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YOUNG LIFERS: Helpers at last Friday night's Relay For Life at Portlock Park pause for a photo. See story on page A5 and photos on page B15.

HEALTH CARE

SOS broadens health care concerns

VIHA suggests OR not missed much

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Passionate arguments, pointed questions, statistics on overhead projectors and the informed opinions of medical professionals and residents demonstrated a shift in focus from the ad hoc Save Our Surgery Committee mandate by the end of a meeting on Monday night.

Community Gospel Chapel was packed with community members invested in the findings presented by Phyllis Bolton of SOS and Dr. Owen Heisler, chief medical officer of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, regarding the need for surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital.

Bolton opened the information-sharing meeting with Dr. Heisler by reporting that since surgeries ended in June 2008, SOS has collected more than 1,200 signatures in support of re-opening the operating room. A long-time Cowichan district hospital board member and advocate for health-care services, Bolton said she has been receiving phone calls from islanders uncomfortable about the lack of available care on the island.

She quoted from the Canada Health Act in stressing that islanders should have better access to health-care services.

Dr. Heisler, a former small-town general surgeon himself, presented figures he had compiled on the technicalities involved in re-opening the operating room. He said many surgeries would likely still be best

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DEVELOPMENT

Stream group pursues Swanson's battle

High-profile environmental group provides funds for Salt Spring legal action

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The gloves have come off in the Swanson's Pond development on Park Drive.

Armed with funding from the West Coast Environmental Law Society and two private donors, the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Association said in a press release Monday that it will seek court injunctions "to block the issuance of any development or building permits for the Swanson's Pond property" until "a full environmental review" is completed.

Development permits are issued by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and building per-

mits from the Capital Regional District.

"We feel strongly that the Swanson's Pond property is and always was intended to be in Development Permit Area 4 and also that any development on the site must comply with the [provincial government's] Riparian Areas Regulation — law since 2004 — to protect fish habitat downstream."

However, according to the Islands Trust, only part of the subject property is in DPA4 and no development is proposed for that area. Salt Spring Ventures Inc., which owns the 1.32-hectare (3.28-acre) property zoned for multi-family use, plans to build 33 dwelling units in four

buildings on the land.

Ideally, said WCELS lawyer Andrew Gage, the issue will be resolved through negotiation rather than expensive court action.

"We want to protect fish habitat without going to court," said Gage, adding that did not mean the society wouldn't support court action if required.

Victoria lawyer Ron MacIsaac has taken the case, he said.

The salmon group says it too would like to resolve the issue out of court and hopes "the Islands Trust can obtain some support from other government agencies to stop the destruction of these wetlands and the ongoing damage to this small but real cutthroat trout stream."

"We will be requesting that any future devel-

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NEWSBEAT

WATER COUNCIL

Hendren plugs septic monitoring

Director seeks input on 'total treatment' approach

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Capital Regional District electoral area director spent a good part of Friday's Water Council meeting defending his decision to opt out of a regional septic system program that would have monitored septic tanks in sensitive watershed areas.

"I felt we should have it for the whole island and take this opportunity to craft a bylaw that fits the needs of Salt Spring," Hendren told fellow Water Council members at the Lions

Hall. "I let [the bylaw] lapse but [the issue] is certainly something I want to pursue."

According to CRD Bylaw 3478, septic tank owners in designated areas would have to regularly maintain their septic system and/or have tanks pumped out every five years, depending on the type of system, as a way to prevent the escape of harmful substances into drinking-water capture zones or sensitive environmental areas. Watershed and well-capture zones were targeted for Salt Spring.

A 2008 CRD survey of Salt Spring residents found that 57 per cent of septic system owners were in favour of the monitoring program. One of

those supporters, Salt Spring's Ron Hawkins, questioned Hendren's approach to the issue.

"I am really disappointed and stymied about your decision," Hawkins said. "To start small as a pilot project in areas of known concern strikes me as the right way to proceed. It seems to me you've got it backwards."

Hawkins said Hendren's apparent preoccupation with island incorporation is not an appropriate framework from which to address the island's immediate water quality problems.

"It's nice to sit back and look at the whole picture, but the small picture is on fire and burning," Hawkins said. "I think your bin-

oculars are a little foggy."

Hendren said he intends to present the details of his "total water treatment approach" during a public meeting on June 16 at All Saints beginning at 4 p.m.

Hendren said he has invited representatives from the island's various "unorganized water districts" along with representatives from the Ganges sewer and liquid waste committees.

"The aim is not to amalgamate but to at least come together," he said. "I want to look at all the information that is out there."

Hendren confirmed that a mandatory island-wide septic monitoring system could be in place by the spring of 2010.

Debate veers from operating room revival

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performed off-island due to specialization and patient safety. Additionally, the former operating room had been "very disorganized," he said.

"I'm hearing from the medical staff — and it hurts my heart — that they're not missing a general surgeon as much as they thought that they would," he said, before a smattering of laughter broke out across the audience.

Yet no one demonstrated disrespect for Dr. Jan McPhail's words underlining that sentiment. She acknowledged the views of those who consider the need for minor, general surgeries, but supports directing funding into more critical services that patients are less likely to plan for.

"Most people don't contemplate a car accident, acute psychosis or spending the rest of their lives in long-term care in Lady Minto," she said. "The focus on the operating room is misguided. I feel really sad that all of the community support was so misguided."

A relative newcomer to Salt Spring, Gwen McDonald spoke of a national health issue that is most troubling to her. She has been without a family doctor since she moved here over a year ago and has been told that no doctors are accepting new patients.

"It seems to me that before we start worrying about surgical care, we should pay some attention to primary care physicians," she argued.

Betty Taylor summed up a common sentiment by the end of the evening's discussions.

"I really truly came here in support of saving surgery and now I've got some real questions, [including], 'Do we really know what the devil we're doing?'" she said in reflecting on the need for long-term elder care, emergency services and poverty-induced health issues on Salt Spring.

Taylor, along with island psychiatrist Dr. Nicholas Sladen-Dew, brought focus to the mental health crisis on the island, which was met with overwhelming audience backing.

While some remained fixed on saving surgery, many people echoed the need to evaluate all Salt Spring health-care services

and take the focus off simply re-opening the operating room. Further research into the community's health-care needs was initiated, although members of SOS agreed that they can only do so much without VIHA's support. Despite the broadening of public concerns beyond the operating room alone, Bolton said SOS achieved what it set out to do, which was to launch an inquiry into the surgical services.

"I'm not surprised by the outcome of the evening," she said, "because I had been getting input along the way. We had a single mandate and we fulfilled it."

SOS compiled a list of questions regarding the surgical unit that will still be presented to VIHA. One of those is where the previously budgeted funds for the operating room will be spent.

"We may have a difference of opinion on where surgery is, but [Bolton] has worked tirelessly and endlessly here," Taylor added. "I want to thank this committee and Phyllis."

See related video footage at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Riparian regulations and waterway status challenged

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opment around Swanson's Pond proceed only if it complies with the Riparian Areas Regulation and that there is

appropriate reparation for any damage done to the Swanson's creek system."

Gage said he believes there are "some significant problems" with the provincially mandated

RAR and how they are implemented.

"I consider them to be very poorly drafted and to raise a lot of complicated legal questions," said Gage.

Kathy Reimer, the

salmon enhancement society's long-time biologist, told the Driftwood her group has never taken this kind of action in its 26 years of existence. She said there was nothing "per-

sonal" involved with their decision but that it was done to avoid a precedent being set. Otherwise, she said, the island will lose "one little [fish-bearing] creek at a time."

Eric Booth, agent for the property owners, was not available for comment on Tuesday.

However, in the past he has maintained the man-made pond, its inlet and outlet are not considered a stream or fish-bearing habitat or subject to the RAR, a position taken by the Ministry of Environment's Water Management Branch.

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Industrial Land Task Force Public Meeting:

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COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

Anti-slavery activist runs it like he talks it

Islander to undertake 800-kilometre journey in chains

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you're driving down Long Harbour Road early in the morning and happen upon a man running along the side of the road in shackles, there's no need for alarm.

Yes, he may be on the run, but it's all for a valiant cause.

On Aug. 1, Eric Proffitt will set off from London's Westminster Abbey and run nearly a marathon a day for 25 days as part of his Break These Chains campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking.

"I'm doing this to help the world know that human trafficking still happens in every city on earth," Proffitt said in an interview last week. "The whole point is that I want the entire world to stop and say 'this is wrong.' I want this event to tip the balance and stop human slavery."

News of his project has encouraged several groups in Victoria to invite Proffitt to run through the provincial capital before he leaves for England in late July.

Proffitt's 800-kilometre (500-mile) journey coincides with the commemoration of William Wilberforce's 250th anniversary. Wilberforce was the 18th-century British politician and philanthropist who made it his personal mission to ban the slave trade within the British Empire.

The run will take Proffitt west from London to Bristol, where he will venture northward through Gloucester, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester.

Proffitt's route wraps up in Wilberforce's birthplace of Kingston-Upon-Hull, where he will be one of the key presenter's at the city's annual freedom festival.

Many of the coastal cities along Proffitt's route were major international ports and key ideological battlegrounds during the original move to end slavery.

Wilberforce may have succeeded in setting up some of the world's first legislation banning the trade of human beings, but the underground slave trade is still alive and thriving.

According to statistics compiled by the United Nations, between one and four million people are trafficked each year, 60 per cent of those are children and almost 80 per cent are used in the sex trade.

There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today.

That's enough to make it the third largest illegal market after drugs and weapons. The RCMP believes about 800 of these victims end up on Canadian streets each year.

Outside of the sex trade, much of the illegal slave trade involves individuals held against their will to work in sweatshops, mines and on farms, where they produce many of the commodities that end up in the homes and stomachs of western consumers.

The involvement of powerful global organized crime syn-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Eric Proffitt has drawn some curious looks while training in chains around Salt Spring.

dicates and the weakness of federal anti-trafficking regulations here in Canada has encouraged Proffitt to attack the problem at its source.

"It will be the people who make the change," he said. "If people are upset by this international disgrace, they may begin to ask questions about how and where the products they use are made."

Proffitt said the global chocolate industry is among the most lucrative industries known to rely heavily on slave labour.

Strong consumer reaction to corporate irresponsibility around the world, Proffitt said, has proven companies will offer ethical alternatives if a demand exists.

"It's really about starting where you are right now and questioning the impact of your everyday decisions," he said.

Proffitt, a songwriter originally from the United States, "recognized the magnitude of this horror" while he was attending the United Nations' Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking last year in Switzerland.

Shocked by its scope and determined to do something about it, Proffitt and his wife made a joint decision to sell

"If people are upset by this international disgrace, they may begin to ask questions about how and where the products they use are made."

ERIC PROFFITT
Anti-slavery activist

their home and use the proceeds to help fight human trafficking.

"My wife and family have been very supportive," he said. "What we are doing is really nothing compared to what is experienced every day by millions of slaves around the world."

More information about Proffitt's inspiring run is available online at www.ericproffitt.com.

News briefs

Coffee Co. meeting on Tuesday

One of Salt Spring's more controversial land-use proposals will be put on the front burner at a public information meeting on Tuesday, June 9.

The Salt Spring Coffee Company rezoning proposal for lands at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road is the subject of the meeting at All Saints

By-the-Sea, where information will be provided along with a chance to ask questions and make comments.

The session, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is not a formal public hearing of the rezoning bylaw.

The meeting was originally set for June 2, but miscommunication between the Driftwood and Islands Trust office resulted in the required advertisement not being published in last week's paper.

New signs mark danger zone

Rita Dods' push for warning signs along a dangerous stretch of North End Road has proven one person's effort can indeed make a difference.

Hot on the heels of her spring campaign to improve signage along the road near St. Mark's Anglican Church, employees with the Ministry

of Transportation and local highways company completed the installation of reflective markers and lowered the maximum speed in the area last week.

"They're wonderful reflectors," Dods said. "This should have been done long ago."

Dods collected the signatures of 185 island residents plus letters of support from island emergency service providers as part of her effort. She thanked everyone involved for their sup-

port and commended the highways department for its prompt response.

The maximum speed in the area has been reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h.

Motorist strikes pedestrian

A pedestrian crossing Fulford-Ganges Road in Ganges was struck by a vehicle on the afternoon of May 26.

Salt Spring RCMP charged the motorist with failing to yield at a crosswalk.

The incident took place at the crosswalk near the Creekhouse complex at 1:41 p.m.

The victim, a 62-year-old tourist from the United Kingdom, was transported to Lady Minto Hospital for X-rays of his foot. An RCMP spokesperson said the man did not sustain any major injuries as a result of the collision.



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NEWSBEAT

TRANSPORTATION

Transit system infrastructure expands

New bus shelter and Park 'N Ride

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission members continued their ride aboard the public bus' success with the unveiling of two new transit features last week.

Lions Club members Ken Barnes and Russ Spencer put the final touches on a new bus shelter at the Chamber of Commerce bus stop in Ganges on Thursday afternoon, offering riders a pleasant spot where they can stay dry or keep out of the hot summer sun.

"This bench here is big enough for three people to sit on comfortably," Barnes said.

The Lions Club contracted Salt Spring's Wahl Marine Limited to create the \$7,000 aluminum and glass structure.

The shelter is one of three units anticipated for the island.

North island residents have already launched a contest to design a bus shelter that will be placed near the Fernwood terminus and funding remains available for another unit for an as-of-yet undetermined location, according to transportation commission chair Bob Fenske.

A 17-minute bus ride to the south of the new shelter found Fulford Inn owner Alf Reda devoting part of his Thursday afternoon to join members of the island's transportation commission and Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District Garth Hendren for the unveiling of the area's first official Park 'N Ride facility.



PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Alf Reda, Harold Swierenga and Garth Hendren (from left) launched a new Park 'N Ride facility in Fulford last week as the Lions Club's Ken Barnes and Russ Spencer (below from left) assembled a new bus shelter in Ganges.

The Fulford Inn Park 'N Ride is open from Monday to Saturday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Plans to expand on the seven parking spots now available will depend on how popular the service becomes.

For more information, contact the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission at 250-537-6758.



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Saturday

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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

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(L) Ar. Lv. Long Harbour	(A) Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
1:20	1:30	1:40
2:55	3:05	3:15

Saturday

2:10	2:20	2:30
2:35	2:45	2:55

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
6:05c	6:38	6:53

Saturday

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

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

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2:55e	-	-	-	3:20	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
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EDUCATION

French Immersion changes set for senior grades

Decision follows internal program review

BY NATALIE NORTH
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

All French programs in School District 64 are being revamped after a comprehensive review by the district that wrapped up late last year.

A high attrition rate among French Immersion students and the difficulties posed by scheduling senior-grade immersion courses were among the reasons for the

review, says schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins.

"We wanted to make sure that people were leaving [the French Immersion program in later grades] for the right reason," Hopkins said, adding that it was a goal to make it easier for students to stay in the program longer if they wanted to.

Most students involved in the review had enjoyed their time in the program and said they left for good reasons, like class-scheduling conflicts, he said.

"If there was something we could have been doing better,

we wanted to be doing it."

Teachers, parents and students worked on the review that was based on best-practice research and common sense, Hopkins added.

Scheduling of Grade 11-12 French Immersion classes has proven problematic given that the number of students is so low and each class can only be offered at one time.

The conflicts have prevented French Immersion students from participating in programs such as the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts.

All French classes in the

final two years of study will now be combined into a Grade 11 "immersion semester."

Not only will a plunge back into a full immersion environment in Grade 11 help alleviate scheduling conflicts, but it addresses some other issues that students expressed in the study: a lack of confidence speaking French and anxiety around the final oral exam in Grade 12.

"We felt that finishing with a really deep immersion may help with those attitudes," he said.

GOVERNANCE

Officials working on governance review proposal

Province may be asked for support and participation

Salt Spring's trustees and electoral area director have been meeting to forge an initial implementation plan for a governance review process on the island.

