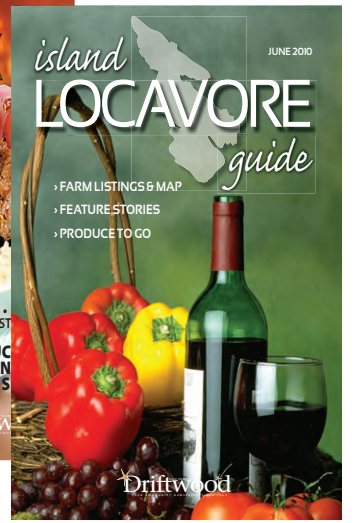


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SHOW TIME: GISS Acting 11/12 class members (from left) Trina Leslie, Connor Berkmann, Hope Steadman and Bonnie Williamson perform in *Cyrano de Bergerac*, using the Kanaka Road Skate Park as a colourful and unique backdrop on Friday night.

BYLAW DISPUTE

Fulford hot dog vendor ordered to stop

Operator contradicts Islands Trust ruling

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An island entrepreneur was ordered to take his business off the street last Thursday when Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew asked David O'Flynn to cease operating his hot dog cart and beverage stand in Fulford village.

According to O'Flynn, his business on the Fulford-Ganges Road allowance and therefore doesn't fall under residential zoning bylaws.

His mobile stand has a licence plate and he has a permit to operate from the Vancouver Island Health Authority. He has also registered the business with the province of B.C.

O'Flynn told the Driftwood he started his business as a way to make some extra money. He previously worked for Salt Spring Garbage Services for three years until debilitating leg ulcers forced him to stop and receive treatment.

"I'm one of those seniors who didn't expect to live so old," O'Flynn said, mentioning he also suffered a heart attack. "I thought this would be a good way to supplement my Old Age Pension cheque."

O'Flynn said he spent \$15,000 on the stainless steel cart. He does not cook any of the items because he doesn't have a Foodsafe certified

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HEALTH REVIEW

Community sounds off against VIHA

Hospital plan report author sticks to no-surgeon recommendation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A crowd of islanders filled the GISS multi-purpose room Monday night to voice opinions on the controversial Salt Spring Island Health Review.

At least 120 people were on hand for the presentation and question period facilitated by report author Grant Hollett. Also in attendance were several Vancouver Island Health Authority directors, including chief medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick, Lady Minto site manager Bill Relph and hospital chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay.

Hollett opened the floor to questions after a half-hour presentation on his methodology and his resulting recommendation to permanently close Lady Minto's surgery.

In regard to community concern about greater closure, Hollett stated, "There is absolutely no intention to close your hospital."

The intention, he said, is to make changes that are sustainable and feasible for the next 20 years.

Stanwick emphasized the VIHA plan is not "a budget reduction exercise" that will herald in additional funding cuts. He pointed out hospi-

tals that once offered surgery but no longer do, such as Tofino, Port Hardy and Port McNeill, are "still going strong."

Residents who asked questions or made comments during the meeting were overwhelmingly opposed to the surgery closure.

They cited the contribution made by the community to renovate the operating room just a few years ago and the discomfort and expense for people travelling off island for surgical procedures. Several speakers questioned VIHA statistics and motivations.

In response, Hollett and Stanwick repeatedly stated their position that only a small number of general surgeries were taking place on Salt Spring and that new research finds patient

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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH CARE

Mental health nurse coming to island

Increased seniors rehab services also in the works

Vancouver Island Health Authority recommendations to increase mental health services on Salt Spring will be fulfilled by the end of the summer, said VIHA planner Grant Hollett.

Hollett said Tuesday the hiring process had already begun to bring a mental health nurse to Lady Minto. VIHA is also posting for a rehab assistant at the hospital and will increase the physiotherapy services offered there.

All three positions are the result of recommendations Hollett made in the Salt Spring Island Health Review released May 27. The report calls for

permanently closing Lady Minto's surgery and reallocating resources to better suit the community's needs.

Hollett was on Salt Spring Monday evening to speak about the report to the community.

He said then that funding for short-term infrastructure improvements could be allocated immediately.

On the phone from Victo-

ria Tuesday, Hollett confirmed the hiring process had begun that morning.

"Because we have the resources there and ready to use, we will be implementing them," Hollett said.

The hiring process could take anywhere from one to three months, he said.

"Certainly before the summer's out we can expect to see the new positions in place."

Save Our Surgery questions credibility

VIHA

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risk is minimized when a high volume of surgeries are performed by specialized teams.

During the question period, Vivian Dawson of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary read aloud a letter she received from VIHA president and chief executive officer Howard Waldner dated June 30, 2008. Waldner then wrote: "VIHA recognizes Salt Spring Island's strong connection to Lady Minto Hospital and we are committed to maintaining a surgical program on the island."

"VIHA is committed to ensuring that the residents of Salt Spring Island have access to the quality health care services they need, including surgeries that can be appropriately and safely provided in the community hospital set-

ting," he concluded.

Dawson questioned whether VIHA administrators had any credibility in light of an about-face from their previous statements.

VIHA credibility was further questioned by Cherie Geauvreau and Phyllis Bolton of the Save Our Surgery committee. Geauvreau noted the organization has so far failed to supply documents for a freedom of information request filed by the group last fall with a January 2010 deadline for compliance. Bolton said the review should have been performed by someone at arm's length from VIHA rather than an employee of the organization. Hollett is director of VIHA's planning and community engagement department.

CRD director Garth Hendren echoed past director Gary Holman's concerns that VIHA had requested and received

\$1.1 million through the CRD for renovations.

"I have asked staff at the CRD how to recoup the amount put into the surgery because now we don't have a surgery . . . I think we could probably use that money to establish our own surgery," he said.

Hollett's response to that and similar comments was that the bulk of the money contributed by the CRD and the community had gone into "bricks and mortar" and therefore was well-used regardless of how the space is dedicated. He said equipment that was purchased could be sold and that money returned to the community for other health needs.

In regard to residents' questioning whether suggested improvements to mental health and seniors services would ever be implemented, Hollett said VIHA has money

ready to go into the review's short-term recommendations immediately.

The lone voice of support came from Jean Taylor, chair of the Greenwoods Elder Care Society board.

"We very much appreciate the depth of the study that was done," she said, adding she looked forward to getting more beds and services for seniors in the future.

Despite community pressure, Hollett stayed committed to his recommendations throughout the evening.

"In my mind I was actually trying to be an ambassador for your needs," he said, noting he successfully argued to keep medical endoscopy at Lady Minto.

In the end he promised to try to build a better relationship with the community.

"We're in it for the long haul," he said.

Enforcement officer firm business breaks bylaw

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kitchen, but orders prepared items from North Douglas foods. In addition to hot dogs he offers breakfast buns, quesadillas and burritos, coffee, tea, soda, juice, chips and ice cream bars.

Despite O'Flynn's opinion on the stand's legality, Drew said the property falls under zone R8 in the Salt Spring Land Use Bylaw and that zoning extends to the centre of the road.

The only businesses that can take place there would have to exist in the home,

without changing the residential character of the property.

"He needs to come into the Islands Trust [office] and explore how he can conduct a business like this within the confines of the land-use bylaw," Drew said.

Drew confirmed that he called O'Flynn as the result of a complaint made about the business. Although this is a unique case on Salt Spring, he once saw the same situation occur on Pender Island.

"It's completely usual for people to complain about business conducted in the wrong zone," Drew said.

O'Flynn feels strongly that his business investment was a good one.

"It's not hurting anybody and everybody seems to enjoy it and like it," he said.

The stand's target clientele are passengers waiting for the ferry to Swartz Bay. O'Flynn has been in business for just over a month, with hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Monday.

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ENVIRONMENT

SWAT team to target island's invasive species

Early detection key to preserving local ecosystems

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island residents bearing broom, blackberry bushes, gorse and even wild garlic helped make Saturday's inaugural invasive plant species roundup an incredible success.

"We were surprised by the volume and it made us aware about how many people want to get rid of the stuff," said Jane Petch, a volunteer from the Salt Spring Island Conservancy who helped coordinate the event.

"We had a lot of volunteers, but next year we'll need more."

Petch estimates about 70 car loads of material were dropped off at a temporary disposal site on Fulford-Ganges Road during the eight-hour event.

At one point, so many discarded plants had piled up that volunteers needed to enter the 40-cubic-yard shipping container and compress the stuff by foot.

Eventually, material got so thick that a back-hoe was brought in to compact nearly two tons of plants, Petch said.

The material was trucked to a recycling depot in Cobble Hill where it will be composted at 65 degrees Celsius for 10 days to ensure no seeds stand a chance of survival.

The haul reaped at Saturday's broom bash may represent only a drop in the bucket when it comes to the overall amount of invasive species on the island, but Petch said the event's real significance is educating people about what to look for and why invasive species should be everyone's concern.

Non-native species, according to information published by the Conservancy, chokes out native plant species and, especially in the case of Scotch broom, poses an extreme fire hazard during the dry summer months.

"I think we're looking at educating people about getting rid of stuff on their own properties. That's really a good first step," Petch said. "[Saturday's event] made us realize that many people are interested in getting rid of their invasive plants but don't know how to get rid of them."

A need for action has encouraged volunteers at the Salt Spring Island Conservancy to step up their response to islanders' interest in the topic.

The group recently finished work on an invasive species pamphlet and has begun to develop an invasive species SWAT team.

The conservancy will host a fall workshop in conjunction with the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee.

"We're hoping to train people on our committee and in neighbourhood pods who could wander about and, if they see any nasty invasive plants, they can get rid of them," said



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Donna Martin takes part in a work group removing invasive plants on Salt Spring.

Susan Hannon, a retired professor of biology who chairs the conservancy's stewardship program.

"Early detection and eradication is needed to get rid of them before they become a problem."

Hannon said the threat of more invasive species arriving on the island from the United States and Vancouver Island is worthy of significant concern. Many of these potentially invasive species, she added, are available at island nurseries and frequently used in residents' gardens.

Whereas some degree of change in an ecosystem is to be expected over time, Hannon said, the numbers of invasive species have expanded exponentially in recent years.

"If you look at Garry oak ecosystems, something like 50 species in them are not native anymore," Hannon said.

"The best way to keep it under control is to nip it in the bud."

Petch thanked the 14 volunteers, CRD director Garth Hendren, PARC manager Kees Ruurs, and Pam and John Ellacott of Salt Spring Garbage Services for making the event possible.

"It really was a community effort," she said.

Given the interest, Petch believes the creation of a free drop-off site would do wonders to encourage more people to get rid of invasive plants in their yards and along roadsides.

"This is something we have to work on," she added.

For more information about invasive species, visit www.saltspringconservancy.ca or call 250-538-0318.

News briefs

Shop students thank Sleggs crew

GISS shop students have received generous support from Sleggs Lumber over the years.

On Tuesday they offered a gesture of appreciation with delivery of a picnic table they made for the Sleggs yard crew.

"Some of their generosity to the kids in the shop is just overwhelming at times," said shop assistant

Chip Chipman.

"They give them free lumber and incredible discounts all the time."

Between 60 and 70 students participate in the shop program.

Five students built the picnic table and delivered it at lunchtime yesterday.

High school field trips approved

Gulf Islands school trustees approved two field trips for the 2010-11 school year

at their June 9 board meeting.

The senior boys volleyball team from Gulf Islands Secondary will be heading to Hawaii for a tournament in October, along with the girls' team, which had already received approval.

A music trip to Cuba in April of 2011 for GISS students was also given the green light.

Music teacher Bruce Smith has taken groups there for an in-depth cultural experience in the past.

In other school district

news, school board chair May McKenzie said Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid was due to visit the district before the end of the school year.

Fire destroys truck, shed

An unexplained fire in the Beaver Point area resulted in the destruction of a propane-powered truck Monday night.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said 29 fire department members

responded to the call, which came in at 8:58 p.m. RCMP, BC Ambulance and BC Hydro personnel also responded.

Alex Bapty, a resident of the Monkwood Place property, said a small 8x10-foot generator/tool shed caught fire around 8:30 at night.

"It was saturated by diesel oil — so it went up pretty quick," Bapty said.

The shed fire spilled over to engulf a nearby truck, which vented propane fuel several times.

The truck was com-

pletely destroyed.

A nearby cottage situated around 15 feet from the shed also caught fire, but crews were able to extinguish it without much damage to the building, Bremner said.

"I think the crew did an excellent job in saving the very close cottage that was right up against the flames," he said.

Bapty agreed it was fortunate the nearby building was saved.

Another house on the property was not involved.



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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

Petition seeks review of Trust Act

Chief administrator defends Act's "evolutionary changes"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Vancouver-based lawyer who keeps an organic farm on Hornby Island wants the Islands Trust to recognize that Gulf Islands residents need just as much preservation and protection as the natural environment that surrounds them.

To that end, Larry Pierce has initiated an online petition that calls upon the provincial government to conduct a full-scale review of the Islands Trust Act.

"We have lots of problems with basic things like water, jobs and housing," Pierce said in a Monday interview. "These are serious things and [the Trust] seems to completely ignore that we are part of the environment."

The Islands Trust Act is essentially the Trust's overarching document. Among other elements, it outlines the Trust's much quoted preserve and protect mandate.

Pierce's petition asks that the province conduct "a full and independent core review of the Islands Trust Act [...] with a view to modernizing and streamlining the Act, bal-

ancing the preservation and protection of our vibrant, diverse rural communities with the security of our natural environment, and establishing locally accountable and responsible governance structures."

Pierce said about 250 people have signed the petition since it went online at www.petitions.com in early June.

The goal, he added, is to reach 10 per cent of the people within the Trust's jurisdiction, roughly 2,500 signatures.

"That's a number that can't be ignored," he said.

Pierce contends that the Islands Trust has flourished as a result of "green zealots" who believe they know what's best for the environment.

"There is already tons of [environmental] legislation in place," he said. "I don't need a trustee telling me how to farm or be responsible for my land."

Pierce said he's watched the Trust enact bylaws that compromise livelihoods throughout the islands for more than a decade. The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's decision to deny the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application was part of the reason he decided to take action.

He also said a huge rally is planned for Salt Spring on July 4 with more details to come.

Federal and provincial legislation, coupled with private

"There is already tons of [environmental] legislation in place.

I don't need a trustee telling me how to farm or be responsible for my land."

LARRY PIERCE
 Petition initiator

stewardship of the land, he said, is enough to ensure the long-term well-being of the islands' natural features.

Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer, said the Islands Trust Act has undergone some significant evolutionary changes since its original inception in 1974.

Many of those changes, such as having individual islands elect local trustees, were a response to the electorate's demand for better representation.

More often than not, she added, "there just hasn't been a huge appetite to make big changes."

After examining Pierce's concerns, Adams said many

of his issues are about land-use concerns not related to government structure.

"I think what it represents is that local governments have to make difficult decision sand that happens not just in the Islands Trust, it happens everywhere," she said during an interview from her Victoria office.

"That's just the nature of local government."

Any move to review the Trust Act would ultimately fall to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development.

"We are always receptive to hearing how things could be improved, but it has to be based on really clear objectives and accurate principles," she said.

Here on Salt Spring, Islanders for Self Government president Ken Marr said he's eager to see the petition distributed among island residents.

He said ISG's board is working on a series of events to be held within the coming weeks to raise awareness about the petition and Trust-related policies the group feels hurt livelihoods of island families and businesses.

"[Salt Spring residents] will definitely have lots of opportunity to get involved with this petition," Marr said.

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AGRICULTURE

Farmers invited to sow environmental farm plan with advisor

Appointments for free service on June 28 should be made ASAP

The Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance is hosting a B.C. Environmental Farm Plan program information session on Monday, June 28 at the Farmers Institute.

David Tattam, the EFP planning advisor for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, will be on hand from 4 to 6 p.m. to provide an overview of the program, answer farmers' questions and set up appointments for farm visits to assist in completing a plan. Farmers who have already completed a plan and now wish to apply for funding to implement the plan are also invited to attend.

According to a press release, "Environmental farm plans are intended to enhance our natural resources and reduce the possibility of accidental harm to soil, air, water and biodiversity values caused by farming activities. Completing a plan provides farmers with an understanding of agriculturally related environmental regulations and best management practices that enhance environmental values and protect riparian areas." The program is entirely voluntary and the farm plan developed is free of charge, confidential and with no obligation.

The alliance says the demonstrated benefits of having a plan are: consumer confidence that farmers have taken steps to assess and mitigate environmental risks; the possibility of accessing cost-shared funding to assist with reducing any risks identified in the plan; increased efficiencies that improve farm profits, and improved relationships with environmental partners and agencies.

A minimum number is required for the session to go ahead. People should register by June 23. To register, contact Anne Macey at annemacey@shaw.ca or 250-537-5511.

SSI Agricultural Alliance Member Organizations: SSI Farmers' Institute, Island Natural Growers, SSI Chamber of Commerce; Salt Springers for Safe Food, Earth Festival Society.

NEWSBEAT

RCMP

Mischief top of weekend antics

Joy riders heist golf cart

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Police recovered a stolen golf cart from the parking lot of Merchant Mews on Upper Ganges Road on Monday afternoon.

