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HOSE HELP: Sofia Coopman gets a firefighting lesson from volunteer firefighter Mario Tello. The demonstration was part of the 10th annual Salt Spring Co-op Preschool Spring Carnival held Sunday at the Farmers Institute.

ACCIDENT

Girl struck by car after bus drop-off

19-year-old islander charged

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A 19-year-old male was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm after hitting a high school student who was crossing Fulford-Ganges Road after disembarking from a school bus.

According to Salt Spring RCMP, the bus was stopped facing south in the 600 block of Fulford-Ganges Road with its lights flashing shortly after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19.

The 17-year-old girl was crossing the road in front of the bus and in full view of oncoming traffic when she was struck by a northbound vehicle.

"Witnesses reported that the driver of the car was speeding and did not brake until the last second," states the RCMP release.

"The injured female was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and later airlifted to Victoria General Hospital suffering from broken bones and a concussion. She is expected to make a full recovery."

The driver of the car, who is from Salt Spring, was investigated for possible impairment by drugs and alcohol but not found to be criminally impaired, said the RCMP. He was, however, in contravention of the conditions of his driver's licence.

Jeff Hopkins, superintendent of School District 64, said the incident had shaken up not only the bus drivers but everyone connected in some way.

Special counselling services **ACCIDENT** continued on A2

GANGES MARINA

Marina contempt hearing looms

Floating structure's status still uncertain

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew anticipates the Islands Trust will be ready for contempt of court proceedings against the owner of Ganges Marina as early as the beginning of June.

Drew said the Trust's previously scheduled court date on May 20 was postponed because no judge was available.

The court action comes in response to the marina ownership's unwillingness to comply with a provincial appeal court decision calling for the structure's removal on grounds it does

not comply with Islands Trust bylaws.

Drew's comments come after personnel were seen moving the two-storey structure to the marina's outer breakwater on Monday night, prompting speculation it was leaving the harbour for good.

"I know that they risk contempt of court for not moving it out of the Trust area and that the clock was ticking, and I know that right now we have especially high (and low) tides, but I did not know that they were planning to move it last night," said Islands Trust trustee George Ehring in an e-mail on Tuesday morning. "As I drove by the harbour [on Monday] night, I saw that the

building was out at the end of their dock. Needless to say, I'm happy that it's on the move, and I hope it keeps going."

Details as to why the float house was moved could not be confirmed by anyone at Ganges Marina on Tuesday.

"I don't know why it had to be moved," said marina manager Daphne Reedder. "All I know is that it had to be moved at that time because there was no wind and it was high tide."

In January, a marina spokesperson said the company was trying to sell the floating building for \$490,000.

Reedder said she was not aware if a buyer had been found for the structure. Marina owner **MARINA** continued on A2

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees want Brackett Spring downsizing

Finding ideal number of units a “balancing act”

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An affordable housing project proposed for 584 Rainbow Road may be in jeopardy after members of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) asked the applicant to scale down the project during a specially scheduled meeting last week.

“What we really want to do is deal with affordable housing while thinking about our neighbours,” said trustee Christine Torgrimson.

“My sense is that I heard the neighbours say they want this project to happen, but not too much and not too fast.”

Torgrimson cited concerns about water supply in an area known to have water quality and quantity issues and raising the density of residences in the quiet neighbourhood as principle reasons for re-assessing the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society’s Brackett Spring affordable housing proposal.

Trustees have asked staff to meet with

the applicant to discuss reducing the project’s overall density from 15 dwelling units to a maximum of 10.

Because the level of provincial funding for affordable housing projects is contingent on how many housing units are produced, regional planning manager Brodie Porter said, it is uncertain if funding for a down-scaled project will still be available.

The land bank’s conditional agreement to purchase the 7.75-acre (3.14-hectare) property expires in June. The rezoning application seeks to increase the number of units permitted on the rurally zoned property from the current single dwelling unit and cottage.

Though he wasn’t sure what the right number of units should be, trustee George Ehring reiterated his view that creating affordable housing on the island is a top priority.

“I think we have to acknowledge that we have a great proposal from the applicant to get some land and create housing instead of talking about it,” he said.

“It’s time to move beyond the idea phase.”

“What we really want to do is deal with affordable housing while thinking about our neighbours.”

CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON
Islands Trustee

The trustees’ motion further called on the applicant to provide a draft housing agreement and timeline outlining the phasing in of dwelling units over a five-year period prior to the adoption of proposed Bylaw 441.

Trustees hosted a public hearing to discuss the application on May 6 and cannot receive any more public input about the proposal.

Islands Trust staff expect to provide an update on the matter during the LTC’s next meeting, scheduled to begin at noon on June 4 at ArtSpring.

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Salt Spring described as ‘one of the worst’

ACCIDENT

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were set up at GISS, where the student is in Grade 12, and at other schools.

“I think we’re all feeling really shaky, actually,” he said Friday. “You feel powerless — there is so much [the bus drivers] do to signal what we’re doing . . . I can’t think of what more we can actually do.”

Hopkins stressed that the bus driver did everything according to protocol, which was reiterated by students on the bus.

“They came to the driver’s defence. They wanted to make sure everyone knew she had done everything right. She tried to honk the horn and she yelled.”

Hopkins said when he came

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to the district a few years ago he was surprised by the depth of bus training and safety protocols involved.

Elementary school kids also learn tasks such as how to use the radio and put on the emergency brake.

“It’s unbelievable training. I couldn’t believe it when I saw what they do here. It’s just amazing.”

He also said Salt Spring drivers are notorious when it comes to disrespecting buses and their signals.

“It’s pretty scary every day here. It’s probably one of the worst places I’ve ever seen

for how people drive [when it comes to school buses]. I see it almost every day.”

Police are reminding the public that it is an offence to pass a school bus when it is stopped with its emergency lights flashing. A \$167 fine may be levied.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said school bus drivers do submit reports of vehicles passing them illegally, which are recorded and assigned to a member to investigate.

Dangerous driving and related incidents may be pursued if witnesses are willing to back up what they see in court.

“Anyone who witnesses a violation of the Motor Vehicle Act may report it to the police in writing,” said Willis. “If that witness is prepared to go to

court to testify, a violation ticket may be written to the registered owner of the vehicle.”

The car driver from last Tuesday’s incident was released from custody on conditions that he consume no alcohol or illegal drugs and not drive except to and from work. He is scheduled to appear in court on July 15.

If convicted of the dangerous driving causing bodily harm charge, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment.

A collision analyst attended the scene last week and the car was scheduled to receive a mechanical inspection.

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Barbieri was initially reached in transit Tuesday but the cell-phone connection could not be maintained. “We’ve been told that it might be sold, but the [court] order doesn’t say ‘sell it,’” Drew added. “It says ‘move it out of the area.’”

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EDUCATION

Grade 10 PARTY program offers real-life lessons

Highlights consequences of bad choices

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Grade 10 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School are recovering from a PARTY they won't forget anytime soon.

For two days last week, 120 students got a close-up look at the consequences of reckless choices as part of the nationwide Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) program.

The seminar gave students a close-up look inside the Lady Minto Hospital's morgue and trauma unit, a chance to see the aftermath of a vehicle collision and a sense of what it would be like to live with a debilitating injury.

When they weren't testing out the RCMP's alcohol impairment goggles or trying to accomplish basic tasks like buttoning a shirt without using their fingers, students got to hear first-hand accounts of trauma incidents from medical doctors, rehabilitation specialists, paramedics and RCMP officers.

One of the stations along the way even featured a student made up to look like a real-life car-crash victim.

"A lot of the kids thought it was real," said Cecile Petra, a Salt Spring occupational therapist who helped bring the event to the island.

During her career, Petra has become all too familiar with the aftermath of traumatic injuries.

"My main case load is brain injuries caused by high-risk behaviour and I've always had it in my consciousness to prevent that," she said.

"The [PARTY] program can be graphic. They're not meant to be scary but this is reality."

After seeing the program in action last year in Victoria, Petra and a group of parents began asking volunteers to come forward and help organize an event for local kids.

Petra said she is amazed at the level of community participation that was essential to making the event such a success.

"It really opens your eyes," said Tilly Morgan, 16, at the end of the program.

"We really learned a lot."

Morgan and her classmate Jillian Swan said the program helped show them what can happen once the partying is over.

One of the session's most dramatic features was the story of keynote speaker Joan Parsons.

Parsons silenced students when she recounted the harrowing story of how her son, sister and brother-in-law were



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

High school students listen to a presentation as part of the PARTY program.

all killed in two separate drinking-and-driving related collisions.

All were innocent victims going about their day-to-day routines when the irresponsible actions of two impaired drivers forever changed the comfortable life Parsons had enjoyed.

"If anyone had asked me to predict the future, I would have seen nothing but good things," she said. "But, I'm not a fortune teller."

Parsons is still frustrated with a court system that seems to favour offenders and angry at the injustice that took those she loved away from her, but she's used the incidents to begin spreading the message that one poor choice can not only kill you but can have a lasting impact on so many family members, friends, teachers, employers and others in the community.

"When you lose someone you love in a way that is senseless and preventable, it rips right through you," Parsons told the students.

That's why, day after day, one classroom at a time, she's committed herself to let people know that it's up to them to take responsibility for their actions without fearing what mom and dad or their peers may think.

"I wish I could, but I can't save anybody. You can only save yourselves," she said. "Sometimes that's as easy as making a phone call."

Petra has already started organizing a follow-up 2010 event and hopes to expand the program to grades 11 and 12. For more information about how to get involved, contact Petra at cpetraot@shaw.ca.

Local PARTY programs are made possible with assistance from the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

News briefs

Millennium winners announced

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation has announced three Grade 12 Salt Spring students as entrance award recipients for 2009.

Kelsey Mech was cited for a national-level award worth \$25,000, while Sarah Anstis and Callum Gunn both received local-level awards of \$4,500.

The scholarship recognizes students entering university or college for their outstanding achievements

in leadership, social innovation, academic performance and community service.

The foundation granted a total of 1,125 entrance awards this year. British Columbia is home to a total of 148 laureates — 19 national, 33 provincial/territorial and 96 local.

Thousands of dollars in local bursaries and scholarships will also be awarded at the Gulf Islands Secondary School graduation ceremony on June 6.

Fulford centre remains open

The Fulford Info Centre will open again this season,

after a community-minded couple responded to a plea for assistance.

Susan Astill initiated the tourist information booth next to the Fulford Inn four years ago and ran it herself for two years, with Karen Pedersen assisting the last two years. But this year both women found themselves too busy to add it to their plate and another option did not work out.

Astill said she received overwhelming support for continuing the centre when it appeared the service might end.

"We were overwhelmed by all of your wonderful feedback and support with

respect to continuing this service," she said in a circulated notice.

"We know that you will support [new centre managers] Paul and Hannah Bryans and that they will continue to provide you with valuable service in getting visitors to your business."

The Bryans can be reached at 250-653-4911 or info@bryansfineart.com.

Speeding nets impaired charge

A 25-year-old Salt Spring female was charged with impaired driving and over

.08 after she was apprehended after being observed travelling at an extremely high rate of speed north-bound on Fulford-Ganges Road at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The individual was released on a promise to appear in court later this summer and the vehicle was towed.

In other police news:

• On Thursday at about 6:30 p.m., police attended the scene of a single vehicle collision where the driver went off the road right on Rainbow Road into a tree, severely damaging the vehicle. The lone female occupant of the vehicle was not injured but was issued a vio-

lation ticket.

• Police have attended several noise complaints over the last couple of weeks.

Residents and visitors are reminded to be considerate of their neighbours when hosting gatherings throughout the coming weeks.

• As the summer weather arrives and the pedestrian traffic grows, Salt Spring RCMP remind drivers to slow down and be particularly aware of pedestrians in areas frequented by people using the lakes.

Cusheon Lake and North End roads are areas where drivers are asked to be vigilant in driving carefully.

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let them in because there was no evidence they were going to leave," du Plessis said, even though the group had rail tickets to Germany, the next stop on their European tour. Officials said that was a security risk because the train would pass through Belgium and France.

German authorities and was assured the group would be welcomed into the country.

"The other countries not only don't have these policies, they offer concessions and make it easier for artists and academics to come in because they want the cultural exchange," du Plessis noted.

Having arrived safely in Frankfurt, the band was recovering at their upcoming jazz venue with conversation and good local beer, du Plessis said Monday.

Despite the traumatic experience, he feels some good will come to the musicians and the world community.

"This law is clearly wrong and unjust. People who are innocent of any wrong are being denied entry just because border officials don't believe they'll leave again."

Du Plessis said with public figures like Crowe, Globe and Mail columnist Leah McLaren, and Russian pianist Grigory Sokolov affected, media coverage and political leverage from other European Union countries could help overturn a law he says is making the UK a police state out of step with other western nations.

Two Salt Spring musicians accompanying singer-songwriter Allison Crowe on tour in Britain faced a harrowing experience last Tuesday at the hands of the United Kingdom Border Authority.

Crowe's Salt Spring-based manager Adrian du Plessis reported that band members Billie Woods and Laurent Boucher were held with Crowe for close to 11 hours when customs officials found the group didn't have the required "venue sponsorship" documents.

Band member Dave Baird was granted entry to the UK because he holds dual Canadian and British citizenship. Crowe and friends were unaware of new regulations that came into effect on November 27, 2008 — rules that were put in place just six weeks after Crowe had last visited the UK.

The new legislation requires that visiting artists obtain a Certificate of Sponsorship from each participating venue,

which costs a minimum of 400 British pounds. Visitors must also prove having 800 pounds in savings for the past three months.

In addition, they are required to have biometric scans and legally accepted fingerprints on their passports.

Du Plessis said that Crowe was finally able to call him after five hours in a private interrogation cell when she was moved to a communal area with a pay phone. The manager spent hours calling the officials and trying to work out the misunderstanding which posed the musicians as potential terrorists or illegal immigrants.

"Ultimately it's all just a colossal mess," du Plessis said. "No one seems to know about how this works or how the rules are actually applied."

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

4 Long Harbour
Monday - Friday

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1:20	1:30	1:40
2:55	3:05	3:15

Saturday

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5 Fernwood
Monday to Friday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(M) Ar. Lv. Fernwood Dock	(A) Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	11:00
2:25	2:38	2:55
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Saturday

11:00	11:13	11:30
2:20	2:33	2:50
6:15c	6:48	7:03

c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & 3 Vesuvius.

2 Fulford Harbour
Monday - Friday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre	(I) Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	(J) Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	(K) Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	(E) Lv. Fulford Harbour	(E) Lv. Fulford Harbour	(J) Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	(I) Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	(A) Ar. Visitor Info Centre
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Saturday

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WATER RESOURCES

Tiny water district pursues new water source

Obstacles outlined at Cedars of Tuam AGM

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Frustration with lack of progress for the Cedars of Tuam waterworks district bubbled to the surface at Saturday's annual general meeting in Fulford when the board forged ahead with first steps in a plan of action against CRD staff advice.

The three-member board tasked the Capital Regional District to provide a cost estimate for test drilling at Isabella Point Road property owned by the school district near Meadow Drive.

Board members Ron Bain and Mary Gillies had initially wanted drilling done by June 30 to determine as soon as possible if it's a viable site as an alternate water source.

But electoral area director Garth Hendren, the third voting member of the board, pointed out meeting such a short tightline was not feasible.

Colwyn Sunderland, the CRD's local services engineering coordinator, agreed with Hendren and discouraged pursuit of a new water source on the school district

property due to several concerns.

"Those concerns include two competing native land claims that we would need to resolve, [we would need to] purchase a portion of that property at market value . . . my recommendation to the committee is to look at options in discussion with some of the property owners before we go ahead at the Isabella school site."

Sunderland's 2009 operations report for the waterworks estimates costs of developing the Isabella site connection at \$750,000, requiring an annual cost-per-customer increase of \$4,800 per year for 15 years for each of the district's 16 properties.

However, if a more direct piping route across other properties could be implemented, the cost would be significantly reduced.

Another option is connect to the Fulford Water District, but is subject to negotiations and estimated at \$300,000 in capital costs and \$2,200 per property annually over 15 years.

Drilling another well on the existing property has been dismissed since its landowner has indicated it is not an option.