"We are all honouring our campaign commitments, and working well together to find common ground," trustee Chris-

tine Torgrimson explained in a press release Tuesday morning.

"I am satisfied with the respectful, thoughtful dialogue and the good progress we are making," trustee George Ehring added.

The three leaders said they have several more meetings scheduled to work out the basics of their governance review proposal before they approach the provincial government this summer to explore its possible

involvement and support.

"Then, once we have a clear indication that implementation of the review process is possible, we will begin to communicate more details to the public and work with the community to ensure that this is a constructive endeavour," said CRD director Garth Hendren.

In sending out the release, Torgrimson advised, "We have all agreed that we have no further comment at this time."

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NEWSBEAT

FUNDRAISERS

Relay for Life funds still rolling in

Fourth annual event pushes past \$40,000 mark

• See photos, page B15

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tents may be gone from Portlock Park along with the luminary lanterns and slew of volunteers, but the funds raised through the fourth annual Relay for Life haven't stopped pouring in.

The May 30-31 event has raised \$41,026 so far for the Canadian Cancer Society. It will be spent on cancer research, support and education programs, as well as advocating for public health policies that help prevent the disease. As of press time, donations were still being accepted and organizer Kirsty Oliveira said that figure will grow even more.

Oliveira had set a goal of registering 20 teams this year and ended up with 21 — four more than last year. Just under 200 participants registered, but she estimates about 300 came out for the event.

Luminary lanterns honouring those who have battled cancer were not only symbolic of the lives that the disease has affected, they also represented hope. Some 350 lanterns were sold this year, strengthening the already solid sponsor donations.

"All in all it was an amazingly successful event," said Oliveira. "We are all very happy with the way it went. We had great volunteers and a lot of enthusiasm."

Top individual fundraisers include Hans Hazenboom, head shaver Katy Parsons, Rachael Carroll,

FIRE

Smoky haze descends upon region

Fire season heating up

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Smoke from the 800-hectare (2,000-acre) Tyaughton Lake forest fire near Lillooet, B.C. was reported throughout the Gulf Islands and along the eastern coast of Vancouver Island earlier this week, acting as a reminder that fire season is off to a roaring start across the province.

"I don't think people are realizing how dry it really is," said Donna

MacPherson, a spokesperson for the coastal fire district in Parksville. "We had a cold spring, but it was dry and it doesn't take a lot for a fire to get away."

MacPherson said the 57 wild fires reported in the region so far in 2009 is nearly double the number at this time last year. All fires but one were caused by human negligence, she added.

Most fires have been started by individuals not being careful with burn piles, backyard fires and campfires.

The province has set the fire danger rating



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Relay For Lifers walk the track at Portlock Park as the sun begins to set.

Jessica Wilson and Grant Burton.

Highest fundraising teams include Friends For Life, Stargazers, Island Savings Credit Union, Tara Squad and the Salt Spring Firefighters.

The Canadian Cancer Society is currently funding over \$49-million in cancer research with a goal of eliminating fear of the disease across the country.

The 12-hour relay through the night is the society's biggest fundraiser, tagged with the mission statement: celebrate, remember, fight back.

on Salt Spring to high for all points north of Vesuvius and moderate for the rest of the island, MacPherson said.

Strong outflow winds combined with a temperature inversion along the province's south west have pushed smoke from the province's interior through Howe Sound to the Lower Mainland and as far west as Duncan and Nanaimo.

As of Tuesday morning, the British Columbia Fire Service had 51 firefighters and six helicopters assigned to the Tyaughton Lake fire,

245 kilometres northeast of Salt Spring.

Winds are expected to subside by the end of the week, MacPherson said.

To report a wild fire, contact the Coastal Fire Protection District at 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

Firearm discharge, knife incident, impaired and an accident on call list

Charges pending in several cases

RCMPREPORT

RCMP were kept busy over the past week dealing with multiple instances of impaired and erratic driving, vehicle theft and possible careless use of a firearm, among other incidents.

Three individuals are now facing charges of driving with a blood alcohol level over .08 after RCMP stopped the offenders on routine traffic stops or police road checks between Thursday, May 28 and Saturday, May 30.

In separate incidents, two drivers were also given 24-hour driving prohibitions by RCMP after one vehicle was stopped at a police road check on Cusheon Lake Road where a small quantity of drugs was seized, and another vehicle was stopped after RCMP witnessed erratic driving. A 22 year-old male was also charged with driving while prohibited after being stopped by police on North End Road.

On Friday, May 29 just before 5 p.m., police received a report of a male driving a brown pickup truck with a knife held to his throat by a male passenger.

While RCMP searched for the vehi-

cle, it was not found. The truck is described as being poorly painted, with a brown cab and white box, carrying crab traps. Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact the RCMP.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on May 30, RCMP received three calls from people who heard shots being fired from a boat in Fulford Harbour.

With the help of the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP detachment, the Sidney detachment and the Emergency Response Team, the boat was found and three males were arrested, facing possible charges of careless use of a firearm.

And on Sunday morning police were called to the scene of a roll-over accident on Vesuvius Bay Road.

While the driver did not remain at the scene, an investigation determined that the vehicle had been stolen from a home on Beaver Point Road.

Information about this incident would be welcomed by local RCMP at 250-537-5555.

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EDITORIAL

Meetings a plenty

If the Islands Trust were a sports league, this week would probably get a catchy moniker something along the lines of the "June Jamboree" or the "Pre-summer Showdown" based on the volume of public hearings and information sessions slated for the coming days.

As things stand, the public hearing for the Salt Spring Marina's rezoning application is today (June 3), the regular monthly local Trust committee meeting is on June 4 and the community information meeting regarding the Salt Spring Coffee Company rezoning application is on June 9. But let's not forget the presentation of the Industrial Task Force's findings on June 8.

THE ISSUE:
Public hearing plethora

WE SAY:
Speak up now or take a seat

Taken as a whole, these events touch upon just about all the hot-topic issues facing the island and the people who live here.

There's affordable housing, availability of industrial land, tourism, local employment and environmental protection.

The role of these public hearings and community meetings offers the public the chance to get an overview of specific proposals, hear both sides of the story and even contribute their own two cents. Proponents and opponents along with Islands Trust staff and our locally elected trustees will all be on hand to hear what folks have to say and help explain where things go from here.

Nearly every one of the island's eclectic blend of commissions, committees, advisory groups and panels faces the tough task of scheduling such meetings to accommodate the busy lives of island residents.

In winter, everyone's somewhere warm. During the summer, everyone is somewhere cool. On Saturdays, it's the market and Sunday is a day of rest. People work during the day and, during the evening, those who aren't still working are at home kicking back in the hammock.

Let's face it, there's never an ideal time for a public hearing or meeting. And though it may not be the ideal way to spend a sunny spring afternoon or evening (or week for that matter) in the Gulf Islands, the consequences of not attending, educating ourselves and speaking up could impact this island home to the point where we'd all rather be or, worse yet, have to be, somewhere else year round.



Greens should stop being a nuisance

BY GREG MIDDLETON

The 2009 B.C. provincial election is over and most of the shouting has died down. It won't resume again until the Legislature is called into session and question period starts up again, so it's a good time to look through the numbers and see what is really happening.

There was the usual crowing by the winners and bit of grumbling by the losers that their leader should pay with her political head.

But really, Carole James did reasonably well. The party came within 4 per cent of the Liberals in the popular vote, gained two seats and James gave a good showing in the debate. She has brought the party back from the dismal drubbing it took two elections ago when Gordon Campbell's Liberals romped to a 77-seat landslide.

The Green Party, however, has some hard thinking to do. Under Jane Sterk they not only failed to get a seat once again but lost popular vote.

There is a lingering feeling among many on the left that the Green Party have been spoilers, robbing the left of a well-deserved win.

All that really separates the Liberals and the NDP is about 60,000 votes and a lot less if you look at strategic ridings. The Greens took twice that. Not enough to mean anything for them in real terms but enough to once again be a nuisance.

In the 2005 election, and again in this election, a few thousand votes in a dozen key ridings would have tipped the vote in favour of the NDP.

This time around, eight more seats would have tipped it; a dozen would have given the NDP a clear win. And there were a dozen seats where a solid vote for the NDP by the Green vote would have done it, including Saanich North and the Islands.

Mike Smith, the Province newspaper's political pundit,

VIEWPOINT

argued in a column recently that the Greens, who savaged Carole James for not supporting the Liberal carbon tax, got duped by Campbell who will quietly drop the tax.

Smith argued that it was too little to really do anything and most other governments favour the cap and trade system. The carbon tax was really just a sneaky way of sucking a little more tax revenue out of the public under the cover of doing something for the environment.

The hard line, "small g" greens have never been that happy in the NDP camp, which had to allow a pro-logging stance to keep the support of the forestry and woodworkers union.

So the Greens decided to go it on their own and play politics with the big boys. And I am afraid it has been a dismal failure. They have not become a force like they have in some places like Europe. We all like to be seen to be a little bit green. But in a contest between the fanatic free-enterprisers and the solid socialists, the extreme Greens who want to remake B.C. as a Green utopia are really still the lunatic fringe.

I think perhaps the Greens should quietly go back to making their homemade granola and recycling everything, no matter how much it costs in fuel to haul it all to the recycling depot.

As a force for doing things a little better, albeit self-righteously annoying, you do good. As a political party you just muddy the waters and confuse things. I think if you disbanded your pathetic little party and held your nose and voted left you would do better, even if you didn't like the sweaty stink of the blue collar.

The writer is a retired journalist living on Salt Spring.

They have not become a force like they have in some places . . .

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

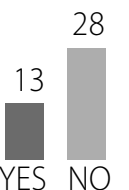
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Island Voices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"As someone said, 'Blessed are the cracked, for they let in the light.'"

RETIRING LIBRARIAN MARILYN MING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What words of wisdom do you have for GISS' class of 2009?


RYAN MACPHERSON
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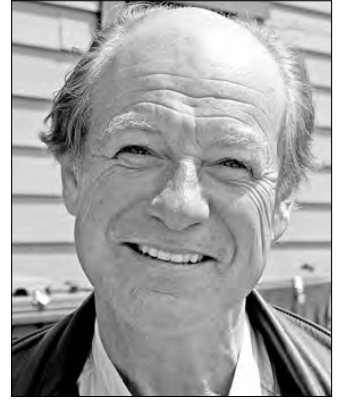
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Follow your dreams and keep it real.



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Lower speed limit

On May 19 I happened to be undergoing treatment in the emergency room at Lady Minto Hospital when a 17-year-old Grade 12 student was brought in after being hit by a car.

This was nothing like watching ER dispassionately on TV. This was the "real thing;" a teenager in shock, with multiple fractures, moaning in pain. And behind the curtain that separated us, the very real drama of the impressively efficient care of local paramedics, hospital staff and the paramedics who took her away by helicopter to the trauma centre in Victoria.

The driver has since been charged with dangerous driving.

As a relative newcomer to driving on Salt Spring (six years), I am increasingly alarmed at the number of accidents and the impres-

sion conveyed in the press that Salt Spring Islanders are lousy drivers, the two most common elements being drinking and speed. I realize that much ink has been spilled on this subject, but I think it's still worth posing one simple, speed-specific question: Why is the speed limit between Ganges and Fulford 80 km/h (except for sections marked lower), when it should be no more than 60 km/h?

I have no illusions that lowering the speed limit is "the" answer. But it could be one step closer to the answer. We all exceed the speed limit, right? Hands up those who never do!

But most responsible drivers won't exceed the limit by more than 10 km/h, so the effective limit would then be 70 km/h, as opposed to 90 km/h, a huge difference for that stretch of road. The speed limit on the "straight-away" where the May 19 accident occurred happens to be 80 km/h.

For the sake of those run-

ning late for the ferry who would protest, I did a quick calculation of the difference in time it would take at 60 km/h vs. 80 km/h (on the applicable sections of the road), and I came up with a mere 1.3 more minutes (less than 80 seconds). Surely everyone could leave 1.3 minutes earlier and potentially save a lot of grief, to others as well as themselves.

JEFF BEE,
SALT SPRING

Stop, look and listen

I refer to the unfortunate young lady crossing the road as the school-bus flashed its red warning lights and got hit and badly injured by some young driver who disregarded the mandatory "Stop!" and ran her over.

At risk of becoming reviled as a pariah and heartless oaf (while being, in reality, a caring and sympathetic parent myself of two now-grown children), I'd like to point

out that this nasty accident might not have happened were we not so overly-protective of our young.

We have weaned our kids into thinking that they can cross the road with impunity if the big yellow box carrying them flashes its lights.

Did anyone think to teach the kids that they don't just waltz out from under the lee of the bus without checking first? In general, we have bred them to drift around the streets, on and off the sidewalks, in the full expectation that the world's traffic is going to stop for them.

I could go on and on about other instances of defective, over-protective parental practices, starting with proper bike-riding procedures, but will save this for a later day.

OK, Ross, what would you suggest? In this instance, the obvious . . . Parents, teachers, bus drivers, tell them repetitively: "Kids: even if the red lights are flashing when you exit the bus and need to cross the road, stop, look, listen,

check both ways and proceed when safe to do so." And yell at them if they don't.

"OK Ross, so you condone the illegal and injurious driving habits of young hooligans!" Absolutely not. I'd have his licence revoked for five years and his car confiscated, with two years in prison if he is caught for any motoring infraction during the currency of his driving ban. Plus costs to the family. (The ever-weak-kneed judiciary will probably give him a slap on the wrist — 20 hours of community service and a one-month conditional discharge.)

ROSS KING,
SALT SPRING

Enforce limits

We have had another incident occur on the section of Cusheon Lake Road between Fulford-Ganges Road and Stewart Road that underscores the need for some form of speed control on this narrow, winding road with many blind driveways.

A neighbour's small dog

was struck by a vehicle in broad daylight, causing \$400 in vet bills. The driver, knowingly or not, left the dog where it was struck.

There are plenty of signs indicating the speed limit, but they are useless without enforcement.

To my knowledge, there is no other road on Salt Spring that suffers the high volume of traffic, the excessive speed by almost all of the vehicles, has so many blind driveways and has virtually no enforcement.

Recently, a rare radar patrol was deployed and a sign was quickly put up by a "helpful" neighbour to warn speeders to slow down. Not much deterrence that day, but likely the stats looked good. With our unique form of "government" we have no one to go to, so we continue to write letters to the editor to draw attention to this serious problem.

CONNIE HARDY,
CUSHEON LAKE ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on A8

Grad night a high-water mark for parents, students

Three days before my high school graduation I cracked my right heel performing an alcohol-fuelled long jump into an old bomb crater at a practice range in northern Alberta.

This olympian feat was witnessed by 30 or so fellow drunken grads, seated around a bonfire choking down all forms of booze out of Miracle Whip jars — liquor swiped one ounce at a time from parents' liquor cupboards. Having already finished my mayonnaise jar, I barely felt the pain until the next morning, by which time my foot had ballooned up to twice its normal size. That little display of bravado sentenced me to a summer of pumping gas at minimum wage wearing a giant plaster cast . . . a testament to misspent youth.

Thirty years later, about this same time of year, I received a phone call. A friend's daughter had been found face down unconscious in the gravel parking lot beside the Salt Spring high school. As 30 or so fist-pumping teens from the nearby dance looked on, an ambulance whisked her away to Lady Minto. By the time I arrived, she had already had her stomach pumped. There was a tube in her arm attached to an IV bag. Her beautiful, beautiful 16-year-old face was still pocked with bits of gravel. The doctor clicked his pen, picked up his clipboard

and wrote down "alcohol poisoning."

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

We are now in the high season of adolescent excess. The days are long, hot, full of promise and terror. The stress of final exams, finding a summer job, boyfriends, girlfriends, drivers' licences, overbearing, impossible parents, the guy that wants to beat you up, the girl in your chemistry class that won't stop calling you, is it to university or trade school . . . the dilemmas are endless. Who to turn to?