RCMP officers said the cart was stolen from a residence on Fairview Drive and driven approximately two kilometres. Police subsequently found three bicycles on the grounds of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club near where the golf cart was taken.

Police ask that residents in the neighbourhood check their properties for missing items. The bicycles may be claimed by providing descriptions at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

The theft was among a spate of mischief, break-ins and impaired driving incidents attended to by police over the weekend.

On Friday, officers were called to investigate a break-in at the Tree House Cafe in Ganges. Police report that the thief or thieves appeared to have cut through several locks with a pair of bolt cutters that were later recovered on the shoreline.

Various items were stolen from the business and police continue to investigate the matter.

Police were called to several alarms at the Salt Spring Island Middle School early Sunday morning. Officers discovered a smashed glass door, the second such incident at the school since the long weekend in May.

The school was searched but no suspects or witnesses were discovered.

A similar mischief call is reported to have occurred at the Royal Canadian Legion sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

A glass window on the property was smashed and a flower pot was found near the broken window, according to an RCMP report.

Salt Spring RCMP Corp. Martin Beardsmore said there is no evidence to indicate any of the weekend's calls were related.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the local detachment at 250-537-5555.

Police also report that some items discovered on Beddis Beach following a party have been turned into police. The lost items may be claimed at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment office during regular business hours.



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ON THE ROAD: Cameron Webb of Infinite Road Marking re-paints Salt Spring crosswalks and other road lines Sunday afternoon.

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RCMP

Autopsy rules out homicide in recent death of islander

Martin suffered stroke, not victim of foul play

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Preliminary autopsy reports obtained by the island's RCMP indicate foul play was not a factor in the death of an island man whose body was recovered in dense bush near Ganges Creek on Sunday, June 6.

"We have never had any indication from our investigation that any foul play was involved," said RCMP Corp. Martin Beardsmore.

Beardsmore confirmed there is simply no evidence to justify any of the rumours that claim murder was involved in Lorne Martin's death.

A police search dog found Martin's body on the morning of June 6 follow-

ing an extensive search of the downtown core by members of Salt Spring Search and Rescue, RCMP officers and a group of Martin's friends.

Island RCMP received official reports of Martin's death on Saturday, though acquaintances reported that he had not been seen since Thursday, June 3.

A pathologist's report indicates Martin suffered a stroke but has not pinpointed a time of death.

"This was not misadventure, not homicide, not an act of God like getting hit by lightning," Beardsmore said.

"The cause of death is medical. It was a stroke."

Salt Spring Island RCMP expect to receive more detailed autopsy and toxicology findings in the coming weeks.

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COURT DOCKET

Impaired driving charges dominate June proceedings

Jail time for repeat offender

A Salt Spring man received a 30-day jail sentence and a two-year driving prohibition in Ganges Provincial Court last Wednesday.

Anthony Winston pled guilty to charges of operating a vehicle while disqualified and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of over .08.

The charges stemmed from an incident on Nov. 24 last year when he was found behind the wheel of a car that was caught on a retaining wall behind Pharmasave. Winston was already prohibited from driving from a prior conviction dating back to 2007. Two blood-alcohol readings each produced readings of .220.

Winston told the court he is codependent with his common-law spouse who is disabled and requested an intermittent jail sentence to continue caring for her.

Judge Susan Wishart responded by allowing the mandatory minimum sentence for a second .08 conviction to be served as consecutive weekend sentences at the Vancouver Island Remand Centre in Victoria.

The first session was to begin Friday, June 11 at 6 p.m. and end Monday at 8 a.m.

She also mandated 12 months probation to begin immediately and counselling as directed by the probation officer. Winston served a one-

day sentence for the charge of driving while disqualified concurrent with the court proceedings.

In other court news, Constance Chamberland received a one-year driving prohibition and a \$1,000 fine after pleading guilty to refusing to supply a breath sample. Court heard that police responded to a call around 9 a.m. on Feb. 8 regarding a woman who was impaired or possibly mentally ill.

They found Chamberland attempting to start her vehicle after sleeping in it the night before. Empty cider bottles and a partially full vodka bottle were found in the car.

According to Crown counsel, Chamberland was taken into custody after swearing at the officers and getting belligerent. According to police records she refused to give a sample by saying, "There's no reason for me to — I wasn't driving."

Chamberland had no prior criminal record and no alcohol-related offences on her driving record.

• A Salt Spring man received a one-year prohibition from driving and a \$1,000 fine after pleading guilty to impaired driving in an incident on April 10.

Police found Bradley White emerging from the driver's seat of a red vehicle stuck in a ditch.

He admitted to having consumed two beers and some wine as well as seven medication pills and apologized for his actions. Samples produced readings of .210 and .200.

For The Record

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NEWSBEAT

PRECIOUS GIFTS

Levy returns to life with a little help from his sister

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

FIRST IN A SERIES

Progressive kidney failure is akin to dying.

The body's ability to filter out toxins diminishes, poisoning the victim from within.

That's why the local recipient of a kidney donation is calling March 29, 2010 his "re-birthday." Thanks to a gift from his sister, it's the day Michael Levy started to come back to life.

Levy is a well-known Salt Spring Island personality. The owner of The Fritz Movie Theatre since 2006 and its projectionist for six years before that, islanders also know Levy through his photos that run as a slide show before the movies start. Levy's photos are a testament to the coastal region's natural beauty but also to his once active lifestyle, which included rock climbing and paddle-in kayak camping trips. He took up motorcycle riding with glee and often had multiple work projects on the go, publishing several calendars and a photo book.

The onset of Alport's Syndrome saw Levy's activities gradually drop off. A hereditary disease caused by genetic malfunction, Alport's is often characterized by hearing loss, which Levy experienced. Kidney failure also commonly occurs.

The kidney is a complex organ: in addition to filtering toxins from the blood it produces hormones, regulates blood pressure and helps absorb amino acids. Kidney failure symptoms can include extreme exhaustion, hypersensitive skin and a metallic taste in the mouth.

"I went from doing everything to just barely being able to run the cinema. It's demoralizing — but dialysis is not much better," Levy said in a recent interview.

Levy's brother Geoff also suffers from Alport's syndrome (see related article below). He was on dialysis for five years when a cousin offered to donate a kidney in 2008. Her decision motivated Michael's sister Barb to do the same for him before he reached that point.

There are several types of dialysis, a treatment that helps remove the body's toxins. In Geoff's case it meant being dependent on a machine that cleanses his blood outside his body and then returns it; he lives with an opening in his arm called a fistula for constant access.

"The trauma of dialysis was so hard on the entire family — I wanted to prevent that," Barb explained.

Already in a state of physical decline and depression, Michael had the stress of wondering what would happen to his sister if the operation didn't go well. But as they learned, the risks of the surgery were less than she'd face riding in a car. Donors actually tend to live longer than regular people because intense checkups catch major problems before they can develop.

If the words "living donor" conjure up the Monty Python sketch where insane surgeons come to collect organs from aghast, still living people, in reality the process is carefully uncoercive. Besides blood and tissue tests to make sure the organ is suitable, a donor has physiological and psychiatric tests to ensure he or she is healthy enough to undergo the operation. Furthermore, the donor has to initiate each step along the way. The entire process is designed to allow a donor to back out at any point, right up until the operation.

Nevertheless, the decision is never made lightly, especially for someone like Barb, who hates hospitals and can't swallow pills.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Brother and sister Michael and Barb Levy are well on the road to recovery after Barb donated a kidney to Michael in a March 29 operation.

"... it's one of the most humbling experiences you can go through because someone's gift has a profound effect on your life."

MICHAEL LEVY
Kidney recipient

"It is an emotional process," Barb said. "I had my worries and fears along the way, but I got past that. I really felt great about the decision I was making."

A year of visits to nephrologists (kidney specialists), a social worker, renal nurses and a transplant surgeon led to the eventual surgery date on March 29. Barb and Michael had back-to-back procedures at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, performed by the same surgeon.

The ability to be in the same ward was a key part of the recovery process, the Levys found.

"Being able to check that the person who's given you an organ is okay is psychologically huge," Michael said.

From Barb's point of view, "Being able to see the benefit of the gift you've passed on to somebody is encouraging. It gives a certain level of satisfaction and justification."

Laparoscopic surgery involving a series of small cuts in the abdomen area and a longer one along the bikini line have meant minimal recovery time for Barb. Although she won't be resuming her cross-island walks any time soon and figures she'll need around six months to regain her full energy and mobility, she was able to leave the hospital after five days and another six resting at a Vancouver B&B.

Michael's groin-to-hip incision was a little more invasive. He's now taking 20 to 25 pills a day for immune suppression, antibiotics and blood pressure, along with vitamin supplements. He can't go into the sun because the immune suppressants make skin cancer a great risk. However, he's given up medications for cholesterol, gout and high blood pressure. His face and ankles are no longer swollen and, best of all, he has his life back.

Both Michael and Barb have received tremendous community support throughout the process. In return, they are willing to talk to anyone who wants to know more about why they support organ donation.

"On the recipient's side I have to say it's one of the most humbling experiences you can go through because someone's gift has a profound effect on your life," Michael said.

Barb agreed: "In the end, after all the risk, going through some of the emotions, fears and doubts, this is a gift, and a gift is meant to be given. If you can get to that place in your heart, that's the way you have to do it. You can't have expectations or conditions."

Donors needed to help shrink transplant wait list

Geoff Levy's story not like his brother's

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fritz cinema owner Michael Levy recently underwent a "picture perfect" kidney transplant operation, but circumstances have not been so good for his brother Geoff.

Geoff Levy is in an advanced state of renal failure and has been on the transplant waiting list for about six years.

In the meantime, he's been undergoing dialysis, a clinical method of removing toxins from the blood. It's an invasive and exhausting process — but it's better than the alternative.

Unfortunately, Geoff has not had the same luck as Michael

in finding a suitable kidney for transplant. A cousin who first offered to donate was not a good match. Neither was his sister Carolyn. Geoff was "activated" on the list for a cadaver transplant last winter and was rushed to Vancouver General Hospital to receive an organ on Jan. 10 of this year. The kidney was rejected and had to come out again 12 hours later.

After the failed transplant, Levy underwent several blood transfusions and then developed a bacterial infection. His current antibody levels are at 80 per cent, making another organ transplant only 20 per cent likely to succeed.

Having a living donor would greatly improve Levy's chances because significantly more testing can take place to ensure suitability. But having more

people sign up for post-death donation would also help by increasing the pool of organs available to the wait list.

BC Transplant Society statistics say 89 per cent of province residents intend to register as donors, but only 16 per cent actually do.

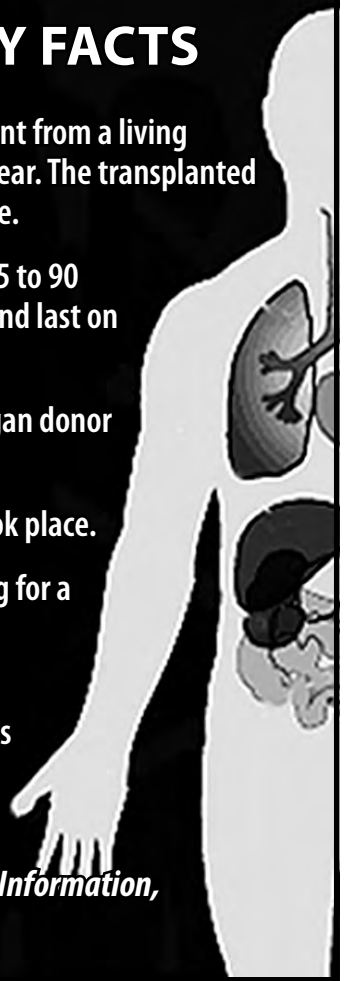
Lisa Sayer, an altruistic donor who initiated a series of "paired" transplant operations across Canada last year, is hoping islanders will commit to donate — or choose not to — by filling out organ donation cards on July 1. She'll be outside Island Star Video throughout the day and other volunteers will be walking around town with information.

Until then, people can learn more about how to register at www.transplant.bc.ca and www.kidney.ca.

CANADIAN KIDNEY FACTS

- The success rate for a kidney transplant from a living donor is 90 to 95 per cent after one year. The transplanted kidney lasts 15 to 20 years on average.
- Deceased donor transplants have a 85 to 90 per cent success rate after one year and last on average from 10 to 15 years.
- About 70 per cent of those on the organ donor waiting list need a kidney.
- In 2009, 1,182 kidney transplants took place.
- In 2009, 76 people died while waiting for a kidney transplant.
- Transplant patients keep their low-functioning kidneys. The transplant is added to the body rather than replacing an organ.

Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canadian Kidney Foundation



NEWSBEAT

WILDLIFE

Endangered turtles lay eggs on beach

People asked to be careful at Stowell Lake

Salt Spring Conservancy volunteers witnessed four western painted turtles laying eggs on the beach at Stowell Lake on Saturday night.

Volunteer Stowell Lake turtle stewards Jasmyrn Clift and Kevin Kunzler reported watching the turtles dig laboriously for hours before laying their eggs in the hole and then covering them with sand and gravel.

It took one of the turtles 3.5 hours to complete the task from start to finish.

By morning, four nests of

turtle eggs were laid on the beach.

Only shallow depressions showed where the turtles had been, which were marked by Kunzler.

Conservancy biologist Robin Annschild has now installed protective cages over the nests to let beach users know where the nests are and protect them from disturbance until the turtles hatch in the fall.

The hatchlings often overwinter in the nest, emerging only in the spring.

Western painted turtles are listed as endangered in Canada and are at risk of disappearing completely.

Turtles must compete with humans for beach usage, preferring a south-facing slope free of vegetation and roots.

The females only lay eggs every other year, and only lay one clutch of eggs per year. Few young turtles make it to adulthood: raccoons and dogs may dig up their nests and eat the eggs, and the hatchlings are a tasty morsel for many larger animals.

"To keep our Stowell Lake turtles, we need to protect their nests so as many juveniles as possible can emerge next spring," said Annschild. "Please don't handle turtles in the wild, and do not release pet

turtles into ponds or lakes."

The conservancy recognizes the small but popular beach gets a lot of human use, so is asking the public to please share the beach with the turtles.

A new sign with paintings by Briony Penn, depicting a year in the life of a Western painted turtle, should help.

To learn more about the turtles and other rare species on Salt Spring Island, visit www.saltspringconservancy.ca.

Anyone who sees a turtle digging away from the water should report this to the SSIC by phone 250-538-0318 or email info@saltspringconservancy.ca.

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School board passes \$17-million budget

Enrolment looks bright for September

School District 64 trustees passed the 2010-2011 budget bylaw last week and did so without the need for any cutting tools.

In fact, the district predicts to see a slight surplus in the next fiscal year.

"It is very close to our annual budget for 2009-10," said secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold of the \$17,133,415 budget amount approved at

the June 6 board meeting.

On the expenses side, \$13,980,189 will go to staff costs and benefits, \$581,000 to transportation, \$350,115 to professional development and travel, \$904,432 to services, \$883,416 to supplies, \$360,400 to utilities and the rest (\$73,863) to rentals, leases, miscellaneous fees and insurance.

Some \$16,245,300 will come from the Ministry of Education, \$700,000 from international program fees, \$305,780 from special areas

like the GISS cafeteria, ACE-IT carpentry and Level 1 cook program, \$18,000 from rentals and leases and \$2,000 from investment income.

As set, that leaves a surplus \$137,665, with \$55,000 of that already earmarked for transfer to a capital project fund.

District staff are also enthused by early enrolment trends for September.

While the budget is based on April projections of 1,419 full-time-equivalent regular students (and 34 adults) showing up in the fall, super-

intendent Jeff Hopkins said interest in new programs like the new Saturna Ecological Education Centre at Salt Spring Middle School and from Crofton-area students willing to commute suggested the numbers could be even higher.

If that ends up being the case, the district would be eligible for more funding from the education ministry.

"You can always add [to your budget], but it's pretty hard to take away," said Hopkins.

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EDITORIAL

Gold stars

It's a noisy time of year in schools, as sports days and other activities are squeezed into the last couple of weeks and excitement levels rise.

But when it comes to the usual din of complaint in the community, all is remarkably quiet in the education quarter of the Gulf Islands. Provincial news has been littered with stories about school closures and budget cutbacks in recent months, while seas have been placid in School District 64.

A look at the 2010-11 budget and the various programs being funded gives a hint at the diversity that may be key to the district's calm success.

Included in the district's revenue sheet are funds from sources as wide-ranging as the instructional cafeteria, Gulf Islands School of the Performing Arts registrations, the ACE-IT carpentry and cooking program and the long-established program for international students.

THE ISSUE:
School District 64 operation

WE SAY:
Financial stability and innovation appreciated

For 2010-11, the latter is expected to bring in \$700,000. When the district started putting the program together in earnest in 2000, it was certainly viewed as a way to increase district revenue. While the benefits to GISS and the community are much broader than that, it has been a consistent contributor to the Gulf Islands school budget.

