor, is in charge of the conces-

sion, providing their famous salmon burgers and oyster burgers. Many community businesses have also contributed to make the event possible.

To top it all off, you might walk away with a trip for four to Disneyland or \$3,500 in a travel voucher, a night at a B&B and many other great raffle prizes. Family admission price is \$10 and anyone under six gets in free.

The day runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Spring Carnival may have only been around for 10 years, but co-op preschools have been serving our community for more than 30 years. In fact, I just found out that my mom and another parent at the co-op used to trade childcare on their duty days 31 years ago . . . just like their daughters do today. Talk about full circle!

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Chevrolet Camaro turns heads and ignites smiles

Much anticipated restyled classic muscle car has appeal

BY LORNE DRURY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

These are trying times for the folks at General Motors.

So it was nice to see some smiles on the faces of Chevrolet executives as they introduced the long-awaited 2010 Camaro to assembled members of the media here on the outskirts of the Motor City on an unusually warm and sunny day in mid-March.

Even as General Motors was teetering on the brink of bankruptcy and everyone was awaiting word on government bailout packages for the firm on both sides of the border, this was a time for celebration, although a more subdued one than we might have seen a few years earlier.

On the very day media members had a first opportunity to drive the much-anticipated sports coupe, regular production of the new Camaro was beginning at the Oshawa assembly plant. Since it first debuted as a concept car three years ago at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the return of the Camaro has been the talk of the Motor City and across North America.

Blog sites and forums have been filled with chat about the new Camaro. And before production had even begun, Chevy had pre-sold 14,000 units and had more than 15.5 million Camaro hits on its website.

Finally some positive news for a firm that has seen its fortunes plummet dramatically since the Camaro was last produced in 2002.

And while the Camaro won't be a saviour on its own, it provides a reason for customers to visit GM showrooms, something the company desperately needs.

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Classic-looking 2010 Camaro drives on.

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Scooting around Salt Spring

Driftwood cartoonist test-drives perfect little commuter

BY DENNIS PARKER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

If you're riding one of the electric scooters or bicycles that Chris Dixon sells from his Mansell Road business, there's little chance you'll ever be confused with a Hell's Angel.

Not that they don't have two wheels, but it's a world apart in both function and intent from

those monsters of the highway. But big or small there's always a sense of freedom and delight with being on the open road.

Of course, an electric bike is not a motorcycle. Never will be. But if you're looking for basic economical transportation that is environmentally friendly and a bit of fun to boot, this just might be what you're looking for.

Still, first things first. And the questions that came to mind as Chris instructed me on how to ride one of these chick magnets. The bikes themselves are easy to

operate. No shifting of gears. No clutches. Basically just point it to where you want to go and turn on the electricity. Then you're off — quietly humming your way down the road and scaring little children. Handling was something I had to get used to. But that's to be expected. At this level, on the back roads and quiet streets the power is more than adequate. It's the perfect little commuter.

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Reviewer finds 'car is an attention-getter, no doubt'

CAMARO

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engines combined with either six-speed automatic or manual transmissions.

And best of all, fuel economy is decent for a performance car, delivering an estimated 6.9L/100 km (41 mpg) highway with the peppy 304 hp 3.6-litre V6 engine.

True to its heritage, the Camaro is also offered in SS trim with a powerful 400 hp (426 hp with the manual transmission) 6.2-litre V8. Prices start at \$26,995 for the V6 LS model and \$36,995 for the SS.

Built on GM's new rear-wheel-drive Zeta platform like the Pontiac G8, the Camaro draws its styling lines from the iconic '69 first-generation model while at the same time offering modern-day features such as independent rear suspension, six standard air bags and even a cylinder de-activation system in the V8 automatic that helps save on fuel.

Does the modern, sharper styling work with the Camaro?

Well, the buying public will be the judge and during our half-day ride and drive just outside Detroit, the Camaro sure attracted attention.

Heads turned, camera phones were pointed our way and even the local constabulary came out in one small town to take a close-up look along with a number of locals. The car is an attention-getter, no doubt.

It is particularly striking from a rear view, with a muscular look thanks to the wide haunches. All versions get dual exhausts, adding to the muscle car appeal.

My co-driver and I spent most of our time in a V6 automatic, the car that will likely make up the bulk of Camaro sales.

I left with the feeling that a V6 would be plenty of car for me; it was quick, quiet and comfortable, even on the winter-scarred roads in the Detroit area.