"The CRD has made several attempts

to talk to the current owner over the last five years," said Gillies. "We're pretty much in a jam . . . the best option from a practical perspective — and as complicated as it may be — is to take a look at that [Isabella school] site and see if there is water there."

Sunderland's report outlines how Cedars of Tuam residents already use less than the average amount of water, but the board also passed a motion to undertake a study to investigate further conservation water measures that could be undertaken.

According to Bain, Cedars of Tuam joined the CRD in 2003 in the wake of Walkerton liability issues.

In 2006, a \$66,000 provincial infrastructure grant was received via the CRD, with a commitment to upgrade the existing well and secure a second source of water.

This was supplemented by \$33,000 from Cedars of Tuam owners, said Bain.

Some \$73,815 remains in the capital fund, assuming a one-year extension on use of the grant funds is approved. A new chlorine monitoring and control system is among improvements made to the system in the last year.

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NEWSBEAT

ENVIRONMENT

Island son shares whale of a tale

Humpback freed from prawn traps

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A former Salt Spring resident got up close and personal with a nine-metre (30-foot) humpback whale entangled in prawn traps off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island last week.

Paul Cottrell, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' regional marine mammal co-ordinator, was working in the Robson Bight area on May 18 when he heard the report of an entangled whale from a commercial prawn fisher working in nearby Knight Inlet.

Thanks to a quick response and some good old-fashioned persistence, Cottrell and his marine mammal rescue team are today being credited with saving the five-year-old whale's life.

"It was quite the week," Cottrell said. "I've never been so close that I could smell the breath of the animal. [The smell] wasn't that nice."

Within an hour of hearing the call, Cottrell and fellow rescuers had embarked on what would become a two-day effort to free the whale, known locally as Twister, from as many as 12 prawn traps.

The rescue effort wrapped up early Tuesday morning when Cottrell managed to free the last bit of line from Twister's mouth.

"It was just an amazing feeling to get the rope out of its mouth," he said. "The animal came up for 10 or 15 seconds, and looked at us definitely relieved from having to carry all that stuff."

Cottrell said he believes the whale became entangled in the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Former Salt Spring Island resident Paul Cottrell, left, and fisheries officer Joe Humphries on the scene of last week's humpback whale rescue effort off the coast of northern Vancouver Island.

line while feeding along the ocean floor.

"When we arrived, the whale was having difficulty moving any distance," Cottrell said. "I could see that he was really struggling with the gear."

Whales have been known to carry around remnants of fishing gear for years. The equipment causes major behavioural changes and impacts feeding, breeding and migration patterns.

With B.C.'s humpback whale population on the rise, many animals are moving closer to shore in search of food.

Human development in much of the whales' prime feeding territory, Cottrell said, means run-ins like the one that took place last week are becoming more commonplace.

That's why the Department of Fisheries and Oceans established the marine mammal rescue unit in 2008. It's a rapid response group that works with local organizations to protect and save animals in danger.

Though once abundant along the coast of Vancouver Island, the humpback whale population is estimated at roughly 120 animals, according to DFO.

The humpback whales' summering grounds extend from B.C. to the Gulf of Alaska. The animals spend their winters off the coasts of Baja, California and Hawaii.

Cottrell said his decision to pursue marine biology after graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1984 may have had something to do with his youth spent exploring local beaches and waters.

"Part of it was growing up so close to the ocean and spending so much time in a marine community," he said, adding that he still hits local waters when he visits his family on the island.

People who witness a sick, injured, trapped or dead marine mammal or turtle can contact the DFO's marine mammal incident hotline at 1-800-465-4336.

FEDERAL POLITICS

Briony Penn steps down as Liberal candidate in Saanich-Islands riding

Financial reasons cited for decision

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Briony Penn, the Liberal party candidate in the last federal election, has announced she will not seek the nomination for the next election.

Citing the great expense of being "on hold" while waiting for an election, Penn said she will continue her involvement with the party and help find a top candidate for the riding.

"It was a really hard decision, so I haven't taken it lightly," Penn said. "A lot of people are sad because I guess we came close last time."

Penn makes her living from independent contract work, but was not receiving contracts because employers were afraid she would leave at any time because of her political career. As a result, her dedication to helping the Liberal party move to a greener platform was impacting her personal well-being in a negative way.

"In the year and a half before the

election, I was in readiness alert three times. You have to live hand to mouth, and I've done that for two years. I just can't do it anymore."

Despite speculation to the contrary, Penn said her decision has nothing to do with the change in leadership from green proponent Stéphane Dion to Michael Ignatieff. In fact, she just returned from a federal convention in Vancouver where green ideals were clearly still on the menu.

A strong environmental resolution from her riding was one of 25 in 1,000 to be passed at the convention. Penn explained that those resolutions form the material for the party platform and provide leaders with information on grassroots policy preferences. While her direct party involvement will now end, Penn said she will certainly help find a suitable candidate to take her place.

"It's just so important that we keep reminding people that we have to adapt our economic structure to a green one, or we'll just keep making the same mistakes — and we'll wind up with an uninhabitable planet."

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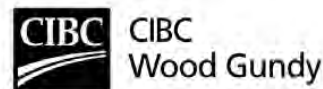
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NEWSBEAT

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Bylaw officer attends grisly scene

Mutilated raccoon found at ArtSpring

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island's Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer is searching for answers following the discovery of a mutilated raccoon tied to a large stone table near ArtSpring on Saturday morning.

A nearby resident reported hearing screams and laughter late Friday night, but could not provide a description of the people involved besides

an estimate that they were in their early 20s.

"It sounds like quite a commotion was going on there," said officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser. "My concern is that this could happen again."

Brunnwieser removed the animal from the scene early Saturday morning.

An investigation into who is responsible for the gruesome act is ongoing. Brunnwieser said anyone convicted of cruelty to animals faces possible jail time.

What's more, he added, is that those convicted often face a psychological assessment

due to the disturbing nature of their crime.

"Today it's a raccoon and next it could be pets," he said. "If somebody starts to torture animals, it is a psychological problem that could evolve into something more severe."

Brunnwieser does not know if the individuals responsible for the incident killed the animal, but prefers to remain on "the safe side" until more information is known.

He requests people contact bylaw enforcement at 250-537-9414 if they have any information about this or other similar incidents.

In other bylaw enforcement news, Brunnwieser called on pet owners to refrain from keeping their animals in parked vehicles even if the window is open.

"It's like being in a big greenhouse," he said. "Temperatures in there can reach between 60 and 70 degrees [centigrade]."

Brunnwieser said he has already been forced to free several animals from parked vehicles on the island. Animal owners could be fined up to \$100 for leaving their pet behind.

"We've done it in the past and we will do it again if we have to," he said.

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MARINA EXPANSION

Chance for a Win-Win

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What do these developers want?

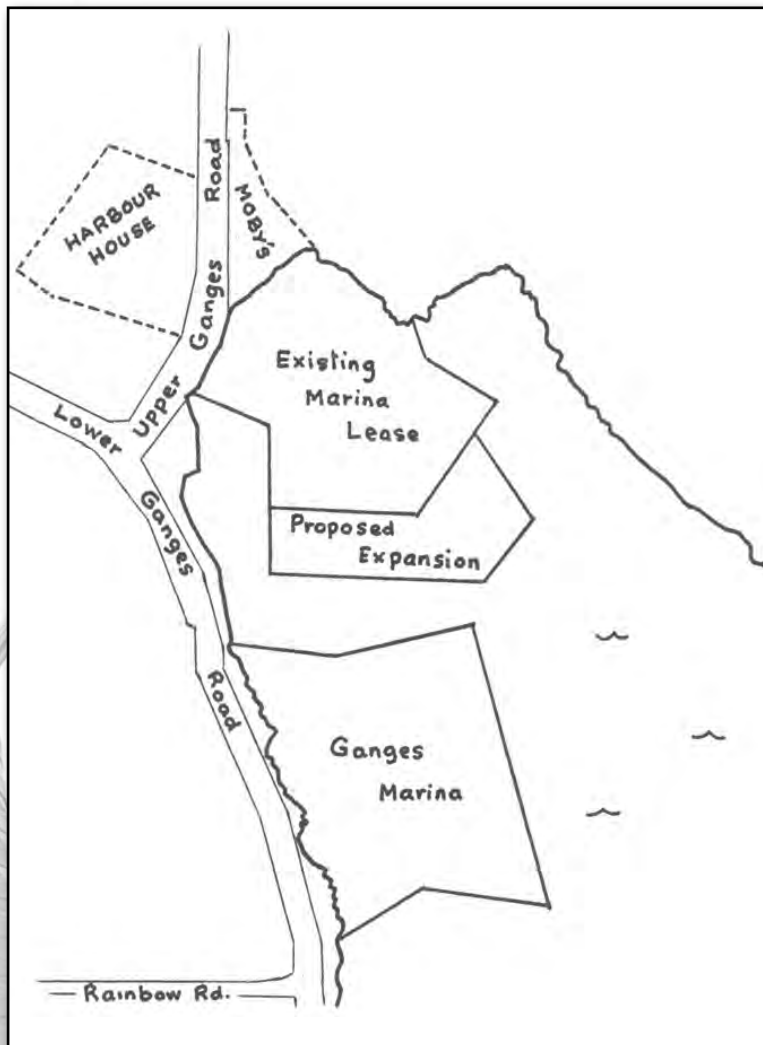
- The developers want to upgrade and expand the existing marina and build a breakwater. They will be allowed a new commercial seaplane dock at the Moby's end of the harbour. They will have a larger boat moorage area. They plan to dredge part of the inner harbour.

What needs to be done?

- When rezoning is requested it is a time for the community to ask for offsetting community benefits such as guaranteed public access to the beach. This would be a win-win.
- But first we need a harbour management plan to keep the harbour clean, safe, and useful for all.

What should you do?

- Come to the public hearing on **Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m., Lions Hall**, and ask the Trustees to develop a harbour management plan as an immediate priority, and ask the developers to participate.
- Before June 3, ask the Trustees to assure public access to the beach to which stairs are now being built.
- Before June 3, ask the Trustees to disallow more seaplane traffic without a harbour management plan in place.



Call or e-mail the Trustees this week. After the hearing they may not accept more comments. They are:

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WATER NSSWD rates increase 15 per cent

Island's largest district needs funds for capital works

The price of water in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District just got 15 per cent higher as the utility contends with inflation and anticipated long-term equipment costs.

"We are looking to build up a reserve fund for a number of projects," said manager Trevor Hutton last week, in explaining the rate hike.

Projects include upgrading treatment facilities at St. Mary and Maxwell lakes. Work will include installation of an ultra-violet filtration system that will reduce the odour and taste from chloramines in the district's tap water.

Based on the average bi-monthly consumption of 77,200 litres (17,000 imperial gallons) for a single-family home, new fees for a two-month billing period would be \$125.80.

In spite of the increase, rates for NSSWD are still among the lowest on the island, Hutton said.

Due to an economy of scale afforded by the district's 1,800 connections, ratepayers pay relatively less when compared to the island's smaller water districts.

The NSSWD board approved the rate increase at its April meeting.

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NEWSBEAT

FUNDRAISING

Soup's On program starved for funds

Stable funding needed to keep program running

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Over the past eight years, the Soup's On lunch program has offered free soup and sandwiches to the general public every Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with no questions asked.

Some come for a good healthy meal while others come for the chance to share a laugh and join in on the conversation.

"This is a great community asset and a wonderful way of communicating with people," said one diner after last week's event.

Even other charity programs on the island have come to use the weekly meeting as a way to keep in touch and distribute supplies and information to some of the island's harder-to-reach residents.

"There are no restrictions," said event co-ordinator Betty Taylor. "You do not have to be poverty stricken, you do not have to be anything other than wanting a good meal."

Though it began as an outreach program offered by the All Saints By-the-Sea congregation, the program is open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

"It's done for the simple purpose of sharing,"



Ted Harrison dishes up his Mama Rosa's Soup at All Saints By-the-Sea.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Taylor said.

The event is made possible thanks in large part to the 50 volunteers who take turns preparing and serving meals. Last week's menu featured chef Ted Harrison's Mama Rosa's Soup along with egg sandwiches and fresh homemade cookies.

"These people just come out of the goodness of their heart," Taylor said.

Volunteers take special care to not only ensure meals are healthy and nourishing but to also prepare vegetarian options.

"We try to give a good,

rich lunch," Taylor added. "We want people to feel like they've had a good meal."

Since its inception, Soup's On has grown to provide meals to between 60 and 70 people each week. Over the past few weeks, however, the program has come upon some hard times of its own as funding sources become harder to come by.

Taylor estimates costs at approximately \$600 per month and, though funding from local grocers and discounts from Embe Bakery have kept the program going to

"The needs of the community are growing and the finances aren't."

BETTY TAYLOR
Co-ordinator, Soup's On lunch program

date, more consistent funding is required to ensure the program can continue.

"There's definitely a need and we encour-

age anyone to please come and help," Taylor said. "The needs of the community are growing and the finances aren't. We hope people will express an interest and hope people will donate money or time."

For more information on how to contribute, contact Taylor at 250-538-1738, or stop by for lunch any Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Too close a call

Tragic stories rarely end on a positive note.

It's often too little too late, what a shame or I told you so.

Salt Springers can breathe a sigh of collective relief to learn that the 17-year-old student struck by a vehicle as she crossed Fulford-Ganges Road in broad daylight last week is expected to recover after suffering broken bones and a concussion.

The collision happened soon after the Grade 12 student got off her bus on the way home from school. So far there's been no explanation as to why the 19-year-old driver failed to acknowledge the school bus' flashing lights and stop sign.

It may take some time before we learn what was going through this young man's mind in the moments prior to impact, but what may be most important is that we realize any one of us could be on either side of this life-altering incident.

As drivers we all love to complain. We complain about the lack of road markings, the deer, the potholes and the poor lighting. When it isn't too wet, it's usually too bright.

Of all the complaints silently (and sometimes not so silently) uttered behind the steering wheel, berating other

THE ISSUE:

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Responsibility falls on drivers

drivers seems to be a time-honoured family tradition. The Driftwood receives more "rants" about careless driving incidents than any other topic, and general observation can attest that those written reports represent a tiny fraction of the idiocy that actually occurs on our roads.

As a guiding principle, however, the it's-never-us-and-always-everyone-else's-fault type of logic doesn't go very far.

When it comes to work, relationships or even sports, we're consistently encouraged to improve ourselves. We work hard to improve our skills, lower our scores and really understand our partners.

When it comes to driving, on the other hand, we're all experts as soon as we get that driver's licence.

Perhaps we can all use this latest situation as an opportunity to really think before we get behind the wheel and maybe even become better drivers in the process. And it should go without saying that no one should pass a stopped school bus under any circumstances.

Let's all smarten up because the next time we say 'I told you so' it could well be too late.

MULRONEY AS HOUDINI



Province in denial about Lyme

BY JOHN B. SPRAGUE

In the recent article on Lyme disease (May 13 Driftwood), some of the advice was good, but some items are at variance with other sources of information.

This disease is world-wide and continent-wide, according to the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation. In the USA, the Lyme bacterium is in all northerly states of the eastern half of the country and in all the Pacific coast states.

The article was misleading to say that most cases are in Connecticut and New York.

In Canada, there is firm evidence that the bacterium is present in the three Maritime provinces — Quebec, Ontario (several hot-spots), Manitoba, Alberta and B.C.

The western black-legged tick is known to carry Lyme in B.C. ("deer tick," mentioned in the article, is not the correct name as that is the eastern species). The photos with the article give the impression of a large critter, but a dangerous biting tick might look like a black dot, smaller than a pinhead.

As stated in the article, the Lyme bacterium is in a small proportion of ticks and rodents in B.C., but it is widespread.

Before he retired from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Satyen Banerjee surveyed many parts of the province in the 1990s.

He found evidence of the bacterium in 90 per cent of locations.

These included 13 places on the mainland, five on Vancouver Island and six on the Gulf Islands. He concluded that five per cent of the Salt Spring ticks carried the bac-

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terium.

That would be one in 20, compared to one in a thousand as indicated in the article.

Diagnosis continues to be very uncertain.

A few years ago, the U.S. Centers for Disease control speculated that the number of cases in humans might be 10 times higher than the number actually diagnosed.