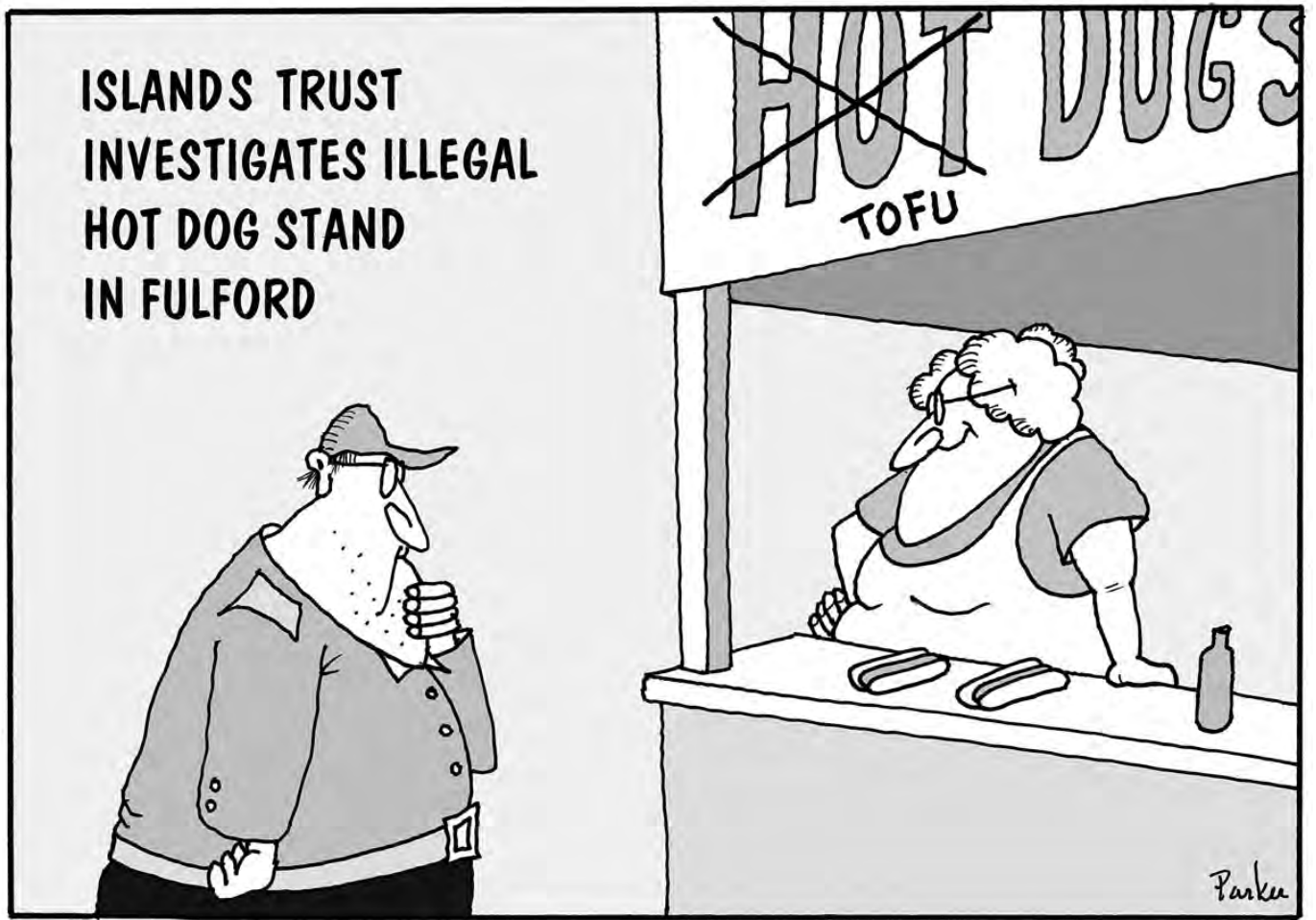
Expanding the successful Saturna Ecological Education Centre concept to Salt Spring Island Middle School is another way to serve more kids with an in-demand program.

At last week's school board meeting, superintendent Jeff Hopkins reported giving a tour of Salt Spring facilities to 15 students from Crofton, noting that our district is perceived as offering something more.

Of course all programs cost money to implement and run, but by providing innovative options and keeping enrolment levels as high as possible while an overall decline is underway everywhere, School District 64 has been able to mitigate against the effects, unlike some counterparts in the rest of B.C.

Some people may still lament the loss of the fifth day of school in the Gulf Islands and it no doubt causes specific hardships for some, the overall cost savings has also been an essential part of the district's survival pie.

The resulting relative stability for students, staff and families in our district should be much appreciated. Thanks to the Gulf Islands School Board and administration for making it work.



ISLANDS TRUST INVESTIGATES ILLEGAL HOT DOG STAND IN FULFORD

Trustees breach Robert's Rules of Order

BY PATSY SIEMENS

At the LTC meeting on June 3, former islands trustee Eric Booth brought up a matter that should be of concern to everyone interested in accountable government on Salt Spring.

The matter surrounds the manipulation of the official minutes of the Local Trust Committee for the Aug. 6, 2009 meeting.

The adopted LTC meeting minutes for Sept. 3, 2009 state, "The Trustees (Ehring and Torgrimson) would like the minutes to contain more detail and content of what they said at the August LTC meeting with reference to the Salt Spring Coffee Co. application and they offered to provide a short paragraph summarizing their remarks for inclusion in revised minutes."

The minutes for the Oct. 8, 2009 LTC meeting state, with regard to the Aug. 6 minutes, "In Section 10, replace the paragraph beginning "The Trustees discussed..." with two paragraphs as follows:

"Trustee Ehring noted that although most of the comments he had received about the application were helpful, he was disappointed by the increasingly nasty tone and personal attacks that people on both sides of the issue had begun to level at each other. He pointed out that a lot of attention had been given to the investment that the company makes in the community, but that perhaps the investment that individual property owners have in their own neighbourhoods does not get enough attention. Policies in the Official Community Plan offer conflicting guidance. While the studies indicate that there would be minimal environmental impact; the impact on neighbours is likely to be significant. He said that the project is too big a use, too big a change and too big a disturbance for the proposed location, and he hoped that the company would look for a more suitable location and remain on the island."

"Trustee Torgrimson noted that a great deal of time and thought has been given to this complex and controversial application. She applauded the innovative nature of the proposal but not at this location. She said that the proposal with all of its various uses, employees, visitors and customers, would create too much impact in this rural neighbourhood. While the process has been compre-

VIEWPOINT

hensive and lengthy, she said it has enabled the trustees to perceive the whole picture and understand the full ramifications. She cited numerous aspects of the Official Community Plan that are

in conflict with the application at this location, and added that Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee approval would create challenging enforcement needs. She said she hoped that the company and the community can work together respectfully and constructively to find a more appropriate site."

And those paragraphs, provided by Torgrimson and Ehring themselves, have now become part of the official, adopted minutes.

So, what's wrong with this? It is entirely improper and against Robert's Rules of Order to summarize matters discussed at a meeting in the minutes of that meeting. Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said.

It is even more inappropriate to have an editorialized summary of matters discussed by the trustees, provided by the trustees themselves, written by them in the "third person" no less. This is akin to the notion that those who write history have the power to change history to their own benefit.

What possibly possessed the trustees with the need to provide, within the minutes, "more detail and content of what they said"? The content itself amounts to nothing more than a personalized defence of their decision, which so many have taken exception to.

This revelation follows on the heels of trustee Ehring stating that while the trustees have nothing to hide, they don't want to have their meetings recorded verbatim.

Does anyone else see the inherent problems here? As a parliamentarian and editor by profession (although retired) this manipulation of minutes worries me. As a long-time resident of Salt Spring, the continuing high-handed actions of the LTC really worries me.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the Trust Act be reviewed?

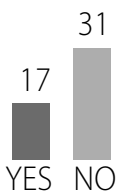
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Do you buy most of your gas on-island?



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"I'm one of those seniors who didn't expect to live so old."

DAVID O'FLYNN, FULFORD FOOD VENDOR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What book are you reading this summer?

BOB FRANCIS

Excerpts of Darwin's writings in the book *The Portable Darwin*, edited by Duncan M. Porter and Peter W. Graham.


KENYA ELLIS-IRELAND

I'm on the third book of the *House of Night* series by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast.


SAM WILCOX

Shades of Grey by Jasper Fforde.


FIONA MCNINCH

Runaways: In Their Own Words: Kids Talking About Living on the Streets. By Jeffrey Aronstein.


MAGGIE O'SCALLEIGH

I'm reading *Forgotten Household Crafts* by John Seymour to learn about people-powered tools.

Letters to the editor

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

Don't malign Hendren

I was very disappointed to see the rant against our CRD director in last week's Driftwood ("Why I resigned as CRD alternate director").

We have been very fortunate to have Garth Hendren as our elected CRD director. This is a very demanding job, which requires hard work and long hours, the ability to deal with some difficult but critical issues and arguments, but above all the desire to serve the best interests of the community. Garth has clearly shown over many years that he is deeply committed to the welfare of the island, both now and for the future. What's more, he has been able to do this without ugly confrontation but quietly with friendly discussion and persuasion. We

owe it to Garth to treat him in the same way.

Furthermore, we need to keep our public debates civil and courteous and not malign somebody just because we may have a difference of opinion. I have served on a committee when Garth was the chairperson and I know from my own experience that the Viewpoint in the Driftwood is inappropriate.

GERRY SCOTT,
QUAIL CRESCENT

Ghastly sound

My thanks to Mark Fraser for directing me to Godwin's Law ("Time for some balance" letter, June 9) — I earned the learning moment — and also for invoking the concept of balance.

Further to that end, wouldn't it be grand if

the trustees' more vocal opponents could acknowledge the 9-to-1 ratio of the applications the trustees have approved?

Inasmuch as Mark's fix on my political co-ordinates appeared in a public forum, I believe I should say that while his sense is generally accurate, his ball slices wide to the left by quite a bit. I have no bias against capital per se, I just don't think that capital trumps caritas. How many Salt Spring residents want trustees who don't care what happens in your neighbourhood?

I'd rather strive to end the debate than stifle it. I'm not sure it is a debate. It is the ghastly sound of a community in conflict with itself. And this will draw a cornucopia of generous and happy visitors from where?

If balance begins with the cessation of hostilities, I

honour Mark's invitation to work toward that goal.

I already know that he accepts the hand of friendship I extend to him here. He already knows that I accept his. There just isn't time for anything else. And maybe it'll start a trend.

MICHAEL BUTLER,
SALT SPRING

Apology to Mike

I wish to apologize for my rant last week, which impacted my friend Mike Butler. ("Time for some balance" letter.)

While his earlier comments on the coffee company decision triggered my ire, it was in no way intended for him. Mike and his wife, Robin Ferry, contribute greatly (and humbly) to the quality of life of all of us here.

I remain very concerned

that our trustees' decisions appear to be based on principles somewhat divorced from their "green" election-eering platforms.

MARK FRASER,
SALT SPRING

Conflict inevitable

I think our trustees, and especially Christine Torgrimson, should be congratulated on the wise decision they made re: the proposed coffee company rezoning.

The industrial activity would have significantly impacted the neighbouring rural-zoned properties. And if the coffee company eventually moved on, the zoning would have stuck, allowing all manner of heavy industrial activity to wreak havoc on the Ford Lake area.

Those who think the fumes of coffee roasting are just rich

people whining should see the Richmond Review story on what Salt Spring Coffee's Richmond neighbour has experienced.

Everyone has the right to the "peaceful and quiet enjoyment" of their properties. Allowing industrial activity to escape zoning and invade rural neighbourhoods is bound to cause conflict. It doesn't preserve and protect the environment. And most importantly, it can generate significant public liability by devaluing adjacent properties and their legitimate uses.

I doubt many islanders would have been comfortable paying higher taxes to support another legal battle based on another poor land use decision to secure a handful of "maybe" jobs.

TOM PICKETT,
LEE ROAD

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Salt Spring's road: gated driveways versus the destitute

Did you hear? Recently, the good people of Reykjavik elected an ex-punk rocker turned standup comic to city council, along with five other members of his "Best Party."

They ran on a platform of introducing polar bears to the city zoo and erecting a Disneyland by the airport. The Best Party promised a "drug-free parliament . . . by 2020." The comic's name is Jon Gnarr. In all likelihood, he will be the next mayor of the capital of Iceland.

Given Iceland's legendary appetite for booze, the entire nation must have been falling-down drunk to hand these people the keys to the city. But that wasn't it. Pundits say it was the electorate's outrage at the standing government's mishandling of the economy. Iceland had the distinction of becoming the first nation to pretty much declare bankruptcy at the beginning of the current economic unpleasantness. The townsfolk were not amused.

Has Salt Spring Island reached that Icelandic tipping point? The ill-advised decision to rebuff Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application seems to have been the lightning rod that has ignited a serious "Dump the Trust" movement.

There is a plethora of other issues. The local trustees seem to spend their energy solving global warming and reducing our carbon footprint while scores of islanders are living in the woods, in cars, in derelict boats. The problem would likely go away if they would legalize in-law suites. The Trust has been "studying" this for years. Salt Spring's carbon footprint apparently

trumps jobs and housing, which only adds to the "ivory tower" accusations.

Driving along the far end of Rainbow Road, you will see a bunch of "recycled" dwellings scattered on a property like so many life-sized Monopoly houses. This is the affordable housing solution. A few blocks

up the street, John Quesnel is fighting for his economic life on a piece of scrub land under the hydro lines that the Trust refuses to rezone. It seems the Islands Trust is hell-bent on "preserving and protecting" no matter how many working families it costs.

There are many other frustrations, both large and small, that are accumulating to the boiling point. I have received phone calls from strangers from other similarly troubled islands looking for a sympathetic ear. There is an online petition circulating to compel the provincial government to reassess the Island's Trust role in governance. You can read about it at http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/review_islands_trust_act

But have we reached the point where we are ready to elect a clown as they did in Iceland? Those of us that have called Salt Spring home for more than 15 years may recall that we sent our own Dietrich Luth to Victoria as our CRD rep in 1993 — in many ways as a protest vote. Dietrich is no clown, but he is the complete antithesis of your garden variety CRD director. He didn't have


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

the suits, nor the Prius, nor the chic-chic address, but as anyone who has spent time with the man will tell you, he is sharp, he is opinionated and he isn't afraid to speak his mind.

The major press ate him alive. Too bad. The thing about Dietrich Luth is that he is authentic. He is the genuine article. His Salt Spring roots go deep. He remembers the Red and White grocery store and the Chatterbox Cafe and the Harbour House beer hall where you had to keep an eye out for airborne draft glasses.

There are many others like Dietrich — old-time families that go back a hundred years or more — the Toynbees, Mouats, the Akermans and many more offshoots of intertwined marriages. They homesteaded this island. They cleared the land (when it was still OK to cut down a tree.) These are the people that have earned the right to have a voice.

Sadly, we are rarely exposed to the opinions and guidance of these Salt Spring "elders." Take a look at who is making the rules on this island. George Ehring is a transplanted retired bureaucrat from Ontario. Christine Torgrimson spent her formative years as an environmentalist in Montana, a land-locked state a thousand miles and a country away from the nearest Gulf Island. The third trustee? Chairperson Sheila Malcolmson? Forget about it. She

doesn't even live on this rock.

These are all lovely people. They are intelligent, personable, rational human beings. I am always awestruck and grateful that they are willing to put in very long hours, evenings and weekends on a thankless job that pays next to nothing. But wouldn't it be nice if we had a governing structure that gave a little deference to someone who is actually from here, someone who remembers ducking beer glasses at the Harbour House?

I am a newcomer to the island. I've only been here 20 years. Even a johnny come lately like myself has seen a vibrant community heading down that road of gated driveways on the one extreme and desperate, destitute families begging for a roof over their heads on the other.

Something has to change. My taxes went up a lot this year. How can Salt Spring afford the pools and the ArtSprings and the libraries, fire halls and safe drinking water with a shrinking tax base? By piling it on those of us who stubbornly continue to eke out a living here by working three jobs, 60 hours a week?

I'm no more a "development stooge" than I am a "Green Taliban." But it would be great to see Salt Spring Island in a nice balance between the two. That will only happen if there is a nice balance at the Islands Trust table in place of the current version. At the present rate, Salt Springers both new and old are all likely to end up on the endangered species list. I'm just saying.

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MORE LETTERS

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Silence from pooh-bahs

Regarding the "Wasted water" letter in the June 9 Driftwood, I would like to commend Michael Friedman for his excellent letter exposing the CRD's total incompetence, arrogance and disregard for the interests of their clients, those clients being "us." These people are our servants, not our overlords.

As for the Minister of Community and Rural Development at the time in question, the so-titled Honourable Bill Someone, I have nothing but scorn. If he can give the CRD a clean bill of health and summarily wash his hands of it, he stands alongside Pilate in the annals of egregiousness.

Has he investigated? Has he talked to us? I think not. Perhaps a summary internal enquiry behind closed doors between the old boys, or over a round of golf and in the bar afterwards over a few gin and tonics on the taxpayers? ("Can't let this thing get out of hand, can we old chap! Cheers!")

And who does he suck up to and why? Clearly not us, the electorate and (to him) the great unwashed. I can only imagine that if votes aren't what makes him tick, it must be complete indolence in conducting his job. Yes, Mr. Friedman is right: vote him out for incompetence... or worse.