The ride is firm as one would expect from a sports coupe, but not jarring as you often find with vehicles shod with big performance tires. Wheels are 18-, 19- or 20-inches depending on the model selected.

The LS and LT models get the 3.6-litre direct-injected V6 engine with variable valve timing and a choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmissions. This engine is rated at 304 hp and 273 lb/ft of torque.

Standard is a six-speed manual transmission, while a six-speed automatic with manual shift option (tap shift steering wheel mounted controls). The SS model comes with a 6.2-litre V8, rated at 426 hp and 420 lb/ft of torque



Camaro's striking rear view.

with manual transmission.

This is the LS3 engine, which debuted on the 2008 Corvette and uses high-flow cylinder heads based on the Corvette Z06's LS7 engine for great low-end torque.

A new L99 V8 engine is paired with the automatic version of the SS models. It is also based on the LS3, but includes the fuel-saving active fuel management feature where four cylinders are shut down during light-load driving conditions such as highway cruising. This V8 is rated at 400 hp and 395 lb/ft.

GM says V6 times for 0-96 km/h should be in the 6.1-second range with the V8 getting there in 4.7 seconds.

Two different suspensions are offered. The LS and LT get a sport suspension, while the SS receives a performance suspension with a lower ride height.

The variable-rate rack and pinion power steering system provided just enough driver feedback, even on less-than-perfect Michigan roads. The car tracked straight and true and handled corners with ease.

Standard are four-wheel discs with ABS. The LS and LT models have single piston calipers all round, while the SS gets larger rotors with four-piston Brembo calipers at all four corners. Also standard is GM's electronic stability control with traction control.

On the SS is a competitive/sport mode that is adjustable for performance driving such as on a racetrack. It also has a launch control feature for manual transmission models for quicker, consistent takeoffs during performance driving.

We didn't get a chance to try that feature as we only had a short time in an SS manual and that was on the highway back to the airport. Hopefully there will be some seat time in an SS model later this year.

Nevertheless, the V6 version was a pleasant surprise. You can spruce up the LT model with an RS package (\$1,995) that includes a rear spoiler, high intensity discharge headlights and 20-inch aluminum wheels with summer high-performance tires.

Inside is where the Camaro falls a touch short. I found plenty of front-seat legroom for my six-foot frame, but the rear seat area is really cramped, with limited leg and headroom. Getting in and out is a chore.

The tilt/telescopic steering wheel helps you find the correct driving position and there is a nice cockpit-type feel when settled in the driver's seat.

The steering wheel itself has built-in audio and speed controls. Other controls like the large HVAC knobs are easy to grip with push button controls for the settings. The speedo and tach are recessed dead ahead of the driver. Wind and road noise is minimal inside the cabin.

The dashboard has a hard plastic look and feel and there is a large dark gray area dead in front of the passenger. Except for a loose trim piece in one of the test cars, the interior seemed well assembled for a pre-production model. The centre console has two cupholders.

XM satellite radio, OnStar, remote keyless entry and AM/FM stereo with MP3 playback capability are standard on all models. A 245-watt Boston Acoustics premium nine-speaker audio system comes in the upgraded LT and SS models.

The combined city/highway fuel consumption rating for the V6 automatic is 9.4 L/100 km (30 mpg) and 9.8 L/100 km (29 mpg) for the manual. For the 6.2L V8, numbers are 10.9 L/100 km (26 mpg) for the automatic and 10.8L/100 km for the manual.

All in all, an exciting new car that is expected to draw increased traffic to GM showrooms. Its modern styling should appeal to more than just 50-something baby boomers, who grew up with the Camaros of the '60s.

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Wed. May 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints By-the-Sea church on Park Drive. 10:10 a.m. Followed by muffin & coffee/tea.
Black Velvet Band. Irish and island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Readers Theatre. Entertains at Salt Spring Seniors Services. 2 p.m.

Thurs. May 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre presents three new plays written and directed by Mort Ransen. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Two-for-one opening night.
Gene Grooms. Blues on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.
Peter Prince. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Open Mike. With Stephanie Rhodes & friends, Thursdays at The Local bar & bistro. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SSI Poultry Club Meeting. Topic is Predators. Farmers Institute. 7 p.m.
Bingo. At Meaden Hall. 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30 p.m.
Green Drinks. Great conversation on sustainability topics and veggie appetizers provided. Hosted by I-SEA at Harbour House. 5 p.m.