Teen role models are routinely shown taking a tug off a bottle of vodka or emerging pantyless from a Ferrari. Rap stars are in court for punching out their girlfriends because some guy looked at her wrong. "Girls gone Wild" DVDs are tucked away in the sock drawer of countless teenaged boys. The pressure to grow up fast and furious is all around us. It's enough to drive you to drink.

And it does. Fully one third of all 13-year-olds have drunk alcohol. That number soars to 91 per cent by the age of 19. Females aged 15 to 19 are actually drinking more than their male counterparts. And teens



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

aren't just drinking, they are binge drinking regularly. That means drinking a whole lot of liquor in a very short period of time.

There can be consequences beyond a legendary hang-over. Unsafe sex and pregnancies, car accidents and police records, broken bones and stomach pumps come to mind. Some of these can have a devastating effect on one's future. Car insurance is rendered void if alcohol is involved, which means the drunk behind the wheel is 100 per cent financially responsible should things go horribly wrong.

Is there a defence for parents? There are monitors you can buy that will track your child's whereabouts 24 hours a day through GPS tracking. You can lock them up in their rooms. You can threaten to kick them out of the house, take away driving privileges, cut off their allowance, you can smack them around. You can publicly humiliate them. The harder you push, the harder they will push back. They will hate you for it, and eventually, they will beat you at this game.

Dry grad? Many enterprising teens interpret Dry Grad as a challenge. Girls have figured out that the new water bras make excellent vessels for smuggling in vodka.

Recently, a high school in Ontario had to cancel a "dry" dance that was widely advertised as having chaperones armed with breathalyzers. Only 14 tickets were sold. Grad Night is only one night of many during high season, and a dry grad, while laudable, will only delay the inevitable.

The best defence is trusting your kids and trusting the job you did raising them. Grad night is not only a high water mark for the grads, but also for parents. If you get a call late on a Saturday night, and it's your daughter, and she says that she's had too much to drink and she is at a house party and she is frightened, and can you come get her, congratulations. You have done a great job. She loves and trusts you enough to make that call.

I am friends with a lot of people, some single mothers, who have essentially put their children's lives before their own. They have spent the better part of 20 years driving them to soccer fields or swimming pools, or paying for drama classes out of the food money. They have put careers on hold, shielded their kids from abusive ex-husbands or ex-wives, put their children's needs before their own time and time again. They do this quietly, without fanfare, without complaint. These are the ones that deserve the diplomas as much as the students. Perhaps more.

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OPINION

Marina expansion enhances harbour safety

BY JOHN POTTINGER

It has come to our attention that there is another possible controversy arising on Salt Spring regarding land use issues. In this case the more appropriate wording would be "land, air and water use."

Hopefully we are not in error in stating the following relevant facts (by way of summary):

1. Salt Spring Marina has the right to expand as per the plan they have submitted
2. The marina has agreed to provide the public beach access requested
3. The marina has the right to install a floatplane dock

(The three items listed above are of course conditional on receiving Islands Trust approval.)

4. Some concerned Salt Spring citizens have publicly asked for a moratorium on any increase in seaplane traffic until a Harbour Management Plan is in place

As professionals with extensive experience in the areas of concern — including conducting a Management Review of Victoria Harbour Activities for Transport Canada in 2001/2002, and a survey of Ganges Harbour activity in 2004 — we respectfully make the fol-

lowing comments:

- Ganges Harbour is one of the busiest harbours in B.C. What may surprise some is that Ganges is the busiest harbour in B.C. in terms of pleasure craft movements. On many days in the summer — and every weekend day in the summer — there is a serious lack of dock space to accommodate the arriving vessels. On occasion in the summer we have documented more than 100 vessels at anchor overnight in Ganges Harbour. In terms of safety and risk, the more boats at anchor — rather than moored dockside — the higher the risk of collision or other incident.

- The above mentioned vessel traffic, along with the location, the geography, and even the meteorology of Ganges Harbour, all contribute to a most challenging environment for floatplanes. In addition, the statement we made in the previous paragraph regarding the effect on safety of vessels anchored in the harbour, applies even more significantly to landing and departing aircraft.

For the above-mentioned reasons we respectfully agree with the suggestion made in an ad in last week's Driftwood wherein those concerned citizens stat-

ed that the issue of vessel and aircraft activity in Ganges Harbour needs to be addressed ASAP. We would further suggest that those same people are also "on track" in their suggestion that increased floatplane activity should not take place prior to an appropriate assessment of current activity.

For the same reasons, we would also respectfully comment that in terms of levels of safety, the expansion of the marina would be considered a positive step.

Additional to the safety issues created by large numbers of anchored vessels, there is far more direct control over vessels at docks than there is over anchored vessels. Whether it be noise from onboard parties or generators, or unauthorized dumping of tanks, anchored boats are a significantly larger risk to the harbour environment than those tied up dockside. So, if the issue is "preserve and protect," then no expansion of dock space is, in our opinion, a riskier proposition than the expansion as proposed.

The writer is managing director of King Pottinger Ltd. and a former Salt Spring resident.

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Caution

Regarding the May 19 accident involving a school student, whatever happened to the concept of "Stop, look and listen before you cross the street?"

As I was sitting at the end of Rainbow Road one day last week, waiting for the usual 63 cars to pass before I could turn left, I noticed two teenage girls walking towards town from Mahon Hall. When they got to Rainbow

Road they did not hesitate, but walked straight across.

And then, to my horror, they turned and continued to walk across the main road, almost walking into the side of an oncoming vehicle. They did not stop or even slow down. They did not look. They did not push the button for the pedestrian crossing light to come on. Do they have such little concern for their own lives that they are willing to risk it all? Do they not know that a vehicle travelling 30 km/h cannot stop instantly?

Consider the case of the young

girl that was hit by a car after getting off the school bus. With no intention to diminish her injuries or absolve the driver of his alleged wrongdoing, the report in the Driftwood said she was "in full view of oncoming traffic." Does this not also mean that the oncoming traffic was in full view of the girl crossing the street?

I don't know about you, but I am not going to step out in front of a vehicle unless I know with absolute certainty that it is going to stop.

The web poll question in a recent Driftwood asked about

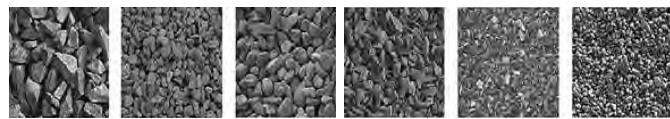
improving the safety of our island roads. I recommend that everyone proceed with caution. Perhaps drivers could try to keep within the speed limit, or at least closer to it. Always expect the unexpected. Make yourself as visible as possible (including bike riders who ride at night with no lights or reflective gear or pedestrians walking at night wearing dark coloured clothing). And pedestrians, please stop, look and listen before you cross the street.

MARILYNNE CUNNINGHAM,
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OPINION

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

The Hydro crews came and cut down some trees on my property to gain access to the poles this past Monday, May 25. I specifically asked them to move the trees further onto my property so that I could get them cut by my woodman. My woodman was off island so I was not able to get them cut as soon as I wished. The next day whilst I was caring for a dying pet, I heard chainsaws in the direction of the felled wood at approximately 9:30. As I could not leave my pet, I had to wait until the next day and was dismayed to find all my wood taken and the wood I managed to hide in another place was also stolen. I hope the person who took this wood from my property at 2015 North End Road realizes that this is theft. I hope that whoever did this feels some shame in their actions. This shows a lack of respect for laws and human decency. S. Huber

Roses

A very heartfelt thank-you to the emergency response teams that came out in the early morning of May 19 to try to save Andrew Krizan. This includes the fire and ambulance crews and the RCMP, whose combined efforts were beyond heroic. Your tenacity reaffirms the important sense of community and principles of humanism. Sam Krizan

Armloads of orange-coloured roses to Country Grocer for their generous donation of oranges and bottled water to Salt Spring Elementary's Jump Rope for Heart event on May 22. It was a hot and thirsty day, and the donation was greatly appreciated!

Baskets full of roses to Karen at Stitches for all her kindness in donating heaps of wool to the residents at Greenwoods. You are a shining star!

Roses for Eric at Harbour's End Marine for his kindness and helpfulness when we were in great need of a weed whacker. It's working awesome. Thank you so much. Ralph & Sherrie

Huge bunches of roses to Grant and Debbie at Electronic Ark for all their patience and help with my computer. Sikundar Umedaly

Many roses to Lisa with Irwin Collision for the after-hours rescue! Thanks so much for your immediate response to my plea! Marjorie Lane

Dozens of colourful roses to Ann (Belvedere Suite) for hand delivering a misdirected letter. Your kindness was much appreciated!

Roses to the many supporters of the Williamson Scholarship for the Performing Arts! Bravo to the performers, to the silent auction donors and bidders, to the volunteers, and to those who came to enjoy the show! And a long stemmed thanks to Alan Moberg!

Bouquets of roses to Susan & Laura & staff of Harbour House for their kind and personalized help over the past year. Linda Robbins & family

A boat full of roses to Jeremy Milsom, my friend and "business partner." I appreciate so much who you are, and what you do. I look forward to many more years together, at The Salt Spring Inn. Barry

A big bouquet of roses and a broad smile to Thrifty's for continuing the practice of posting the price of produce beside each different vegetable or fruit, rather than in a crowded row of prices along the top of the produce display unit. We oldies, on limited budgets, need to be able to clearly and easily see the price of produce each time we shop. Your consideration for our failing eyesight and stiffening backs and necks is greatly appreciated! May your bottom line soar!



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LAKE WEATHER: Arthur Lyons plays with a fishing net in the shallow water of St. Mary Lake as weekend temperatures soared on Salt Spring. A week-long high of 28 degrees C. was expected for today (Wednesday).

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OPINION

The Islands Trust story: celebrating 35 years

BY PETER LAMB
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

You are invited to step back in time and witness the evolution of a unique form of local governance in British Columbia. The story focusses on the islands where we live and work and describes the key events that shaped the history of the Islands Trust to the present. On June 4-5, 2009, the Trust will be celebrating its 35th anniversary and Act 1 of our story tells of the formation of the Trust in 1974.

Scene 1: The "10-acre Freeze"

It is the late 1960s. Planning in the Gulf islands is the responsibility of newly formed regional districts. Magic Lake Estates on North Pender Island has created over 1,200 city-sized lots. Mudge Island, a small island near Gabriola Island, has mushroomed into 185 half-acre lots. Other large subdivisions are planned or approved for Mayne, Bowen and Salt Spring islands. Equally alarming is a UBC study that predicts rapid, intensive private development on the islands.

The Social Credit Party is in power at this time. Recognizing the looming threat, in October 1969, the government limits subdivisions across the islands to a 10-acre minimum lot size. In 1971, the Capital Regional District produces a "Gulf Islands Options Study" that considers possible conservation areas, major park acquisitions and a controversial option to link islands with bridges and highways. A local federal MP proposes a national trust for the islands and an International Joint Commission is considering a proposal to designate the Gulf Islands, the San Juan Islands and Point Roberts as an international park — an alarming prospect for the government and for islanders.

Scene 2: The Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs

We now fast forward to 1973. Although the 10-acre freeze is still in place, people are worried that large-scale development and log storage and booming grounds are threatening the beauty and tranquillity of the islands. In February 1973, the NDP government sets up an all-party Select Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs "to inquire into future development, including the development of community plans on the Gulf Islands and such other islands in the vicinity."

In September 1973 the committee tables its report. Committee representatives had travelled to all of the major islands in Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia, up to and including Hornby and Denman islands, recording the views of local residents. The report cites "large subdivisions and over-development as the priority concern." It also notes the need to limit commercial and industrial land use, to ensure continuing recreational opportunities, to control and coordinate water transportation, and

to recognize the potential shortage of potable water.

The committee is clearly aware of the threat to the islands and of their national significance, concluding that "the islands are too important to the people of Canada to be left open to exploitation by real-estate developers and speculators." The report ends by recommending the creation of an Islands Trust "to be responsible for and coordinate the future of the islands."

Scene 3: Bill 112

The day is May 21st, 1974 and the setting is the Legislative Assembly in Victoria. The NDP holds approximately three quarters of the seats, the Social Credit, one quarter. The Opposition is present in full force. James Lorimer, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stands and presents Bill 112, which proposes the creation of the Islands Trust.

Lorimer first outlines the purpose of the bill, which is to preserve and protect "the environment and peculiar nature of the islands . . . in the gulf south of Campbell River." He then explains that the new trust would comprise three general trustees appointed by the Province who would deal with matters relating to the area as a whole, whereas local matters relating to the 13 major islands would be decided by a trust committee on each island comprising the three general trustees plus two locally elected trustees. Land-use planning would continue to be done by the regional districts but with approval of the Trust.

The Opposition is quick to respond, and the debate is fiery. The focus is not on the purpose of the Trust — everyone agrees that this special area should be protected — but on the design. Led by Hugh Curtis, the Socreds decry the committee structure, with

the balance of power held by the three trustees appointed by the Province, asserting it will erode local control. The government responds that the islands "are loved and cherished by a lot of us" and the general trustees represent "the rest of the people of B.C." Those favouring the bill make wild accusations about the influence of "rich foreign landowners," which are countered by fervent stories of hard-working and concerned islanders.

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The Opposition attempts to amend the bill, to refer it back to the Select Standing Committee and to postpone it, but the legislative process continues. On June 4, 1974, Bill 112 is given third reading, and the Islands Trust Act is proclaimed the next day.

Epilogue

Within two months, three general trustees are appointed — one from Hornby Island, one from Salt Spring and one from North Vancouver. An office is established in Victoria, an office manager is hired, and then three planners. Although further changes are made over the years, our story for today ends here.

And so it is that June 4/5, 2009 marks the 35th anniversary of a form of government unique to Canada in its mandate and design. Join our local trustees for a birthday celebration from 11 a.m. to noon at ArtSpring on June 4.

The writer is an islander for 20 years and a former local trustee.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Salt Spring Island

Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Harbour House Hotel, 121 Upper Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, BC

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Teaching safety

I feel that it is such a shame that yet another avoidable accident has happened. ("Girl struck by car after bus drop-off," May 27 Driftwood.) I'd like to know what actions the victim took in order to avoid the accident. An accident is much like an argument, in as much as it takes at least two individuals.

The lights of the bus were flashing, but there wasn't an invisible shield dropped down to stop the passenger from being hit. Why don't people "stop, look and listen?" If the girl had, she would have seen that it wasn't safe to cross the street.

It angers me to watch the children get off the school buses. They come chattering down the steps, with either i-Pods or cell phones, turn to the left

at the bottom of the stairs and walk in front of the bus and neither look one way or the other as they cross the road.

I watch students and adults alike cross the marked crossing at the end of Rainbow Road. You can't see them coming because of the hedge, as they come down Rainbow Road, but suddenly, there they are, crossing the road in the same fashion as they are when they disembark from the bus. Nobody has bothered to push the button for the flashing lights. They just step out and take their chances.

The way people cross at the corner by Pharmasave, across from the park, is just another accident waiting to happen and when it does, someone will be blamed and someone else will say it was a shame that something wasn't done sooner.

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DAVID O'FLYNN,
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EBBA HELGA RORBAK (nee Lundby)



October 7, 1919 -
May 30, 2009

Ebba was born in Storvorde, Denmark. She immigrated to Canada in 1953 with her husband Aksel Borge Rorbak, daughters Solveig and Sonja and son Knud. She was predeceased by her husband Aksel, daughter Solverg and son Knud but will be fondly remembered by daughter Sonja Baker (Ted) and grandchildren: Birgitta (Dan), Eric (Leslie), Elisabeth and Leif (Corrina).

Ebba has lived on Salt Spring for the past 9 1/2 years. She passed away peacefully in her sleep. Special thanks to the nurses and care aides at Greenwood's and Dr. Chrichton for the great care they took of Ebba.