Let's get this straight: The CRD is our servant; the government is our servant. The unshakable mantra of public service is that public interests come first and foremost. If, as a public servant, you don't subscribe to that you should be fired forthwith.

In all matters, particularly that of public utilities, these people have an absolute, overriding obligation to conduct their departments and their affairs on our behalf, their officers, representatives and their contractors so as to best serve the taxpayers efficiently, economically, impartially, in a timely manner (ha!) and without personal gain.

In short, as if they are acting for their own household. The processes should be absolutely transparent to the taxpayers. Accountability must be full and open.

I call for a full enquiry as to the performance of the government and CRD in regards to the Beddis Water fiasco, according to the above criteria. Judging by the resounding and embarrassing silence we are getting from the pooh-bahs, maybe we have an Augean Stables to clean out?

ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD

Surgery should not be closed

This is a second clarification call to the residents of Salt Spring Island re: surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital.

I have reviewed the report entitled Salt Spring Island Health Review and am very concerned about its conclusion. As an operating room nurse who worked at Lady Minto in the '70s and '80s, I must reject this report's findings.

What do we stand to lose on Salt Spring Island? We have "always had a resident surgeon at Lady Minto and there has always been sufficient work for a competent indi-

vidual looking for this type of practice. This statement is fully supported by Drs. Preshaw and Sira, both surgeons who practised here for a number of years.

The population of Salt Spring has increased steadily since the '70s and is now four times what it was at that time. The VIHA proposal to siphon off all the endoscopies performed at LMH to a specific physician who will not perform other necessary interventions does not meet our requirements and is an obvious deterrent to finding the appropriate suitable person.

One of the requirements to solve our difficulties is the full support of the medical staff in that all cases that can be carried out here be referred here, and not to other already overcrowded facilities off island.

Dr. Ray Dykstra from White Rock met with the medical staff to ensure his acceptability to them, but VIHA still refused to accept his proposal.

We were fortunate enough to have two excellent anaesthetists willing to provide service with much shorter delays than required in this type of community.

One of them has already left the community and will be hard to replace if no surgical procedures are being carried out at LMH. Other physicians have also left and will prove equally difficult to replace. The individual at the head of the operating table is a vital part of the team.

Salt Spring Island and Lady Minto Hospital cannot afford this dismantlement of an efficient, admirable-for-this-type-of-community health care system built up over the years with the most generous, consistent support of the community and the entire hospital staff.

It may be you or a member of your family who needs emergency surgery in the middle of the night and must wait to be transferred off island for immediate necessary surgery while our own "state-of-the-art" operating room sits idle.

Stand up and be counted!

JOYCE HARTWIG,
SALT SPRING

Whims dog

I am writing to request that the owner of the Jack Russell (white with brown spots) on Whims Road please get their dog under control.

The dog (without a leash or identification tag) regularly cuts through the forest and comes onto Ensilwood Road and worries our chickens. We have left several notes on the Whims Road mailbox requesting that the dog

is kept under better control, but we continue to see the dog on the property and wandering in the area without any supervision.

I want to remind the dog owner that it is their responsibility to ensure their dog does not chase livestock or wildlife.

TREVOR WILLIAMS,
ENSILWOOD ROAD

Save water

Most people think that since it rained all May that there is enough water. For how long? Are you kidding? How high is the sky? How deep is the ocean? The surface of this island is rock — water runs off rock.

If we could only pay attention now and make it mandatory to have rainwater containers built onto houses or beside houses (covered). Rainwater is wonderful for washing hair. It can be used for gardens, animals, washing, purifying, etc.

When will useless lawns that guzzle water and use energy and gas be recognized as a dangerous consumer (of water)? All people who have lawns should be charged extra for their water intake. Gardens can be replaced and vegetables and flowers interspersed.

Wait and see: in four or five years the cost of vegetables will be double what they are now.

JUNE BOE,
SALT SPRING

The pool

I take Aquafit classes three times a week for my health. When I started last year we had 40+ people in the class — now we have 20+. Why? I have a few ideas.

The change rooms are too small (and the entrance way too large!). Three showers are not enough — one was out of use for a month in the ladies' change room. The noise in the pool area is deafening — no baffling of sound. I wear earplugs. I want to keep my hearing.

The parking lot is inadequate. Actually, it is beginning to look like the pool — it is full of puddles! The classes start and finish on the hour. I cannot fathom why. Towards the end of our class we frequently have a mass of screaming children at poolside and in the change room.

Often equipment is put in the pool for their class. Paying attention to our instructor, you don't notice the equipment and I have bruises to prove it. If classes started at five minutes past the hour and stopped at five minutes to the hour this problem would diminish.

When Darlene Steele was arguing for a fee increase, did she compare like facilities in her justification for a fee increase? I don't

think so. Also, the "rich folk" of Salt Spring are not the ones using the pool! I don't think a fee increase would achieve much — possibly fewer people.

The pool itself is okay and the instructors are excellent. I shall continue to use it — for my health.

E. E. SQUIRE,
SALT SPRING

Party money

No wholly partymony for Jack and Michael — but an affair would be lovely!

Currently we are treated to some dramatic gossip from Ottawa. Rumours have it that Michael Ignatieff of the Liberal tribe and Jack Layton of the NDP persuasion contemplate wholly partymony. I would prefer them engaging, instead, in an extra-marital affair, for it would work better overall, for all.

Lester Pearson and Tommy Douglas had a hot affair lasting five years. They parented Medicare, and, virtually, all human-made attributes of Canadian nationhood.

In contrast, Progressive Conservative Peter MacKay and thoroughly "Reformed" Stephen Harper went headlong into wholly partymony. All we get out of them is the monotony of that mantra about "what we get is what we deserve" which, of course, is patently untrue.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

Super triathlon

On June 13 we had our first triathlon on Salt Spring Island with the Rainbow Road pool as the starting point as well as the point for the transitions to the run and the cycling.

This was the first of many of these events, I hope.

More than 20 people participated and at least 20 other people volunteered around the course and in the pool building.

Jim Raddysh and Nathan Cooper did amazingly well at organizing the event.

The best thing to me, though, was the indoor pool acting as a centre for a community event as well as a centre for sport.

That Rec Ex, which manages the pool, was willing to put up time and money to make a community event possible (as well as the other community sponsors) is admirable and encouraging.

I hope this is but a small taste of what is possible from the pool as well as any other future development on the Rainbow Road site.

Kudos and thanks to all involved.

RICHARD HAYDEN,
SALT SPRING

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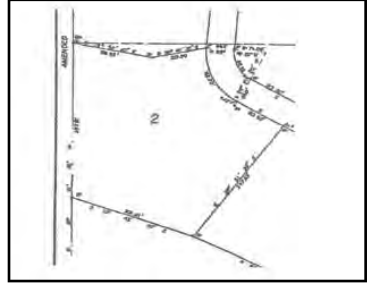


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Where's the Buddha?

My name is Sophie. I am five years old. I would like to know where the brass Buddha went from Grace Point Square? I really liked climbing on it and rubbing its tummy.

Thank you for answering my question.

SOPHIE GURSKI,
SALT SPRING

Stupidly ruined

Did you vote for this?
I quote from the June 10 Island Tides: "The B.C. govern-

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ment has given the green light to a huge gold and copper mine that will turn Fish Lake, 125 km west of Williams Lake into a toxic tailings pond. Nearly 500 million tonnes of acid tailings from the "Prosperity" mine will be dumped into the lake, which teems with rainbow trout and is sacred to the Tsilhqot'in First Nations, says the Sierra Club of B.C."

Of course such a thing is just plain crazy, but due to technicalities, all the viable Parties have

a hand in allowing it to happen anyway. We do not need gold and copper quite this badly. It is possible to use resources wisely and responsibly, and it is our duty to insist on it.

Why do we allow companies to rake in huge profits without requiring them to clean up their mess? This is just one lake, but it is not the first resource to be stupidly ruined. Simple arithmetic tells us that tactics like this will stop. We can choose either to stop it ourselves, or we can wait until extinction stops it. Which do you prefer?

RON STURM,
SALT SPRING

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BUBBLY:

Mya Hardman has some fun blowing bubbles in Centennial Park on Sunday.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to the person(s) who left their "free" piece-of-junk sofa on Walker Hook Road just south of Fernwood. It's now on the beach below. Do the right thing — come and take it away to the dump! Brian Hutchings

To whoever owns the white German shepherd dog that runs loose around Booth Canal/Rainbow Road area, it attacked a fawn this weekend! Please control your dog. Donna Grant

What a despicable act it is to throw a sofa over the bank onto the beach simply because some irresponsible person wouldn't take responsibility for it. If anyone saw the person who dumped the sofa between Fernwood and Maliview on the beach, please contact the police. It seems like a crime to me. This community has so many options for giving away things that aren't wanted any more that there is no excuse for disposing of personal property on our public beach. A. Richards

Roses

On behalf of Allison Lickley, Dorise Sweetnam and family, a big bunch of harmonious roses (with bells attached) to everyone who attended Allison's May 29 concert. In addition, we are grateful to the following for their support: the Driftwood newspaper, CFSI-FM radio and Salt Spring Community website. Allison appreciated the intimacy of the house concert venue, insisting

that our Salt Spring audience was the very best "attentive, friendly, and welcoming." Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who helped make the evening a very special and successful event. Thank you for sharing your time and energy in fellowship.

Roses to everyone who placed a silent auction bid on the junco montage at the Eclectic Visions photography show. And an extra special bouquet of the sweetest and most fragrant roses to Maggie and Alan Bolitho who won the final bid. All proceeds have been donated to Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre with thanks.

A big boot full of roses to Const. Emery of our local RCMP with assists to Corp. Beardsmore, Const. Tiganis and Terry on dispatch for their help at the Cobbler shop Friday night.

A garland of rainbow roses to Salt Spring Garbage Services and the Blackburn Mall for the final clean up from our garage sale. Therapeutic Riding Association

Big mammoth sunflowers to all who made Saturday's Caravan to Cuba event happen. Big thanks especially to Dave Vollrath at living water sound, the duelling duo Sirbassa and Andrew Interchill, Nick, Jharfari, Tim, Katya, Jana's, Alan Miceli, Steve, Naomi and Chantelita, and, of course, all those who came to support the Caravan to Cuba. Luisa

A long-stemmed red

rose to each of the Awesome Altos of Salt Spring Singers, led by Judi Francis, for keeping us so well nourished with many wonderful dishes during these post-op recovery weeks. We are very grateful to you all. Mary and Alan Hughes

A big, beautiful bouquet of bright pink roses for Rita Dods, who works tirelessly for this community! What a role model! Thank you! C. Ward

A large and fragrant Peace Rose to Lou Ellis for organizing the Reggae Soundclash fundraiser for the Caravan to Cuba, and also to Dave Vollrath and Living Water Media for supplying the sound.

Roses to the man in the blue truck who let me cross in front of the ferry traffic with my two children, the one who assisted me with my two car seats down the ramp, and the ferry worker who assisted my son after having tripped on his way down the ramp and offered to carry my baggage. Chivalry still exists on Salt Spring!

A dozen lobster-red roses to all our crew who helped out the SS Tennis Association's Lobsterfest: to Vincent, Pascal and Marie-Jose for cracking the lobsters; to Carol and Paula for the maritime music; to Marnie and George at the bar; to the efficient setup and cleanup crew; Andy from Pender; and an extra rose to Derrick for his tireless help and to Frank C. on the mop in the kitchen at the end! Frank, Patricia, Tami and Fernando

A large bouquet of roses to all the Grade 11 parents for helping organize the grad tea at GISS. A special thank you to Paul Large of Country Grocer for lending us all the plants to decorate the school, as well as a much-appreciated thanks to Mike at Windsor Plywood for once again lending us the archer. Salt Spring Coffee came just as usual helpful and happy, thank you. And thanks to the wonderful Grade 11 students that helped put this wonderful event together. Tania Aguila

I would like to rant but instead I would offer a bunch of garden flowers or produce or a dozen farm fresh eggs if the guy in the white car who took my farm stand from the bottom of my driveway on Rainbow Road was to return it so I can continue to sell my wares. Thank you, I look forward to having it back. HG

Zen roses to Kristin Lewis for starting the week at Yellow Submarine with a donated session of yoga weekly.

A bouquet of roses for the many talented parents and staff of the Centre School who helped the kids put on Dr. Dolittle! Adina, Oona, Juliette, Carol, LeeAnn, Clare and many more went above and beyond to share their talents and inspiration with the students, who did such a fabulous job!

A bouquet of gorgeous roses from the Salt Spring Centre School to community members who helped make our play The Adventures of Dr. Doolittle a success, including Bob Twaites of Theatre Resources, Dave Vollrath, Trish and Mahon Hall, Barnyard Graphics, Salt Spring Coffee Co., and Tomiko for the amazing make-up! A special thank you to everyone who donated to our Art Lottery in April 2009 and 2010. Funds from the lottery went directly to support our play! Art begetting art. And of course, thank you to the audience for supporting and enjoying the play!

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highlights 2009

- 25th anniversary celebrated.
- Donations totalled \$271,588.
- Endowment funds reached \$2.9 million.
- \$80,500 in grants given to 28 organizations.
- First Shaw Family Estate grant awarded to the Fulford Hall Community Association for renovations and exterior painting of Fulford Hall, a facility that is important to the whole community.

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Anonymous #7	31,195	Anonymous #8	8,052
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Anonymous #5	15,115	Mort and Biz Stratton Fund	6,100
Jacqueline Booth Memorial Fund*	14,650	Ann and Gundy McLeod Fund	6,000
Art Botham Memorial Fund	14,035	Leslie Ramsey Memorial Fund	5,650
Allen and Joan McConnell Fund	13,348	Sheri Berkowitz Fund*	5,500
Hector Perry Fund	13,155	Wettstein Family Fund*	5,500
Audrey and Robert Wild Fund	13,016	Dave Rayment Memorial Fund	5,480
Manson Toynbee Fund	12,500	Terry and Sue Strain Fund	5,300
Laurel Gordon and Murray Sumpton Fund	12,400	Allison and Mel Summer Memorial Fund	5,240
Irving Levin and Stephanie Fowler Fund	12,160	Anonymous #6	5,150
Linda and Mike Overholt Fund	12,000	Kay and Ralph Magee Fund	5,125
Olivia D. Mouat Fund	11,461	Anita Kahn Memorial Fund	5,100
Anonymous #4	11,000	Kirby and Pat Herchmer Fund	5,030
Bob and Bev Unger Fund	11,000	Don and Betty McMahon Fund	5,000
Stowell Lake Farm Fund	11,000	Joyce and Joseph Ovenden Fund*	5,000
William David Dexter Memorial Fund	10,946	Lee G. Hurd Fund	5,000
Hugh and Nancy McCullough Fund	10,640	Mary Moat Fund	5,000
E.A. (Effe) and W.M. (Will) Mouat Memorial Fund	10,430	Migs Edwards Fund	5,000

* Denotes funds newly established in 2009. The Jacqueline Booth Memorial Fund was initiated by Jacqueline's family to honour her life and to ensure that her community work in the area of environmental conservation and education would continue on Salt Spring Island.

The following funds have come to the Foundation through bequests, or other deferred gifts. As with Named Funds, Estate Funds will be recognized by the annual publication of the funds' names.

Shaw Family Estate	\$705,820	Elizabeth Baker Estate	25,000
Ruby Alton Estate	298,171	John Lees Estate	9,000
Gwen Ruckle Estate	137,781	Gordon Parsons Estate	5,000
Ruth Crane Estate	35,463	Fred Slaney Estate	1,000

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2009 grant recipients and their projects

Thanks to the generosity of all those who donated to the community endowment fund, the Foundation was able to provide \$80,850 in grants to the following organizations:

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To upgrade ArtSpring's sound system.

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To help with costs related to a new preventative and early intervention project, "Mentoring Salt Spring Island."

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For the CNIB's Talking Books Program.

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For fencing at Tree Frog Daycare to ensure that the children's play area is safe and secure.

The Greenwoods Foundation

Toward the cost of a TheraKair mattress.

The Greenwoods Foundation—Greenwoods Activity Centre

Funds to renovate and furnish an activity room in Greenwoods.

Gulf Islands Educational Trust (School District #64)

Toward costs related to "Connecting Generations—Living Links Throughout the Gulf Islands." This project is designed to support lifelong learning and social health for youth, adults, and seniors by encouraging interactions among the generations based on mutual interests.

Gulf Islands Educational Trust (School District #64)

For the purchase of a seaquarium for use in a pilot project for grades 4 and 5 students to enhance their understanding of water.

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Funds for the purchase and installation of a park bench in the new Japanese garden.

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Meadowbrook Residence for Seniors

For a bookcase and a new printer for Meadowbrook's computer.

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Start-up funds for support and materials for a local chapter of PFLAG.

Salt Spring Centre School

Funds to rehabilitate an existing trail and to create maps and a field guide for guided tours of the trail by school and community groups.

Salt Spring Island Public Library

Toward the cost of painting and furnishing a new room for teens on the lower level of the library. All the furnishings purchased will be for use in the new library.

Salt Spring Literacy Society

For the Literacy Society's "Travelling Books" project. This project will allow literacy tutors to reach out to potential learners in comfortable surroundings.