In B.C., the advice to doctors from the official medical establishment is largely in a state of denial.

Anyone who thinks they have acquired the disease will probably have to push very hard to get treatment.

The provincial establishment recently took away the licence of the single B.C. doctor who was willing to treat difficult cases — Dr. Ernie Murakami of Hope, B.C.

Symptoms are slow and uncertain, and past lab tests for Lyme yielded a high proportion of both false positives and false negatives.

Rapid treatment can cure the disease, but delays make a cure more and more difficult.

That is why the (U.S.) Lyme Disease Foundation Advisory Committee now recommends

"treatment upon a bite of a tick that might be carrying Lyme" without waiting for the results of a test.

The president of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation believes that The Public Health Agency of Canada and the B.C. Centre for Disease Control "vastly underestimate the number of cases in this country."

For more information, see www.canlyme.com.

The writer is a biologist living on Salt Spring Island.

... evidence of the bacterium in 90 per cent of locations.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the Tories' TV attack ads are effective?

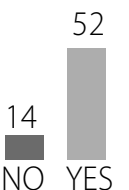
Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before

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Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“When you lose someone you love in a way that is senseless and preventable, it rips right through you.”

JOAN PARSONS, SPEAKING AT PARTY PROGRAM PRESENTATION

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What can be done to make island roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers?



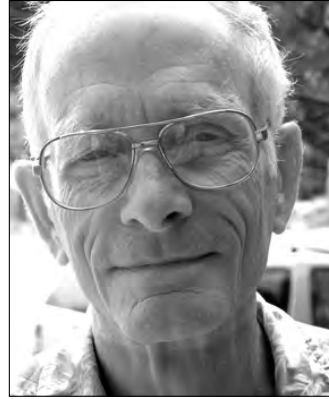
SARAH RAMSAY

People should realize that this is a small island and you can't always drive at 50 miles an hour. Take time to enjoy the scenery, listen to the music in your car and give people space.



DICK TRORY

Better police supervision, improved signage and better markings by the highways department.



JEAN CLAUDE BOULANGER

Put some money into the roads. Fill the potholes with money.



SHELLYSE SZAKACS

I was just thinking that we need proper sidewalks or bike lanes at least on one side of the road.



ART SIMONS

We have a serious problem in Fulford. I think traffic calming devices like speed bumps may be a good idea.

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.**

Mouat Park for all

For a number of years I have enjoyed the benefits of our beautiful Mouat Park, walking my dogs, meeting other dog owners and, more importantly, experiencing a mutually respectful relationship with disc golf players.

Sadly, during the past few weeks this has changed. On more than one occasion, I and others I have spoken with have narrowly missed being hit by a disc by players who have seen us, but obviously did not fit into the category of the majority of other players who have exhibited the “a park to be enjoyed by all” attitude.

One player went so far as to point to the sign, which reads “Hart Memorial Disc Golf Course” and said it was not a place for non-players and dogs.

It begs the question, did the

designation of Mouat Park change and nobody told us?

J. STEWART,
SALT SPRING

A shining star

Andrew Krizan was a rock star. He shone brightly, beautifully and all too briefly. I moved to Salt Spring on Dec. 1, 2007 and was working with Andrew by mid-January, and what an extraordinary teacher he turned out to be.

He taught me how to be still long enough to understand and fully appreciate his extremely dry and well-honed wit. He showed me how to peel potatoes together, my hand on his, as we slowly prepared his evening meal.

He loved music passionately. We danced together many nights, rocking to the Clash, the Beatles and Johnny Cash. If Neil Young was his guru, then Alan Moberg was his hero. Nova, Chip, Brian, Ken and Dale generously afforded him the time and

ability to play, record and sing both his own creations, as well as a vast array of lovingly hand-picked compilations of Andrew's favourite artists.

Andrew was well known and well loved by many in this community. He was a member of G.I.F.T.S. and a familiar face at the Saturday Market.

I am just one of many people whose life was changed for the better for having met and loved Andrew Krizan. My condolences to his kind and caring father Sam, and to all who knew Andrew. It was a privilege to have known him. He made me laugh and I will miss him very much.

MAUREEN PHELAN,
SALT SPRING

Proud to be on Hereford

We at Salt Spring United Church are thrilled to see all of the upgrades and increased business activ-

ity on Hereford Avenue and adjacent areas, as noted in the full-page ad in the Driftwood on May 13. It was great to see all the pictures and information.

What a lively and inviting street in Ganges village, with old and new buildings created or renovated with sensitivity to the heritage of the area. Of course, our church is very much a part of Hereford Avenue and we have been working hard to do our own upgrades. We recently painted our church (now green) and have created a “Welcoming Garden” at our lower entry, as well as regular work bees to keep up the whole property. We have visions of renovating our church building at some point in the future, if we can only figure out where the funds will come from!

Our meadow seems to be filling the need for a green space in the village, and we are pleased to host such

activities as the Tuesday Farmers Market and this summer's Graffiti Theatre event.

Our congregation is lively and active in spite of having a big percentage of our congregation in their senior years. We have quietly made our church spaces available to the community for wonderfully varied activities, and are happy to do it.

So, next time you are walking along Hereford, please stop by, take a look at our garden and meadow, come in and see our amazing stained glass windows, or just say hello.

We are proud to be a part of the neighbourhood.
ARLENE DASHWOOD,
FOR SALT SPRING UNITED CHURCH

Obstruction of justice

I take exception to the actions of the person who

placed a large graffiti type warning sign at the foot of Ganges hill last Tuesday stating “Off Island Cops on Island.”

I am sure your intentions were well meant, but stop and think. These “cops” come here in a sincere effort to help our island become a safer community, and if we are penalized for driving infractions, so be it. I am sure their appearance alone will have more impact and will contribute more toward overall safety than the erection of a one-day sign in an effort to save some of us from getting a ticket.

Is it your intention to drive less cautiously after they leave? Perhaps you were caught with an infraction and wished to get even, but I call your action an “obstruction of justice.”

MEL SUMNER,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A11

Waiting for the deal of the century to land in the inbox

“Downsizing; Free to good home: Gimpy, the 3-legged gerbil; high on personality, low on maintenance.”

You find this e-mail in your inbox and you ask yourself, “A 3-legged gerbil? Is that ridiculous or what? Why would anyone on the planet expect somebody else to be interested in owning a gerbil with a missing appendage?”

Or so you think. Later that same day you receive this message: “Gimpy has been taken. Now must find home for Gimpy's blind sister, Blinky.”

If you receive e-mails like the ones above, it's likely you are subscribed to saltspring-community.com, a growing local community list that has taken island cyberspace by storm.

The brainchild of Harry Burton, and more recently customized and tweaked by Christopher Roy of ThinkHive renown, this list is sort of a local cross between Craig's List, Amazon.com and eBay. It acts as a virtual flea market/garage sale/bulletin board/thrift store/sandwich board/recycling depot/dumpster all rolled into one. Basically, what we have here is your old-time Saturday market in a box (which happens to be your computer).

Several times a day a couple dozen of these notices will scroll themselves down my screen.

Animals and pets are a favourite subject of community group listings. There are lost dogs, missing cats, found turtles and assort-

ed other critters:

“Rescued from rat-trap, 16” long Norwegian rat. Need to relocate to different neighbourhood.”

Often they inform me of upcoming “can't miss” events:

“Come see the new adaptation of a cherished Gilbert & Sullivan musical, “Pirates of Pennzoil” at ArtSpring. Set off the Somali coast, this production offers murder, tyranny and revenge in an entertaining style fit for the whole family. Thursday is 2-for-1 night.”

Sometimes they request that I do good things like save the earth or the ozone layer or maybe just yoghurt container lids so they can be cut up into plant markers for the garden. There's something for every socially conscious concern:

“Increased fitness and diet are endangering the planet's cellulite supply. Every minute, more and more of the earth's cellulite reserves are disappearing at an alarming rate. Email your MLA and the PM's office today. Get more information at www.saveourcellulite.com.”

More often than not, community list notices are trying to sell you stuff that is no longer needed or wanted by its present owner:

“Moving to the Ukraine. Have giant satellite dish that must go. Pulls in programming

from celestial bodies as far away as Alpha Centauri, but cannot seem to pick up CBC in Vancouver. Make me an offer and it's yours. U pick-up.”

Barbers are big on the community list website. The object here is to trade something you don't need in return for some other merchandise that another person also has no use for:

“Will trade 39-foot sailboat — needs some work — for truck canopy which fits Toyota longbox pickup.”

You can find houses for sale, prospective home purchasers, rental situations and sundry other particulars dealing with the accommodations market:

“Wanted to rent: small house close to town yet having rural atmosphere; must have garden, hot tub, enclosed garage and high speed internet. On fixed income so can pay only minimal rent but willing to trade for shiatsu treatments or fabulous spring roll recipe.”

Every day the e-mails roll in and every evening I sort through them, checking to see if there are any that might titillate my interest.

Why, you ask, do I not save myself all the time and trouble of having to scroll through dozens and dozens of subject lines, when I ultimately delete 95 per cent of the e-mail notices? Why don't I just take my name off



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

OPINION

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

A wilted bunch of dehydrated roses to the family of the sweet, big brown dog left tied up in the back of a pickup truck parked at the Farmers Institute for the Spring Carnival on Sunday. Your dog was in the hot midday sun with no shade or water. What are you teaching your children about responsibility? Terry Fuoco

Rants to those driv-

ers who tailgate cars from Sunset Drive to the golf course. I drive at 30 km/h at Portlock Park whether you like it or not. If you have to get to the golf course for a tee-off time, leave earlier! Mary Fraser

Roses

The Grade 4-5 classes at Salt Spring Elementary would like to send a big bunch of spring lilacs to all who made our "Lock-In" at the school a

success: to GVM for help with food, GISS leadership students Katrina, Kaitlin and Christian, who ran KGB for us, and all the parents who were there to help. We couldn't have done it without you!

Salt Spring Island Jazz & Blues Society would like to thank all of you who came out and supported our fundraiser on Saturday night for the Salt Spring Jazz Festival in June. We would

especially like to thank our fabulous musicians for donating their time and talent. The evening continues to resonate in music and song for us. Our thanks, too, to Copper Kettle for providing a tasty concession and 50/50 draw to help fund their work of islanders helping islanders.

Twenty-two warm and open David Austin roses to the Seniors' Friendly Visitors and Friendly Voices for their regular,

happy social visits with seniors who need a special bright highlight to their weeks. Your time, loyalty, and loving care is always most appreciated!

Tree Frog Daycare roses of thanks to Mouat's Home Hardware for the kind donation of paints and pillows . . . both are being thoroughly enjoyed by the children!

Repeating radio roses

to Ken and Irene Tongue, who provided much-needed access to Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue so that they could conduct repairs on the local emergency communications system.

Patio pots of thank you roses for the spontaneous benefactor who paid my ferry fare from Crofton when I realized, on the outbound boat, that I had left my purse at home and needed to get back and pick it

up. He didn't even want repayment for himself but asked that it be sent to his mother in Ontario. Random acts of kindness indeed! Jill Evans

Happy, smiley roses to Janine for organizing the Victoria Day Street Parade! Roses to the parents, grandparents and, of course, the participants. The floats were fantastic; the costumes delightful. Well done! You're why this is such a hidden-gem-of-a-street! (P.S. Happy water roses to Ralph and Linda upon your well-deserved "retirement" from our water board.) The Cedar Lane Seniors

Many, many bouquets of white roses to the staff at Blennerhassett (Lesley, Jewlz, Lisa and Kim) for the extra care and attention you're giving me since my recent diagnosis of moon blindness. With your help and understanding I should have many "happy trails" ahead. And roses, too, to everyone in our barn family who've been there to support my worried "Mom." Love, Rocky (P.S. Fred, I'm trying to be good when you're putting the drops into my eyes!)

A bunch of rider roses to Joel Eddington for emceeing the 2009 Skate Jam for GISS Applied Skills Day. His positive energy and enthusiasm made the event extraordinary. Immense gratitude for creating such an uplifting afternoon, Joel. Thank you. GISS & "the riders"

Many roses to all of our hard working volunteers that showed up on Saturday and Sunday to make our rummage/garage sale a great success. I wish I could thank you all in person, however, you know who you are and so many thanks to all of you. We as the tennis people would also like to thank Kees and all the help and support that Parks and Rec gave us. Without the space and storage we couldn't have made it happen. Many thanks to all. Pat Lazenby

A soccer field full of beautiful roses for Jerry with thanks for your generosity. Provincials here we come! Scorpions senior girls soccer team

Baskets of roses to the gallant crew of volunteers who manned the SSI Community Services garage sale last Saturday. Many thanks also to the generous people who donated items to the sale, and to the customers who supported us. We raised over \$1,600 for services to community members! BA

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Event ends June 30th.

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OPINION

Salt Spring of the 1980s compared to current times

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. This is the second piece in his series of three.

BY KEVIN ADE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It's so crazy! I feel like a little boy, thrilled at coming home again. I'm on the ferry in the rain coming into Fulford Harbour, listening to Lightnin' Hopkins. I can hardly countenance my own excitement. I'm beaming from ear to ear. People look at me oddly, but I don't care.

Twenty-six years and now I'm back, if only for two days. I head off down Beaver Point Road to see how it all is. I am not disappointed. No one has built rancher-style houses or straightened the road or committed any other sacrilege. I meet friends strolling with umbrellas. I am very pleased, and think again of Robert Bateman's reassuring comments with regard to the strength of the community, its care for and protection of this island. It seems he was right.

But there is more to the island than Beaver Point Road. What about Ganges? Vesuvius? How have things changed elsewhere? Greatly pleased by my initial impressions I head back up the Fulford-Ganges Road with only slight trepidation. I know there have been changes in Ganges, but I am feeling good now.

When I first came to

Canada I was on a six-week holiday. I ran out of money in a week and stayed for a year. The first place I stopped was Kelowna. It was an idyllic little farming community, with but one sign of its future there to serve everyone's interests — the Orchard Park Mall. It had been built on farmland before the Agricultural Land Reserve was established, but was only a year old when I arrived. I didn't think about it. The countryside was exquisite — all that semi-desert, cacti and hummingbirds, rattlesnakes and vultures, coyotes, bears and great fishing. And kind and generous people I somehow fell into the laps of, many of whom have left now.

Then I left. In the interim I lived on Salt Spring for close to four years, and places as varied as Hay River and Vancouver. I learned a great deal about many things, but community is what I want to talk about.

Community had been important in Kelowna, but even then (I now realize) it was being weakened by the self-indulgent, self-righteous and ambitious. When I returned with my wife and infant son in the early '90s in order to bring him up in a better environment than Vancouver offered, I was stunned by the nature of the changes the area had undergone.

Now let us get one thing very clear here. The all too common argument that is proffered by city councils, politicians and people who just can't be bothered any more, i.e. the argument that "You can't fight progress" (or

"change") is damned nonsense. It is nonsense because it is meaningless, not because you can fight change. It is a cowardly expression designed to excuse the avoidance of responsibility.

We are responsible for our own communities, and it is within our communities that our highest priorities should be discovered, secured and enjoyed by visitors and residents alike. Any changes that occur affecting the commu-

nal structure should be influenced and guided by the community first and foremost. If the proposed changes are in conflict with or threaten to undermine its security and stability, then those changes should be challenged or denied. That is our responsibility — if we are to live up to our highest values. That is, the highest values of civilization which we have enshrined in community.

Kelowna had not done this while I was away

and the community had become no more than pasture for opportunistic profiteers and hedonists. I was disgusted.

The first change I noticed as I drove towards Ganges was a winery. Well, OK, just another agricultural enterprise. Not a big deal. But slowly other little things became evident. Mouat's is now actually Home Hardware, although the logo is unobtrusive. Mark's Warehouse is gently ensconced by the music

shop. And there are housing developments, albeit rather tastefully done in order to fit into the nature of the community. To balance this there are those two awful strip malls on the Lower Ganges Road, just to remind us how bad taste can bring us jarringly down to earth.

Changes. Not too crass or disturbing at first glance, surely? Not really. But I talked to quite a few people about everything from the Salt Spring coffee issue to Maraca-

ibo and off-islanders to environment. And then I came across a little clue in the Driftwood's Salt Spring Says. A young man, chubby cheeked and cheerful, was asked "What important life lesson did your mother teach you?"