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DEATHS

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CAYT MCGUIRE, fisher, carpenter, lately in business as Cayt's Chair Repair on Salt Spring Island, died Friday, May 22 in Victoria, BC after a long illness.

Born Catherine Marie Taylor 53 years ago to Margaret and Nick Taylor of Calgary, Alberta and predeceased by her brother Ian and her husband James Bernard McGuire, Cayt leaves behind in mourning with her parents and her family by marriage: her son William McGuire and her daughter in-law Erin-Lee (nee Halstad) their son and her only grandchild Jamie; her brother Terrance and sisters Patrice, Jennifer, Sheila (Chapman), Alison (Kube), Susie (Vaughn), Sarah (Brouwer), her nephews and nieces including Melody Taylor, a good and close cousin to her son William, her dear friends of a lifetime and those on Salt Spring Island whose lives she passed through and in and around, as waves lap on the shore.

The Salvation Army stood by Cayt in the end. An offering of thanks for this can be made to The Salvation Army High Point, 949 Fullerton Ave. Victoria, BC, V9A 3Z9

There will be a send-off for Cayt on Salt Spring Island and a mass said for her at Sacred Heart Church in Calgary.



CAYT MCGUIRE
1955 - 2009

DR. JOHN P. W. GILMAN

April 28, 1915 -
May 17, 2009

It should be noted that John moved to Salt Spring in 1992, not 1972, as printed in last week's obituary.

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Peter Gordon Kelsey

was born in London, England, August 24, 1927 and passed away May 28, 2009 in the care of Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, BC.

Peter is survived by his wife Gladys, sons Phillip and Ian, their wives Marlie and Jeannine and granddaughters Brianne and Laurin. In England his sister Hazel and family, as well as many nieces and nephews throughout Europe. Also niece Christine in Ontario and her family.

As a young man Peter served in the British Fleet Air Arm. He came to Canada with his wife and sons in 1957 having been recruited as an engineer in the aircraft industry. In 1965 Peter started his own precision instrumentation company, the first of many business ventures.

Despite long hours and much travel Peter found time to be a scoutmaster and made time for memorable camping trips and other fun family adventures. Respected by all, Peter was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Special thanks to Dr. Malherbe and the staff of Lady Minto Hospital for their care and kindness to Peter and his family.

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Raymond Charles Hill 1927-2009



On the 28 of May 2009, Ray Hill, after a protracted battle with various heart and lung ailments and having come to terms in a most generous way with his mortality, announced to us with his last difficult breaths that he had said enough and that he would shut up now. Five minutes later in the Victoria General hospital, at peace with his very full life and with his family beside him, he departed.

Ray was born in Point Grey, Vancouver, and at the young age of 19 graduated normal school and in 1951 began teaching Industrial Arts in Dawson Creek. He met and married Elizabeth Quinsey and they moved to Prince

Rupert and then Vancouver. In 1959 he and Beth, having fallen in love with the Gulf Islands, moved to Saltspring where Ray commuted to Duncan to teach.

He became a very active member of the island community. He played bass on a gut bucket with the Loyal Saltspring Island Jazz and Temperance Band, started the recycling program on the island, and, understanding the fragility of the community, worked on various planning committees developing a vision for the island. He helped Beth with her many book writing projects and they cruised the coast in the summers, in boats which he had either built or renovated, researching and documenting petroglyphs, early history, and the lives and stories of the people they encountered.

In 1964, Ray taught in Northern Ireland, and after retiring early from teaching, in 1969, lived in Cambridge England for a year, where Beth studied archaeology, and Ray got his pilot's license, took up photography, and studied German. They returned to Saltspring, where Ray built houses and schools for many years, with Hank Schubart.

In 1986, Ray and Beth moved to Victoria, and lived in a heritage house he restored in James Bay. There, besides building an airplane in the garage, he was active with the Council of Canadians, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Sky's Above and a group promoting light rapid transit from Victoria to Swartz Bay. When Beth developed cancer in 1996, they moved back to Saltspring, where Beth died a year later. He built an eco-house on the island, where he lived for several years with his new partner, Donalda Mackenzie and constructed a few more houses, before settling down on Park Drive.

Ray was a facilitator. Ever the teacher, people came away from him able to do things that they previously thought themselves unable to do. He was always building, or planning the next project, but always had time to pour energy into helping friends and family. And his life was full of jazz and dinners with great friends.

Survived and greatly missed by Donalda Mackenzie, children John (Brenda) and Frances (David), grandchildren Sandy and Sarah Kerman and Ryan and Kevin Hill.

Many thanks to Dr. Woodley, the staff at Lady Minto hospital, Linda Abbott, Paul, and the many other people who helped make Ray's last years easier.

Over the years Ray became famous for his annual corn roast and we plan to hold another one to celebrate his life, in mid-August, or when the local corn is ripe.

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<p>FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS Dylan!</p>  <p>We are all so proud of you and know God has exciting plans for you. Hold onto your dreams & live life to the fullest.</p> <p>We love you. Dad & Mom, Kristin, Bryan & Tiffany, Cody & Carly</p> <p>CELEBRATIONS</p>	<p>FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>DEATHS</p> <p>Risling, Marion Virginia (Nee Moore)</p> <p>With great sadness the family announces the passing of Marion Risling on May 28, 2009 at the age of 71. Survived by her sons Joe (Angie), Ryan (Kimberley), grandchildren Tony, Ashley and Courtney, brother Stan (Elaine) Moore, sister Dorothy (Bill) Hitchcock, as well as many relatives and friends. A Memorial Gathering will take place on Sat 6 Jun 09 at Legion Branch 178 11150 - 82 St. Edmonton, AB. Donations in Marion's memory may be made to the Cross Cancer Institute.</p> <p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>BINGO MEADEN HALL Royal Canadian Legion</p> <p>7 PM THURSDAY June 4 Early Birds, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92 All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Students.</p> <p>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</p> <p>FULFORD DAY SOCIETY, AGM. June 8/09, 6pm. Fulford Hall O.A.P. All Welcome.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>GRAFFITI THEATRE announces exciting summer workshop. July 4 - 20, theatrical performance created through collaboration and workshop process with professional Mask & Puppet Company Runaway Moon. Outdoor workshop and performance will explore the myth of Theseus & The Minotaur through mask, puppets, voice and movement. Limited space, so apply soon. Interested adults call 537-1283 for more info. Also needed billets for visiting company members. Two couples (one with dog), two singles; and a camping spot with washroom facilities for a family. July 4 to 20. Call 537-1283 if you can help.</p> <p>HEALING WITH WATER <i>Using water externally and internally for maximal recovery and optimum health!</i></p> <p>An interactive discussion and demonstration with Mardon Dary, RMT, and Michelle Nadon, Reg. Physio.</p> <p>Door Prizes and so much more! At Pura Vida Oceanside Massage Therapy Clinic 325 Fernwood Rd (across from Fernwood Dock) Monday June 8 @ 7:30 pm Call Michelle for more info at 250-538-8410</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>MESSAGE NIGHT A DEMONSTRATION OF CLAIRVOYANCE</p> <p><i>The Continuous Light Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Friday, June 5, 6:30 pm 506 Lower-Ganges Road (Masonic Hall) Suggested Donation \$10 Info: 250-537-2154</p> <p>MR. LIGHTFOOT'S Grade 4/5 class present Robin Hood the Musical. Fulford School June 3 & 4 @ 7:00 pm. Tix \$4. School: 653-9223.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>Stage Coach Theatre School</p>  <p>New classes for Fall, Winter and Spring 2009-10</p> <p>Information Meeting For parents new and old ~ bring a friend!</p> <p>Monday June 8 7:00 p.m. United Church 111 Hereford Avenue</p> <p>Find out what we have up our sleeve for next year! Discount on all registrations before June 30 Check out the new classes online June 8 at www.stagecoachtheatre.ca Attend the meeting and have all your questions answered!</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>LOST AND FOUND</p> <p>A SET of Toyota car keys lost at Relay for Life. If found 250-537-9105.</p> <p>BOOK FOUND by Author Lewis Wolpert. Identify title to Claim at Driftwood, 537-9933.</p> <p>BRENT COOPER, Your gift certificate for the Residents Card Draw is waiting for you at the Harbour House Hotel.</p> <p>LADIES WATCH found on the bus May 29. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.</p> <p>LOST: red watering can & various hand gardening tools between Bulman & Demetri Way. Call Carola 653-4638.</p> <p>REWARD: LOST women's sun glasses in black case on Vesuvius Ferry. 250-653-4186.</p>
<p>CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>Lara, You've reached the first peak. Way to go!</p>  <p>GRAD DS ROCKS!</p> <p>Congratulations from all the family XOXOXO</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>CARDS OF THANKS</p> <p>Thank you to the many friends of Anna Warrington who remembered Anna at the Memorial Tea at Braehaven on Sunday, May 16. Thanks also for the kind cards of sympathy, the presence of the IODE flags, and the drum tribute by Wendy. The Family of Anna Warrington.</p> <p>The family of Anna Warrington wishes to thank her care-givers for their help over the past year; and also thank the staff at Lady Minto Hospital for all of their support over the years and in Anna's last few days. We also greatly appreciate the residents, staff and security personnel at Braehaven for making a new home for Anna. The Family of Anna Warrington.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>GIANT 'GARAGE' SALE Salt Spring Elementary Grade 4/5 Class Fundraiser for Year-End Trip Thursday, June 4th at the School 11:30-12:15 & 3:15-6:00 Lots of Great Stuff!</p> <p>GRADS...</p>  <p>JUNE 6TH Is quickly approaching! FOR THAT SPECIAL BOUTONNIERE, OR UNIQUE CORSAGE, CALL BETH AT</p> <p>FLOWERS by ARRANGEMENT 250.537.9252 520 Long Harbour Rd. www.flowersbyarrangement.ca</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>islandescapades.com 250-537-2571</p> <p>JERRY DOUCETTE & the Doucette Band playing for the first time on Vancouver Island June 5th & 6th, 2009. mexpub.ca for details.</p> <p>UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP "Transformative Experiences: Explore how events and experiences cause us to grow and change, intentionally or not. Join us at the Senior's Centre Sunday, Jun. 7 at 11 am www.saltspringunitarian.com</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>Seaside Creations Art Show featuring works by Carol Wenger June 6/7/8, 2009 10 am to 4 pm 816 Walker's Hook Rd. Salt Spring Island</p> <p>LADY MINTO THRIFT SHOP SILENT AUCTION May 26-June 6 Original paintings, train set, cameras new Sunbeam mix-master 20 items in all! Come in and make a bid</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands) A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the School Board Office Wednesday June 10 at 1:00 pm Public welcome! To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>TRAVEL</p> <p>GETAWAYS</p> <p>FOR RENT \$1,000 (us funds) per mth in TUCSON ESTATES, ARIZONA. Newly renovated, sleeps 4, A/C, fully furnished. FREE GOLF w/cart and more (see WWW.TUCSONESTATES.COM) Available Oct, Nov (2009) and Apr (2010). To reserve contact (250) 586-8582 or (250) 652-2260</p> <p>LONG BEACH UCLUELET - JUNE SPECIAL. Deluxe Waterfront Cabin Sleeps 6. Fully equipped with BBQ. 2 nights \$239. 3 nights \$299. Rick: 1-250-726-2757.</p> <p>TRAVEL</p> <p>WHOLESALE TIMESHARES 60-80% off Retail! Qualified Buyers Only! Call for Free InfoPack! 1-800-597-9347. www.holidaygroup.com/bcn.</p> <p>CHILDREN</p> <p>CHILDCARE AVAILABLE</p> <p>EXPERIENCED, NURTURING, trained nannies available from \$ 300.-/ week per family, quality childcare, housekeeping & dinner started, review 100's of nannies on www.internationalnannies.com, please call us for a free info package 250.590.9521 ** Make the right decision for your family **</p>
<p>WHAT'S ON PAGE B6</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSES C.O.R.E. Hunting License Program (Non Restricted & Restricted) • Shooting Lessons • Archery Lesson 250-537-1243</p>	<p>COMING EVENTS</p> <p>COMING EVENTS</p>	<p>COMING EVENTS</p>	<p>COMING EVENTS</p>	<p>COMING EVENTS</p>	<p>PERSONALS</p> <p>DATING SERVICE. Long-term/short-term relationships. FREE CALLS. 1-877-297-9883. Exchange voice messages, voice mailboxes. 1-888-534-6984. Live adult casual conversations-1on1, 1-866-311-9640. Meet on chat-lines. Local single ladies. 1-877-804-5381 (18+).</p> <p>DENIED CANADA PENSION PLAN Disability Benefits? The Disability Claims Advocacy Clinic can help. Call Allison Schmidt at 1-877-793-3222. www.saskadvocate.com.</p>	<p>PERSONALS</p> <p>BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>ADVERTISE YOUR Outdoor business in the BC HUNTING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS publication- 200,000 copies-year long presence to outdoors men. Call to get in the next annual issue. Contact An-nemarie at 1-800-661-6335 ext 744.</p> <p>NEED MORE MONEY? Want a career? Work from home! We train you! Check out the Freedom Project! www.judys-minioffice.com.</p>

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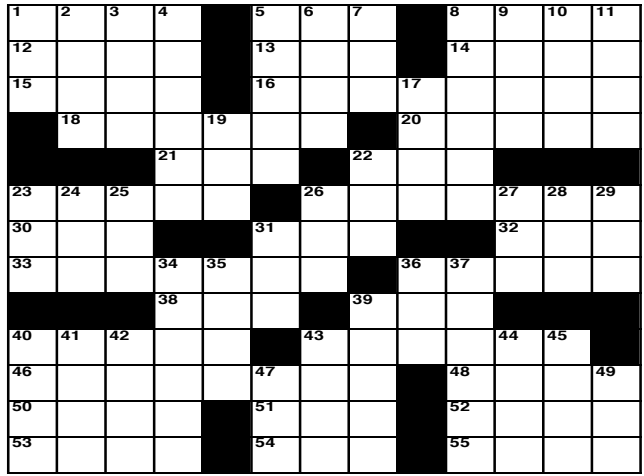
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This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
 You should back on track with a clear and strong focus after the Mercury retrograde storm. A passionate pursuit of money, romance and pleasure are now taking center stage, again. Your willingness to learn and to be trained continues as well. This will increase over the next few weeks, so intend to be alert and ready. New levels of power and the responsibilities that come with it are rising steadily and will be more apparent by late August. In the meantime, enjoy the pace and the chase.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
 You passions are peaking and you are eager and determined to assert yourself to get what you want. Variety, diversity, an extra stream of income, a juicy real estate deal and/or perhaps it is a new love interest that has you all excited to 'go for it'. As conflicting desires is usually the way of we humans, you may also feel somewhat cautious about where and to whom you are making commitments. Whatever the reasons, part of you is green to go while another is yellow with caution. Honour both by moderating your speed.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
 Though you continue to advance and make good ground, you may still like you are travelling through a bit of fog. This will clear somewhat slowly, so be patient. By next week all will be clear again. A call to connect to your higher mind remains important. Some call it the soul while others refer to it as the heart – both are probably right. Either way, set the intention to tune in to the intuitions that higher guidance is sending your way. Changes in your public and/or professional life are brewing, anticipate it!