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Funds to cover the cost of art supplies for Phoenix Secondary School's art therapy program.

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Toward the purchase of a computer that will provide a central repository to store the school's electronic records.

Salt Spring Singers

To purchase 100 choral binders for the Salt Spring Singers on the occasion of their 35th anniversary.

Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission

Funds for the construction of a new bus shelter in the Greater Ganges area.

SSI Community Services

For expenses related to training and updating the qualifications of volunteers as senior peer counsellors.

SSI Historical Society—Archives

Funds for a commemorative plaque to honour the Hawaiian contribution to SSI history.

SSI Land Bank Society

For electrical upgrades at Dean Road House, one of the Land Bank's affordable housing projects.

SSI Water Preservation Society

To assist with new signage and improvement to the trails in the St. Mary Lake watershed lands.



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Islands Trust

ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 179 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2009”;
- Proposed Bylaw No. 180 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2009”;
- and
- Proposed Bylaw No. 181 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 3, 2009”

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **9:45 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Pender Island Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.**

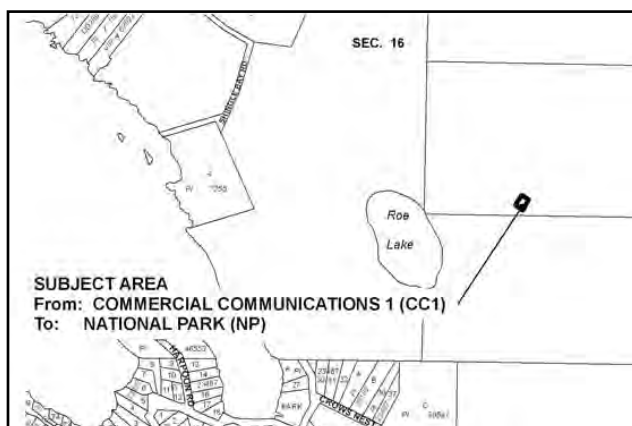
At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Proposed Bylaw No. 179 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2009”

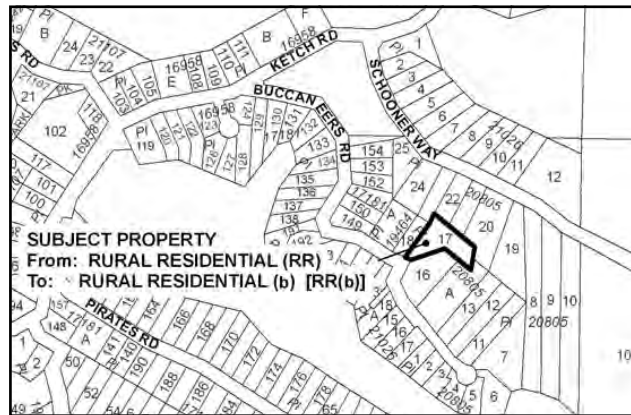
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 179 is to update the Land Use Bylaw, provide clarity in the use and interpretation of the Land Use Bylaw, and remove regulations that are beyond the jurisdiction of the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee.

Schedule D (Zoning Map) will be amended as follows:

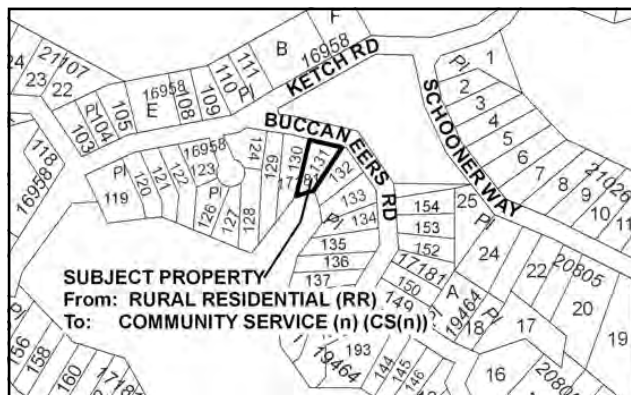
- Site Specific Zone to permit storage of goods, materials and equipment, other than dangerous or hazardous materials, salvaged motor vehicle parts and scrap, accessory to Capital Regional District Parks and Harbours operations.



- Site Specific Zone to permit a church use.

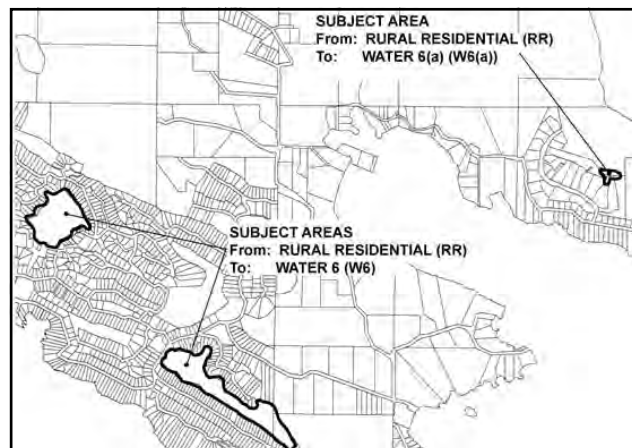


- The Commercial Communications 1 zone is to be deleted since it is federal jurisdiction and also located on national park lands.



Proposed Bylaw No. 180 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2009”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 180 is to include lot averaging provisions for the Rural Residential and Rural zone, and amend the agricultural regulations for clarity.



Proposed Bylaw No. 181 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 3, 2009”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 181 is to introduce a water zone for Buck Lake, Magic Lake and Gardom Pond.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing June 9, 2010 and up to and including June 23, 2010.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on North Pender Island, B.C., commencing June 11, 2010. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np/bylaws.cfm

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2. After **4:30 p.m., June 23, 2010** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **9:45 a.m., June 24, 2010.**

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Andrea Pickard, Planner, at (250) 405-5189 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Working for a living

I read with interest Jim Russell's June 2 letter slam against my husband, Eric Booth, as being an “anti-Trust, pro-development stooge,” and his suggestion that “Obviously [he has] an axe to grind. Let's all get rich?”

While my husband, unlike Jim, actually works hard for a living, and has served and continues to serve this community in the political arena, fighting for minor things like tax equity (for property owners like Jim), increased parkland, affordable housing for young families and seniors, the public's right to be kept fully informed on public matters, and accountability and transparency in local government, it is true he is a “developer.”

Yes, he's one of those nasty “stooges” who envisions and creates awful things like the island stores where people, just like Jim, shop; the restaurants where people like Jim eat; and the housing and subdivisions where people, just like Jim, live. Yes, really nasty stuff. It's a wonder Eric gets even a wink of sleep every night what with all that associated guilt of trying to make this community a better place for all.

As for “Let's all get rich?”, having personally known Jim for decades, I assume he is suggesting we're trying to catch up to his level of inherited wealth, which was created in part by a real estate development deal, which included the sale of his family's property, which was subsequently subdivided into 80 lots, part of Maracaibo Estates.

Jim, in his presentation to the B.C. Transmission Corporation in 2005 (available online), described the Maracaibo area prior to its development, as being a “beautiful spur of moss-covered Garry oak habitat” and “a pristine and unique ecosystem,” it appears his parents had an entirely different perspective on real estate and investments in their family's estate.

And, indeed it would be nice if, just like Jim, I too didn't have to work for a living, because I would love to be a (relatively) young, retired armchair critic with nothing better to do than write short and self-righteous smartass letters . . . you know . . . just like Jim.

CINDY BOOTH,
FRAZIER ROAD

Editor's note: Because the above letter contained detailed claims about an individual's personal finances, part of this letter was verified with the person in question. Jim Russell then chose to respond to that part as follows, in an open letter to Eric Booth (having assumed the letter was signed by Eric).

In response

Sounds like I really annoyed Eric by suggesting that he was a Trust-Buster and a pro-development stooge. He is way off base, however: in the first place, those were not my words to the B.C. Transmission Corp. back in 2005 . . . he must have me confused with someone else.

Secondly, I doubt if there is another family on this island who took a bigger financial hit when the Trust formed back in the early 1970s and made it virtually impossible to develop our land at a time when Barrett's Privateers (the NDP) were upping land taxes through the stratosphere.

When it comes to my own personal situation (as if that is anybody's business), the only people who benefitted from my family being forced to sell our land after my father's untimely death in 1972 were the buyers and (guess what?) a handful of lawyers. I should be the last person on the island to support the Trust. Without the Trust, my family would have been free to whack Nose Point up into quarter-acre lots and make at least \$50 million, no problem. The trouble is that by now the rest of the island would also be whacked up into quarter-acre lots, and I probably wouldn't want to live here anymore. Being super rich, I would just sail my yacht over to Monte Carlo, right, Eric?

So, if I sometimes come off as a pro-Trust, anti-development/socialist Booth Basher who never had to plant trees or go fishing for a living, please forgive me . . . I didn't mean to poke you in the eye, Eric. (Heck, I was only trying to poke Kimberly in the eye!) Sorry, bro.

I will, however, continue to expose you and all the other incorporationists for what you essentially are: free-market capitalists who chafe mightily at the restrictions imposed by the Trust and would like to change things back to what they once were in the mid 1960s. So would I, believe me, but those days are gone, forever.

Why don't you and I sail over to Bowen Island this summer (on my luxurious yacht) and interview everyone about what it's like to live on a Trust island that has also incorporated? That might be interesting. Maybe the Driftwood would even pay us?

JIM RUSSELL
SALT SPRING

NEWSBEAT

DIVINATION

Tea leaf reader recruited to predict NBA star's move

Request from New York City a first for Tanya Lester

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

LeBron James may be to basketball fans what Wayne Gretzky once was to hockey, but a local tea leaf reader had never heard his name before she was asked to predict his future.

A self-described psychic who channels spirit guides to make her readings, Tanya Lester often does her work for long-distance clients.

Getting the commission to predict a sports star's next move was a first.

"I have received other requests for readings, but certainly not from a journalist who lives in New York City," Lester told the Driftwood.

Sportswriter Ferdinando Di Fino contacted Lester for the reading as part of a story he's working on for AOL.

He told her the entire sports world is trying to guess where James will go after his contract

in Cleveland ends this year — and he decided non-sports experts had as much chance as anyone to predict the end result.

Di Fino said his article will include information from an astrologer and experts in body language and handwriting.

Though he'd never heard of Salt Spring — Lester later described its location to him as being in "Steve Nash country" — he found the local contact through a website listing for her new book.

When she performed the reading a couple of weeks ago, Lester purposely kept her knowledge about James to a minimum, keeping her "slate" free of rational thoughts or preconceived opinions.

"Usually I feel my intuition has to be clear," she explained.

Lester didn't have a list of potential teams James would likely consider or know who had the money to afford him.

She did look at his photo on AOL and concentrated on his image while drinking the tea to predict his future choice.

"He's not a complicated person, he just loves to play basketball, that's his main thing."

TANYA LESTER
Tea leaf reader

One of the first things Lester saw in the cup was that James has "the power of the bull." She also saw he needs elbow room both on and off the court.

"What he's looking for besides money is a home," Lester said.

"He's not a complicated person, he just loves to play basketball, that's his main thing. But right now he's very confused because up until now there's been other people making his decisions for him."

Lester read in the leaves that James wants to stay in Cleveland but the money's not

there.

He will choose Chicago because he finds New York too claustrophobic, and some of the money bringing him there will come from Oprah Winfrey.

After sending Di Fino her results, along with photos of the cup taken by Jennifer Holmes, Lester learned that Chicago is one of four teams that James will probably choose between. And, it was only then she found out that Chicago's team is called the Bulls.

Lester will see what the other experts have come up with when Di Fino's story is published during the upcoming NBA finals.

As for James, he has until the end of August to make his decision and Lester, like millions of others, will be watching to see where he goes.

"This is why I like being a tea-leaf reader, because every day someone calls and wants a reading — and everyone's life is interesting."

Lester's new book called Confessions of a Tea Leaf Reader can be ordered online at www.innercirclepublishing.com.

LIBRARY

Funding runs out for AskAway service

Students to bear brunt of loss

Provincial government funding cutbacks announced earlier this year give the Salt Spring Island Public Library no choice but to shut down its popular AskAway program at the end of the month.

AskAway is a province-wide "virtual reference service" designed to give library patrons in rural and remote areas an opportunity to consult professional librarians anywhere in B.C. about research and reference material.

Librarians at smaller libraries also get the opportunity to offer their library and research expertise to anyone in the province who may need a hand.

"It's sad that it's gone," said Tilly Crawley, chair of the library board. "[Ask Away] is not quite so crucial now that there's the internet, but it's nevertheless an important service."

A majority of the 130,000 queries submitted to the program since 2008 were from students between Grades 2 and 12, based on information released by the British Columbia Library Association.

Students routinely used the program for help with assignments and as a study aid.

According to the BCLA, public libraries have kept the service running thanks to other funds, by making staffing adjustments and reducing service hours.

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Watch for the Fall Fair Catalogue and make your entry in Hobby Arts according to your age. Everyone will be looking forward to seeing the results.

See you at the fair!

NEWSBEAT

HOUSING

Affordable housing strategy moves forward with hiring of a consultant

Community support for change sought

Potential development of affordable

housing on Salt Spring has taken a big leap forward with the convening of a steering committee and part-time coordinator to guide and manage the development of a Community Affordable Housing Strategy.

Steering committee chair Christine Torgrimson said she is pleased that Janis Gauthier of J. G. Consulting will coordinate the project, under the guidance of five committee members: Capital Regional District Housing Secretariat senior manager Henry Kamphof; Salt Spring Island Foundation chair Carol Biely; islands trustees Christine Torgrimson and George Ehring; and CRD electoral area director Garth Hendren. The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, CRD, Salt Spring Island Foundation and Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia are the primary project funders.

"Addressing the need for affordable housing is our community's most pressing need," Torgrimson emphasized in a press release issued Monday. "Even though the community has successfully created several hundred community housing units over the years, and the trustees have recently given preliminary approval to 11 more, this doesn't come close to addressing the current challenge," she said. "The community desperately needs a thorough, widely supported and successful community housing strategy that will help both the profit and non-profit sectors develop affordable housing."

The housing strategy will build on results of a Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the LTC. That study found the need for affordable housing on the island "is both broad and extensive" and that "the gap

between housing prices and income levels leaves many islanders at risk.

The ongoing process will engage housing providers and advocates at key junctures, and will also include wider community consultation.

As project coordinator, Gauthier said she is consolidating the results of existing research and consultations into a draft housing strategy document for steering committee review and community input. The strategy's primary outcome, she explained, will be to help the community provide safe, adequate and affordable housing for those in need.

Its four goals are: 1) create a diverse supply of affordable housing opportunities; 2) improve housing and support for the most vulnerable populations; 3) better meet the needs of low- to moderate-income residents;

and 4) increase community understanding and support for affordable housing.

"The community has already completed much of the background work necessary to develop a draft strategy," Gauthier said. "I am confident that the steering committee has the leadership and vision to effectively engage key partners and the broader community in creating and supporting an effective affordable housing strategy."

Consultation with stakeholders will begin this summer, with public consultations in the fall and a completed strategy in hand sometime in the coming winter.

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Christine Torgrimson can be reached at 250-538-0199 and at ctorgrimson@islandstrust.bc.ca.

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TRIATHLON

Bosman shows who's boss at SSI triathlon

Event showcases swim, bike, run sport

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With an overall time of 1:17:50, Salt Spring resident Johan Bosman, 29, won first overall on the morning of Sunday, June 13 at Salt Spring Island's first-ever triathlon.

The top-placing female was Rachel Gardner, 21, with a time of 1:19:34.

Gardner also currently lives on the island.

Of the two participants enrolled in the kids-only race, Jacob Stocks, 7, came in first, although no official times were recorded.

The event drew 20 participants, beginner and experienced triathletes alike, who tackled the 500 m Rainbow Road Pool swim, 20 km bike ride and five km run.

For Bosman, a member of the Salt Spring Triathlon Club, the event was a chance to



Seven-year-old Jacob Stocks holds up his certificate as the first across the line in the kids-only race as Nathan Cooper (one of the event organizers) crouches beside him.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

compete as a triathlete on his home training course.

"It's nice to see all the familiar faces," he said

after the race.

"It felt like a family outing. It was the first race I've been in where I've known everyone."

For video footage of participants crossing the finish line, see the online version of this story at gulflands-driftwood.com in the Sports section.

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SWIMMING

Stingrays break the ice in style at first swim meet of the season

Ribbons and best times the order of the day

Thirty-six Stingrays attending the Duncan Icebreaker meet on June 5-6 got their season off to a remarkable start at their first meet of the season.

Salt Spring swimmers brought home 27 first-place ribbons and 102 personal best times were recorded.

Two of the biggest time drops

came from Alyssa Andress, who shaved 13 seconds off her 50-m backstroke time to arrive in 49.20 seconds, and Rylan Burnett, who cruised his 100-m IM in 1:49.19, or 21 seconds faster than his previous record.

Ariana Fraser swam a provincial qualifying time in her 50-m breaststroke (40.89), putting her in a good position to qualify for provincial championships at the end of the summer.