He answered "Don't pee in the pool and don't talk to strangers." The pool!? Someone has a pool on the island? That hit hard. And don't talk to strangers? Oh boy! Is something amiss in Valhalla?



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.

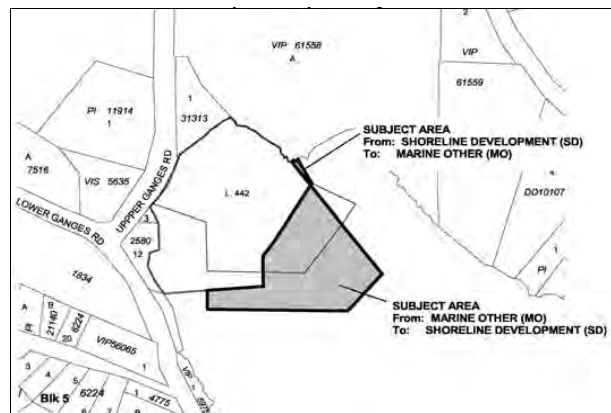
DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Hall), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Public Information Session
7:30 PM onwards – Public Hearing

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.

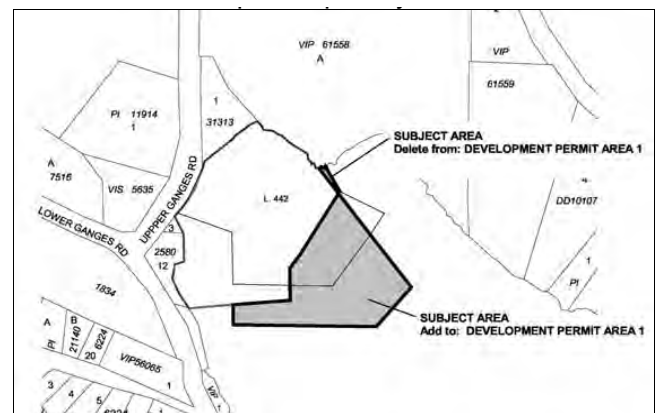
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 439 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 as follows:

- 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

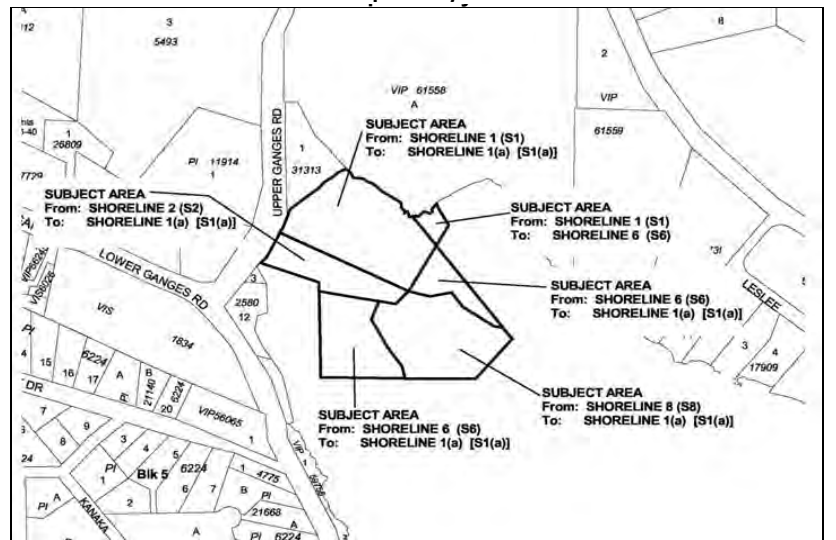


2. Proposed Bylaw No. 440, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2008" – 124 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.

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.

Plan 1 – Proposed Bylaw No. 440



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:

- By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, June 3, 2009 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.
- To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

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

Pauline Brazier, Deputy Secretary

MORE LETTERS

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Challenge Cup success

Another May long weekend has come and past. Making the Challenge Cup tournament so great has been the result of many people coming together to volunteer countless hours of their own time.

The Salt Spring FC men's team would like to thank the following people for all of their hard work and determination: GVM for the use of their tent; Gulf Islands Brewery for supplying the kegs; Malcolm Legg for scheduling the officials; Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer for helping with running the scoreboard; SD 64 for the use of the fields and facilities, as well as Parks and Rec for the use of Portlock; the Lions Club for supplying the fabulous food; all the visiting teams for making it an enjoyable weekend, especially Vic West Old Boys for cleaning up Fernwood field throughout the weekend; Graham Tweedle, Mike Davis and Fraser Hope for the many hours of work they put into organizing and cleaning; Arnie Hengstler for supplying ice for the beer garden and the many others who helped clean up each night; the Farmers Institute for supplying tables and chairs; and especially to all those fans who came out to cheer and support our local Salt Spring Island teams.

Hopefully we didn't leave anyone out and if we did then we would like to thank you as well. Without all these people the tournament would not have been as successful as it was.

Thanks again everyone for a great weekend and hope to see you all next year!

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In a small bowl lightly whisk together **3 egg whites (or 2 whole eggs)** and **2 tablespoons of milk**. Set aside. Heat **2 tablespoons oil** in a small pan over medium heat. Sauté **2 thinly sliced asparagus stalks**, **1 green onion**, **2 tablespoons fresh basil or parsley** until cooked through. Set aside. Grate **1/4 cup cheese** (optional: add **1/4 cup of fresh seafood** of your choice). In a non stick pan over medium heat and pour egg mixture into the hot pan. When the bottom has just set enough to be lifted, gently lift up the edges with a spatula, tilting the pan to let some of the runny part on top spill underneath. Do this until the top is set. Sprinkle with 1/2 the cheese and 1/2 vegetable mixture. Repeat to make a second one. Add **salt and pepper** to taste, then roll the omelette into a log like a crepe or fold in half and slip it onto a plate. Serve warm with a mixed baby green salad on the side.

Shopping list:

- 2 Asparagus stalks
- Green onion
- Basil or parsley
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NEWSBEAT

MEDITATION

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'Pain is tedious' story illustrates Zen's humour and big heart

The Salt Spring Zen Circle invites new meditators or anyone who would like to check out Zen meditation to join them for their monthly half-day retreat or their once a week evening practice on Wednesdays.

People are welcome to come as little or often as is best for them. Meditation instruction is available from the teacher, Peter Levitt.

Once, in the middle of a retreat, Suzuki Roshi, founder of the San Francisco Zen Centre in the 1960s and a primary figure in North American Zen, spoke about the leg pain everyone was experiencing from the hours of sitting.

"Pain is your teacher," he said. Later that day a student started talking about how much she was growing because of trying to master pain. He stopped her and said,

"Pain is tedious."

Life can be filled with seemingly irreconcilable opposites and tedious realities, as this story shows.

Levitt explains, "Zen embraces contradiction and opposites; it doesn't like to stick to just one point of view. Humour and a big heart will be found beneath the surface of Zen as we become intimate with the deeper ground that sustains our life."

Levitt is a poet and lay teacher in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi whose teachings are collected as short stories in a new volume called Zen is Right Here, quoted above.

Anyone interested in either the Sunday, May 31 half-day sitting at Ango Retreat, (340 LePage Rd., from 8:15 a.m. to noon,) or in the Wednesday evening practice at 210 Cedar Lane, 7 to 9 p.m., should call Rowan Percy at 250-537-2831.

The practice is free and, in keeping with Zen tradition, donations for the teacher are gratefully received.



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SLIPPERY FUN: Bella Thomas enjoys a soapy slide at Fernwood Elementary School's annual Fernwood Fun Fair.



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FILM SCREENING

EcoReality cooperative hosts top documentary filmmaker

Paul Manly talks about Security and Prosperity Partnership

the event, which takes place in the EcoReality Co-op classroom at 2172 Fulford-Ganges Road, on Saturday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Manly has more than a dozen documentaries and short films under his belt but is perhaps best known for breaking the story of Quebec police infiltration and incitement to riot at peaceful protests at Montebello, Quebec. The summit of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) was attended by

George Bush, Stephen Harper and Felipe Calderón.

EcoReality's mission, as a forming ecovillage, is to create a way of life for its members that is completely sustainable and to spread the imperative and knowledge of sustainability within the greater regional community. EcoReality is currently seeking new members.

For more information, visit www.EcoReality.org or call Jan Steinman at 250-653-2024.

EcoReality Land Use and Education Cooperative opens its doors to the public this weekend with a screening of Paul Manly's documentary called You, Me, and the SPP: Trading Democracy for Corporate Rule.

Manly will be in attendance at

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FLOWERS FOR THE 50TH: Salt Spring Lions Club members, from left, Dorothy Adrain, Dori Somerset and Lorne Bunyan hang three of 50 flower baskets representing 50 years of Lions on Salt Spring as part of a beautification project undertaken by the club.

EDUCATION

Herbal apprenticeship course starts up May 30

In-depth program studies more than 100 plants

A six-month program in Herbal Studies is slated to begin on Salt Spring this Saturday. Offered one weekend per month, participants will work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Herbalist Rainbow May calls the course an opportunity for those wishing to connect deeply with the plant world to gain the knowledge needed to become an excellent herbalist. Participants will learn

to use herbs for food and medicine, and to empower themselves with ancient wisdom. Students work with an experienced herbalist in a practical hands-on way from planting seedlings to making salves, creams, tinctures and more.

Classes will be a combination of lecture time and practical time. The group will go for walks in forests and fields, mountains, meadows and gardens, and gather plants and prepare them as teas, food and medicine.

A wide variety of topics will be covered in the course, including an in-depth study of more than 108 local and easily culti-

ivated herbs; harvesting, drying and storing herbs; creating herbal formulas; herbal medicine making of salves, oils, creams, syrups, capsules, pills and tinctures; the art of wildcrafting; and how to create your own herbal body products.

Students will also learn about wise woman healing ways, plant attunement, herbal therapeutics for all the body systems, herbal detoxification, herbs for radiant aging, herbal cultivation and seed collecting, aromatherapy, herbal hydrotherapy and more.

To register or for more information, call Rainbow May at 250-537-1503 or visit www.livinglightwellness.com.

THEATRE

GISS presents student-owned Secret in the Wings and playbuilding opener

Next week at ArtSpring

Drama fans are invited to take flight with *The Secret in the Wings* as presented by the Gulf Islands Secondary School Acting 11/12 class next week at ArtSpring.

Mary Zimmerman's play described as "part Grimm Brothers and part Freud" has wound multiple age-old tales together, to which students have added their own choreographed and composed dance and music.

"The story begins with Heidi and her ogre babysitter Mr. Fitzpatrick, but quickly spirals multiple fairy tales together with an honesty that places the darker side of these children's tales into the blindingly bright stage lights," states press material.

The evening opens with a Drama 9/10 playbuilding presentation. "Playbuilding is a collective creation process where the students collage together scenes and segues which are thematically linked. Again, the students own the work as they have

written and devised the entire show, which will open the electrifying evening of theatre arts."

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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Firefighters give a first response demonstration at Gulf Islands Secondary School during last Friday's Applied Skills Day.

FUNDRAISER

Island benefactor inspires Love Strong fundraiser event

Chance for community to give back to Darin Craig

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Darin Craig is known through the community as a person who helps others. There's hardly a charity barbecue that he hasn't participated in, and he's an active member of the Community Gospel Church.

Unfortunately circumstances have put Craig at the centre of an upcoming fundraiser called Love Strong — a concert, raffle, auction and barbecue in Centennial Park being organized by his daughter Carmin Osborne. Craig, a 48-year-old construction worker, has been living for the past 11 years with an inoperable brain tumour, and the event is in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Osborne has a university degree in sociology and has recently been living in Vancouver where she worked as a financial advisor. She's come back to live on Salt Spring a couple of times since leaving here after graduation, trying to find her place in life as young people do.

After learning in February that her father's tumour had grown significantly since his previous MRI scan in September 2008, Osborne's been spending more time on the island with Craig.

Osborne said her idea to put together a fundraiser was largely inspired by Craig's lasting commitment to helping others, including a fishing event that he's currently putting together in aid of the cancer society.

"If he can do it, and he's still doing it, then it's the least I can do," Osborne explained.

With the idea of a concert as the seed concept, Love Strong has rapidly expanded to fit all of the donations individuals and businesses have been willing to give.

"It's amazing to me how many people have come forward and wanted to help," Osborne said. "The support from the community has been so amazing — it's given me inspiration so it hasn't been like work."

A list of prizes shows that people have indeed been generous, some because of their own commitment to helping others, and some because of their personal knowledge of or relationship with Craig. Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of Island Star Video and T.J. Beans donated a week's stay at their Mexican condo; Mouat's Hardware gave a barbecue valued at almost \$800, and there is a two-night stay at Cable Creek B&B among the 30-odd raffle possibilities.

Artist Lynn Demers, whose sculpture can be seen at Grace Point Square, has donated a replica of



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Carmin Osborne with Lynn Demers' sculpture Contemplation. A replica has been donated for the live auction.

Contemplation valued at \$6,000. Osborne felt this gift was too valuable for the raffle, so it will be sold through a live auction with MC Arvid Chalmers.

"People just keep stepping forward and saying 'This is what I have to offer — how can I help in some way?'"

Linda Ramsey at Pharmasave is another big supporter: the store is selling the raffle tickets while staff members wear Love Strong T-shirts and buttons. Event logo T-shirts and water bottles are also available for sale at the store.

As for the event's program, Osborne's goal was to create something that everyone could be involved in, whether through participating in the raffle or by just showing up at the park to hear some music.

"I really want it to be a community event — there's face painting, music that I feel everyone can enjoy with all local people — it's really family friendly."

The concert will feature two sets by Kemal Evans' band as well as Stephanie Rhodes, Fiona Kennedy and other guests. There may also be a DJ playing music before, after and between sets.

Love Strong takes place at Centennial Park on Sunday, June 7 from 1-5 p.m., with the live auction at 2 p.m. Raffle tickets are available at Pharmasave, Mouat's and Island Star Video for \$10 each or 6 for \$50. All proceeds benefit the Canadian Cancer Society.

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"This format produced some very lively and entertaining matches," she said.

"Five rounds were played, and after the fourth round several players in each event were in contention for first place - it was down



Anne Stewart returns a serve during last weekend's annual Jack Fisher Tennis Tournament.

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The Passion Sports Basketball Academy is offering two programs during the week of July 27 to 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. One is for ages eight to 11 and the other for 12- to 15-year-olds.

Head coaches are Greg Wallis, Jordan Brown and Cyril Indome. Wallis is captain of the SFU

men's team and Basketball B.C.'s 2008 male university player of the year.

Brown is a former Camosun College team captain and a CCAA National Tournament participant.

Indome is a fourth-year player on the UVic Vikes team and a former Manitoba high school player of the year.

"We are inspired and eager to mentor our next generation of athletes from a fresh player perspective," notes promotional material.

"The Passion Sports program addresses everything an indi-

vidual needs to be successful on and off of the court."

Last year's program offered on Salt Spring proved extremely popular, so families are urged to sign up as soon as possible and no later than June 1 to guarantee a spot.

Cost for the whole week is \$175.

For more information or to register, contact passion.sports@liva.ca or call Diane Weatherby on Salt Spring at 250-653-9205.

Completed registration forms can be submitted at Sports Traders in Ganges.



Help Guide the Future of Regional Parks & Trails Citizens' Advisory Panel

Are you interested in participating on a panel to provide advice to the Capital Regional District on regional parks and trails?

A Citizens' Advisory Panel is being set up to help prepare a Strategic Plan to set the future direction for our parks system.

For information and forms to apply for membership on the panel: crd.bc.ca/parks or 250.478.3344.

Application deadline is June 12, 2009.

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HOWE SHAKE:

Chris Howe, left, and Bob Howe, son and husband of the late Nairn Howe, shake hands on the blacktop of the Howe Court, an outdoor basketball court envisioned by Nairn and finally completed. A celebration took place last Friday.

TRACK & FIELD

GISS runner makes B.C.s

Grace Morgan notches personal bests in two events

Grade 10 student Grace Morgan managed two personal bests at the Vancouver Island Championships in track and field last week and has qualified for provincial school championships.