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
 Balancing a busy social schedule with desires to slip behind the scenes is the call now. This trend will continue through to summer. At deeper levels, you are soul searching for ideas and reasons to act, or go and do. All you need is a good reason or offer and off you would go. We need to escape now and then to regain our centre, but the urge to run away should be considered more carefully. Take some needed space, yet intend to face your fears more squarely as well once you feel strong enough.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
 Your popularity is growing steadily, hopefully in the positive. Reaching out to share what you do and know remains a central focus. Your ambitions remain high and the time is good to teach and to learn. This includes new skills and tools. Keep an open mind and be ready to take clear notes of incoming insights and constructive criticisms. Learning to express your self in new and better ways is the goal. Be willing to listen and learn yet honour your individuality all the while.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
 Career interests, ambitions and demands are keeping you extra busy these days. You have been pushing to explore and get a feel for new pastures and horizons. This may be a source of excitement yet you may also feel energetically stretched. Hang in there, supplement your diet and persevere. This is a good time to request favours and earned rewards from authority figures in your life. Certain people and circumstances may be leaving you doubtful, but continue to break new ground and it will pay off big down

the road.
Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
 Cultural interests and activities are a central theme new. Monetary interests, desires and needs are provoking your passions. Given the many changes shaking in your world, you may be extra eager for some new inspirations. Love and romantic interests may well be a part of the deal as well. Spring is still in the air and you can feel it all through your body. Where it feels right, make efforts to speak your truth and share your feelings openly lest you let promising prospects slip away into the night, without you.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
 Rich exchanges, mergers and shared interest transactions are gaining your attention. Others are pushing you to take a closer look at the goods and want you decide. Your appetites stimulated, you have little choice but to yield to the pressure and engage. Since pleasure is part of the deal, you are eager to comply. Visions of beauty are flooding your mind and stirring your imagination. Financial realities are central to the plot. You want your share of the action and the time is right to go get it!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
 Communications and stimulating exchanges on relationship fronts are reason to feel inspired. You may feel like your focus is quite stretched as you aim to cover a lot of ground. It is important that you make extra efforts and be willing to give more than usual to activate a steady and realistic momentum. Do so before summer officially begins and you will be on top of your game. After that, you will be too busy to lend your full attention to these more sober tasks. Where possible, ask for assistance and you will receive.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
 Mixing work and play is strong on your mind these days. The season is too sweet to work too hard. The warm weather is revealing more skin and you are noticing it. A sensual mood is lingering in the air and being in the flow means going with it. So, take off the watch and put down the office work and get out there and play more while the mood remains fresh and hot. The human body is designed to experience sensation and pleasure so make sure you get your full share!

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
 The Sun in Gemini spells romance, fun and frolic of all kinds. You are happy to feel closely connected to your body. Dance and languid movements that allow you to move and feel the pulse could prove satisfying. Love and passion may sound even better. Meanwhile, you may feel the desire to dig deep somehow, to access hidden treasures. However you do it, weave playtime and fun into your plans and leave all the serious stuff for another day.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
 You are happy to remain close to home now. Tending to this, that and the other without overdoing any one thing will prove satisfying. Experiencing a variety of stimulations and allowing for spontaneous indulgence could add some zesty spice to your life. Flirting with new prospects for future consideration all the while should fit in nicely. Your energy levels will be even, not too high or low so pace yourself accordingly. At deeper levels, access your spirit to feel faithful that whatever is happening, a divine plan is involved.



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NEWSBEAT



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PASSIVE PASTIME: A participant in a recent New Moon Float at the Rainbow Road indoor pool enjoys music and relaxation at the unique-to-Salt Spring event. The next one runs on June 21.

ISLANDERS

Murakami family gets a royal invite

Opportunity 'amazes' old-time islanders

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's not everyday that one gets a chance to brush up against royalty, but that's exactly what Richard and Rose Murakami can look forward to when the Emperor and Empress of Japan travel to Victoria later this summer.

"The invitation is on the way," said Rose in an interview last week, several days after her return from an orientation with the Japanese Consul General and other guests in Victoria.

"They told us to relax and be ourselves."

She said the session was designed to give guests "instructions on how to behave" during the official reception at Victoria's Government House on July 11.

"We reminded them that we live on a small island and that we need some time to get back in the evening," she said.

Rose added that she and her brother may have been recognized by fellow members of the province's Japanese-Canadian community based on their involvement with the Murakami housing project on Rainbow Road.

Japanese Emperor Akihito and

Empress Michiko head the world's longest-running hereditary monarchy, a history that includes 125 reigning monarchs since 660 BC.

The visit marks the royal family's first official visit to Canada in more than 55 years.

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The emperor and empress will stop in Victoria for two days following visits to Ottawa and Vancouver.

A press release from the Japanese Consulate General states the couple looks forward to meeting British Columbians and viewing the province's beautiful scenery.

The visit marks the 80th anniversary since formal diplomatic relations between Canada and Japan were established.

Richard Murakami said he and his sister are honoured to have received news of the invitation.

"It's pretty amazing considering we're just common folks," he said.

TOURISM

World cruise ship seeks island experience at the end of June

Luxury yacht bridges cultures

Sometimes it can feel like the world comes to Salt Spring in the summer. Well, this year it's true.

"The World," a nearly 700-foot luxury condominium cruise ship will be anchored in Captain's Passage by Beddis Beach on June 27-28.

The World was launched in 2002 and is registered out of the Bahamas. According to its website, the vessel currently houses residents from more than 40 countries in its 165 private suites.

The suites range from one-bedroom studios to six-bedroom penthouses on a ship that also offers lounges, restaurants, a movie theatre, putting green, full tennis court, gym, track, spa, pool and a marine deck for

water sports off the stern.

It even boasts a store where people can shop for jewels at sea.

"We're really excited that they're coming here," said Chamber of Commerce president Mafalda Hoogerdyk.

"They don't want all the fanfare, they just want the Salt Spring experience."

Local activities have already been booked for the international visitors, including rounds of golf and aerial tours of the island.

The philosophy behind The World is to offer a one-of-a-kind vacation home experience by bridging cultures from around the globe.

Educators from different ports regularly visit the ship, presenting lectures and offering insight into the range of cultures its residents and guests meet aboard The World.

Arts & Entertainment

MUSIC



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara performs at The More the Maryer fundraiser held at ArtSpring Saturday night.

Student wins first place at B.C. event and picks up Koerner Foundation award

Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara Montreal-bound with trumpet

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trumpet player Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara wowed participants at the provincial-level Performing Arts music competition last week, earning first place in Intermediate Brass.

The Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School had previously been nominated to attend the competition by adjudicators at the Cowichan Music Festival. Each region chooses from "its most promising young artists between the ages of 10 and 28" to send to the annual competition. Rowlandson-O'Hara was the only brass player nominated to go as a regional representative from the Cow-

ichan region.

Rowlandson-O'Hara and family took "the scenic route" to the event, traveling 23 hours to reach Prince Rupert and returning via ferry to Port Hardy. Musicians had to choose and play two pieces of music, which were then adjudicated.

Though the young musician wouldn't say she was surprised by her win, she said she was feeling sick the day she performed and so didn't know what to expect.

Rowlandson-O'Hara performed again on Saturday at a showcase event for the applicants of the Mary and Harry Williamson Scholarship — The More the Maryer fundraiser. She won't know until June 6 what the decision will be, but the funds are sure to be useful: the trumpet player is bound for the Schulich School of Music at McGill University in the fall, where she will study music performance.

"I always thought Montreal was a great

city and the professors at McGill are phenomenal," Rowlandson-O'Hara explained of her choice.

In the meantime, she'll be looking for a summer job to help with tuition costs and might also attend a summer brass camp at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

Her costs will be partly offset by her winning a \$3,000 scholarship from the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation. It was awarded in the category of pre-professional studies in the arts.

Dawn Hage, Rowlandson-O'Hara's private trumpet instructor for the past nine years, has high hopes for her protégé.

"Emma's placement in the provincial competition wasn't a surprise to me," she said on Monday. "She has become a really mature, confident and exciting trumpet player. I'm going to miss her next year, but I am really excited for her and I think she has a shining future in music."

ARTS & CRAFTS

ArtCraft opens June 12 with sneak preview

Ceramic artist Judy Weeden retrospective

ArtCraft opens its doors next weekend, allowing visitors and locals the opportunity to view B.C.'s first established juried art exhibition featuring more than 100 southern Gulf Islands artists.

Presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council, ArtCraft will open at historic Mahon Hall on Friday, June 12 with a retrospective reflecting A Life in Pottery by nationally and internationally known potter Judy Weeden. This will be a sneak preview of the gala opening, which takes place on Friday, June 19.

"Repeat visitors come from as

far away as the U.S. and Europe to take in Salt Spring Island's signature arts and cultural event that showcases the arts and fine crafts, including textiles, jewelry, sculpture, pottery, basketry, painting, woodwork and unique gift items," states a recent press release.

Other selected Showcase exhibitions in 2009 will include John Denniston and Robert Andrews; Precious Metals: Fine Balance; Contemporary Recycled Works; the Basketry Guild Show; and Seams/Seams by Stefanie Denz, Ulrike Benner, David Greig, Jan Smith and Melanie Thompson.

Islanders recently helped to establish a new ArtCraft Showcase exhibition sponsorship program, which has seen contribu-

tions by high-profile, community-minded partners such as BMO Nesbitt Burns, Karen Corley, Henri Procter, Li Read, Salt Spring Air, Sotheby's and Windsor Plywood.

"ArtCraft sustains the Salt Spring Arts Council, a society dedicated to nurturing, supporting and promoting excellence in the arts for the southern Gulf Islands. In order to continue to support this unique artistic community, ArtCraft welcomes the patronage of art enthusiasts."

ArtCraft will open its doors starting June 12 at 10 a.m. and will be open seven days a week 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 12. For more information on ArtCraft, visit www.ssartscouncil.com.

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EXHIBITS

Artwork part of Canterbury Tales re-told

Nick Bantock drawings illustrate Chaucer's classic text

BY JANE NAHIRNY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

In his Griffin & Sabine series of books, Nick Bantock famously explored the relationship between words and images and, in the process, challenged traditional book publishing. Last year, the Salt Spring resident was offered a similar opportunity by Penguin Group UK.

"They asked me to create 10 drawings and a cover for their re-telling of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales," he says.

Bantock hadn't accepted commercial work for more than 20 years, but he could hardly refuse.

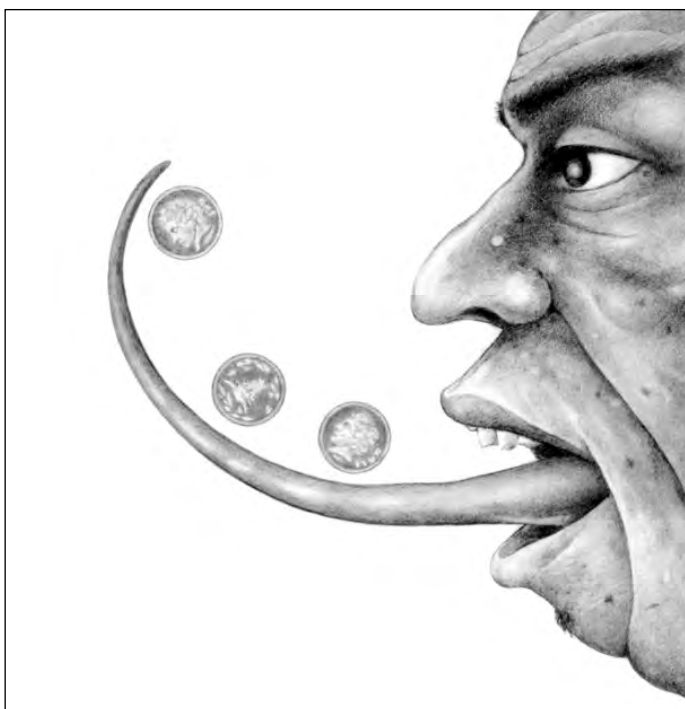
"I was honoured to be asked, and it gave me a chance to put my stamp on an enormously important piece of English literature."

Bantock first read the collection of 14th-century tales when he was in college.

"They're brilliant," he says. "They're funny, bawdy, intelligent, and deeply perceptive. It's amazing how they still thread their way through life in Britain. Even Sting's album, Ten Summoners' Tales, references the Canterbury Tales."

As he re-read the text, "translated" by British novelist and biographer Peter Ackroyd, Bantock says he was moved by the timelessness of Chaucer's words.

"We may be distracted by technology, but we are the still the same people."



The Pardoner, one of Nick Bantock's drawings for a new Canterbury Tales.

The irreverence of Chaucer's words also greatly impressed Bantock.

"He moves between spiritual profundity and base humour faster than anyone I've ever seen."

Bantock's final drawings for the book, which was recently published in London, are more than mere illustrations: indeed, they tell their own stories. In The Monk's Tale, Chaucer wrote of fortune's ultimate triumph over beauty and power; Bantock shows us a single, perfect orchid, trapped between scissors' blades.

In The Pardoner's Tale, three dice tumble into a hand-operated meat grinder.

"The story is about three drunken gamblers," explains Bantock.

"One day, they hear that Death is coming to their neighbourhood. They decide they're going to go out, find him and kill him."

The metal meat grinder hints grimly at their demise.

As the book eases its way onto the literary continuum with North American publication this fall, the academic community will probably argue its merits. But Bantock says that the specific interpretation of given passages should not distract from the intent.

"What's most important is that it attempts to be true to the heart of the matter, and that it makes Canterbury Tales accessible to a new generation of readers."

His drawings are also sure to play an important role in the revival of this classic text.

"I just did what I've always done," shrugs Bantock. "I attempted to embody the truth of each story, and to express it in a visual narrative."

Nick Bantock's drawings for The Canterbury Tales, along with original cover art and working drawings, will be shown publicly for first time at the Forgetting Room Gallery, 18 Merchant Mews, 315 Upper Ganges, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5 and continuing for one month.

A limited edition set of ten signed and numbered prints are available for \$750 at the gallery or online at www.nickbantock.com.

For more information, call 250-537-0096.

"I was honoured to be asked, and it gave me a chance to put my stamp on an enormously important piece of English literature."

NICK BANTOCK
Illustrator

CREATIVE WRITING

Upcoming writing retreat explores creative spaces

Participants can choose one, two or three days

Writers at all levels of experience are invited to explore new creative territory at a retreat on June 20-22 offered by local writer/poet Lorraine Gane.

"This retreat will take participants to a deep creative space where they can open to the writing that speaks to them at this time," said Gane, who has taught writing here and in Ontario for nearly 20 years.

"We'll start with practices to relax the body and still the mind, then move into longer writing sessions in which participants can delve into memories, images and ideas that they've been wishing to get down on paper but for some reason have held back from this," she says.

"By connecting to a deeper space, these inner walls will dissolve and participants can move beyond boundaries into writing that is often original and alive with their natural voice."

As such, participants will be encouraged to let go of form during this initial stage of writing and concentrate on fully expressing themselves, said Gane.

Feedback on first drafts will help shape the writing into the most appropriate form, whether fiction, poetry or personal essays.

"The supportive environment will allow writers to take risks and venture into those areas they may have been avoiding," she said.

"This can open up new energy for this writing and also add vigour to ongoing projects," she says.

Gane's other intention for the retreat is to incorporate some natural elements, such as gardens and forests, which abound at the Salt Spring Centre where the retreat will be held.

Lunch and a consultation are included in the retreat, which can be attended for the full three days (\$260), or Saturday/Sunday/Monday only (\$88 per day).

Each day stands on its own, and the hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

Gane's poetry, essays, articles and reviews have been widely published across Canada.

She has taught at the University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University, among other locations, and is currently writing a new volume of poems, magazine pieces and essays, and a book on writing.

She also teaches online to students across North America and edits for various publishers.

For more information or to register for the workshop contact Gane at 250-537-5294 or ganegoodger@saltspring.com.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Emerging talent rises at Phoenix show

Eye for design and youth views come through

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students at the alternative Phoenix program show their potential as the budding artists of the next generation with Symbolic Love, their first public show since 2007. In drawing, clay, basketry and photography in particular, the artists combine the freshness of youth with an eye for design in their show at ArtSpring.

Sponsored by professionals and photographers in the community to print and frame their work, the students proved that mentoring has positive results. Large-scale nature shots by Allie Ingram, Kaya Schlegel and Alexandra Meghan Ignatescue's were immediately eye-catching, while gem-like smaller formats required a more studied viewing approach.