Luke Hylands likewise per-

formed at a provincial level, slicing three seconds off his 100-m freestyle time to win his division with a time of 1:04.34. Owen Norgard, Davin Norgard, Alistair Hayne, Camille Smith and Sebastian Howe rose to the challenge of their first ever swimming competition with confidence and terrific speed.

The team is now hard at work gearing up for a meet at the Commonwealth pool on June 19-20.



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CYCLING



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Cyclists Jana Roerick, left, and Deborah Gainer.

Cyclists ride to conquer cancer

Two-day journey

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After five months of training and logistical planning, this weekend's 200-kilometre charity bike ride from the Lower Mainland to the Seattle area should be pretty smooth cruising for two island participants.

For cyclist Jana Roerick, the most daunting aspect of the entire adventure is figuring out how to get from her home on Salt Spring to the start line in Surrey.

"We've gone through about 11 scenarios so far," Roerick said in an interview four days before her departure. "It's been quite a trip to figure out all the logistics."

Roerick and cycling companion Deborah Gainer will join thousands of other cyclists on Saturday morning for the second-annual Ride to Conquer Cancer.

"I look at it as a personal challenge for myself," Roerick said.

The 200-kilometre ride takes cyclists on a two-day expedition along mainly rural roads through southwest B.C. and northwest Washington State.

Participants get to bunk in a makeshift tent city south of the border before setting out on the trip's final leg on Sunday morning.

In preparation for the event, Gainer and Roerick spent the past several months cycling along island roads and riding on the 29-kilometre Lochside Regional Trail that links downtown Victoria to Swartz Bay.

Just this past weekend, Gainer rode 100 kilometres in a single day.

Aside from a sore bum and a nagging knee issue, Gainer said, she's pumped up and prepared for the main event.

Roerick, who owns Jana's Bake Shop in Ganges, said she signed up for the ride because of her love of cycling and a close friend who is recovering from breast cancer.

Ride to Conquer Cancer organizers want to exceed the almost \$7 million raised by the 1,701 participants who rode in last year's event. Money raised will fund the B.C. Cancer Agency and its programs across British Columbia.

For more information about Roerick and Gainer's ride or for details about how you can make a donation, visit www.janaroerick.blogspot.com.

OPERATION TRACKSHOES

Locals earn sportsmanship title

Team thanks community for keeping dream alive

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It could have been team spirit or it may have been the tie-dyed jerseys.

Whatever it was, Salt Spring competitors at this past weekend's Operation Trackshoes event in Victoria proved a shoe-in for the 2010 adult sportsmanship trophy.

"I think we also had the coolest uniforms," said Bill Nash, a volunteer coach with the Salt Spring team and a member of Gulf Islands Families Together.

Ten athletes from the island's Special Olympics group took part alongside 500 other athletes from across the province in dozens of events ranging from croquet to a 4x100-metre relay as part of the 40th annual Operation Trackshoes celebration from June 10 to 12.

"The highlight for me is being a part of these guys' experience," Nash said.

"Every year, they pretty much start talking about next year's Trackshoes on the way back. It's very exciting for everyone."

Clad in their trademark rainbow jerseys,



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MOONEY

Salt Spring's Operation Trackshoes team: most sportsmanlike.

"Every year, they pretty much start talking about next year's Trackshoes on the way back."

BILL NASH
Volunteer coach

Salt Spring's contingent capped off a stellar weekend of competition by winning the annual 10-person tug-of-war showdown.

The sportsmanship trophy, Nash said, is awarded to the team that best exemplifies

the Operation Trackshoes ethic of participating and having fun.

This year's squad comprised Mahjor Bains, Stuart Elliott, Amy Fortin, Chris Joynson, Pam MacDonald, Carlos Manzano, David McEachern, Jason Newport, Kandra Riley and Naomi Van Pelt.

The group spent their nights lodged at the University of Victoria residences and competed in events on the campus throughout the weekend.

The annual sporting event is led by a volunteer crew that's dedicated to offering a safe and supportive environment for the integration of people with and without disabilities through participation

in recreational and social activities.

Given the extent of provincial government funding cuts, Nash said, this year's event would not have been possible without the generous support of island residents, businesses and organizations.

"Due to recent cutbacks in government funding, parents and guardians had to pay nearly double this year to send athletes to Operation Trackshoes," Nash said.

Further donations can be made by contacting Annika Lund at Salt Spring Island Community Services at 250-537-9971 or by putting receipts in box #101 in Country Grocer's Save-A-Tape program.

Sidewalk Superintendent

The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

Windsor earns honours from Building Supply Industry Association

- Salt Spring Windsor Plywood store owners Ken Marr and Mike Stefancik accepted their runner-up Orion Store of the Year Award at a gala awards night in Penticton last month. Windsor earned the award from the Building Supply Industry Association at an event that coincided with the Westcoast Building and Hardware Show. The Salt Spring store was ranked one of the top 15 BSIA member retail stores in the province through a mystery shopping evaluation.
- Salt Spring Island Garden Service is a new but long established garden maintenance business. Formerly Full Bloom Gardening, Kim Stewart has been happily working in Salt Spring gardens since 1996. In addition to garden

Ken and Mike accept award

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AND THEY'RE OFF: Grades 4 and 5 students from elementary schools across the island took part in a track and field competition at Portlock Park last week.

SAILING

Imp cruises to sailing victory

Skips prepare for Vendee Salt Spring

Skip Greg Slakov took an early lead in Sunday's Channel Island race and never looked back.

With the exception of Slakov's Imp, the regatta's six registered vessels had a hard time contending with an inconsistent northerly wind out of Ganges Harbour.

Slakov finished the event with a corrected time of 3:55:55, nearly 10 minutes ahead of second-place skip Gyle Keating aboard Empezar.

The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club hosts weekly Wednesday night racing events every week until the end of August.

The club is busy gearing up for the annual Vendee Salt Spring, which takes place on July 3 and 4.

This year marks the sixth annual running of the two-day return trip between Salt Spring Island and the Maple Bay Yacht Club on Vancouver Island.

Potential competitors in the single/double handed sailing race for monohull sailboats must register no later than June 30.

Registration forms can be downloaded on the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's website.

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When asked, "Why work under the Macdonald Realty name?" Henri, Kelly and Sandra all had similar answers. Macdonald Realty, having been around for more than 65 years, has a lot to offer. It's built its reputation on integrity and attracts top agents to its name. A Vancouver-based company, Macdonald Realty has a significant presence in the lower mainland and Victoria — a big attraction as it leads to excellent exposure in those markets, where most buyers are coming from. They do see buyers from other regions and that's why "Luxury Portfolio" is such an amazing tool, it gives them global exposure.

"It was a bonus, but not a surprise, to find out a few weeks ago that Macdonald Realty was named largest brokerage in Western Canada." ~ Sandra Smith

With 36 years on the island and more than 25 years working in real estate, Henri Procter is an award winning realtor, "My mother was an avid real estate addict and I suppose I caught the bug,"

Henri says. With this much local knowledge it's easy to see why Henri attracts buyers and sellers alike. Macdonald Realty has the tools necessary to market far and wide. "The Luxury Portfolio and Wall Street Journal association give me an opportunity to showcase my properties to international buyers," she says. Henri is grateful for Macdonald Realty's progressive thinking. The MacGreen program, for example, allows realtors to make each transaction carbon neutral, something very important in these times. Dedication and knowledge are just two of the things clients have come to expect from Henri.

Kelly Regen has been in real estate since birth. "I grew up around a real estate office," she says. Kelly's mom being an award winning realtor herself was no doubt an inspiration to Kelly and drove her to succeed in the business. Having become an agent more than eight years ago, Kelly, like her mother is an award winner. She prides herself on providing exceptional service; "service with heart," she says. Macdonald Realty being one of the most recognized brokerages

allows Kelly to stay on the cutting edge of her industry. "Commitment" and "service" are two words Kelly knows well. She sticks by these words and it shows.

"I was determined not to be a renter," Sandra says. She bought her first townhome when she was just 20. Four years of saving for this paid off when she found it was something she was passionate about: "I am a big fan of sweat equity," she says. Speak with Sandra and it is easy to see her passion. The company's professional integrity drove Sandra to join Macdonald Realty. The company's global connections make it possible to be in plain view and having a strong presence in the Vancouver marketplace keeps them visible to the majority of their buyers. Sandra is pleased to be able to offer her clients "careful guidance." Sandra understands that buying a home can be one of the biggest decisions a client ever makes.

It seems like a pretty perfect package; three outstanding women with a commitment to real estate and your best interest! What makes them work well together? With three business minds, similar business practices and ideals, the trio is unstoppable. Their continued desire to learn and openly exchange information "makes each of us stronger and more knowledgeable," Henri says.

If you're looking for guidance in the intimidating world of real estate, why not ask them?

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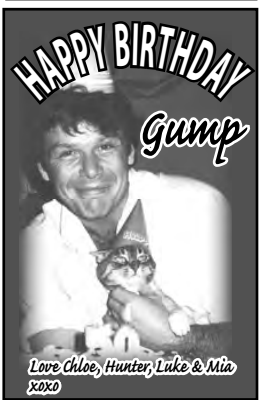
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Paul, son of John Robert
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Pirnay, was born in Buenos
Aires and raised in Belgium. At
the outbreak of WWII, he went
to Britain where he became a
quality-control inspector at a Mosquito Aircraft factory and also
served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

After the war, he immigrated to Canada and moved to Toronto,
Ontario. In 1952 Paul met Margaret at a party and as the saying
goes, fell in love. They were married and raised two daughters,
Anne and Patrice. It was in Toronto that he started his career in
sales. Eventually his interest in real estate led him to become a
Realtor. Later, he held a position as a Real Estate Consultant for
a company called Paramount.

Paul's many pastimes which were shared with his family
included sailing; fishing; building boats, furniture, and
buildings; playing chess; tinkering with radios, machinery
and appliances; fabricating all-terrain vehicles and taking
photographs-both still and movie. His interests greatly varied.
Reading was a great passion; history was a favourite subject;
as well he instilled in his children his abiding love for nature.
Other cultures fascinated him, in particular he was interested
with the First Nations Peoples and their culture.

Paul was fluent in French, had some Portuguese and a little
Italian as well. He absolutely loved Classical music and was
fond of dogs. It was hard to keep up with him at times because
he had so many interests, but he was a lot of fun as well.

It was in the early 1980's when he and Marg first became
acquainted with Salt Spring Island and were so enchanted with
it that they moved and built a home here. Paul quickly became
a member of Salt Spring Island sailing club. He and Marg
enjoyed the wonderful lifestyle on the Island-fishing, sailing,
enjoying the fantastic sunshine and hunting shellfish.

As a husband and father, he was outstanding in his loyalty
and kindness to his family. His advice was sound. Always ready
with a joke, his sense of humour was keen and his tales of his
early days in sales or experiences with government officials
were hilarious.

As members of his family, we are very proud of him, his loyalty
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Recently, Paul passed away at Lady Minto Hospital and a
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EXPERIENCED BARISTA required for Cafe Talia. Apply in person at the cafe.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY ON GALIANO ISLAND
Sturdies Bay Bakery & Cafe, on Galiano Island is looking for an experienced breakfast and lunch cook. The position is available immediately. We are also hoping to fill the following summer positions: dishwasher, cashier, baker's assistant and prepcook.
These jobs are available starting June 20. Please contact Wendy Coburn at wendycoburn@telus.net or call 250 539 2004.

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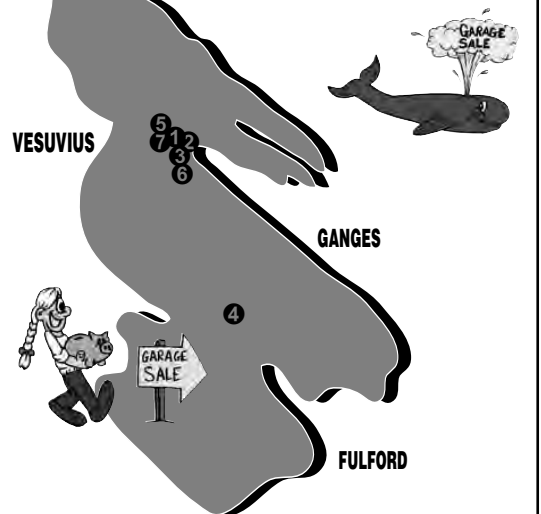
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
With places to go, people to meet and a lot to say you are on an exciting role. The time has come to take some calculated risks. You are in a revolutionary mood and are determined to expand your position. A strong will to do the work and whatever it takes is a good sign for your success. Love is in the air and your heart is beating strongly to make some new and better investments.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
Taking stock of your skills and talents is a central focus for you now. Stimulating new streams of income is quite likely. This may require further education and/or on the job training. Creating more security and beauty close to home may be the carrot you are reaching for or is it all for love and desire? You are willing to play the game and negotiate for a better deal.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
The Sun in your sign is a sure sign of your enthusiasm to take new initiatives. Mercury also in Gemini suggests that your focus is sharp. You are in the mood to make some changes. This includes entertaining an array of inspiring possibilities. As you shop to color your world, you may also feel the urge to see what is around that corner you have not yet investigated.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Your world is undergoing some big changes. You are in the mood to take risks. But you are also cautious and want to be as sure as possible. It may be that you get things in motion now but you may also simply be in the planning stage. Surprise events and perhaps the economy are not leaving you as confident as you like. Yet, duty commands that you advance your position.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Spending quality time with friends new and old is a highlight for you now. You are wise to get it all in now as your mood to socialize may take a sudden downturn soon. Something new and powerful is awakening in you meanwhile - a wake-up call. Ideally, it is a call of the spirit to awaken your heart and guide you to explore new horizons. Polishing your act is part of the plot.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
A sober determination is guiding your focus now. You may desire more recognition. Going what you love and loving what you do is as important as ever. Since you are probably your own worst critic, you may be pushing yourself to new heights. Yet, there may be people in positions of power willing to assist you. Approach authority figures for earned rewards now!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Big ideas, visions and plans are floating in your mind. You are in the final stages of a long cycle that began a few years ago. Your world has likely changed quite a bit since then or at least you feel differently about almost everything. Meeting the challenge of this challenging time will earn you stripes of strength and character, persevere.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Looking within, doing your own research and/or seeking answers from authorities you can trust continues. You want new tools and may even feel the desire to experience an entirely new lifestyle. What to do and where to go are important questions. One this is likely, you are ready for change and something new. Reach out to others who feel similarly.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Your loved love and/or relationships in general are a main focus for you now. Making some sincere efforts in your public and professional life is likely as well. It may be that something good is happening for you. Something big and perhaps unexpected is activating your creative mind. Sometimes the opening is narrow and we have to push to get through, like now.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Some big changes are rolling in for you now. These may well be stirring changes in you, your home, your career and your closest relationships. Regardless of where the emphasis of this major spark is originating from, all the areas mentioned about stand to be affected. It is up to you to make the most of this change or to interpret it as a good thing because resistance is futile.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Your creative juices continue to flow excitedly. You want more love and perhaps affection to. With your ambitions on the rise, you may well be open to all the help you can get now. You are in the last stages of what has likely proven to be a very transformational cycle that began a few years ago. Prepare to take the leap and make the efforts to fly with your new wings.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The desire to be close to home yet the need to be out there and do the work is a current twist of the plot. People and circumstances are supportive of you yet also want you to be at peak performance. Many thoughts and hopefully some deliberate actions to make some big changes in the way you do things are on your mind. Move with this inspiration to build your confidence and determination to secure a better deal.

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FINE ARTS

Second Masterpiece Weekend to showcase artists' best works

Show runs June 18 to 20 at ArtSpring

Original art works crafted especially for a one weekend event will be unveiled Friday with the opening of Masterpiece Weekend.

Taking place June 18 through 20 at ArtSpring, the second annual show promises the best from 24 featured artists presented by participating galleries.

Press material states the Salt Spring Fine Art Group, an association of 12 local galleries, is once again organizing the weekend. Group spokesperson Matt Steffich said based on the response from last year, the group is preparing for even more art lovers this time around.

"We had an amazing turnout and I think we need to give credit to the enduring and much-respected art community we live in," Steffich said.

"When you can boast works by recognized artists such as Robert Bateman, Carol Evans and Morley Myers, you understand the enthusiasm."

Steffich added: "We are trying to consistently create something that appeals to off-island art lovers and brings them here for something unique."

Art lovers from any location can expect to discover quality new works by favourite artists on canvas, quality works in stone, gold or wood, as well as three-dimensional art works in clay or metal and increasingly popular fine art photography.

The timeless pieces highlight what "Canada's number one art destination has to offer," states the release.

Masterpiece Weekend show times are Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Masterpiece Weekend is organized by the Salt Spring Fine Art Group: Galleons Lap Atelier-Gallery, Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art Gallery, Gallery 8, Martinus Studio-Gallery, Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art, Steffich Fine Art, Stone Fish Gallery with sculptor Allan Crane, and sponsors, Hastings House Country House Hotel and ArtSpring.

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BELTIN' IT OUT: Rehearsals for the summer run of the Rocky Horror Picture Show are well underway. From left is Amos Mitchell (Rocky), Kaya Hunter (Janet), Fred Williamson (Phantom), Jeremy Monkman (Brad). Director Rachel Jacobson watches from behind.