Morgan moved up a category to take on Grade 11-12 competitors and set a personal best time of 12.47 sec in the 100m heats and a personal best of 25.94 sec in the 200m event.

Morgan won the 200m final in a time of 26.05 sec and was second in the 100m with a time of 12.74 sec.

Other competitors were: Nicole McMahon, 10th in the 200m in 30.33 sec.; Fraser Ball, 12th in the 3000m in 10:50.24; and Isabel Sproll, seventh in long jump at 4.21m.

GISS track star Kevan Brown was unable to compete in the event due to an injury.

DRAGONBOAT

Salt Spring teams make headway in season start

Group qualifies for higher division with first race win

BY MARY ROWLES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spirit Point Dragons started the dragonboat season at the Victoria Gorge Super Sprints this past weekend and although they missed bringing home any ribbons or medals, they moved up a division, setting themselves a challenge for their next races.

Accustomed to a spot in the White division (at the top of the bottom, so to speak), in its first race the team beat out Team Phoenix, posting a time of 1 minute 13 seconds and qualifying for the middle or Red division for the rest of the day.

The team, sponsored by Country Grocer, included several "virgin" paddlers racing for the first time was made up of Harold Swierenga, Daniel Ruane, Pat Fraser, Kate Leslie, Bruce Martens, Barry Green and Jane — who is so new the coach

doesn't know her last name.

Tom McKeachie and Andrew Okulitch both steered for the team.

The race day paddlers included veterans Sabine Georgy and Marit McBride in stroke position and Scout Upex, Shari Macdonald, Janice Shields, Robyn Dupuis, Andrew Okulitch, Robyn Huntley, Glynis Finer, Audrey Denton, Lynda Brown, Christa Wohlfahrt, Melynda Okulitch, Carmelle Labelle, Stephanie Maskell, Anne Marie Davidson and Randy Bateman.

Judy Willett paddled as well as being caller/drummer for the semi-final.

The course for Super Sprints is so short at 250 metres that it feels much like a start and then a finish, so the course favours powerful, highly disciplined teams.

Spirit Point came fourth in the semi-final at 1 minute 16 seconds.

They improved on their time in the Red B final, covering the course in 1 minute 10 seconds, but still found themselves crossing the finish line fourth behind Draggin Tails (1:09), Sunshine Dragons (1:08) and Amazing Greys (1:07).

Paddler Lynda Brown changed jerseys

every 20 minutes or so to paddle with Island Breast Stokers in the women's division and myself, the Spirit Point coach, also subbed into the IBS boat for their second race of the day.

The team analyzed and pondered each of their races during

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finish

the mandatory post-competition beer garden event where they always hold a steady pace.

Spirit Point will be working on endurance and more powerful starts to prepare for the next competition in Whistler the first weekend in July.

The club is always open to new members.

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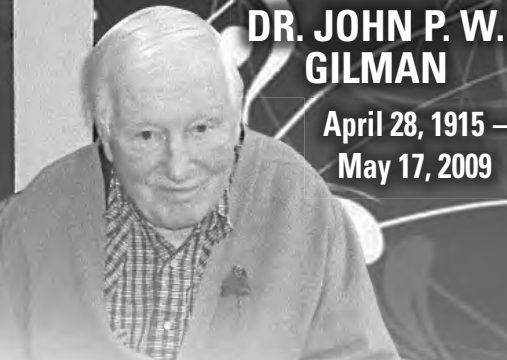
It has been ten years since you have moved on to the next phase of your existence. There have been graduations, weddings, births and deaths since you've gone. You have been sorely missed at every special event. But sometimes it feels like you are still very close each time your bright smile is remembered. Your love is felt with every memory and continues into the next generations. Always thinking of you Mom... Your daughters, Christine and Kathryn



April 18, 1942 - May 28, 1999

DR. JOHN P. W. GILMAN

April 28, 1915 – May 17, 2009




John Gilman died on Salt Spring Island from complications from a fall just weeks after celebrating his 94th birthday with friends and family. A fiercely independent man, who loved the good things in life, John will be missed by all who knew him.

Mark Collette
 Dec 21st 1948 - May 15th 2009

Mark passed away on Friday, May 15th after a brief illness. He will be greatly missed by his wife Sheila, sons David (Bonita), Chris (Michelle), daughter Stephanie, grandchildren Alysha, Joshua, Mya and dear friend Merilyn.

No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation or Lady Minto Hospital.

The Family would like to thank Dr. Ron Reznick, Jean, Leslie, Home Care Support and the wonderful nurses for their kindness and excellent care.



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Andrew Samuel Krizan
 September 30, 1981 - May 19, 2009




DEATHS

AN AFTERNOON TEA
 in memory of *Elizabeth Grant*
 will be held for family and friends at **All Saints-by-the-Sea**,
 Saturday, June 6
 between 2:30 & 4pm.

The family wishes to express thanks for all the beautiful flowers and kind cards.

Andrew passed away suddenly at his beloved Jupiter early morning the 19th of May. He was a true innocent, perhaps a musical savant, who cared deeply for other people's pain. Communicating wasn't easy for him, but his was a spirit that beamed outward to enchant and beguile all who had contact with him. Never one to complain, though suffering through innumerable surgeries, and physical difficulties, he was stoic and resolute in his capacity for life, and had an eagerness to share that joy with others. He liked to jam with guitar players, shake his rhythm-egg with gusto, strum with vigor, and made sure everyone knew their lines perfectly. When asked what the Sunday sermon was, Andrew without fail would reply that it was about the Word of God. It is to God that he is delivered up, but with crushing sorrow. The island community, and his Dad's heart, is a bleaker place for his passing.



A Celebration of Bob Appleton's Life will be held on Saturday, **May 30, 2009** at 2:00 pm at Meadowbrook, 121 Atkins Road.

Andrew is survived by his father Sam, aunt Rose Marie of Vancouver, aunt Toyita of Columbia, SA., and cousins in Vancouver, Surrey, and Tampa, and mother Lynda of London.

A memorial service will be held at the Community Gospel Chapel on Thursday May 28th at 1:00 pm with a quiet viewing on Wednesday May 27th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Flowers can also be sent to Hayward's Funeral Service, or donations in lieu of flowers to Lady Minto Hospital.

Born in Burma and educated in England, John immigrated to Canada at age 16. He worked on farms before attending the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph. He opened a joint practice in Huntsville, Ontario where he met his future wife Jane Baker Smith, a first year student at OVC. Jane, unfortunately died of cancer in 1988 and is dearly missed by her family.

During WWII, John was a navigator in the RAF. After the war John was appointed to the faculty of the Ontario Veterinary College where he followed an intense teaching & research career path that spanned more than forty years. As professor of Veterinary Medicine with a specialty in Histology, he led the Department of Microanatomy and its research team to actively engage in the fields of cancer and medical genetics. Much of John's own research over the years was aimed at investigating the link between smoking, nickel exposure and cancer, in part at the invitations of Imperial Tobacco Co. and INCO. Throughout his academic tenure, he impacted the lives of many hundreds of practicing veterinarians nation-wide, graduated students and fellow researchers and enjoyed a very significant international reputation. In addition to his academic pursuits, John served as Executive Director of the Canadian Council of Animal Care in Ottawa, with the responsibility of monitoring animal research facilities at Canadian institutions. Upon his retirement from OVC, John was named Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph. John continued to work as a consultant in Canada and abroad until well into his 70s. A scholarship in his name, the JPW Gilman prize, is awarded annually in his honour to the top OVC student in Histology.

In 1972, John moved to Salt Spring Island, where he enjoyed gardening on his wooded, five acre property. The beginning of Parkinsons forced him to sell his home in 2007 and move into Greenwoods Elder Care, Ganges. John is survived by his five children, Diane, Barbara, Brenda, Robert and Christopher; eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Heartfelt thanks to Deanna Ziraldo whose care and compassion contributed greatly to John's quality of life during his last years. Thanks also to the nurses and staff of Greenwoods, Lady Minto Hospital and Dr. Woodley for their care and support.

A donation in John's memory may be made to the research branch, Canadian Cancer Society or Parkinson Society BC.

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Diana Ruth MEREDITH



Diana Ruth Meredith was born in Vancouver August 18, 1935; and died on Salt Spring Island May 16, 2009. She will be lovingly remembered as a daughter, sister, "crazy" aunt, cousin and friend. Predeceased by her parents Maude and George Meredith, brother Peter Meredith (Oma), brother-in-law Gerald Joslin (Jos) Watson, nephews David Watson and Alan Watson; survived by sister Patricia Watson-Webb (Bill Webb), nephews Gordon (Pat), Stanley, and nieces Jodie, Meredith, Carol (Doug), Barbara (Jim), and their children. She was employed by CNCP Telecommunications for 25 years as an Operator and devoted many years to caring for her aging mother. Diana was so loved for her great sense of humour, and known for her talent with needlepoint. Second to needlepoint, her other favourite hobby was watching and tracking stats for the Toronto Blue Jays. Her dear friends gathered at the Harbour House on May 20th to reminisce and remember her. Special thanks to the amazing nurses at Lady Minto Hospital for loving her like family until family could arrive.

As she so aptly named the Gange's statue, "Merissa", she too will return to the sea as we honour her wishes by scattering Diana's ashes off the shores of Slyvan Springs beach on Vancouver Island.

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JOHN MATHESON
May 15, 1917 - May 22, 2009

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"We Will Remember Them"

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

SLOCOMBE, June Berwick
May 18, 2009

After a short illness, at age 81, dear mother of Scott, Tracy (Hooch-Antink), and Isabel (McKinnon). Much missed Granny of Jessica, Julia, Megan, Fiona, and Tamlyn. Predeceased by her husband D.F. (Red) Slocombe.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff of Sundre Hospital.

Memorial services will be held in late June in Sundre, AB and Rosland, BC.

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COMING EVENTS

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FANS OF LARI ROBSON'S pots are invited to attend a sale of his collection of small pots from the last 30 years. Saturday Market, May 30th.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 David Denning will present a multimedia presentation entitled: *The Secret Sea - Glimpses of the Ocean Worlds We Seldom See*, after a short SSI Conservancy AGM. Lion's Hall, 7 pm

FULFORD DAY SOCIETY, AGM. June 8/09, 6pm. Fulford Hall O.A.P. All Welcome.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION

Islands Trust SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: June 4, 2009
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave

Starting at 12:00 p.m. up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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Tuesday & Wednesday • 10:30 - 2:30
Or by appointment

Islands Trust

PUBLIC MEETING ISSUES IN FULFORD

The Fulford Study Group has a continuing mandate to assist with planning Fulford's future by studying local needs and bringing recommendations to the Islands Trust and other agencies.

Please bring your issues, ideas and energy to a **PUBLIC MEETING** on
Thursday, May 28, 2009 7:30pm
OAP Room, Fulford Hall

All are welcome - here's a chance to become more involved in the future of the Fulford area!

For more information, please contact
Larry Woods @ 250-653-9892

The public is invited to a meeting to learn about and discuss the need for more industrial land on the island.

Monday, June 8, 7 pm, Lion's Hall

Written or oral submissions are welcome

Salt Spring Island Industrial Land Task Force

Celebrating 35 Years 1974-2009

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Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Trail Coordinator Request for Proposals

One of the responsibilities of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is the planning and operation of approximately 30 kilometers of trails and numerous beach and water access points on Salt Spring Island.

The Commission requires the services of a consultant to assist with the coordination of tasks related to trails, beach and water access points under the authority of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission / Capital Regional District.

Proposals are to be submitted to:
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Trail Coordinator RFP
145 Vasuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3
ATTN: Kees Ruurs

For details on this proposal please contact Kees Ruurs at SSI Parks and Recreation
250 537 4448 or via kruurs@crd.bc.ca

Proposals shall be received no later than 4:00pm, Friday May 29th, 2009.

SWOVA Summer Students

SWOVA has 2 positions available for summer students funded by the Canada Summer Jobs (CJS) initiative. To be eligible, you must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start date of the job, and be registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year; and intend to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year. The positions are working in the area of gender-focused violence prevention - please see our website: www.swova.org. One position is for a high school student as Project Assistant at \$10.00/hour; and the other is for a post-secondary student as Librarian/Researcher at \$12.00/hr., both for 8 weeks, at 40 hours per week. Applicants must have good verbal and written communications skills, good organizational and word processing skills. Advanced computer skills an asset.

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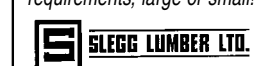
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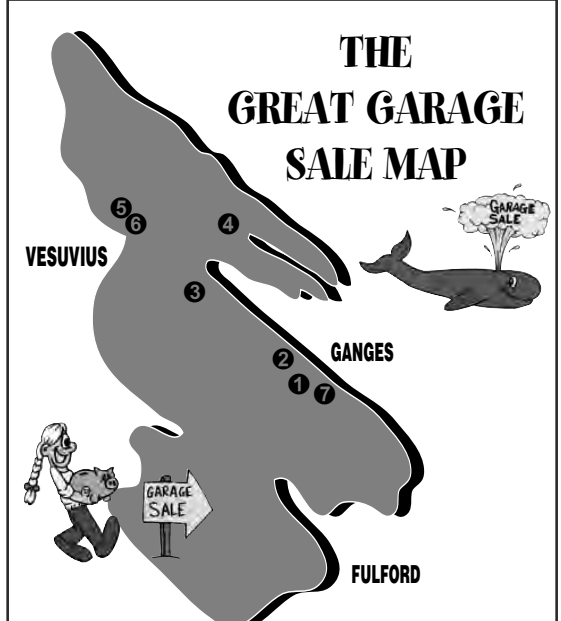
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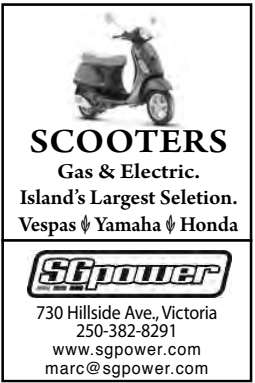
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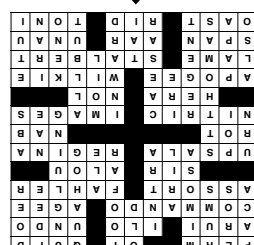
Signs of The Towns

By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

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12 World labour org.
13 Reverse
14 Fighter at Entebbe
16 Deranged
17 Categorize
18 Alberta town whose sign boasts a giant bee
20 Knight's title
21 Big name in baseball
22 Ontario town whose sign boasts a giant mosquito
25 Prairie city whose sign boasts a giant buffalo hunter
28 Decay
29 Apprehend
30 Substances derived from nitrogen
34 Icons
37 Wife of Zeus
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45 Weak and ineffectual
46 Alberta city whose sign boasts a giant badminton racket
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49 Swiss river
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51 Oven
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2 Love god
3 Lemon Hart and Captain Morgan
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31 Trustee
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Communications, networking, expressing and exploring new ideas and angles is keeping you busy now. Demonstrating what you know and gaining confidence from it is a current theme. However, the challenge to be humble and to listen and learn from others will be apparent this week. Your power potential is rising yet there are many skills and lessons you must learn first. A growing rebelliousness finds you assertive, yet uncertain. Intend to keep an open mind; express and receive knowledge and ideas.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Your focus is strong to diversify and stimulate new interests and/or streams of income. A growing ambition amidst rebellion and confusion about your profession and other social roles may be a source of frustration. Yet, you feel bold and are willing to take calculated risks. Deciphering where and to whom to offer your allegiance is dancing in the back of your mind. You want it all and in some respects feel impatient while in others you realize the importance of patience. Trust your feelings.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are eager to assert yourself and take some key initiatives. Yet, many thoughts, memories and reflections may be distracting your focus. At best you feel meditative and may even touch upon the mystical. At worst, you feel like escaping or simply feel pulled by an array of thoughts and impressions. Changes are brewing and your intuitions are on to it. As much as these may be social shifts, above all it is you who is changing. Trust this process and advance with it.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Tending to things behind the scenes, as you can, will work best and feel right now. From here you can nurture and gestate your dreams, goals and plans. You may want to sleep more, lose yourself in a book or simply be quieter. Intend to receive and record somehow incoming insights and ideas without the need to act upon them, yet. Weave the intention to share and cooperate in your efforts as many upcoming activities will require group efforts.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Your individuality is shining out these days. However, you may have to be making extra efforts to be seen and heard, despite sincere efforts. This paradoxical twist of affairs will continue for a couple of weeks yet. To compensate, set your intentions to instruct and to be trained. The time has come to acquire new skills, methods and tools. Trust in your existing skills and the success of past performances yet accept that life requires ongoing refinements and/or new experiences, angles and expressions.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

You are determined to be seen and heard now. Earned rewards, favours form authority figures, promotions and/or recognition are on your mind. You may feel as though you have earned it. However, your judgement may not be as strong as you might think now. At least others may not see things as you do and if this is the case you are wise to listen well. So do advance your position as you can but make efforts not to make assumptions as you will be judged by others accordingly.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Creating more harmony on relationship fronts remains a central theme. Making efforts to both see the big picture and to pay attention to the details and recognize the facts is especially important now. With so many changes occurring within you and beneath the surface, it may be a challenge to feel confident. Reassessing what is security and how to achieve it is a core aspect of the plot. Money and financial security is probably your top priority now and you are about to push harder to feel secure.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Among the themes associated with Scorpio, which include the deep and complex realities of sex, death and taxes, there is also psychology and healing. Of particular importance is cleaning, clearing and eliminating. This is a strong theme now. This may include breaking free of certain relationships and relationship patterns. On the other hand it includes habitual perceptions, attitudes and their consequent expressions and habits. Yes, pretty deep stuff and it begins with awareness and acceptance of the task.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Love interests or concerns are on your mind. You are willing to compromise but not settle. As much as you want answers you also want action. However, with so many things to consider it may difficult to decide, an issue of analysis paralysis. Yet, you long for happier times and are willing to do what it takes to realize some. This requires both courage and certain efforts. You will soon turn your attention to making the necessary efforts. Pray for guidance and a clear vision!