Fri. May 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Stephanie Rhodes. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre presents three new plays written and directed by Mort Ransen. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
One Thousand Cranes. SS Centre School musical at Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. Admission by donation.
Tom Hooper. Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Applied Skills Day. Demos, displays & more at GISS. Howe Court opening ceremony at 2 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library en francais. L'heure du contes, avec Kaz. Another special event for French-speaking children and their parents. 1-2 p.m. at the library.
Wontanara African Dance Classes. First of four weekly sessions begins. All Saints. 6-7:15 p.m.
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Red Tent Women's Circle. Being connected and together. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m. Info: 250-931-2269.

Sat. May 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre presents three new plays written and directed by Mort Ransen. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
One Thousand Cranes. SS Centre School musical at Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. Admission by donation.
Live Music. At Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
The Mancubs. Live band on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.
An Evening with Harry Manx. Fulford Hall. 8 p.m. (SOLD OUT)

ACTIVITIES

Journey with Voice and Writing. Workshop for women. Listen to inner voices through song and words. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Ella, 250-653-4261 or Wendy, 250-653-4286.

Sun. May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
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ACTIVITIES

with fine classic music and live light opera of Howard Klianman. Rainbow Road Pool, 7 to 10 p.m.
Ubuntu. Community song circle led by Barbara Slater at Mahon Hall. 6 p.m.
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Mon. May 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Dance. Dance to Awaken-Ecstatic Intro Session. Core Inn, third floor, 7-9 p.m.

Tues. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Folk Arts Quartet. Contemporary Celtic quartet from Berklee College of Music. House concert at 175 Kanaka Road. 7:30 p.m.
Open Stage at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bag-a-Book Sale Drop-off Day. Bring donations of books in good condition to Country Grocer table for Community Ed's fundraising book sale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tango Tuesdays. Beginner-Intermediate classes at the Core Inn, third floor. 6:30-8 p.m., followed by practica. Info: 250-537-1818.

Wed. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints By-the-Sea church on Park Drive. 10:10 a.m. Followed by muffin & coffee/tea.
Ramesh Meyers. Singer-songwriter at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Attracting Butterflies to the Garden. Gwen Odermatt is guest speaker at SS Garden Club meeting. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

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This is director J.J. Abrams re-interpretation of the cult-classic sci-fi story of the starship Enterprise & its notorious, space-cowboy captain James T. Kirk. Star Trek goes back to the beginning: to the launch of the Enterprise & its maiden voyage of exploration & discovery.

Angels and Demons, the prequel to The DaVinci Code, plays next at The Fritz!

EXHIBITIONS

- **Eight Island Artists** runs at **Pegasus Gallery** until May 30.
- **Garry Kaye - Retrospective**, and **Renay Piper - Limited Visibility** at **The Point Gallery** until June 7.
- **Gail Sibley** has an exhibit of paintings in the lobby at **ArtSpring**.
- **Larry Melious** shows portraits of islanders at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** through May.
- **Abstract Works** by **Jamie Callum Macaulay** show at **Talia Cafe** from May 1-31.
- **Strujohemaza Monster Tour** — **Creative Fire Studio** kids' collaborative creation is at the **Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe** for the month of May.
- **Cody Conner** shows oil paintings at **Island Savings** until the end of May.
- **Shari Macdonald** has new photos hanging at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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MORE THAN SOCCER: In addition to the hundreds of soccer players on Salt Spring for the annual Challenge Cup tournament last weekend were, above (from left): Carol Fowles, Donna Robinson, Erin Phillips, Kloe Holmes and Alice Paveley running the Lions concession; a beer garden almost stuffed to capacity and a canine soccer fan.



INTERNATIONAL AID

Volunteers needed for Armenia edition of Habitat for Humanity

Islanders lead group to help people directly

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Murray Coates travels the world and changes lives.

Sound good? You could, too.

Coates and his wife Jan are among the 11,000 world travellers that volunteer with Habitat for Humanity annually. The couple started volunteering for the organization last year, when they built houses in Hungary and Jordan.

"It's the difference between people having a house and not having a house," Coates said of the work.

Habitat for Humanity is one of the few charities that allows volunteers to meet the people who benefit from their efforts, as the family who receives the house labours alongside them. Coates retells fond memories of home-cooked meals from grateful families and says modestly that he will never be the same again.