CELEBRATION

Kunamokst unveiling makes exciting arts weekend set for Galiano Island

Art show, reception and music events planned

A celebration of the arts takes place on Galiano Island this weekend, as the Kunamokst mural is unveiled at its permanent home.

Events include a June 19-20 art show and sale in the gardens and the inn from noon to 5 p.m.

On Sunday, June 20, an artists' reception runs from 1 to 3 p.m., with classical music performed by Toby Beaulieu.

The mural will be unveiled at 3 p.m.

Then from 5 to 8 p.m., Mojo Zydeco from White Rock will play lively zydeco music.

The project that saw a huge mural created from panels contributed by some 200 artists for the Winter Olympics will be installed at the entrance of the Galiano Oceanfront Inn and Spa.

Designed and orchestrated by Lewis Lavoie, Phil Alain and Paul Lavoie, Kunamokst — Coastal Inspirations Mural Mosaic combines artists as young as 16 years old to artists over 90 years old.

There are artists from various regions along the coast, internationally renowned artists, French Canadian artists, Galiano artists like Kenna Fair, Keith Holmes, Larry Foden, First Nations artists like critically acclaimed Roy Henry Vickers and April White, and iconic Canadian artist Robert Bateman. Teresa Hitch from Salt Spring also participated. Special guest artists include California world renowned whale muralist Wyland and California muralist Judy Baca.

Kunamokst — which means "together" in the Chinook jargon — is comprised of 231

original paintings that combine to bring to life a new, united image.

There are no digital effects, and the artists did not know each other nor did they know what the final image would be. The artists were given a 12" x 12" panel, and were instructed to paint their interpretation of West Coast life, be it sea life, or seafaring life, with the only guideline being to follow the general colour palette and tone of the panel they were given.

None had any idea of the larger painting they were creating, until the unveiling.

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JAZZ

Montreal-based trio redefines jazz on manual transmission tour event

Braveheart from Montreal at All Saints June 26

Touring live jazz might not be the most obvious way for young people to get their kicks these days, but that's exactly what the three 20-somethings of Braveheart are doing with their summer.

The Montreal-based trio is piling drums, double bass and a couple of saxophones into the flatbed of an old, manual transmission pick-up truck, strapping on a camper and taking their songs all

across Western Canada. The fact that no one in the band knows how to drive standard isn't something they're letting worry them.

Omar Amlani (drums), Ted Crosby (saxophone) and James Meger (bass) will play at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday, June 26 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The trio first played all together at an impromptu all-night recording session in Montreal.

"The various burrito restaurants, bars and pick-up gigs they've played since then have confirmed their chemistry as friends and players," explains press

material. "Embarking on their first tour from Montreal, Braveheart plays with the ferocious determination that jazz is meant to be more than just background music for upscale wine bars. And if they figure out how to drive manual transmission, they'll be well on their way to redefining what 20-somethings are supposed to do with their summers."

Although their interest in all out free-form experimentation makes them just a touch edgier than what you might find at most classic jazz clubs, they say that shouldn't translate to "Run away, quickly." In fact, the trio's dedication to the sounds of people such as Duke Ellington, Ornette Coleman, Sonny Rollins and Thelonious Monk keeps their music extremely listenable.

"At times fast and furious, at other times lush and evocative, Braveheart always forges ahead with a restless sense of drive and deep, rhythmic groove."

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For people who like their whiskey straight, their love songs sad and their red-headed men long and soulful, Russell deCarle is a not-to-be missed treat on this weekend's entertainment agenda.

With his sidemen Steve Briggs and Denis Keldie, the audience at a Saturday, June 19 show at Fulford Hall will go on a musical odyssey from Nashville to Memphis to Austin with a quick stop on the Champs Elysées and a final resting place somewhere deep in the Bayou.

"... a musical odyssey from Nashville to Memphis to Austin ... Champ Elysées ... [and] deep in the Bayou."

DeCarle is a founding member, lead vocalist, bassist and contributing songwriter to the multi-platinum, six-time Juno-award-winning country roots group Prairie Oyster.

The band has had four number-one country singles in Canada, eight of the band's albums have been certified gold or platinum and they were recently inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame.

As a solo artist, deCarle has appeared on CBC TV's Songwriters' Circle, opened for Merle Haggard on his cross-Canada tour, travelled coast-to-coast with Bluebird North Songwriters' Tour and was a featured guest on Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café Christmas Tour 2008.

Russell has also appeared as a guest vocalist on numerous occasions (Bebop Cowboys, Rita Chiarelli, Terra Hazelton) and has won two SOCAN Song of the Year awards.

Trish Nobile of the Salt Spring Folk Club, which is putting on the concert, said not only is deCarle a great performer but his recently released solo recording called Under the Big Big Sky is fantastic.

The concert begins at 7 p.m., but just like with regular folk club concerts, a delicious dinner from Fiddlehead Catering (including a vegetarian option) is available after doors open at 6 p.m. Yummy desserts are also featured.

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BLUES

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Moby's pub hosts a Canadian music legend when Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band hits the stage on Saturday, June 19.

With a career that began humbly at a University of Victoria sub pub in the early '80s, this band led the live music, independent recording and producing scene in Victoria during that period.

"They became RCA recording artists, received rave reviews of live performances along the way and shared stages with Paul Butterfield, Joe Cocker, Stevie Ray Vaughan and the great Muddy Waters, leaving an indelible legacy of 21 recorded tracks that still stand the test of time," states press material.

The group is anchored by Hank "Uncle Wiggly" Leonhardt



Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band.


(also known as "Lionheart"), a prolific blues lyricist and vocalist.

Joining him for the Moby's gig, which begins at 8 p.m., is Salt Spring's own saxophone master Dave Rowse, Tyler Piercy

(drums), guitarist Mark Comerford (also in Soul Station), Norm Piercy (bass) and Brent Hutchinson (sax) from Out Of The Blue and Hank in Toasters, Kingpins (with Jack Lavin) and currently in A Fistfull Of Blues.

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CULTURE

Mayan history and culture talk to benefit Tsawout longhouse

Ronald Wright leads by-donation event

An illustrated talk by Ronald Wright will add to Salt Spring Islanders' efforts to help the Tsawout people of North Saanich rebuild their longhouse.

On Tuesday, June 22 at Lions Hall, Wright will give a presentation on the culture and history of the ancient Mayan civiliza-

tion, followed by time for questions and discussion.

A resident of Salt Spring, Wright was the author of the CBC Massey Lectures for 2004, titled A Short History of Progress. Since then he has produced another fascinating volume titled, What is America? A Short History of the New World. Tuesday's event, which begins at 7 p.m., is sponsored by Salt Spring Islanders for Reconciliation and

Justice and is the second Raising the Longhouse fundraiser held on the island.

Last August the Tsawout longhouse burned to the ground. The cultural and spiritual centre for the Tsawout and other neighbouring First Nations, it will cost about \$1 million to replace.

All funds raised at the June 22 event will be given to the Tsawout people. Admission is by donation.



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BOOKS

Local artist shares passions in post-modern scrapbook

June Boe illustrates creative '60s era

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An artist and activist who came of age in the 1960s' counter-culture is sharing her perspective in a new, self-published book. *One*Only* is June Boe's first publication, a photo-memoir testament to times past with ideas to help shape the future.

During a recent interview with the Driftwood, Boe said although the book contains some of her history, it is not a complete record and shies away from personal revelation. Rather, it is a platform for her to consider areas of life she is passionate about and to offer direction based on her experiences.

"I wanted to talk about the things I'm passionate about," Boe explained. "I didn't want it to be me, me, me. It's more about how I believe the world should go."

*One*Only* is a pastiche of ideas, memories and images, a post-modern scrapbook that encompasses subjects like architecture, fashion, family and art. Boe's handwritten text is interposed with reproductions of family photos from childhood to present day, her own paintings and photos and poetry she wrote dating 50 years back. She also includes images that illustrate her interests, such as fashion photography.

Although Boe doesn't want to be the only focus, as the filter through which these ideas pass she is necessarily part of the story. And it's elements of her life that are most likely to draw readers in.

Boe's childhood in Vancouver was one of rare privilege: her father Earl Dagliesh was the city's distributor for Warner Brothers Pictures, which gave her a view into Hollywood's most glamorous era. When Errol Flynn died in Vancouver in 1959, Dagliesh got a call from a Hollywood studio for help as their only Canadian point of contact.

As a girl, Boe used to accompany her father to a screening room on Davie Street where movies were previewed before going to theatres. She remembers seeing the smoke-filled room pierced by the projector's light.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Audience will be dancing in their seats at next All Saints Brazilian music recital

Billie Woods and Mike Wall perform Brazilian popular music

One of the pleasures of Music and Munch is the great variety of music that is played, together with a mix of new faces and old friends.

Next Wednesday's concert on June 23 offers all of these facets, with the rhythmic and spontaneous sounds of Billie Woods and Mike Wall.

A first-timer at Music and Munch, Woods is well known on the island as an accomplished guitarist and singer.

At the age of 17, Woods went



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Artist June Boe is the creator of a new book.

"I fell in love with film — I didn't know then that I would become a photographer."

Boe's education brought her to London, England in 1961, where she went to school for two years. While there she experienced a "personal turning point" that led to her peace activism; she became completely involved with the Ban the Bomb movement. She was arrested several times and once shared a group cell with actress Vanessa Redgrave.

Back in North America, Boe continued to identify with the burgeoning counter-culture. She studied at the Vancouver School of Art and visited San Francisco to see Alan Ginsberg. She also travelled to Greece and just missed meeting Leonard Cohen on the island of Hydra.

"Vancouver was a very young city and I didn't like it there when I came back from London," Boe recalled. "While I was there I learned about art, architecture, culture and political consciousness."

As a young married woman living in West Vancouver, Boe created her own fashions from recycled fabrics and painted art on the outside of her house — an act that enraged her father, who said he would disown her. She later moved to Gibsons where she built her own home and photography studio. She lived there for 20 years and was

well known as a portrait artist before moving to Salt Spring around 15 years ago.

Her life as an artist has not always been easy, which is why part of Boe's current interest is sharing her knowledge of small home design. She is concerned with issues such as local food production, affordable housing and homelessness. She is currently working on a project that considers local homeless people from their side of the story, "because they've been shunned by society."

Boe said she knows from experience how that feels: "I chose to look like a hippie, but I'm not. Going against the grain of society in the '60s wasn't easy. I know what it's like to live on the other side of the fence."

"I came from a well-to-do family, [but] money did not turn me on. Money to me is to express your creativity, if you have it, to exemplify and show what is needed in this world."

Boe feels her book could interest both young people into 1960s fashion and culture and older people who actually remember those times. With the publication of her work she's ready to put herself out there and hear the feedback it generates.

A viewing copy of *One*Only* is available at Salt Spring Books. The book can be purchased on a print-by-demand basis.

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Music & Munch. Charley and Lisa Erck play downhome music in the free recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Richard Cross. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Thurs. June 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Gene Grooms. Live music at Shipstones pub. 7 p.m.
Lane 31. Live music at the Pub at Fulford.
Wallabee Indeed. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Waterdrops Ganges Creek Focus. SS Elementary students man educational stations for celebration at Mouat Park. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Fri. June 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Salt Shakers. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Sweetwater & Co. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Silk. Live music from 2 to 4 p.m. along with local wine and food tastings at Salt Spring Vineyards from noon to 5 p.m.
Broken Strings. At Moby's. 8 p.m.
Mike Demers Trio. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Keith's Argentine Tango Practica. Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m.

Sat. June 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Starlight Pops Choir: All We Need is Music! Victoria choir performs at ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
Russell deCarle of the Prairie Oyster Band. With Steve Briggs and Denis Keldie. Presented by the SS Folk Club at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. (Doors at 6 p.m. & dinner available)
Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band. Live at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Soul Shakedown. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Sunyata. Live music at the Pub at Fulford.
Randy & Karen. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Rod & Gun Club Open House. 223 Long Harbour Rd. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Various demos and a BBQ at lunchtime.
Saturday Night Market. Local and nomadic artisans showcase their works. Food, teas & treats. At Alchemi Living Arts on corner of Jackson and Hereford. Info: alchemilivingarts@gmail.com

Sat. June 19

ACTIVITIES
Argentine Tango Workshop. Skills to Make your Dance a Conversation with Gwen Spinks and Jamie Collier. All Saints. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Advance book/info: sstango@gmail.com
Argentine Tango Milonga. All Saints. 9 p.m. \$10 at the door.
In Full Bloom. Solstice celebration for women of all ages. Beaver Pt. Hall. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info/register: www.creativebynature.ning.com

Sun. June 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Healing Water Project. Lakeside solstice ceremony, dance performances, choir and cello. Opposite 109 Langs Road near St. Mary Lake. 2 p.m. Bring flowers for an altar.
Sue Newman. Live at the Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Departure. Jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.
Jon Bone. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 a.m.
The Barley Bros. At the Pub at Fulford.

ACTIVITIES
Solstice Celebration. Live music, special wine tastings and food at Salt Spring Vineyards. Noon to 6 p.m.
Mother Tongue Book Launch & Celebration. For the Life and Art of George Fertig. Lions Hall. 8 p.m.
Dances of Universal Peace. Celebrating the Solstice. Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 p.m.

Mon. June 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Emily West. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Reading Rocks Summer Reading Club. Register at the library for your reading record. For children ages 6 - 11 years.
Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Public trustees meeting. Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.

Tues. June 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage with David Jacquet. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Gene Grooms. Live music at the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
An Evening With Ronald Wright. Fundraiser for Tsawout Longhouse. Wright gives talk on Mayan culture and history. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Market in the Meadow. Farmers market on Hereford Avenue in Ganges. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wed. June 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Billie Woods & Mike Wall. Brazilian music & jazz at the free recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Chamigos. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Derek Lundy Book Celebration. Reading from Borderlands. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Garden Club. Guest speaker is Marsha Goldberg of the Seed & Plant Sanctuary of Canada. Community Gospel. 7 p.m.

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Prince of Persia, The Karate Kid, Toy Story 3 & The Last Airbender coming soon!

EXHIBITIONS

- **Masterpiece Weekend.** Works by 24 top Salt Spring artists at ArtSpring. Friday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (artists' reception from 6 to 9 p.m.); Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **ArtCraft** opens its 2010 season with **Deon and Kathy Venter** in the **Showcase Gallery**, presenting selected works from three series **Missing, Highway of Tears and One**; an exhibit where the two artists intersect. Opening reception at Mahon Hall on Friday, June 18, 6 to 8 p.m. The show runs concurrent with ArtCraft, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., until June 30.
- New paintings by **Carol Haigh** at **Steffich Fine Art** from Thursday, June 17 onward.
- **Starfish Gallery** is showing **Wildlife** bronzes by **Paul Harder** from Thursday, June 17 through Wednesday, June 30.
- **Pegasus Gallery** of Canadian Art mounts a small exhibit of photographs from the **Silent Warriors** series by **Eric Klemm** until Sunday, June 27.
- Original hand-woven and hand-knitted garments by **Ilse Leader** at the **Fulford Seniors Centre** next to Fulford Hall. Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Pat Webber Pottery Sale** at **425 Stewart Rd.**, Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Garry Gray** has an exhibition of paintings in the Bateman Gallery at **ArtSpring** through Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Point Gallery** shows **A New Wilderness**, photographs by **John Denniston** in the Upper Gallery, and **Mine Sites**, photogravure by **Steven Dixon** in the Lower Gallery, daily until June 20.
- **Susan Haigh's** new studio and gallery displaying her vibrant floral paintings and cards at **289 Cusheon Lake Rd.** will be open on Saturdays, June 19 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling 250-537-8912 for an appointment.
- **Darryl Snaychuk: Hide Your Face** is the June exhibit at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** cafe in Ganges.
- **Salt Spring Painters' Guild** has a showing of artwork at **Island Savings Credit Union** until the end of July.
- **R.M. Dupuy** shows more portraits of islanders and exciting new Salt Spring landscapes, painted with knives, in the **ArtSpring** lobby. Runs through June.
- **Tina Louise Spalding** shows her **Celestial Collection** at **Cafe Talia** through June.
- **Jim Standen's** photo exhibit, featuring Salt Spring-grown produce, is now being displayed on the walls at **Bruce's Kitchen**.
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READY FOR SUNDAY SINGING: Members of the United Church choir are set to sing during a recent Sunday service. The singers were wearing new collars with their choir gowns.

BOOKS

American obsession with security explored in Lundy's *Borderlands*

Personal loss motivates transnational motorcycle trek

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring author Derek Lundy, the bestselling nonfiction writer of *The Way of a Ship* and *The Godforsaken Sea*, is once again topping book store displays with his latest release, *Borderlands*.

Having previously braved the elements for his books about sailing and violent political activity in an examination of Northern Ireland, Lundy puts both aspects together in this study of "the American obsession with security."

Lundy will read at a special event at ArtSpring on Wednesday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

He recounts his journey aboard a clunky Kawasaki KLR motorcycle, riding the American borders with Mexico and Canada from east to west during a period of heightened fear, paranoia and even danger.

With interesting historical facts that everyone can probably stand to brush up on and keen insight into the contemporary political climate, *Borderlands* is a valuable contribution to North American studies.