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Diversifying your interests and focus is keeping you busy. You may want to focus but can't or you want more variety but may feel blocked or restricted right now. This will change soon either because of the natural flow or because you will make it so. Educational interests and pursuits remain important yet there may be delays. Bigger moves and/or changes close to home are on your mind. You know what you have to do if you want the job done right.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

In the big picture, you are and have been undergoing many internal and external changes. Some of the more obvious of these will ease off in October. Yet, you will continue to undergo deep changes regarding how you express your personal power. The soul searching will continue all the while so be true to that and deeply patient. Meanwhile, finding reasons and opportunities, to have fun, play and be happy suggest romantic ideals and goals. Embrace the mystery of your journey and see the inner beauty.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Home is where your heart is and so is wherever you go. The secret is to flow with love. On the most spiritual level this resides in you without the need for companionship. On the other hand, sharing quality moments often makes it all so much the sweeter. Exploring new territory, realms and reaches of love and passion is moving you to action. Creating a feeling of home wherever you go will reveal your adaptability and find you experiencing the power of now. Feel the love within, share it without and spread it around, responsibly.



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TRAIL & NATURE

Strawberry fest included in trail, nature schedule

Final season activities on
June 24

Jack Gunn will give a presentation on The Geology of Salt Spring Island on Thursday, May 28 at the United Church at 7:30 p.m. Non-members are welcome.

Then on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. there will be an evening get-together with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and the Outdoor Club of Victoria members at Ganges Campground. Please bring potluck snacks. Chris Arnett will talk about Salt Spring Island history.

Nature Group

An exchange trip takes place with the White Rock/Surrey Naturalists to Boundary Bay (White Rock/Crescent Beach). Birding, World Oceans Day, celebration, etc. Call Teresa for more information at 250-538-0978.

Hikers

- June 2: Jean Gelwicks will lead a moderate hike around Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10.

- June 9: Barb Appleby will lead an easy to moderate hike on Mount Maxwell. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

- June 16: We'll have a short, easy hike in Ruckle Park prior to the annual strawberry fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the parking lot outside the Ruckle Park gate at 10. Leader to be announced. Remember to bring a bowl and spoon for the fest!

- June 23: A moderately strenuous hike up Mount Tuam from Mountain Road with Lynn Thompson, Mary Hof and the Outdoor Club of Victoria. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

- June 2: Fred Powell will lead a moderate stroll around some of the many trails on our "cherished" Channel Ridge. Leave Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

- June 9: Terry Ison will lead a moderately fast walk round the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Some uphill. Leaving ArtSpring at 10 a.m. and the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:10.

- June 16: For this year's pre-strawberry fest walk we will tour the reserve. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m., or Beaver Point Hall at 10:15 a.m. After serious carpooling (limited parking space) we proceed to the trailhead on Menhick before joining those who are preparing the strawberries at noon. Leader is Nieke Visser.

- June 23: Moderate walk up Mount Erskine from Toynbee together with the Outdoor Club of Victoria's walkers. North-enders meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.; south-enders at the top of Cranberry Road at the farm stand at 10:15 a.m. Leader is Linda Quiring.

Ramblers

- June 2: Leader's choice ramble with Maureen and Sterling McEachern. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

- June 9: Harold Page will lead a ramble at the south end of the island. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

- June 16: Strawberry fest at Ruckle Park and ramble with Frauke Prys-tawik. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Don't forget your dishes and spoons!

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Zeke Blazecka (president) at 250-653-4782, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

SPORTS EVENT

Operation Trackshoes sponsors needed for 6 Salt Spring athletes

Victoria festival in sight

Six athletes from Salt Spring hope to participate in Operation Trackshoes, a unique sports festival for people with mental disabilities.

Celebrating its 39th year, the festival offers a full-length competitive track and field meet, a number of family picnic-type games, swimming, softball, basketball, dances, concerts and banquets.

Salt Spring Island sends competitors each year to participate in Oper-

ation Trackshoes, allowing them to make new friends from across the province while competing in a fun atmosphere.

This year's event is from June 12 to 14 at the University of Victoria.

Islanders are being asked to assist with the costs of the local reps attending by sponsoring an athlete.

Contact Perry Reuhlen at 250-537-4917 for information on Operation Trackshoes and how to sponsor a local athlete with disabilities.

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Gwyneth Rose Matthews and Abigale Adams Oro pick wild flowers at the Farmers Institute.

Small steps add up One Million Acts of Green project grows online

Have you heard about the **One Million Acts of Green project**? It's a Canada-wide initiative from the CBC and computer networking company Cisco that encourages Canadians to green up their lives one small act at a time.

Visit www.OneMillionActsofGreen.com for more

information. In the meantime, here's 10 small acts that can make a difference for our community and planet.

1. Fix Leaky Faucets and Hoses
 Have a leaky garden hose?
 One leaky faucet wastes up to five litres of water

per day, that's a lot considering 400 million people around the world are directly affected by acute water shortages.

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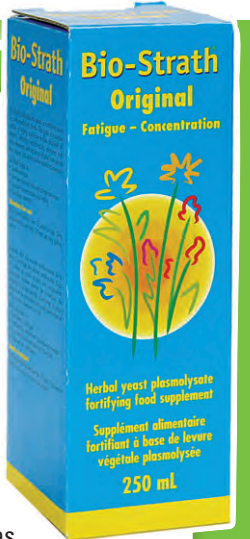


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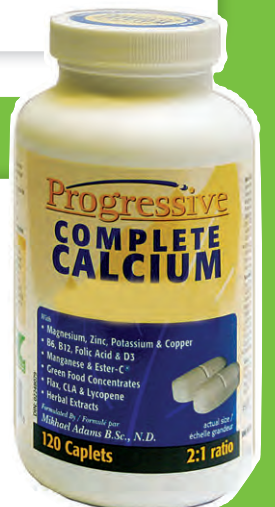
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PROFILE

Islanders look back on years of sustainable living

Couple describes their hand-built life

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This isn't the first time Bob Ball has made headlines.

Years ago, it was the story of the octogenarian's hand-carved cedar canvas canoes. Last year, he dropped into the Driftwood office with a novel way to improve a standard toilet's water efficiency by using a 30-cent washer and a few minutes of effort.

These days, Ball has moved on to crafting intricately carved walking sticks out of branches he and his wife Betty collect during their early morning walks through the Mount Belcher neighbourhood they've called home for the past 30 years.

About two dozen of those staffs are lined up against a wall in the Balls' basement, a treasure trove of home-made tools, books and magazines and a desk containing more than 700 maps covering the Gulf Islands, the Middle East and everything in between. It's all surrounded by some of the 42 used hot-water tanks Bob has converted into a makeshift water catchment system.

"It can hold about 30,000 gallons," he said on a Saturday morning tour of his home.

The system catches enough water from the roof of their home to supply a thriving vegetable patch, small apple orchard, sprawling flower beds and full-sized lawn.

The system even connects with Bob's solar-powered hot water tank, a system that includes two large solar panels he built from



Bob and Betty Ball at their Mount Belcher home.

scratch in the early '80s, a time when photovoltaic panels weren't the household name they've become in today's renewable energy-focused world.

But that's par for the course when it comes to so many of the things the Balls have accomplished in their lives.

"You've just got to go ahead and

do it," Ball said of his personal philosophy forged by the rewarding combination of inventiveness, imagination, frugality and curiosity.

When things go wrong, he added, complaining can only go so far before real action — and a little elbow grease — is needed.

That advice might come in

handy when Bob and his wife Betty move closer to Ganges later this summer.

The same hard work ethic, combined with a passion for adventure, probably accounts for why the Balls were among the first people to build their home high up on Mount Belcher Heights. After moving to the island from Saanich

following his retirement, Bob built their two-storey home overlooking Ganges Harbour in less than six months. Soon after that came the garden, the orchard, the canoes and the solar panels.

"Things were getting too busy over there," he said of a time when Salt Spring was an island of only 3,000 people.

"The city was closing in so we moved up here to get back to nature."

As if cutting their own homestead out of the bush wasn't enough, the couple soon became involved in the island's Trail and Nature Club. With experience trail-blazing many paths through Vancouver Island's Strathcona Park, Bob put his skills to use in Fulford's "high peaks" region, helping clear routes up Mount Tuam, Hope Hill and Mount Bruce.

Many of those original trails now run through private land, a fact that has cramped the style of island ramblers in recent decades.

In spite of the island's growth, Bob is glad to see that many of the old trails remain open.

Looking out from his deck high above Ganges Harbour, Bob points out the distant Tantalus Range in the north and Mount Baker looming in the south.

He's ventured to both places, but still believes the island can offer some pretty rewarding views to those who are prepared to tie up their hiking boots and tough it out.

Luckily his favourite view of all is available from his backyard, even if the neighbours have done their best to close in on the Balls' mountain hideaway over the past 30-odd years.

One Million Acts of Green gets going

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2. Plant A Tree

Planting a tree is an easy way to help the environment.

Trees are like a natural sponge. They absorb carbon dioxide from the environment and release oxygen.

That helps offset the damage done to the planet by greenhouse gas emissions.

In fact, just one tree produces more than 100 kilograms of oxygen a year.

Trees can attract birds to your yard and add beauty to your home, as well as shade your home and reduce air conditioning requirements.

3. Pick up Garbage

We take pride in clean communities, and part of that means helping out and making sure there is no litter on your property, and also nearby fields or vacant lots.

Be sure to recycle and green bin accordingly.

4. Composting at Home

Composting is nature's way of recycling.

Composting reduces the amount of waste going into landfills, and also gives back by producing valuable nutrients for the soil.

You can simply compost in your backyard, or you can participate in on-site composting where the waste is collected and transported to a facility.

5. Re-naturalize a Local Brownfield

Is there a small lot or a couple of acres in your neighbourhood that is a real eyesore? You have walked past it for years and thought — I should do something about that?

Why not now?

Get together with your friends and neighbours and turn it around.

Community gardens or even wild flowers can be a huge improvement.

6. Use Rain Barrels

Using a rain barrel seems like an old-fashioned solution to helping the environment, but it's highly effective. Using a rain barrel reduces the amount

of water going to water treatment plants and helps cut down on your water bill.

Water in rain barrels is naturally soft, chlorine-free, and is perfect for plants, lawns and gardens.

7. Switch From Battery Powered Products To Solar or Windup Products

Wind-up flashlights and solar garden lamps are a great way to save money and they help the environment by reducing the amount of batteries you dispose of.

8. Replace Your Incandescent Lights With L.E.D. Lights

Patio lanterns are a great way to add charm to your patio or deck. You'll save energy and money using L.E.D. lights.

As time goes by, and prices drop, we will see more of them in our homes.

9. Retire Your Old Gas Powered Lawnmower

Small engines (the kind used in gas powered lawnmowers) emit a disproportionately large amount of carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide.

That causes smog, which is bad for the air, bad for the earth and bad for us.

There are several different types of eco-friendly mowers that you can switch to: electric mowers (not the most eco-friendly but better than gas), solar-powered mowers, battery-powered mowers or the reel mower powered by you.

10. Purchase Locally Grown Organic Produce

A lot of the food we eat in North America has travelled a great distance to get to us. On average, various food items travel more than 2,400 kilometres.

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Tim Camps recycles bottles in Centennial Park at a bin put in place following an I-SEA initiative.

WASTE REDUCTION

I-SEA, PARC combine efforts to expand recycling program

More garbage reduction work in the bag this summer

BY MARGERY MOORE AND MARK STARIK
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) has been working with the community for almost six years.

In that time, more than 60 students have been trained in sustainability management.

I-SEA has provided on-the-ground project experiences by working collaboratively with community leaders, experts, organizations and residents. This island has a wealth of talent in sustainability and the willingness to step up.

We thank the community for all of their help in making I-SEA's vision a reality.

I-SEA has run many programs and projects over the years, ranging from solar assessments, creating "green" checklists and bringing speakers to the island to help educate our youth.

In the summer of 2008, I-SEA conducted a recycling assessment and pilot project in Centennial Park, Ganges, during the peak months of July and August.

I-SEA found that the quantity of recycling was surprisingly moderate and the tipping fees were reasonable.

The cost to run a year-round recycling program was estimated at only \$5,000 a year, not including PARC staff time.

We need to address this problem, and one way to do so is by minimizing the use of materials like paper cups and food containers.

The study also found that used paper products were the #1 item thrown away.

Unfortunately, this type of waste cannot be recycled.

We need to address this problem, and one way to do so is by minimizing the use of materials like paper cups and food containers.

There are many ways to help educate vendors and store owners so that possibilities for alternative ways to serve drinks

and food can be found.

We hope that further research this coming summer will provide some concrete solutions.

The result of the 2008 summer recycling assessment by I-SEA and our students was a report submitted to PARC that has in turn resulted in PARC funding a recycling program in Ganges on PARC property that includes Centennial, Rotary and Mouat parks.

This coming summer, with a generous grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, I-SEA will take this pilot study beyond Ganges and look at the recycling needs of other high-traffic areas, like communities around the ferry terminals.

This grant will also allow us to continue mentoring students on sustainability and enlist community volunteers to assess the quantity and types of solid waste being thrown away at these key locations.

The data we gather is critical to showing possible sponsors a permanent island-wide recycling program is possible.

If you are interested in other I-SEA projects, please visit www.i-sea.org and also consider joining the Friends of I-SEA.

The writers are co-founders of I-SEA.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



Saturna Ecological Education Centre students are seen on an outing in February.

Programs are step in the right direction to express active concern for the planet

More can always be done, says local parent

BY CANDACE SNOW

Over the years, I have seen education on Salt Spring evolve to become a much broader phenomenon than teaching the regular core academic subjects.

In our fast-paced, modern-day society where the day seems to have shrunk and there is so little “home/down time,” schools seem to have taken on educating the “whole” child to a much greater degree than ever before.

We have all likely heard the expression that “it takes a village” to properly raise a child, to foster their growth and guide them safely through their dependent years. We are very fortunate that on our island we have a strong sense of community and excellent schools that contribute to this broader perspective of education. My hope is that we continue to evolve in our educational model to enhance the “greening” of the students both for their own personal benefit and for the greater good.

There is no denying that the earth is in a fragile state right now — global warming, pollution, resource depletion, extinction of living species, terrorism, corruption, war, poverty . . . In respect to the health of the human population, it appears that life expectancy has increased and that advances in medicine save more premature babies, for example, yet what of the quality of life?