Ingram's focus was mainly on close-up views of different plant life, such as the underside of a group of mushrooms, the spore on a fern frond and the centre of a blossom. These were well done and beautiful both in their simplicity and in the framing of the image. Even more interesting, however, was Puppy Pals, a shot of two pug-like dogs sticking their



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Geneva Lerner, left, and Meghan Ignatescue welcomed guests to Gulf Islands Secondary School's Phoenix alternative program art show at ArtSpring on Thursday afternoon.



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

heads out a car window, seen from inside the car.

With the dogs' personable faces in profile as viewed in the side mirror, the framing is dynamic and original. The washed-out colour works well, too, leaving just hints of green and brown through grey.

Ignatescue's series of por-

traits in pencil show early promise for capturing likeness, but her photos are already accomplished.

Hands (Roaches) is a black and white close-up that brings all the texture and grain of the well-worn hands into being, and makes you wonder about the story behind the unseen subject. Rain is a pattern of droplets on glass, with the shadows of another world glimpsed through.

Schlegel's picture Ripples captures a moment in time in the circular motion on water. In Seashore, her camera picks up the texture of the beach as it slides under

transparent water at Grace Point.

Smaller format photos on a wire display rack were also interesting and required the viewer to slow down for better inspection. Anastasia Goodwin, Caelen Silver, Chelsea Shergold and Helen Rose Brindle captured life on Salt Spring through pictures of farm, forest and sea.

Two of Goodwin's would especially have benefitted from a larger format to see them better: Bubbles in particular was a stand-out, creating luminous globes of green and orange against a misty background in the midst of a tomato vine. Snowy Hills, a pattern of drifts and their shadows, showed good sensibility to form.

Ceramic arts were represented by Geneva Lerner's circular tiles painted with iconic themes and images. Many of these have darkly religious idioms, such as the Fourth Horseman, Inferno and Righteous Angel. Happier themes also existed, though, including Rainbow and Queen of Hearts. Galaxy Red suggested the swirl of the cosmos with red, yellow and white specks on black.

Also in clay, Cassandra Victorin's square tile Ribbit places a very realistic tree-frog shape in appealingly glossy black and red.

Congratulations to the Phoenix students for the quality show. It runs until Thursday, June 4.



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SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Salt Spring Coffee Company Rezoning Proposal
1501 Fulford-Ganges Road (SS-RZ-2008.2)

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has called a special community information meeting concerning the application for rezoning of the property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road for the Salt Spring Coffee Company proposal. Information will be presented and there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments.

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FACE ART: Jane Andrews' face is a work of art as she enjoys a strawberry cupcake on Salt Spring last weekend.

PERFORMER PROFILE

Evening of dance theatre shares remarkable story

Brad Magnus presents his life in dance

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

On Friday, June 12, a special community theatre event is planned at St. Aidan's United Church in Victoria. The theme of the evening is peace, hope and joy; its author is a remarkable man who will share his life story through dance, photographs, poetry and song.

Brad Magnus has a story that anyone would be interested in sharing. He's a dancer who's performed at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo and for 30,000 people at the opening of the Special Olympics in Toronto. He's travelled to international conferences in Vienna and Cyprus, and was invited by a Moroccan princess to teach her son to dance.

Brad is also known to people both on Salt Spring and internationally as someone who's helped changed minds about the limitations of Down Syndrome. Though Brad was born with the disorder, his own family has never doubted his abilities, having moved to the island from Alberta in 1981 so that Brad could attend school with his brothers Nolan and Chris.

"That was the original drawing card," his mother Ethel recalled during an interview at her home. "We wanted to go to an accepting environment and it seemed like a place that would live and let live."

The Magnus family found the environment they were looking for, and Brad attended school here from Grade 2 until he graduated from high school in 1991. The year before graduation, the school learned that a dance class would be offered if enough students signed up.

"All summer he kept crossing his fingers that there would be enough students, because he sure wanted to do it," Ethel Magnus said.

The class went ahead and it was a transformative experience that allowed Brad to communicate his unique gifts to the world.

"For Brad, it was an extension of speech," his mother explained. "There were so many things he wanted to say that we couldn't catch or he couldn't put into words."

Being given a way to express himself has also helped change widely held attitudes and even policies regarding people with Down Syndrome. With his incredibly supportive family — who collectively wrote the book *A Family Love Story*, each member writing a chapter on his or her experience living with

Brad followed by his own version at the end — his invitation to appear at an international conference on special needs education in Vienna set a course that opened up a world of travel and other cultures.

"I do like to travel a lot, meeting different people," Brad said. And people have liked meeting him.

As invitation led to invitation, people all over the world found that he has the ability to touch them in a special way. In doing so, officials of various nations have re-examined their policies concerning people with mental disabilities.

As his father John reported, representatives from every nation come to meet, and usually hug, Brad and his family members during their international appearances. In places that institutionalize children born with Down Syndrome as a matter of course, seeing what is possible has brought amazing hope to people bereft of their family.

Brad has now been dancing for 19 years, auditing courses at the University of Victoria for the past five. He's been living in Victoria for four years, where he works at Thrifty Foods stocking shelves and also sings with the choir at St. Aidan's United Church.

The evening of theatre for June 12 is the result of a course Brad audited in Community Theatre, with the final requirement of presenting a show to the community. A chance to share his story with others is something Brad has been waiting to do for long time.

"I'm realizing a dream come true — I'm happy now," he said.

At the same time, he's realizing how much work it is to put an entire show on, from booking the hall to arranging the program to inviting an audience. Brad has performed many times for large crowds at prestigious events but has now learned that being in charge is a whole other matter.

Although he now feels that Victoria is his home, Brad has many friends on Salt Spring and would like to invite them to the show. The evening will contain his dances to some of his favourite music, photos from his life, and poetry reading by his extremely close friend Gip Forrester.

With a future ambition of attending Juilliard School of Music in New York City, Brad still has dreams to look forward to. His track record so far suggests that they're possible.

The evening of community theatre will take place Friday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., 3703 St. Aidan's Street, Victoria.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

GANGES JAZZ: Salt Spring Island Middle School jazz band rehearses outdoor in front of Acoustic Planet Music. The school's band concert takes place next Thursday night at ArtSpring.

RESTAURANTS

Fulford's Rock Salt makes 'Where to Eat' 2009 book

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The guide's publisher, Oberon Press, states, "If you're in the guide, that's because you deserve to be. Every restaurant in the guide has been personally tested. Our reporters are not allowed to identify themselves or accept free meals."

Rock Salt owners Jill Thomas and Stanley Mulder said they were

thrilled to receive the surprise letter in the mail last week notifying them of their restaurant's listing in the 2009 guide.

"I give serious kudos to our staff as it was them that served this special secret shopper," stated Thomas. "We have no idea when they visited."

Kudos must also be extended to the Rock Salt executive chef team of Rafael Flores and Berenice Balbuena, she said. Both were hired as cooks at Rock Salt last May and were promoted to executive chefs last October.

"The dynamic cooking duo is happy to add this Canadian achievement to their already illustrious resume," states a Rock Salt press release. "Both chefs studied at the most distinguished cooking school in Latin America — the Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana. They did their apprenticeship at a well-known Michelin three-star restaurant in Spain

"I give serious kudos to our staff as it was them that served this special secret shopper."

JILL THOMAS
Co-owner

called Martin Berasategui.

"Balbuena worked at El Celler de Can Roca — commonly thought to be one of the best restaurants in the world. Flores worked at El Bulli under chef Ferran Adria one of the most recognized chefs in Europe."

Before being hired by Rock Salt, the two worked at the well-known Mexico City restaurant Pujol under celebrity chef Enrique Olvera.

WORKSHOPS

Cutler journal-writing workshop helps females write for themselves

Free session for teenage girls and young women

Wendy Judith Cutler offers an exciting writing workshop for teenage girls and young women entitled Writing for One's Self, taking place Friday, June 5.

"This workshop is designed specifically for teenage girls/young women to provide opportunities to use writing for one's self," explains a recent press release. "Through freewriting, lists, portraits, mapping, dialogue writing, guided imagery, unsent letters and other creative means, you will be introduced to the principles and practice of journal writing."

Journals will be used to record memories, inspire confidence, tap intuition, explore dreams and share stories, and the workshop promises a safe and supportive environment in which to culti-

vate creativity, self-expression and self-awareness.

This particular workshop for teenage girls and young women came about through Cutler's involvement with the Artists in the Classroom program which is sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council. Cutler initially received support from Salt Spring Island Community Services (most especially by youth and family counselor Carolyn Flam), who provided ideas and invaluable guidance for bringing her workshops into the classroom.

Cutler has given presentations on journal writing and freewriting to several English classes at GISS, which were very well received. Most recently, she guided a journal-writing workshop with small groups of girls from various grades, providing a chance to spend more time with the exercises and to maximize the sharing that can occur in a smaller, more intimate-sized group.

While Cutler had previously

only taught college and university courses on women's studies, women's literature and related topics of sexism, racism, classism and homophobia, and years of workshops on women's journal writing and memoir, the recent GISS sessions were the first time she directed her workshops to teenage girls.

She said she was "impressed with their level of maturity, concentration, commitment and interest in journal writing and the obvious satisfaction that many of them experienced during the workshops. They have begun to realize that writing for one's self is more than a self-indulgent or solitary activity, but encourages them to practise self-reflection and awareness, honour their creativity and empower themselves through their writing."

The free workshop runs on June 5 from 1-4 p.m. on the third floor of the Core Inn.

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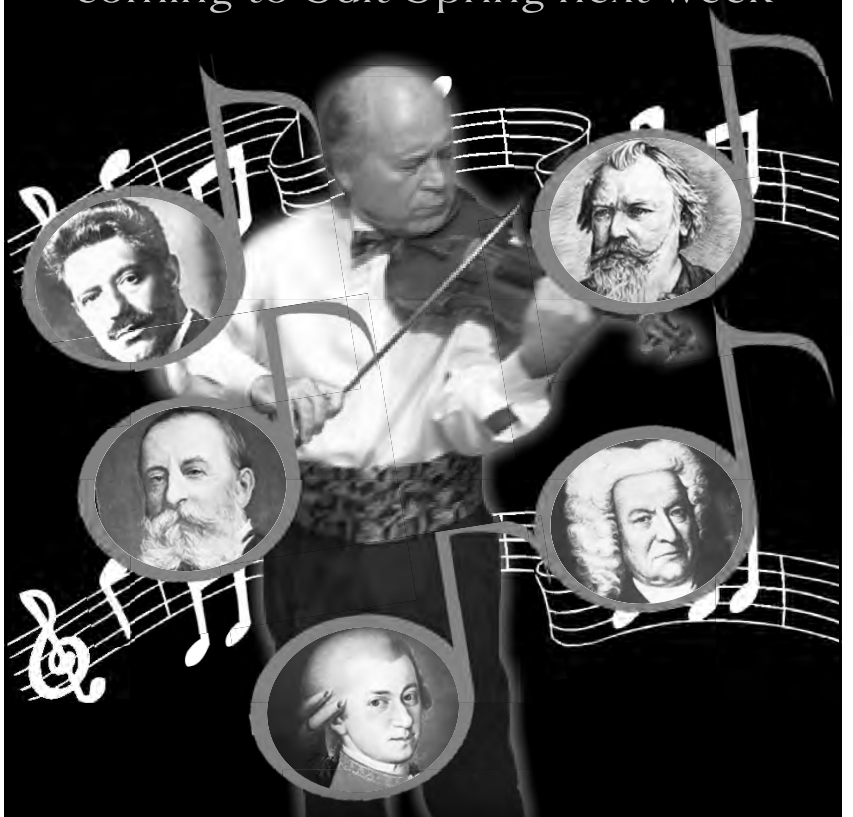
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Wed. June 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Secret in the Wings. GISS Second Story Theatre production at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Simone & the Soul Intentions. Jazz, soul & R&B at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Music and Munch. Carolyn Hatch & Friends - Jim and Laurie Stubbs, Deb Toole, Christie Gray and Lynn Regan. All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Free recital followed by optional lunch.

ACTIVITIES

SS Marina Rezoning. Islands Trust Public Hearing on proposed bylaws 439-440. Lions Hall. 6:30-7:30 for public information session; hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. June 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Secret in the Wings. See Wednesday listing.
Ryan McMahon. Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mike with Dale and Dave. Thursdays at the Fulford Inn.
Barley Bros. New grass music. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Open Mike. With Stephanie Rhodes. The Local. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Islands Trust 35th Anniversary. Celebrate with cake and presentations at ArtSpring. 11 a.m. to noon.
Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Regular monthly meeting. ArtSpring. Noon.
Garage Sale Fundraiser. For two SS Elementary classes for year-end camping trip. At SS Elementary. 11:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fri. June 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dino Dinicola & Mike Weterings. Seriously cool rhythms & electric bass grooves at The Local. 9 p.m.
Julia Beattie. Singer-songwriter. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Tom & Matt. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Phoenix International Fair. Skill demos, blacksmithing, weaving, entertainment, food and open mic. Phoenix Elementary School. 1-6 p.m.
Vancouver Isld Economic Alliance. Meets to discuss labour market strategy at Harbour House Hotel. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Writing For One's Self. Free journal-writing workshop for teenage girls and young women. Core Inn 3rd floor. 1-4 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library. Into the Garden. Stories, activities and fun for early grade & preschool children. 1-2 p.m. at the library.
Open Garden. 185 Furness Road. 10 a.m. to dusk.

Sat. June 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Arts Academy Dance Recital. Evening of dance from academy students at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Chamigos. Traditional & contemporary South American music at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
The Sutcliffes. Beatles cover band on the Shipstones patio. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Elizabeth May Book Signing Event. National Green party leader signs copies of *Losing Confidence: Power, Politics and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy* at Salt Spring Books. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Open Garden. See iris, rhodos and more at 185 Furness Road. 10 a.m. to dusk.
Model Boat Races. International One-Metre Canadian National Championships at SS Sailing Club. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. June 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Strong. Kemal Evans Band and other performers, plus raffle & live art auction, food & more. Cancer Society fundraiser in honour of Darin Craig. Centennial Park. 1-5 p.m.
Jon Middleton. Folky-reggae with a local flavour. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.
Live Jazz. Sundays at M.O.B.Y's. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Model Boat Races. International One-Metre Canadian National Championships at SS Sailing Club. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mon. June 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Moshe Hammer. World-famous violinist in concert with Jamie Syer at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Terry Warbey. Dulcimer, Celtic, blues. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Healing with Water. Using water eternally and internally for maximum recovery and optimum health, with Mardon Dary, RMT & physio Michelle Nadon. Pura Vida Oceanside Massage Therapy. 7:30 p.m. Free.
Pre-natal Classes. First of four weekly sessions runs at SSI Health Unit. Info: 250-538-4880.
SSI Industrial Task Force. Public meeting at Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Toastmasters. Harbour House Crofton Room, 7 p.m. Info: 250-537-2581
Kundalini Dance. Sacral Chakra Session. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 7-9 p.m.

Tues. June 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music. Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Gene Grooms & Friends. Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.
Open Stage. With host David Jacquest at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Coffee Company Rezoning. Public information meeting at All Saints. 6:30 p.m.