"Working as a volunteer in another country is an excellent way to find out how ordinary people live in their community," Coates said. "It takes you beyond the standard airport, hotel and tourist site way of travel and gives you a chance to help people in a direct way."

"The beneficiaries are always amazed that someone from another country would pay to come and help them build their home. It also makes us realize how very fortunate we are

to live the way that we do in Canada," he added.

Fewer people are willing to ante up monetarily — and physically — and build with Habitat for Humanity this year. The Coates have graduated from participants to group leaders and are putting out a call to anyone interested in accompanying them to Armenia and providing shelter for a family in need.

Armenia is a former republic of the Soviet Union where more than half of the residents in its capital of Yerevan live in deteriorated housing with little heat or water. Housing privatization, a 1988 earthquake and an influx of refugees have caused the current housing situation.

Coates is presenting an opportunity for anyone to come and join his team to Armenia. Age and ability as a carpenter should not be considered before the trip. In Hungary, the Habitat for Humanity team ranged in age from 18 to 75 years old and it's almost better if participants don't have prior experience in construction, he said.

The cost is about \$2,000 plus airfare (all tax deductible), which isn't hard to fundraise for, Coates said, adding that Habitat for Humanity supplies the pledge forms and necessary resources. The trip to Armenia is set to go from Oct. 18-31, if the Coates get enough volunteers. (They're hoping for a team of 10 to cover enough supply costs.) For more information, to donate to the trip or to register, contact the Coates at mcoates@shaw.ca or 250-537-8527.

ISLAND HISTORY

St. Paul's church to mark island's Hawaiian heritage

Foundation grant immortalizes early settlers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Thanks to a generous financial contribution from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, part of the island's Hawaiian heritage will be set in stone for generations to come.

In conjunction with ongoing St. Paul's restoration work to construct a new stone retaining wall and entrance pathway by the church graveyard, the \$750 grant will allow the church's restoration committee to erect a plaque and commemorative stone acknowledging the contribution of Hawaiian settlers to island life.

Many Hawaiians came to the region during the early 19th century as workers in the province's lucrative whaling and fur trades, and played a major role in building St. Paul's Church in 1885.

About 18 Hawaiians remained on Salt Spring, building what became known as the "Kanaka settlement" in the Beaver Point and Isabella Point areas, according to island historian

Charles Kahn.

"It's a very unique part of our island's history," said Emily Hepburn, a member of the St. Paul's Church Restoration Committee.

Hepburn said the plaque and stone will make a fine addition to what is already a popular and well-photographed site.

The funds were presented to the Salt Spring Island Historical Society during a ceremony at the group's monthly meeting at Central Hall.

The society in turn presented a cheque for \$375 to restoration committee member Lonia MacLeod as a further contribution to the pioneers' plaque.

A second plaque will be placed to commemorate 67 early settlers whose graves no longer have visible markers.

The contribution ensures work on the monument will be completed by August, just in time for a major event to commemorate the province's Hawaiian heritage.

The Hawaiians Remembered celebration is anticipated to attract more than 500 people of Hawaiian ancestry to the island.

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NEWBIE MARKETEERS
Exploring heavily charted territory at the Saturday Market

How on earth are we going to bust into that Saturday market crowd?

I dunno — that's just the line-up for a day vendor spot!

In a Salt Spring tradition that has lasted 24 years now, and it's stronger than ever before. A 10-year version of the event, Salt Spring's Newbie Marketeers will be held on the 23rd of May. The event is a day-long market where vendors can sell their goods and services to the public. The event is a great way to get started in the business world. The event is a great way to get started in the business world. The event is a great way to get started in the business world.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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READY FOR PEACE: Salt Spring Centre School children rehearse for One Thousand Cranes, a musical theatre show with a message of peace at Mahon Hall on Friday-Saturday, May 22-23 at 7 p.m. People are invited to bring origami cranes that will be sent to Japan.

WORKSHOP

Words and voice lead the way to empowerment

Topaz and Cutler combine for session

Vocal improv and writing come together in a May 23 workshop for women.

In Journey with Voice and Writing, participants will learn to listen to their inner voices

through exercises that explore sound, rhythm, breath and freewriting, dialogue writing, mapping and story.

Led by Wendy Judith Cutler and Ella Topaz, "We will create a safe and sacred environment in which authenticity and empowerment can unfold," explains a press release. "By exploring the practice of deep

listening, to ourselves and others, we will come together connecting with others and creating community."