Increased obesity, even among children, cancer, heart disease, anorexia, attention disorders, depression, substance abuse . . . Instead of learning how diet and lifestyle can contribute to well being, we have a society that relies more on pharmaceuticals and surgeries to fix us up when our bodies start to fall apart. Is there, perhaps, room in our curriculum to include some vital information that will contribute to a more sustainable future both in a personal as well as societal sense?

There has been an emphasis

in schools to motivate students to achieve success. How then, do we define “success?” Is it directly related to completing enough education for students to become employable? Are the most successful individuals the ones who are awarded the most prestigious positions and the biggest paycheque? What about their physical and mental well-being — should this be a part of the equation in determining whether students are successful?

Should active concern for the health of the planet be part of our definition of a successful student? What good is a doctorate or a six-digit income if there is no viable environment in which to live?

Should active concern for the health of the planet be part of our definition of a successful student?

Many students in our district are aware of the issues that our local and global community are facing at this time. Some, who are self motivated, required, or encouraged by concerned adults, are actively involved in programs such as those offered by the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning, the Conservancy’s Stewards in Training, Saturna’s Ecological Education Centre and GISS Global Awareness and Leadership. Several of the elementary schools include environmental, marine and global education for their students. All of these are steps in the right direction that should be applauded and encouraged.

But what of the sector of our student population that has not received this groundwork and is not engaged in some of the options available that aim to share this kind of crucial information?

I often take my “office” to the beach or to a quiet forested setting. I hear the wind in the trees, bird song, water lapping against the shoreline and gaze at the beauty that surrounds me. The connection that I have with nature through these very simple and available excursions makes me committed to work towards the preservation of our environment. My children have this mind-set as well since this has been a part of their reality since day one. I am, concerned, however, that many of our youth have not had this exposure to nature and therefore have not developed a personal connection that might encourage in them a respect and concern for preserving it.

What about including environmental education, wilderness activities, health and wellness as mandatory for all high school students rather than just for those who sign up for it? Are these “subjects” not just as important, or even more so, than math or English, for example? In this day and age when the demands on resources and development are over the top, should mainstream education not be teaching our students how to “preserve and protect?”

I truly believe that in a community such as Salt Spring we have an incredible ability to enhance the educational model; to captivate our students’ interests and expand their minds and abilities to achieve a more inclusive kind of “success.” Through experiential education, mentorship, global awareness films and speakers, for example, students could go forward in life much more engaged, informed and involved in sustainable outlooks and actions that are imperative for posterity.

While it may be somewhat overwhelming as to how to proceed, it is also exciting and encouraging to consider the endless possibilities.

The writer is a parent advisory council member and co-owns Island Escapades on Salt Spring.

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YOUTH EVENTS

I-SEA hosts youth workshop introducing five local speakers

Students aim to 'green' the high school

Last weekend I-SEA held a sustainability workshop for Grades 10-12, with eight students mentored on projects they will implement in the community and at their school.

Five local guest speakers participated in the intensive two-day workshop: Andrew Haigh, Meron Krayenhoff, Meron Moroz, Brandon Bauer and Chris Dixon.

"Each student could receive \$100

for the project of their choice, but this innovative group chose to pool the money and work together on one larger project — greening Gulf Islands Secondary School," said Margery Moore of I-SEA.

I-SEA founders and co-ordinators will mentor this group for the next month and throughout the summer to make their sustainability goals a reality.

Funds to hold the workshop were donated by the school's parent advisory council and raised during the I-SEA Slow Food Dinner last Nov. 29.

GREEN PRODUCTS



Kurt Irwin of Irwin Collision with racks of environmentally friendly auto paint.

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Irwin Collision among first to make switch in province

BY DENNIS PARKER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

One doesn't usually think much about the paint that goes on your car, but the movement to environmentally clean products has migrated into the world of your local automotive body and repair shop.

Irwin Collision has been a mainstay on Salt Spring Island for generations and is one of the first shops in British Columbia to change to water-based products and paints.

Long the standard in Europe, this evolution will soon become

the guideline for the entire province and the industry as a whole.

It also means extra staff training and new equipment is required, but the result is a product that is equal or superior to the old petroleum-based paints and environmentally a real plus for the entire industry.

As Kurt Irwin pointed out on the tour of his facilities, it also makes for happier neighbours. Staff health is also much better protected.

In looking around Irwin's shop, one notices a distinct lack of tell-tale paint odour.

The shop itself is open and airy, using the most modern and up-to-date equipment.

The dryers, for example, filter the air three times before it is released into the atmosphere.

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Air conditioning gases are also captured and recycled. It shows that not only does Irwin put out a first-rate product but he is concerned about the community where he lives and does business.

The water-based paint itself is more expensive than the old, but this may change as the standard comes into wider use and is adapted across the entire industry. It's a small step in the right direction and one you may never notice — but it's one you're far better off for having done.

For more information, Kurt Irwin can be reached at 250-537-2513 or by e-mailing irwincollision@telus.net.

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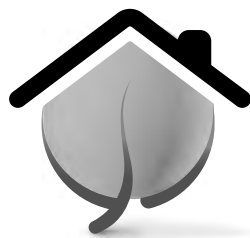
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BEACH FINDS: Aidan Sutherland is among students learning about intertidal life at Burgoyne Bay through the SSI Conservancy's Stewards in Training program.

WASTE HANDLING

A safe way to dispose of hazardous waste

Varnishes, paints, cleaners should be taken to Hartland landfill or mobile collection depots

It's time for spring cleaning: What are you doing with your household hazardous waste?

Spring is here — a time for home renovations, reorganization and spring cleaning. Whether this means replacing flooring, refurbishing fencing, maintaining the hot tub or pool or planting an organic garden, thinking "green" when planning makes it easier to improve your home's sustainability and livability. Plus, green renovations and cleaning will both improve your home's value and significantly reduce its environmental impact.

Conventional home products such as varnishes, paints, cleaners, pesticides and pool and hot tub chemicals can contain toxic chemicals. These products are potentially harmful to produce, can lead to health problems when accidentally inhaled or ingested and can create safety concerns when not safely disposed of.

"Chemicals that are disposed of in the garbage represent a significant danger to garbage haulers, landfill employees, contractors and customers," says Hartland operations manager Tom Watkins.

The long list of hazardous products

includes many predictable items, such as chemical fertilizer, lead acid batteries and ammonia; others — like thermometers, CFL light bulbs and antibacterial soap — may be less obvious.

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In 2009, CRD will hold three mobile household hazardous waste events on the Gulf Islands. In May an event was held on Mayne Island and other events are scheduled for Saturday, June 13 on Galiano Island and Saturday, Sept. 26 on Saturna Island.

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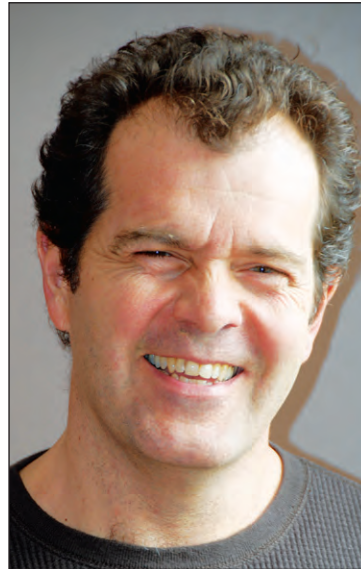
Fragile human relationships centre of If I Were Me debut

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A crowd of people with no idea what to expect filled ArtSpring last Thursday for the world premiere of If I Were Me and other plays by Mort Ransen. With the lighting of a single candle on the dark stage, the evening of new drama started off with all the promise of magic that theatre can contain.

Close to two hours later, that promise was met with an entertaining program of three short plays, a range of believable and compelling characters, and a lot of laughter. There were also moments of poignancy, with reflection on the fragility and importance of human relationships.

The evening started with In The Dark, the funniest and most energetic of the three short plays. A finalist for the Canadian National Playwriting competition, the drama centres on an estranged hus-



Actors, from left, Tony Ulc, Marek Czuma and Erin Ormand star in If I Were Me.

band and wife and the electrician who seems to know much more about their intimate thoughts than is possible.

The play called Celling takes the action into a shoe store, where the salesman and two customers publicly live out normally private episodes as an unintended side effect of mobile phones.

The final and titular play of the evening explores the damaged relationship between an aging father and his divorced son, with help from the new woman in his life.

Tony Ulc, a star of Flying Dreams' Speakeasy and last year's Born Yesterday, proved quickly that his range is far more extensive than the gangster parts we've seen him in so far. As George in In The Dark, he put across perfectly the anger of a powerless man unable to stand up to his boss and equally unable to communicate with his wife.

As shoe salesman Alfie, he managed to shrink his prize-fighter's frame into a meeker persona. I'll admit that it's difficult to imagine Ulc as gay, but it's a credit to him and director Ransen that he didn't employ any stereotypical affectations to make the case. He concentrated rather on the quiet tragedy of a man who hears about his mother dying through long distance.

And as Arnie in If I Were Me, he expressed the frustration of someone who can never do the right thing for his demanding and famous father, along with the tenderness of someone who wants to do the right thing.

Erin Ormand showed equal prowess portraying three women in different types of relationships. As uptight Jen she brought anger and bitterness over a disappointed life, while in Celling her character Amelie grappled with the reality of dating a married man. She was perhaps most compelling as Irene in If Were Me, the character with the least conflict but the most compassion.

Including Marek Czuma in any production must be a dangerous proposition, since he comes close to stealing the scene whenever he appears. He definitely benefited from playing the funniest character of the night, the French-Canadian electrician Jean-Claude. His slouch and amused yet innocent facial expressions physically established a well-defined character, and his Quebecois accent was very fine. But even as the pompous new Minister of Finance, Czuma's timing and delivery made him impossible to look away from.

Ransen himself appeared in the final play as a larger-than-life version of himself — older and not nearly as nice as Ransen. As the retired actor Gordon, he was nonetheless a vehicle for the playwright/director's own musings on aging and family.

If I Were Me nicely picks up some of the themes introduced with In The Dark. The idea that all people are constantly acting and change their roles according to who they're presenting themselves to was one theme; and the idea that we are constantly changing from moment

to moment was another. Most important, though, was the theme running through all three that delicate human relationships require a lot of compassion to ensure survival, much less flourish.

The material itself fulfills the goal of being entertaining yet thoughtful — the soft ending evidence ... there is always hope for reconciliation and even redemption in human relationships.

On a textual basis, Ransen's writing is good at portraying the human condition, but could be tightened up. In the Dark seemed to go on for longer than necessary, having lost some momentum when the humour turned over to more serious matters. Celling is perhaps the best paced play of the three, combining single conversations in a counterpoint and then converging the dialogue together in a musical-like format. If I Were Me, as the final play of the night, had

a fairly quiet ending: sweet but a little lacking in exuberance.

Dealing with timeless themes, some audience members might feel that Ransen's approach is a little too contemporary, especially in his judicious use of swearing and discussion of sex. This is particularly true of In the Dark, where the realist approach to dialogue might be a little too lifelike for some. Warnings that the play is not for youngsters should definitely be heeded.

Technically, the play was very challenging for the sound crew who pulled it off admirably, getting in a well-used TV remote and multiple phone rings, as well as ambient sounds and intro music.

David Borrowman's photography as projected background scenery was put to good effect, rounding out an equally effective set design by Bill Adams to create a chic modernist apartment, a shoe store and a Salt Spring oceanfront patio in turn.

This is an ambitious project for the local theatre scene and everyone involved showed absolute professionalism. The material itself fulfills the goal of being entertaining yet thoughtful — the soft ending evidence of Ransen's belief that despite their fragility, there is always hope for reconciliation and even redemption in human relationships.

If I Were Me continues at ArtSpring May 28 through 31 — 8 p.m. nightly except for a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday the 31st. (Note that some promotional material has an incorrect 2 p.m. start time.)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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CLASSROOM MENTOR: Well-known Pender Island artist Victor Reece demonstrates native artwork to a class of students at Salt Spring Middle School last Friday as the school hosted First Nations visitors for a special day of activities.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Weekly summer recitals begin again

Violins, bassoon, trumpet, vocals at heart of June 3 concert

On Wednesday, June 3, Music and Munch opens its weekly summer recital series with a wonderful program featuring Carolyn Hatch and some of her musical friends.

Originally from Oregon, Hatch studied music performance at Lewis and Clark University in Portland and the University of Illinois, where she earned her masters degree.

Hatch has been teaching violin and fiddle on Salt Spring for six years at her Fiddlers' Hatchery studio. Her involvement in the musical life of the island is well known, as is the work of all the friends she

VISITING PERFORMERS

Canadians connected through Tree House show

Lang and Demeanor make return trip to island

Dave Lang and Kris Demeanor are two singer-songwriters from the prairies that make the best of the big country they live in.

"Being a Canadian singer-songwriter is not always an easy task," says a press release about their Salt Spring appear-

ance this week. "First, it's a big country, which makes it hard to get from one side to the other. Second, it's a big country, which makes one wonder if the songs one sing will be understood from one side to the other."

After playing here last fall at the Tree House Café, Lang returns this spring with his good friend Demeanor. Together they have logged enough miles to cross this country many times over. Neither are strangers to the West

Coast with Lang previously living in Victoria and playing in Carolyn Mark's band. Demeanor is remembered fondly for the show he played with Geoff Berner a few years back at the Tree House South (now Rock Salt).

Both artists bridge the gaps within this country by singing about the subtleties of life that are universal to everyone. Demeanor recently won awards from the video of his song called I Have Seen the

notes a press release.

Hatch and Gray will play some canonic duets written by Telemann and Hindemith. Toole will sing a lovely aria by Vivaldi accompanied by an ensemble of two violins and bassoon.

Hatch and Regan will present some beautiful violin and piano parlour pieces from the 19th century, while Jim Stubbs will be the basso continuo for a Corelli violin sonata. Last but certainly not least, Jim will join in on Hatch's arrangement of The Dance of the Lunatics for violin, trumpet and bassoon.

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CONCERTS



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO
Phil Vernon performs at last summer's Hiroshima Day event.

Phil Vernon sings Woody Guthrie

Going Down the Road concert at Lions this weekend

Salt Spring singer-songwriter Phil Vernon will perform a rare solo concert this coming Sunday, May 31 at Lions Hall.

The evening performance combines Vernon's own ballads with those of Woody Guthrie in an exploration guaranteed to pose a few questions as to what "road" we're going down.

Light-hearted send-ups of some of Woody's tunes — tailored for life on Salt Spring — are combined with some little-known gems by the American folk hero and some sober musical reflection on how the times may be a-changing, but in a reverse direction.

"With the global financial meltdown, Woody's music seems appropriate," Vernon said in a press release.

"I heard a guy on the radio who said the sooner we embrace poverty, the better we'll survive the next few years. I figured I'd start by embracing Woody and go from there."

The local designer, community activist and now part-time Moonstruck milker brings a global perspective to his musical performances.

Recent experiences in Kenya and working to support projects there has informed his lyrical compositions, as well as his deepening commitment to raise awareness of our interconnection with all continents and all living things, explains press material.

"During hard times people

have to learn to look out for each other and keep family and community together, out of necessity. Woody's songs speak to us of this collective spirit, even today — although his dust storm is now cataclysmic climate disruption, and our community the whole world."

Known for his compelling songs The Ballad of Percy Schmeiser, GE Free and a song about the Murakami family entitled Ganbaru, the local songwriter is a regular performer at the Salt Spring Fall Fair and other stages around the island. He is preparing to record a full album of original songs later this year, and the Sunday event is a fundraiser for this project.

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ON STAGE

GISPA all-original finale shows the transformative power of art

And keeps philosophical questions turning long after

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Why is it that good acts don't seem to bring reciprocal favours to the doer, while life often rewards those who act selfishly? This is the kind of question a teenager might spend some time pondering, and is therefore a fitting theme for this year's final presentation of Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) students.

Created collectively by the students themselves, GISPA finals integrate the three components of the program, uniting theatre, dance and music in a single presentation. Theatre components are generated by the student's study of classic playwrights and texts, while the music is composed and the dances choreographed by the students who perform them. The finale is both an expression of what they have learned and a marker of their great potential as artists of the future.