Wed. June 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music. Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Roland Road Ristocrats. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Women of Note. Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
As You Like It. Feature-length film of modern adaptation created by GISS students, staff & community. The Fritz. 7 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Hung, Drawn & Chaucered** — an exhibit of **Nick Bantock's** drawings for *The Canterbury Tales*, along with original cover art and working drawings, at the **Forgetting Room Gallery**, 18 Merchant Mews, for a month beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5.
- Naomi Hart exhibition** of sketches, prints and writing based on travels to the world's various Ganges — from southern France up the River Ganges and back to Salt Spring. **ArtSpring** gallery from Monday, June 8 to Wednesday, June 17.
- Symbolic Love** — Phoenix secondary and AHEAD program students show photography, basketry, sketches, paintings and clay work at **ArtSpring**. 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.
- A Tuscan Harvest** — exhibition of oil paintings by **Florence Roberge**. Large luscious still lifes in oil inspired by harvest time in Tuscany. In the **ArtSpring** lobby until June 30.
- Fibonacci Series** — New work by **Patricia Brown** at **SS Coffee Co.** cafe through June.
- Clare Singleton** shows island scenes painted on location in an exhibit at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- Shari Macdonald** has new photos hanging at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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VISITING PERFORMERS

Moshe Hammer and Jamie Syer perform Monday at ArtSpring

Mozart, Brahms, Bach and Saint-Saens on program

World-renowned violinist Moshe Hammer is set to give a concert at ArtSpring on Monday, June 8.

"This is a last-minute addition to the very end of our season of music," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos, "but we couldn't pass up the opportunity to have such an internationally distinguished violinist play on the island."

Hammer will be in Victoria visiting his old friend Jamie Syer, head of keyboard instruction at the Victoria Conservatory of Music, and the two will come to Salt Spring to play a program of

works by Mozart, Brahms, Bach, Saint-Saens and Fritz Kreisler.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Hammer was born in Budapest but moved with his family to Israel as a youth.

There he studied at Tel Aviv's Rubin Academy of Music before moving to the Juilliard School in New York, which led to studies with violin masters Jascha Heifetz in Los Angeles and Yehudi Menuhin in London.

Hammer moved to Canada permanently in the 1970s and has been concertmaster with symphony orchestras in Edmonton, Calgary and Kitchener-Waterloo, in addition to pursuing an active career as a soloist.

He was founder of the respected Amadeus Ensemble and has taught at York University. For many years he was heard fre-

quently on CBC Radio.

Most recently, Hammer has been working with youth-at-risk in troubled neighbourhoods in Toronto.

In 2006 he founded a successful project called The Hammer Band, which, through music, offers youth an alternative to dysfunctional lives.

"When I teach kids music and violins, I get them away from violence," said Hammer. "It's as simple as that."

Tickets for the concert are only \$19 (as compared to the customary \$30 for classical concerts earlier in the season). Youth tickets are \$9 and high-school students are eligible for EyeGo to the Arts admission for \$5.

Tickets are available now from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

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ART & HISTORY

Ganges roots and journeys unite visiting artist's show

Naomi Hart returns to island with results of explorations

One British artist's Salt Spring roots have led to serendipitous discoveries of three Ganges communities from all over the globe and now she's bringing them to Salt Spring.

Naomi Hart lived outside Ganges, France — a town of about 3,300 known for its arts community and thriving weekly market in the park — when she discovered that her great-grandfather Reverend E.F. Wilson was a pioneer on Salt Spring.

Rev. Wilson had kept an extensive collection of sketches and notes detailing life on Salt Spring during the late 19th century and inspired Hart to set off on an adventure to his island homeland. Adding an extra layer of wonder to her voyage, Hart made stops along the Ganges in Bangladesh and India.

Hart, who was already an accomplished visual artist, has shown her collection of sketches, drawings and notes from the journey in a Ganges, France exhibit. From June 8-17, ArtSpring will host Hart's collection, which highlights the link between Ganges, B.C. — where her grandmother and mother also lived; Ganges, France — her homeland; and the Ganges in India — where she discovered that Rev. Wilson's grandfather was a bishop and built the cathedral.

Hart will also visit schools during her time here, where she will show her own sketchbooks and journals, as well as Rev. Wilson's journal of Salt Spring life during the late 1800s.

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CONCERTS

GISS musicians ready to impress

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The always anticipated Gulf Islands Secondary School end-of-year music show has arrived, with show dates on Tuesday-Wednesday, June 9-10.

Running at ArtSpring, the concerts will feature the world premieres of original compositions by this year's students for a wide range of instruments and voices.

Among the highlights will be the jazz band's rendition of R-E-S-P-E-C-T and "a ginormous group of guitarists climbing their Stairway to Heaven," explains a press release.

Each night will be a different collage of sound with its own flavour and memorable moments.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available in advance at the ArtSpring ticket centre.

Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Oceans, rivers: recital theme

Women of Note at All Saints lunchtime event

Women of Note, the well-known informal choral ensemble of 11 women of all ages, will once again be entertaining the patrons of the Music and Munch series next Wednesday, June 10.

The theme this year is Water, Water Water — Songs of Rivers, Oceans, Lakes and Ponds — an appropriate choice since the concert falls between Oceans Day and Rivers Day.

The choir, now in its 16th year, meets once a week to celebrate the joy of singing and each woman contributes in her own unique way, sharing a diverse range of musical styles and backgrounds. The women have sung at many community events and since last spring have been thrilled to sing regularly for the residents of Braehaven, having developed an intimate connection with this appreciative audience.

The June 10 program has a distinctly Canadian flavour and in Allistair MacGillvary's *Away from the Roll of the Sea* the choir will rock its audience with the motion and memories of boats in the harbour being anchored to sleep. Boys will run off to sea in Donald Patriquin's evocative arrangement of *Kali's Song* by Martin Donnelly, and one can revisit Connie Kaldor's haunting *Wood River*, a particular favourite of the choir.

Among other surprises, the choir is looking forward to performing *Weston Lake* and *A Summer Moment* by choir director Linda Quinn, plus singer Patricia Flannigan's unique arrangement of *The Isle of May* by Scottish folk singer Matt Armour, a song whose simple melody is woven among rhythmic/melodic patterns with parts for guest instrumentalists.

Judy Ellis will be featured in Cohen's *Suzanne* and jazz enthusiast Hannah Brown will solo in Kirby Shaw's arrangement of the traditional spiritual *Wade in the Water*.

Music and Munch takes place at All Saints By-the-Sea. The free performance begins at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional light lunch for \$5.50.



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RELAY SOUND: Singer Allie George takes the stage at the Relay for Life last Friday night and sings *Amazing Grace*.



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Monday to Saturday Schedule

Leave Fulford Harbour	Leave Swartz Bay
6:15 am	7:00 am
7:45 am	8:30 am
9:15 am	10:00 am
10:45 am	11:30 am
12:15 pm	1:10 pm
2:00 pm	3:00 pm
3:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:50 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	9:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

Leave Fulford Harbour	Leave Swartz Bay
6:15 am	9:00 am
9:50 am	11:00 am
11:50 am	1:00 pm
1:50 pm	3:00 pm
3:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:50 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	9:00 pm

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

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

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

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Corrie Jo with her whimsical hand-painted items is seen at the Saturday market in Ganges. PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

EXHIBITIONS

Islanders invited to feast on visual Tuscan Harvest

Island art lovers are in for a treat when one of Salt Spring's "hidden" artists comes out of the studio: Florence Roberge's exhibition Tuscan Harvest will be on display in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of June.

While it has been said that art mirrors life, Roberge will tell you that life is the mirror and art the underlying reality.

"One expects that sort of metaphysics from the hot-house plants of the artistic world," states press material. "Surprisingly, Florence

is not a tender bloom. Born in northern Saskatchewan, her first real job was as a social worker in Buffalo Narrows. Later twists in life's road made her a commercial lawyer and a land-claims negotiator."

Despite her numerous professions, Roberge's métier has always been the creation of images of that which she finds beautiful. On Salt Spring she lives and works in a studio in her garden at Bunbury, where she finds it easy to discover beautiful things.

"She paints them larger than life in luscious oils and is content."

The Tuscan Harvest exhibition was inspired by her annual sojourn in Italy with her friend and distinguished painter Jamie Evrard.

"They paint together at Jamie's country home and immerse themselves in the Tuscan ethos, which holds that art, food, wine and laughter are not discrete elements but rather essential elements of an undivided whole."

FILM

Up-to-date islanders' version of As You Like It premieres at The Fritz

GISS project comes to fruition in four shows

Gulf Islands Secondary School students have been working hard all year on a feature-length film and it's time for the community to watch it.

The GISS version of *As You Like It*, William Shakespeare's lightest and most enjoyable romantic comedy, runs at The Fritz Theatre on Wednesday-Thursday June 10-11, and Sunday, June 14 at 7 p.m., and at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 13.

Written and directed by GISS teacher Ray Colleran, it has been adapted

for film and reset with a modern and local audience in mind.

"Think: Facebook, iPods and gumboot fashion," states a press release. "Shot over the last seven months in 30 different locations, production of this film features the talents of a cast and crew from all corners of the high school and Salt Spring community."

As You Like It stars Sean Cunningham as Rosalind, Steve Dawson as Orlando, Bob Twaites as Duke Frederick and Arthur Black as Duke Senior.

People can watch the trailer for *As You Like It* on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcfDZVrYT5s>.

AUTHOR VISITS

Green Party of Canada leader signs books in Ganges Saturday

Political problems outlined in Elizabeth May's book

Salt Spring Books is thrilled to announce that Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party, environmentalist, writer, activist and lawyer, will be on Salt Spring signing her new book called *Losing Confidence: Power, Politics and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy*.

May will be at Salt Spring Books on Saturday, June 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Her publisher, McClelland and Stewart, calls this book "a ringing manifesto for change from Canada's Green Party leader and activist."

According to Salt Spring Books, May says in her book that Canada has a presidential-style prime minister without the checks and balances of the U.S. system.

"Attack ads run constantly, backbenchers and cabinet ministers alike are muzzled, committees are deadlocked, and civility has disappeared from the House of Commons.

In *Losing Confidence*, May outlines problems in our political system and offers inspiring solutions to the dilemmas we face. Let's give her a Salt Spring welcome."

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COMMUNITY

Foxglove Farm sets up centre for arts, ecology, agriculture

Summer workshop schedule now available

Farming, land stewardship, food, the arts and community well-being converge at Foxglove Farm's newly formed Centre for the Arts, Ecology and Agriculture.

On May 21, veteran farmer, writer and photographer Michael Ableman helped launch the centre through which he and other educators like Briony Penn and Heather Campbell of Salt Spring Island Bread Co. will lead a series of workshops this summer. The project aims to model

the economic possibilities for small and medium-scale sustainable agricultural and forestry projects and to nurture the human spirit through public programs, classes and events.

"I think that people are searching for authentic experiences," said Ableman. "The centre was envisioned and designed to not only give people those experiences but to do so within a dynamic working farm landscape."

This July through September, the centre will offer 12 workshops on topics ranging from organic seed production, food gardening and preserving, to

ecoforestry, landscape painting, illustrated journaling and Brazilian samba. The centre is also offering a children's farm camp. Workshops will take place at the 120-acre Foxglove Farm near Maxwell Lake.

"I am excited to contribute to this year's program," said Penn, a naturalist and geographer who will teach the first workshop — The Art of Wild Crafting. "I look forward to sharing my knowledge of the natural treasures that Salt Spring Island has to offer."

For a full list of workshops and to register, visit www.foxglove-farmbc.ca.

FARMING

Meat-producing phone survey underway

Farmers can expect calls

Farmers Institute volunteers have begun phoning farmers who produce meat as part of a short study.

"This will enable us to measure what changes there have been since the Southern Gulf Islands

Abattoir Feasibility Study in early 2005," said project spokesperson Margaret Thomson. "This update is a very much shortened version of the other study and should take five minutes or less."

Thomson said the questions involve species raised, number of animals or birds slaughtered

in 2008, how many of them were culls and how many breeding females were on each farm on Jan. 1, 2009. An additional question asks about slaughtering and butchering experiences.

For further information, contact Thomson at 250-537-4669 or windrush@telus.net.

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Thanks to the many volunteers who manned the luminary table, helped organize, set up, run the event, and clean up. There are too many fantastic volunteers the list but, we could not have made this event happen without you!

Thanks to long hours of data input by Angela Thomas and Sheri Wakefield, we can report funds raised of \$40,771!

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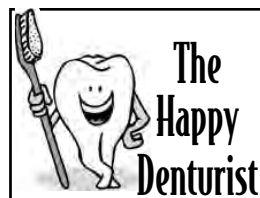
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WEDDING ANNI: Margaret Mackenzie pins a flower on Dave Davidson's shirt as he and his wife Florence (right) recently celebrated their 67th anniversary.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Phoenix Elementary hosts first international fair event

Global cuisine and artisan activities part of Friday fun

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Get ready for global cultures to converge in an event so enjoyable you might even forget it's a critical school fundraiser.

The Phoenix Whole School Community is holding an international fair this Friday, June 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. to help fund the upcoming school year, with a strong focus on supporting the school's arts program.

"We're bringing the arts back into the classroom through art supplies and specialized teachers, especially for the kids who are ready

to start focussing more on arts," said organizer and parent Shelley Lawson.

The fair — which will feature global cuisine and internationally themed artisan activities like basketry, blacksmithing and weaving with Terry Bibby — expands on the cultural studies that the kindergarden through Grade 8 students have been working on throughout the year.

Phoenix supports a foster child from overseas and many of its students travel internationally, so the fair is a natural way of sharing these experiences with one another and the community.

A travellers tent will be set up during the fair where students will exchange their travel journals, photos and

stories from adventures abroad.

Fair-goers of all ages will find flag colouring, a dress-up tent and a Japanese fish pond. In a play on Phoenix's peanut allergy issue, performers will be playing on the PB&J stage.

That's the Poets, Buskers and Jam stage, in case you're wondering.

A scheduled lineup will perform, with plenty of open-mic time set aside as well.

Perhaps the biggest draw to the fair is the well-supported silent auction.

Up for bids are local restaurant gift certificates, one-of-a-kind craft pieces, massage and alternative therapy treatments, several works by local artists and reclaimed furniture pieces by Phoenix

students.

However, Lawson and the organizing team strive to make the fair open and accessible to all, not just to reach their fundraising goals.

Perhaps the biggest draw to the fair is the well-supported silent auction.

There will be plenty of free activities and entertainment for kids of all ages at the Phoenix Elementary School event at the school on Drake Road.

PERSONAL GROWTH

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June 11 and 16 dates set

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SALT SPRING LIBRARY

Career librarian relinquishes first dibs on new books

Q&A with Marilyn Ming

After nearly five years at the Salt Spring library, librarian Marilyn Ming will call it a career on June 12. The announcement brings to an end a 40-plus-year career that's provided Ming with the opportunity to work around the world and realize that a great sense of humour may be just as important as a love of books.

Driftwood: How many years have you been a librarian?

Ming: I had my first paying library job as a library assistant in a tiny branch in 1961. In 1965, with a university degree, I became an acquisitions library assistant at a university library and have continued to work in libraries and schools and taught library science ever since, getting my Masters of Library Science degree in 1979.

Driftwood: How does Salt Spring's library compare to some of the other places you've worked?

Ming: Communication is more of a problem with so many people doing the various jobs and it is sometimes



Marilyn Ming.

difficult to figure out who is doing what and provide appropriate training and consistency, but somehow it all gets done.

But I've worked in a lot of places that were different than what one expects. Although we had to cope with the rats eating the computer cables here, in Nigeria I had to get rid of the bats in the thatched roof. In Houston, we had flooding and a stripper, among other things — water damage on Salt Spring, but no stripper, yet.

There's a little more flexibility in procedures here, and volunteer staff know the patrons and provide a real tie to the community.

Driftwood: What have been some of the highlights of working here on Salt Spring?

Ming: The diversity and joy of working with the dedicated volunteer staff and with the patrons. The variety of tasks involved, and the chance to know many people better than I would have in a different environment. The expectation that something interesting could happen every day.

Driftwood: What will you miss about the library?

Ming: The people — both the volunteers and the patrons, even the

"challenging" ones. (As someone said, "Blessed are the cracked, for they let in the light.") I'll also miss the tremendous variety of tasks and issues with which I have dealt.

Driftwood: Are you leaving with any unfinished business?

Ming: Only the new library. I also wanted to do more publicity and marketing of our electronic resources — databases, downloadable audio and e-books, and some workshops for staff.