The Saturday workshop runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pre-registration required. Contact Ella Topaz at 250-653-4261 or Wendy Judith Cutler at 250-653-4286.

Topaz is a natural voice prac-

itioner with a body-centred approach and a background in bodywork and facilitation. She offers voice release sessions and runs classes in vocal improvisation. Cutler has taught writing and women's studies courses, and facilitated women's writing workshops extensively in the U.S. and Canada.

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YOUNG DONOR: Fireman Dan Olson accepts a donation from Kiara Fernandez in the fire department's helmet drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

GATHERINGS

Confirmations still needed for four-year GISS reunion

Time for 1972-76 grads to finalize plans to attend

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Growing up on Salt Spring is a bond that unites many islanders for years to come.

That's what Gulf Islands Secondary School reunion organizer Sue Myers is talking about when she uses the term "island living."

"Even though you've got your own little groups, you're one big family," Myers said.

"Then when you come back all these years later, you realize just how close you really were."

Myers, along with Rob Wood, are rounding up GISS grads from 1972-1976 for a celebration weekend packed with entertainment, food and re-connecting.

Myers, who graduated in 1974, expects to have 200 grads attend the Farmers Institute event that includes a dinner/dance with Paxton Bachman Band, volleyball, badminton, camping, a midnight snack and then brunch.

Expect former teacher appearances and a free shuttle bus so those who aren't camping can get home safely.

Organizers have been successful in contacting most grads, but many guests haven't yet sent in their confirmations or their payments, which is making it impossible to get an accurate estimate of how much food they will need.

Despite a few speed bumps along the way, Myers has thoroughly enjoyed planning the June 27-28 event.

She has even assembled a grad book of bios, memories and comical stories that will be available to take home from the reunion.

"I've connected with so many really great people who were good friends that I hadn't spoken to in 30 years and we've sat on the phone for half an hour at a time," she said. "You sit there and chat and remember the great memories."

Contact Myers at 604-302-4125 or slmyers@shaw.ca for more information, to confirm attendance or to contribute any stories to the grad book.

Cinco de Mayo play sees bright night of whuppings

Subsequent meeting's ranks then depleted by body checks

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Napoleon III's brightly dressed French Dragoons were gathered in Veracruz, ready to battle the Mexicans the next day and take Mexico City and the nation, while the USA was embroiled in the Civil War.

That was the eve of Cinco de Mayo in 1862, when the 6,500 French got whupped in Puebla by a mere 4,500 milicianos, a cause for much celebration down south.

There was another gathering for battle on Salt Spring Island 147 years later on May 4, when six full tables of more or less brightly dressed bridge players met and there was a tie for the victory.

Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa had the same score as Prem Margolese and Jeff Bell, with Flo and George Laundry in second place, and Judy Norget and Charles Kahn coming third.

The rest endured various degrees

BRIDGETRICKS

of whuppings.

On May 11, perhaps a different battle (for hockey supremacy) kept some fans away from bridge.

There were only four tables this time, and the win went to Prem Margolese and Jeff Bell on their own. George Laundry and Paul Retallack were second, followed by Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak.

Although the Mexican army was victorious over the French at Puebla, the victory only delayed the French invasion of Mexico City.

Just a year later, the French occupied Mexico and declared Maximilian Emperor.

So who knows what will happen at bridge the next time? After all, that French triumph didn't last.

They withdrew under U.S. pressure five years after Puebla and Maximilian was toast.

For information about bridge (and maybe even about Mexico) give George Laundry a call at 250-653-9095, or e-mail pastorale@shaw.ca.

GARDENING

Butterflies land at garden club meeting

Attracting butterflies to gardens is the topic of next Wednesday's Salt Spring Garden Club meeting, when Petals and Butterflies nursery owner Gwen Odermatt visits the island.

Odermatt is a life-long gardener whose nursery specializes in growing plants that attract butterflies and other beneficial wildlife to gar-

dens. The nursery offers an always-interesting collection of rare and unusual ornamental plants.

She is on the selection committee for Great Plant Picks, is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Vancouver Hardy Plant Group, the Alpine Garden Club of B.C., the South Surrey Garden Club and is a guide at

Darts Hill Garden Park.

Attracting Butterflies to Gardens is a talk that will graphically identify the more common species, outline how to attract them, what to plant and how to support their life cycle.

The May 27 meeting takes place at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Non-club members are welcome to attend for a \$5 charge.

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