This year's offering, *Goodperson*, started with two translations of Bertold Brecht's play, *Good Woman of Setzuan*.

The story follows Shen Te, a good woman that others take serious advantage of, and the differences that occur when she creates the alternate persona of Shui Ta, a male cousin. As a domineering male without sympathy for others, Shen Te acquires the hardness she needs to survive in an even harder world — but at what cost to her soul?

Simple but effective



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

Geoff McFarlane was "a particular stand-out as the guitar-playing carpenter."

I was curious to see how the actors would handle portraying another culture, but the results here were also tasteful and creative.

design set the scene in a Chinese town: paper lanterns, bamboo ladders and a beautifully constructed arched bamboo bridge provided the necessary elements without crowding the stage. I was curious to see how the actors would handle portraying another cul-

ture, but the results here were also tasteful and creative.

The costumes and makeup varied greatly, but on the whole took Asian motifs as a starting point and moved outward into a more stylized place of fantasy. The celestial beings appeared in kimonos and traditional looking hair, while the musicians looked more like the Joker, with hair sprayed up and out in green and purple.

The dancers were striking in red silk tunics and black shorts, their hair in imaginative loops. Sean Cunningham as the landlady had the best hairstyle, however: a bizarre Mohawk of five narrow cones.

As Shen Te and Shui Ta, Leilani Fraser-Buchanan did an admirable job of portraying opposing personalities. The sweet Shen Te became quite menacing when disguised with a jacket and a porcelain mask

— a device that helped transform the character into someone literally without humanity. A half-mask might have worked better for speaking, but in fact the actor did a good job getting the words out from behind it.

Anna Melious portrayed a simple water seller, Wong, with complexity through a combination of dance and acting.

Courtenay Bolton was an arrogant and sneering Yang Sun, the pilot who Shen Te falls in love with despite of his clearly mercenary interest. Ali Bates, Maddi MacKay and Sara White contributed to the overall dynamism with constant slithering and hissing, while Cunningham had the feeling of a ruthless businesswoman.

While the theatre component certainly provided a compelling story, the music and dance components were particularly strong this year.

The dancers were extremely well placed within the drama, using more movements from classic ballet form than modern styles. You could clearly see the strength and precision behind their graceful expressions. One piece in particular with Melious and Amalia Smith served very well to elaborate on the dramatic theme just raised in the script, of the broken trust between lovers.

Singers Rudy Gummeson, Allie George and Deven Miles were quite "heavenly" as the gods, especially one beautiful piece sung by George and accompanied by Rylan Gajek on cello and Elizabeth Woods on piano.

Geoff McFarlane was a particular stand-out as the guitar-, bass- and drum-playing carpenter who added ironic commentary to the action. He was cool and casual

in all his scenes. Hard to believe from someone in just Grade 10.

Sound quality was the only problem with the Wednesday night performance, where the actors were drowned out in a couple of scenes that combined music and dialogue. And though I could understand most of the words in the third row centre, I wonder if people in the back rows could hear the dialogue from behind the mask.

On the whole, however, GISPA students generated another quality production that did credit to the program — and they even raised philosophical questions that I enjoyed revisiting the next day.



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The King of Queens' Kevin James stars as the titular cop, an overweight shlub of a guy whose hypoglycemia keeps his crime-fighting in the mall and away from any potential as a real policeman. Living with his mother and daughter, Paul simply doesn't have the guts to ask out his kiosk-manning crush and as such faces a lonely life without love.

One day, though, the mall is taken over by a group of robbers seeking credit card numbers and Paul is left inside. Sensing the chance to finally take control,

Paul defies the police outside and starts coming up with wacky ways to defeat the bad guys and finally become a man of respect.

If you're feeling a tinge — just a tinge — of déjà vu, that's because Paul Blart: Mall Cop is essentially a family version of Die Hard. It's your stereotypical everyman trapped in a building with a bunch of aggressive criminals who are not only smarter and stronger than he is but conveniently come into the possession of the woman he loves. Of course, they don't have his gumption, and we all know that gumption is the equivalent of a M1A1 tank when it comes to mainstream American movies.

If Paul Blart: Mall Cop has one redeeming feature, we could mention that it's almost completely harmless. Parents

looking for a safe alternative to an umpteenth viewing of The Incredibles or Spy Kids will breathe a sigh of relief.

Nonetheless, this film is relentlessly terrible. Poor Kevin James, who has been funny in films like Hitch, is completely misused. The baddies are milquetoast, the heroine unlikable, the action perfunctory and the jokes telegraphed.

The only explanation I can give for this awful thing's amazing success at raking in consumer dough is its trailer, which was admittedly well edited and promised at least a lot of kinetic flop-around slapstick action. But again, \$145 million. Some poor souls out there were clearly giving good word of mouth, which is an incredibly sad thought and possible justification for the handing out of muzzles at theatre exits.

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What's On This Week



Wed. May 27	Thurs. May 28	Fri. May 29	Sat. May 30	Sun. May 31	Mon. June 1	Tues. June 2
<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Ramesh Meyers. Singer-songwriter at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Attracting Butterflies to the Garden. Gwen Odermatt is guest speaker at SS Garden Club meeting. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Silent Auction. Lady Minto Thrift Store event gets underway and runs to June 6.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre presents three new plays written and directed by Mort Ransen. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Soul Intentions. Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Open Mike with Dale and Dave. Thursdays at the Fulford Inn.</p> <p>Dave Lang and Kris Demeanor. Canadian Prairie singer songwriters. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Open Mike. With Stephanie Rhodes & friends, Thursdays at The Local bar & bistro. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Blues Jam. Every other Thursday at M.O.B.Y's. 8-11 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Geology of Salt Spring Island. A presentation by Jack Gunn. SS United Church. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>BACARA AGM. With guest speaker Timothy Cahill, emergency pod coordinator. Harbour House. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bellydance for Beginners Class. Yoga, isolations, drills. GISS Dance Studio. 7:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Sue Medley and Barrie Donaldson. Juno Award-winner in concert at Mahon Hall. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Planet Music. Original urban jazz at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre production. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Tom & Matt. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryTime at the Library. Into the Garden: More adventures with the natural world. Stories, activities and fun for early grade & preschool children. 1-2 p.m. at the library.</p> <p>Relay for Life. Annual cancer society fundraiser at Portlock Park. 7 p.m. start.</p> <p>Open Garden. See iris, rhodos and more at 185 Furness Road. 10 a.m. to dusk.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>The More the Meryer. Talent showcase for the Mary-Harry Williamson Scholarship fundraiser. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m., with silent auction at 7 p.m.</p> <p>If I Were Me and Other Plays. Island Theatre production. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Beat & Groove Mash-up. Featuring Greenlaw, Kia Kadiri and DJ Tedder at Beaver Point Hall. 9 p.m.</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Grapes of Wrath singer-songwriter at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Tal, Steph, Dave and Matt. Live band on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Rogue Yoga Performance. Kristin Woodruff says goodbye to island with dance, poetry and storytelling event. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 8 p.m. Yoga class at 6 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Herbal Apprenticeship Program. Weekend sessions with Rainbow May begin. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 250-537-1503; www.livinglightwellness.com</p> <p>You, Me, and the SPP: Trading Democracy for Corporate Rule. Filmmaker Paul Manly screens his film at the EcoReality Co-op classroom at 2172 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Open Garden. See iris, rhodos and more at 185 Furness Road. 10 a.m. to dusk.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Going Down the Road. Phil Vernon sings Woody Guthrie plus selections of his own original material. Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>If I Were Me and Other Plays. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m. Final show.</p> <p>Donn Tarris & Tess Fama. Power folk originals at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Live Jazz. Sundays at M.O.B.Y's. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Zen Meditation. Half-day retreat at Ango Retreat, 340 LePage Rd. 8:15 a.m. to noon. Info: Rowan, 250-537-2831.</p> <p>Poultry Swap. Buy, sell or trade poultry or related items. Farmers Institute. Noon to 2 p.m. Info: 250-931-5179.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Dale & Dave & Friends. Rock music at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Toastmasters. Harbour House Crofton Room, 7 p.m. Info: 250-537-2581</p> <p>Kundalini Dance. Root Chakra Session. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Eckart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Every Monday. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.</p> <p>Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Every Monday. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.</p> <p>Creative Vessels Support Group. Discussion group incorporating art therapy and journaling helps people deal with creative challenges. Fits all creative disciplines. Drop-ins welcome. Arbutus Therapy Centre, 7-9 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Gene Grooms & Friends. Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.</p> <p>Open Stage. With host David Jaquest at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Tango Tuesdays. Beginner-Intermediate classes at the Core Inn, third floor. 6:30-8 p.m., followed by practica. Info: 250-537-1818.</p> <p>Open Water Diver Certification Course. Oceans Alive Dive Centre, #1-126 Upper Ganges Rd. 250-538-0099 or e-mail info@diveoceansalive.com.</p> <p>SSI Search & Rescue Society Special AGM at 261 Fulford-Ganges Road. 7 p.m.</p>
						<p>Wed. June 3</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>The Secret in the Wings. GISS Second Story Theatre production at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Simone & the Soul Intentions. Jazz, soul & R&B at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.</p>

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- **Symbolic Love** — Phoenix secondary and AHEAD program students show photography, basketry, sketches, paintings and clay work at ArtSpring. Opening May 28 with a reception from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Show runs daily to June 4. Sponsored by Apple Photo.
- **Garry Kaye - Retrospective**, and **Renay Piper - Limited Visibility** at The Point Gallery until June 7.
- **Eight Island Artists** runs at Pegasus Gallery until May 30.
- **Gail Sibley** has an exhibit of paintings in the lobby at ArtSpring until May 31. **A Tuscan Harvest**, paintings by Florence Roberge, runs from June 1 to 30.
- **Larry Melious** shows portraits of islanders at Salt Spring Coffee Co. through May.
- **Abstract Works** by Jamie Callum Macaulay show at Talia Cafe until May 31.
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YOUTH ART

Students get framed for upcoming show

Catch Symbolic Love at ArtSpring for one week only

Phoenix art students are showcasing their love — Symbolic Love.

From May 28 to June 4, the Phoenix Alternative Program of GISS will present their Symbolic Love show at ArtSpring. For the first time since 2007, their photography, basketry, clay work, paintings, clay tiles and sketches will be featured in the space donated by ArtSpring's George Sipos.

The event is a collaboration between Salt Spring Community Services counsellor and art therapist Tracy Harrison, and Sarah Bateman, co-ordinator of the GISS and Phoenix AHEAD program.

Local photographer Seth Berkowitz has been mentoring the students leading up to the show, with insight into the presentation of photography. GISS art instructors Sarah Locke and Melissa Searcy have also pitched in by scouring their inventory of frames for the work. Bob Young of Apple Photo even contributed by printing all of the student work.

"The students have really appreciated and felt the support of their community for this show," Harrison said. "Everyone has come on board enthusiastically and helped us pull this together in a very short time."

Symbolic Love will run for one week only with catering by Phoenix students under the direction of Joanne Perkins.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Phoenix program students with some artwork set for their Symbolic Love exhibit at ArtSpring are, from left, Geneva Lerner, Sarah Dann and Kayla Schlegel.

FUNDRAISER

Community applauds tomorrow's stars

The More the Maryer scholarship showcase runs at Mahon Hall on Saturday night

Saturday, May 30 marks the 10th annual Showcase and Fundraiser for the Mary and Harry Williamson Scholarship.

The scholarship assists Gulf Islands Secondary School graduates seeking further training and education in the performing arts.

Organizers say scholarship applicants are always stellar and it is a challenge to choose a winner.

Talent, citizenship and scholarship are taken into account by the adjudicators, three volunteers who are performing artists and educators from Salt Spring.

The fundraising show, hosted by Arvid Chalmers and Dustin Bragg, is a fun and lively event that showcases this year's scholarship applicants Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara, Ali Bates, Deven Miles and Elizabeth Woods.

Some favourite local performers will also take the stage, including jazz vocalist Caroni Young, GISS and Jr. Improv teams and Gordon Keel.

A silent auction at 7 p.m. precedes the 8 p.m. show, with items donated by community business and individual supporters. Tickets (\$5, \$10 and \$15) are available at Salt Spring Books and at the door.

According to a press release, Mary Williamson is remembered by many as a principled woman with cutting wit who was a master of dramatic delivery.

The Williamsons came to Canada from England where Mary had worked

in journalism and as a theatrical booking agent.

She was an original member of the Hysterical Society and wowed audiences with her outfits as a devotee of gold lamé and bold jewellery, which she wore to great advantage on her statuesque frame. Williamson was politically active and a frequent contributor to the Driftwood letters to the editor pages with strongly held opinions on a variety of topics, from homemakers' wages to sewers to environmental concerns and pacifism.

"Williamson was a strong believer that if you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem and was not averse to saying so," said event co-organizer Jill Tarswell.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Choir joins Port Hardy celebration

Shirley Bunyan's connection takes church choir on road trip

BY PAT BARCLAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

If you'd like more good clean fun in your life, join a choir. That's the message that comes through loud and clear from the 16 members of Salt Spring's United Church choir who spent May 15 to 18 on an eventful expedition to Port Hardy.

The occasion for their trip was the 40th anniversary of Tsusquana Singers, Port Hardy's community choir, who chose to celebrate by inviting former choir members and directors back to town for a weekend of fellowship, food and fun, with a Saturday night concert to top things off.

Salt Spring United's choir participated because musical director Shirley Bunyan, with husband Lorne and their young family, were stationed in Port Hardy from 1988-1993 when Lorne was an RCMP officer and Shirley was involved with both Tsusquana and her local church choir.

Being Shirley, her enthusiastic response to the Port Hardy invita-



PHOTO BY DICK MILLER
Shirley Bunyan, foreground, with members of the Port Hardy handbell choir which she initiated some 16 years ago.

tion was, "Yes, and may I bring our Salt Spring choir with me?"

With 25 to 30 Tsusquana alumni paying a visit to their former home town, plus the 16 singers from Salt Spring, Saturday night's performance was 80 singers strong. On the program was everything from Loch Lomond to Hallelujah, with Tsusquana's three-octave handbell choir ringing a few changes of pace.

Sunday morning's church service — where the Salt Springers also sang — proved one for the memory bank, thanks to a "hip-hop organist" who explored the rhythm options on his electric instrument. Other highlights included seeing eagles all over the beach at low tide, and bears in a grassy spot named Bear Alley;

an incredible garden tour organized by the host choir; the sound of many horns hooting as the MV Northern Adventure set off on her maiden voyage and, above all, the sheer satisfaction of being part of a group endeavour that went exceedingly well.

"It helps you grow as a choir to sing with others," said member Deborah Olson.

"It makes you listen closely and be more focussed."

For her part, Shirley Bunyan says: "This trip was so special to me as it was going home again to reconnect with people I hadn't seen in 15 years and make new friends, and I took half the Salt Spring choir with me! We were totally made to feel welcome."

Bunyan also con-

fesses that taking part in her hosts' handbell choir has re-kindled her desire to start a similar choir on Salt Spring. So, kindred spirits, you know whom to call.

PERFORMANCE ART

Woodruff event marks 'goodbye'

Dance, storytelling and poetry

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island yoga teacher and performance artist Kristin Woodruff plans to say goodbye to the community through a final class and theatre performance at the Core Inn this Saturday.

Woodruff has been a Salt Spring resident on and off for almost six years. The play, which begins at 8 p.m., is meant to be a retrospective of her creative work during that time and a send-off before she leaves the island the next morning.

"I'm getting rid of everything I own except a backpack and am embarking on the next stage of my quest," Woodruff said.

Her plans for three months travel

begin with a tour of the United States and a visit with family on the East Coast, but whether she returns to Salt Spring is unknown for now.

In a combination of dance, storytelling and poetry, Woodruff hopes to express her experience on the island.

"It's a way of saying goodbye, thank you, and here's what I've learned in the community.

"Salt Spring is a very healing and nurturing place — it's so welcoming there is a temptation to stay in that warmth."

Woodruff hopes in her travels to "give it back and express it in the world."

The May 30 play will be preceded by a yoga class at 6 p.m. with the focus on opening the sources of creativity.

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