Driftwood: Any advice for whoever fills your role?

Ming: Keep your sense of humour and really listen to the staff and patrons.

Driftwood: What's next for Marilyn Ming?

Ming: More long-distance trike trips with my daughter, road trips and sailing with my husband, visits to daughters and granddaughters, weaving and yoga.

Driftwood: What will you miss the most about being a librarian?

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The Welcome Return of the Sun

Most of us here on Salt Spring can report that we have NOT been burned to a crisp. After a frigid spring, we've hardly been inspired to bask in the sun's rays. Now, with a whole week and a bit of beautiful weather, warnings about the sun's harmful effects on our skin are a regular mention in the media. The summer ritual of slathering exposed skin with 30+ sunscreen, wearing a hat, and avoiding the high UV index zone (from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is here.

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I have to confess that unless I'm going to be outside for several hours, I don't wear sunscreen. I believe I look and feel healthier when I've had some exposure to sun. Lately, I've been wondering if popularizing aversion to the sun is really beneficial to our health and found out some provocative information.

First of all, we need sunlight to make and store vitamin D for healthy skin and bones. Our bodies won't absorb calcium without it. Sure we can take supplements, but a typical vitamin D pills ranges from 400 to 1,000 IU. By comparison, the body can manufacture 20,000 IU in just a few minutes when you wear a swimsuit outdoors on a summer day. Most of the vitamins we need can be procured without any supplementation through a balanced diet - but not vitamin D.

Emotionally, there's nothing better to brighten the spirits than a sunny day. Studies show that people living in northern or cloudy climates have higher rates of depression; hence the existence of the light box to treat S.A.D (seasonal affective disorder).

The dangers of sunburn, however, should encourage moderate exposure to the sun because of the very real threat of skin cancer. Unfortunately, sunscreens that block UVB also prevent it from making vitamin D so one must monitor the time spent outdoors naked (as in without sunscreen). For longer periods outside, sunscreen will prevent the discomfort of seared skin.

Believing that the sun directly causes skin cancer in everyone may be too reductive. Susceptibility to cancer depends on many things — your genes, the lightness of your skin, or intense exposure in short periods of time. Though there is no debate that the sun can be damaging to your skin, new evidence is supporting the idea that vitamin D generated by the sun can actually prevent some cancers -- among them breast, colon and endometrial cancers. It appears to have a role in fighting infection and in preventing such immune-system diseases as multiple sclerosis. These studies are ongoing.

The science surrounding the sun is complex, but spending time outdoors isn't. Enjoy the days ahead — sunburn free, of course!

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ZOOM: Salt Spring motocross rider Wyatt Shears competes in the 65cc pee wee class in Port Alberni last weekend. Results were unavailable at press time.

CYCLING

Annual helmet program visits Salt Spring Elementary School

Elementary kids get lesson in bike safety

Members of Island Pathways have again strapped up for a bike safety seminar with their Helmets for Life program on Salt Spring.

This year the volunteers visited Grades 4-5 students at Salt Spring Elementary School, along with Salt Spring RCMP Const. Kent Emery.

"The importance of a properly fitted helmet was pointed out to the students," said Island Pathways volunteer Margaretha Nordine in a press release. "In the past we have noted that many students were using hel-

metts in very poor condition, but we have now noted that over the years this has changed."

Island Pathways' aim is to ensure that every biking student has a properly fitted helmet. Students pay only \$10 for a new helmet of their choice and Island Pathways pays the difference.

When the Island Pathways coordinator meets with the students, the importance of following the rules of the road is also pointed out, and also the ecological advantages of using a non-motorized vehicle, said Nordine.

This year's Helmets for Life was made possible due to the use of Country Grocer's Save-a-Tape program.

ROWING

Islander rows to personal best

National regatta a 'learning experience'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Of the many things Salt Spring rower Hal Cook learned at the Canadian Secondary Schools Association's 64th annual regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario last weekend, one is that rowing is taken pretty seriously in that part of the world.

"They treat rowing the way Salt Spring treats soccer," Cook said during a telephone interview on his way back from Ontario on Monday afternoon. "They're pretty much all focussed on rowing."

The high-level competition, featuring top rowers from 130 high schools across North America, didn't prevent Cook

from rowing a personal best in the men's single 2,000-metre event on Saturday.

Cook's time of 8 minutes 40 seconds was enough to earn him a 20th-place finish out of the 31 boats entered in the event.

"There were definitely some really good teams there," Cook said. "I learned a lot just from the experience itself: lots of different techniques and how far I have to go to really compete at that level."

Cook and coach Stacy Mitchell made the trip to the regatta following his stellar performance at a Shawnigan Lake event in May. Cook was the only rower representing Gulf Islands Secondary School at the Ontario event.

The Grade 12 student began rowing two years ago and can

often be found training on St. Mary Lake as early as 6 a.m.

"They treat rowing the way Salt Spring treats soccer."

HAL COOK
GISS rower

With the nationals behind him, Cook has already set his sights on next month's provincial championships at Victoria's Elk Lake.

"I'm definitely not finished yet," he said.

YOUTH SOCCER

Try-outs for rep teams start June 22 in Victoria

Try-outs for Victoria Capitals metro (girls) and selects (boys) soccer teams in all age groups begin this month for the region's top youth soccer players.

The lower Vancouver Island rep teams run each year for girls and boys aged U14 to U18. Trials for the 2009-10 teams begin the week of June 22 and are concluded by June 30.

Metro and selects teams are usually named in early July and practices typically start mid-August. The teams play in a league that includes all of Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and, in some age groups, the Sunshine Coast.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Provincials cap great soccer year

Team claims "best cheer" award at Campbell River championships

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior girls soccer team returned from the three-day provincial championships in Campbell River this weekend with their heads held high, according to the team's coach Doug Pearson.

"These girls are so well rounded, they're pretty good [about not winning the championship]," Pearson said on Monday morning. "The only one tossing and turning in their sleep is me."

The team's fourth-place finish in its division and a 2-1-2 record, Pearson said, doesn't reflect the nail-biting drama featured in each of the girls' five games.

After opening their tournament with ties against schools from Terrace and Kamloops, the Gulf Islands girls lost in the final seconds to eventual tournament champions Notre Dame.

"Despite great possession, the islanders just couldn't buy a goal," Pearson said. "That extra-time loss devastated GISS and they later learned that a convoluted tie-breaking sequence would leave them last in their pool."

Despite their 0-1-2 start to the tournament, the girls persisted and won their final two matches against Prince George's Duchess

Park Condors and Sidney's Parklands Cougars.

Pearson acknowledged the great efforts by graduating players Meredith Raddysh, Olivia Morgan, Sam Bowen, Danica Lundy, Katie Villadsen, Emily Rothwell, Monique Comeau and Jess Harkema.

The players and their coach shined at Saturday evening's 1970s-inspired tournament banquet, where the team pulled off a win for the best team cheer and "best dancing coach."

GISS' Comeau was awarded a commissioners' all-star trophy.

"This is the first time we won our league since 1999," Pearson added. "It was a pretty hectic spring season and we all had a great year."

TRACK & FIELD

Track stars maintain speed and pressure

Morgan looks ahead to provincials

Salt Spring track athletes continued to shine at two Vancouver Island track and field meets.

Pacific Athletics in Victoria hosted a May 30 meet for athletes aged 15 and up, where Kevan Brown made his return to the track.

Competing with much older athletes in the 800m, Brown

laid down a personal best of 2:04.68.

Grace Morgan used the meet as a warm-up for the high school track and field championships this coming week and was timed at 12.78 sec in the 100m, which is .31 of a second behind her personal best time set at the Vancouver Island championships.

Fraser Ball completed the 3000m in a time of 10:44.16.

Facing strong winds and a

competitive field in Nanaimo the previous week, Morgan led the way with a first-place finish in the 100m in 13.29 sec., first in the 200m in 26.57 sec. and third in the 400m in 62.92 sec.

Eryn Gix was first in the long jump with a leap of 4.15m and second in the 100m in 14.57 sec.

In her first-ever track meet, Jasmine Cooper placed 10th in the 200m in 36.40 sec., 13th in the 100m in 16.29 sec. and 27th in long jump at 2.69 m.

Who reads us?

88% of Islanders read the Driftwood each week.
-Combase survey

TENNIS

Island summer includes flush tennis court roster

Two instructors delivering Tennis BC programs

A slate of Tennis BC programs are full speed ahead on Salt Spring now that Marianne Banman of Tennis BC will be joined by her 20-year-old daughter Malia in delivering the programs.

Marianne was wondering how she would be able to "go it alone" for the next three years since there is a shortage of certified tennis instructors on the island, but her university nursing student daughter helped solve that problem.

With the support of the Salt Spring Tennis Association, Malia applied for and was awarded a coaching grant-in-aid from Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

Malia used her award to take the coaching course at North Vancouver's Grant Connell Tennis Centre and is now a fully certified Tennis BC tennis instructor.

The two Salt Spring coaches will focus on providing quality Tennis BC programs for the outdoor tennis season, including Progressive Tennis, EZ Play youth and adult clinics, and after-school Try events.

Future plans include developing the Tennis Pathway program and promoting team tennis on Salt Spring Island.

Marianne also plans to offer a volunteer coaching workshop to train parents and interested Salt Spring Tennis Association members to assist on court and at junior tournaments.

Salt Spring Island's U8 and Rookie Tour Junior Tennis tournaments are scheduled for July 11 and 25.

"Tennis Canada, Tennis BC, SSTA and PARC continue to provide generous funding, leadership and support to community tennis," said Marianne, adding that she is confident that the community tennis program on Salt Spring will be totally sustainable in three years time.

In Response Chance for a win-win

Salt Spring Marina Ltd. is asking the Trust to normalize the current 4 zones previously imposed over the existing water lot lease and to expand the lease in order to allow a floating breakwater to be built. This breakwater will make the docks safe for local boaters on a year-round basis, and allow us to lease them the maximum dock space allowed by the Trust bylaws. The illustration at right provides an accurate overview and shows double the Transport Canada required space between Ganges Marina and Salt Spring Marina.



No Change in Seaplane Zoning The current S1 zoning allows commercial seaplane docks, as will the proposed S1(a) zone variation. The amount and type of seaplane traffic in the harbour will not change as a result of the expansion of Salt Spring Marina.

Public Beach Access Guaranteed We have agreed to return part of the water lease to the crown in order to provide public access to the beach via the proposed stairway across from the Harbour House.

Maximum Local Boat Moorage We have agreed to rent to local boaters the maximum amount allowable under the by-laws of the Trust.

Navigational Hazard Eliminated The new breakwater, built around Moneymaker Rocks, will make the harbour safer for boaters.

Good Moorage for a Cleaner Harbour Our pump-out barge and on-shore facilities will give boaters a place to dump their sewage and dispose of garbage.

Boat Ramp Guaranteed We have agreed to keep the boat ramp in perpetuity.

Harbour Management Plan SS Marina supports the production of a Harbour Management Plan. We have participated in the as yet unfinished risk assessment and management plan. Currently there is no timetable or budget for producing a Harbour Management Plan.

Dredging Dredging of inflow silt is an important part of maintaining a marina foreshore lease. The breakwater would minimize the need for dredging by reducing silt inflow to the marina.

Support Bylaws 439 and 440 We encourage you to attend the public hearing at the Lions Hall on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30, and support proposed by-laws 439 and 440.

For accurate information, contact Jerry Parks, Bonny O'Connor, Lesley Cheeseman or John Roland at Salt Spring Marina 250-537-5810

SAILING

Stage set for model boat championship on SSI

Enthusiasm soars for national event

Model boat enthusiasts from across the continent will gather on the island this weekend for the International One-Metre Canadian National Championships held at the Salt Spring Sailing Club.

As of Monday, 36 racers from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and as far away as Ontario, Texas and California were registered to participate in the four-day event.

Official 20-minute races will take

place on Saturday, June 6 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with finals wrapping up on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Race organizer Lawrie Neish has spent months preparing for the Salt Spring event, which has developed a reputation as one of the country's leading venues for the racing of model yachts.

Members of the public are encouraged to come out and cheer on the racers, a field that will include Salt Spring's Martin Herbert, Roger Kibble and Gordon Nash.

SPORTS & RECREATION

RELAY FOR LIFE

Hundreds of islanders took part in the annual fundraising-for-cancer Relay For Life last Friday night at Portlock Park. See story in the Newsbeat section of this paper.

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY



Margo, left, and Maddison Greggains lead the way in the "Survivors' Lap" of the Relay For Life.



Ron Reznick pulls Phyllis Coleman and Effie Odium around the track.



Wrapped in Canadian flags are participants, from left, Fabian Schromm, Niklas Muendemann and Vitor Ribeiro.



A group of youths takes off at the start of the 12-hour-long event, while Erik Rothwell, right, makes sure he has enough food to sustain himself.

MOUAT PARK

Info kiosk should clear up use rules at Mouat Park

Disc golf and walker conflicts addressed

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The first sparks of conflict between disc golfers and pedestrians in Mouat Park are being stamped out by Parks and Rec.

One long-time park user recently experienced a shift in attitude from some of the disc golf players who also enjoy the grounds.

While walking her dog in the park, Jean Stewart had to start dodging flying discs and territorial attitudes from players.

Stewart has enjoyed a mutually respectful relationship between herself and those who enjoy the course for years, until recently when that level of respect has diminished. One disc golfer even went so far as to argue to her that the park is not intended for pedestrians at all.

"Some players think that, because of the course, the park is specifically a disc golf course," she said, adding that she believes many of the incidents may be caused by off-islanders.

Stewart has encountered enough conflict to speak out about the issue and push for some understanding between users, especially since the busy season is starting and she's finding it harder to avoid crossing paths with the flying discs.

She fully supports the disc golf course and recognizes the enjoyment that it brings to islanders. The solution is simply clear signage outlining park rules, she said.

Parks and Recreation manager Kees Ruurs caught wind of the conflict and after bringing it to the attention of the local disc golf club, solidified plans to build a kiosk at the park entrance.

Ruurs is working with disc golfers — who he said are also quite concerned with the negative attitude some players have adopted — to create a sign outlining the course and park rules. Parts for the kiosk have been ordered and it should be in place within the next few weeks.

"It's a multi-purpose park," Ruurs said.

"If the disc golfers are careful there should not be any concerns."

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What's for Dinner?

POTATO BATTERED SOLE

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © 2009 with Sarah Lynn

Sole: a member of the flat fish family. Well known as a fillet, sole lends itself to a variety of recipes. Its firm, white flesh and distinctly delicious flavour makes it highly prized. Sole is considered by many as the finest of all fish. Sole is a lean fish, easy to digest, and always sweet and delicious. Sole is an excellent source of high-quality protein, rich in vitamin B and provides generous amounts of phosphorus, magnesium, zinc, selenium, iodine and iron. You will find sole fillets fresh at the Country Grocer fish counter throughout the year. Sole is very versatile when it comes to cooking. It can be oven-baked, grilled, poached, steamed, pan-fried, seared, sautéed or deep-fried. To bring out the full flavour of sole, fillets can be marinated in oil, lemon juice, white wine or Soya sauce. I take this one step further & batter with a potato chip batter. Why not visit our fish counter & Enjoy this tasty treat tonight!

Marinate **2 filets of sole** in the **juice of one lemon** for 10 min. Set aside. Crush enough **potato chips** of your choice to make 1 cup of potato chip crumbs. You can do so in a sealed plastic bag with the air pressed out. Roll over the bag with a rolling pin to crush the chips evenly. Place on a flat dish. Dredge both sides of the fish first in **corn starch**, then in **2 beaten eggs**, and then into potato chip crumbs. In a non-stick skillet, pan-fry the fish in oil over medium heat, sauté until golden brown & cooked through.

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- 1 lemon
- Potato chips of your choice
- Corn starch
- 2 eggs
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