But above all it is a good read, peppered with Lundy's personal travails as the motorcycle ride progresses and he meets the borders' quirky inhabitants. Mexican illegals trying to make their way through the desert, armed vigilante militias trying to keep them out, Mohawk sovereigntists and hot blond customs agents all make an appearance.

Lundy undertook his research adventure the year he turned 60, 25 years after he last rode a bike. The real dangers he risked just in making the trip were amplified by the route he chose: right through an increasingly militarized zone of gun-toting drug runners and equally armed Border Patrol agents on the southern side. But the urge to enter this challenging route into a new book came not just from his interest in the political climate but a need to do something extreme after three close friends died that year.

As he explained to the Driftwood, the element of his friends' deaths "was really quite a big motivator in the kind of book I wanted to write and what kinds of things I wanted to do to write it."



Derek Lundy on the road researching his new book.

His commitment to the hard road was to help him process his grief and to memorialize Mike, Chris and Will.

"Does it make any sense to remember friends by riding 20,000 kilometres alone on a motorcycle?" he asks in the prologue. "Who cares if it doesn't," he answers himself.

The personal factor therefore threads throughout the narrative, one in which Lundy's battles with bad roads and worse weather is an entertaining read in itself. But the overarching investigation provides a glimpse of American society that Canadians rarely see and are perhaps about to become all too familiar with.

During the first of leg of his journey along the border with Mexico, Lundy visits every border crossing and sees many miles of security fencing in between, built at huge expense in an effort to keep out drugs and illegal immigrants. The story of his ride is punctuated by the history of the border area, which he conceives as a third nation, or borderland, unique from either of the countries it divides.

If the area's history is bloody and violent, the current situation is built upon that past. Lundy's own safety was compromised just by riding through some of the places where Mexican drug cartels hold sway. In one particularly scary moment, he is followed by an SUV for 30 miles after being spotted riding by a remote desert house by a rifle-bearing inhabitant. He's also constantly stopped, interrogated and searched by armed Border Patrol guards.

"Early on I thought people were being too cautious and concerned," Lundy said about

the frequent safety warnings he received, from security agents and local contacts alike. As he rode further along his journey, however, he realized they were probably "quite correct."

While the Mexican border may seem exotic and remote for Canadian readers, the situation there has its ghostly shadow along our own border with the States. As Lundy said during the interview, safety is the "paramount concern" for Americans. Homeland Security, the government branch responsible for providing it, is not going away.

It may surprise Canadians to learn that Americans view our peace-loving country as a clear and present danger — mainly as the home of potential Islamic terrorists. Statistics show that around 50 per cent of Americans polled believe the 9/11 perpetrators entered the United States illegally through Canada. (In fact they entered the U.S. directly from other countries with legal documents). And this belief is helping change a border that has been heralded for its open nature for 130 years.

"As far as Canadians are concerned, anyway, the idea of and the era of the undefended border is over now," Lundy said. "It was a great sense of pride for Canadians and a really remarkable achievement... That phase is over now and the border is becoming more like traditional borders."

That means barriers, fortifications and guarded lines. Lundy predicts that Canadians can expect to see many more surveillance drones, Border Patrol agents and even physical barriers in the future. Knowing this, he figures, is the most important lesson of his trip.

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EXHIBITIONS

Venters exhibit launches Showcase season

Opening reception at Mahon Hall on Friday

ArtCraft opens its Summer Showcase Exhibit on Friday, June 18 with Deon and Kathy Venter.

The Venters are internationally acclaimed artists exhibiting in leading contemporary art galleries, museums, national galleries, and with work in public and private collections in Canada, the U.S., U.K., Europe and South Africa.

The Showcase Gallery will present selected works from three series entitled Missing, Highway of Tears and One, an exhibit where the two artists' works intersect.

Deon Venter's paintings examine the multiple images and unknown faces of Highway 16 and the Downtown



Works by Deon Venter will be on display at ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery, starting this Friday.

Eastside's missing women. Using media images, "a language of the everyday," the work insists we encounter the massive loss of life. And, while the visual information he offers is obscured, we observe the traces he leaves behind more closely.

Kathy Venter, a sculptor, has chosen a subject that is familiar — a young woman she has

known and observed for 17 years. Kathy articulates the individual figure in detailed, life-size ceramic forms, offering us an "intense portrait."

Both artists explore lives and passages that are transitive and abstract, whether they are closely known or not. Their work describes versions of humanity, from our time, seemingly fleeting and fragile,

but which "exist as something more eternal."

Everyone is welcome to the opening reception, set for Friday, June 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Showcase Gallery at Mahon Hall.

Missing, Highway of Tears and One is sponsored by MacDonald Realty and runs from June 18 through June 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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Nordine is a veteran of the Monday Night Big Band in Victoria and The Pat Coleman Quartet. She teaches saxophone at Vancouver Island University and directs Swing Shift big band on Salt Spring.

Kerlie McDowall, host of Rhythmaning on CHLY radio, said of Nordine: "A naturally gifted and brilliant talent, Monik Nordine is one of Canada's unique treasures."

Albert, a graduate of Vancouver Island University (and GISS), is successfully launching his career as a freelancer.

Jarvis maintains an active performance schedule in Victoria and other parts of North America and recently opened The Brent Jarvis Academy of Music.

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MOTORCYCLE REVIEW

Triumph-ant Thunderbird takes flight

Test drive in Victoria draws lots of "cool" comments

BY PETER MCCULLY
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"How did they get away with using 'Thunderbird' on a motorcycle?" I wondered as I prepped for my test drive at Savage Cycles in Victoria.

But as it turns out, the Triumph Thunderbird predates the Ford Thunderbird.

Growing up, I remember the next-door neighbour was always tinkering with his collection of Triumph Bonneville's. The Thunderbird is nothing like those earlier era bikes, except to say this Thunderbird enters the big bike category with the ability to compete head to head with others in the class.

Powered by the all-new 1600cc T-16 parallel-twin engine, the Thunderbird delivers class-leading power, torque and economy figures. This TBird offers ABS braking and a six-speed transmission. This is not your father's Triumph.

The first thing I noticed as I circled the TBird were the beautiful spoked wheels and the suspension. The gas tank is large at 5.8 gallons and really squats wide across the frame. Turns out it was just the right size when I hugged the tank heading through some turns.

The dual exhaust really completes the look and the sound. Like others in the class, a wide back tire (200/50/R17) steadies the ride. Crack the throttle and you'll move through traffic pretty quickly. This bike will snap your head back. (Insert your favourite "Peter looked like a Bobble-head" reference here.)

The first test was a tight roundabout a few hundred feet from the Savage Cycles dealership. I went around that a few times to get a feel for the bike, which didn't disappoint at low speed. Then it was off to the highway. Backed by that 1600, I was able to work my way through the first five gears pretty quickly as I headed into Victoria.

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The large speedometer incorporates a tachometer and there is also an LCD trip, fuel, range gauge and clock.

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CLASSIC CARS

A half-century of car customizing fame for Vancouver's Peter Trant

The amazing work and finds of a lifelong collector

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The oxy-acetylene welding set that Peter Trant's parents bought him for his 15th birthday set the stage for the young car enthusiast to build custom cars that would get wide recognition.

Trant's father was a mechanical engineer turned teacher and high school principal who helped his three sons learn to work with both their minds and their hands. His mother instilled a strong work ethic in her sons.

Young Pete Trant turned his first car into a full custom that he drove to high school. He removed all the chrome ornamentation from his 1949 Ford coupe and used his burgeoning metalworking skills to alter the body with the customizing techniques of the day.

All body seams were filled and smoothed with lead. A grille shell from a 1949 Meteor was installed with a hand-made grille welded together using chrome-plated carriage bolt heads surrounded by copper plated bed frame tubing, the headlights were frenched and 1954 Dodge side stainless trim was added along with taillight lenses from



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Pete Trant finished customizing his 1940 Ford pickup in time to display it in the 1960 Motorama Show at Vancouver's Pacific International Exhibition.

a 1953 Mercury. Power windows and electric door openers were installed. A scallop maroon and copper paint job completed the custom car.

By doing all the work on the 1949 Ford at age 16 and 17, Trant taught himself how to do body work and paint. When the Ford was finished in 1957, Trant drove it to Magee High School on Vancouver's West Side through Grades 11 and 12.

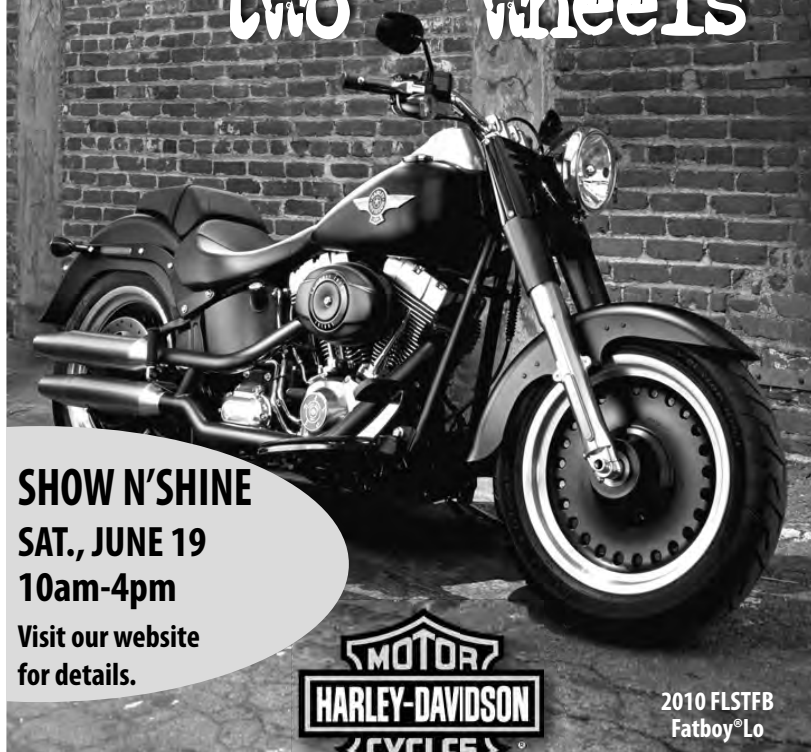
Also in 1957, he became a founding member of West Point

Customs, which grew to become a significant car club with its own clubhouse in a carriage house fixed up by club members behind an old West Side mansion.

But that was just Act 1. His second custom came in the form of a junked 1940 Ford pickup that Trant purchased from Broadway Auto Wreckers on Vancouver's Broadway near Fraser Street for \$15. He would turn the truck into a full custom with candy

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Surprise finds often occur at swap meets

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green paint, white tuck and roll upholstery and power from a 1951 Oldsmobile overhead valve V8 engine with a hydramatic transmission.

Trant entered his creation in the B.C. Custom Car Association Motorama car show held at the Pacific National Exhibition in 1960. It was awarded best pickup in the show and attracted the attention of a photographer for Rod & Custom magazine, which was distributed internationally.

In the 50 years since Trant's Ford pickup was featured in the magazine, Trant bought his own body shop, then got a teaching degree from the University of B.C. and a master's degree from Simon Fraser University, taught high school shop and spent 44 years teaching shop teachers at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. The one constant was restoring cars.

"Around the time the truck was featured in the magazine, I bought a turquoise and white 1955 Oldsmobile Starfire 98 convertible from a car lot in New Westminster," he says. "That was a beautiful car and one I never should have sold."

Then Trant's taste in cars started to work backwards with the acquisition of a 1933 McLaughlin Buick Victoria, which he is still meticulously restoring after 44 years ownership, a 1947 Continental convertible, a 1934 Plymouth coach, a 1911 Overland, a 1912 Kissel Kar and a 1913 Locomobile.

Over the past four decades, Trant has become addicted to vintage car

swap meets and has attended dozens of them all across North America.

"Swap meets provide a wonderful place for car enthusiasts to meet and exchange information and catch up with everyone," Trant says. "It's also a great place to buy vintage and classic vehicles and parts to restore them."

Trant knows that internet sites including Ebay have eroded some interest in classic car swap meets. But he points out that prohibitive shipping charges mean larger items often aren't practical to buy on the internet.

"You can't buy engines and fenders on Ebay and afford to pay for the shipping," he says.

And he points out there can be huge surprises at swap meets, including the acquisition of much needed rare parts to complete restorations. It's also where buyers may find the best deals.

Trant's most remarkable came when he was browsing the tables at the massive Portland, Oregon Swap Meet. He spotted what he recognized as an Adlake fuse panel for the 1913 Locomobile that he was restoring. It was an item he desperately needed and, because it was a one-year only item for that particular car, he had given up hope of finding one.

"It was an amazing find," he recalls. "Because the vendor didn't know what it was or what car it was for he only wanted \$35 for it. I would have paid \$350."

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Pete Trant's classmates at Magee High School in Kerrisdale adorn his fully customized 1949 Ford coupe in the spring of 1958.

The hunt for rare dealer plaques

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Trant has purchased hundreds of these new car dealer plaques at swap meets, including many representing Vancouver dealers of the past: Vancouver Motors, Fred Deeley, Clarke Simpkins, Plimley, Howell-Maclean, Johnston Motors, Hugh Rider, Begg Motors and Lawson-Oates. His favourite, purchased brand new for one dollar at a swap meet, is from Howard & White Motors - Penticton.

So Trant will continue looking for rare dealer plaques along with parts for the many antique, vintage and classic cars that he owns — looking for that nearly impossible to find golden nugget while pursuing an interest that has endured for more than 50 years.

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INTERNATIONAL AID

Support needed for 21st Caravan to Cuba

Salt Spring resident ready to drive bus

With the 2010 Caravan to Cuba leaving from Vancouver in a couple of weeks, now's the time to gather up donations and bring them to local organizers.

This year Salt Spring's contributions won't have far to travel before getting on the bus. Islander Axel Dollheiser of Pretzel Motors has purchased a bus for the caravan and will be driving it too, said local caravan coordinator Lou Ellis on Monday.

"The focus of this year's campaign has mainly been on construction supplies, since reconstruction after the extreme hurricanes at the end of 2008 is still underway and supplies and tools are still in very short supply," said Ellis.

But with all other years, many items are appreciated, such as medical, school and art supplies, sports equipment, bikes and parts.

Anyone interested in supporting the project, either by donating goods or funds, can call Ellis at 250-537-5075, or email maizverdemusica@yahoo.ca.

More general information is also available online at <http://www.ifconews.org/CubaCaravan> (or google "Caravan to Cuba").

As well, on Wednesday, June 30 at

7 p.m. at Lions Hall, islanders can meet Manolo de Los Santos as the Caravan to Cuba speaker this year.

De Los Santos is a Pastors for Peace member who has participated in the last five U.S.-Cuba Friendship Caravans. He has also had the lead responsibility for the organization's work with Honduras since the coup, and has recently returned from that country. He also coordinated the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization's earthquake relief efforts to Haiti this year.

Pastors for Peace is a project formed by the IFCO after IFCO members were among those killed and wounded in an attack by contra forces on a passenger ferryboat in Nicaragua in 1988.

"The aims of the project are two-fold," states its website: "To deliver material aid to support the victims of so-called 'low intensity' war in Latin America and to initiate education and advocacy projects to campaign for a more just and moral U.S. foreign policy in our hemisphere."

More than 50 Pastors for Peace caravans have since travelled in Mexico, Central America and Cuba.

The short video called Who's Afraid of the Little Yellow School Bus, a documentary that follows a past caravan where a shipment was impounded, will also be shown. Admission is by donation.



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HERITAGE MOMENT: Sam Holmes appears to have stepped out of another time and place as he takes part in Phoenix Elementary School's Heritage fair — an annual fundraising event. All proceeds will go toward completing a new climbing structure and garden.

GARDEN CLUB

Seed-saving enthusiast flourishes at garden club's next gathering

Marsha Goldberg of the Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada

Saving seeds and keeping them in the public domain is the passion of the Salt Spring Garden Club's next speaker.

Marsha Goldberg, a founding director of the Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada, which started on Salt Spring in 2002, will speak at Community Gospel Chapel on Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 7 p.m.

"It has been [the sanctuary's]

goal to make seed saving a simple and joyous task, something that family and friends can share together," says a garden club press release.

"This process has gone on for thousands of years, saving the very best of their yearly harvest for seed — selecting for traits of flavour, disease resistance, drought tolerance and the best keepers."

Goldberg will share personal stories from generations past, hopefully inspiring people who share a passion for good, clean and safe food.

She firmly believes that seeds

are not meant to be owned, at least certainly not the heirloom varieties.

"They need to be kept in the public domain and not in the hands of the multinationals," she says.

The seed sanctuary maintains a database of the hundreds of varieties they have worked with, which ensures there is a record that protects them from private ownership.

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Spirit of Salt Spring



The Salt Spring Volunteer Firefighters' Association presents the SSI Therapeutic Riding Association with a cheque for \$4,871.83, representing the proceeds from the association's May long weekend Boot Drive. From left: firefighter Geoff Fishleigh, Liz Anderson (program manager, SS Therapeutic Riding Association), Firefighter Mark Wyatt (president, SSI Volunteer Firefighters Association) and Amy Fortin (rider).

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CREATIVE ARTS

Healing Water Project part of solstice ceremony

Culture invoked to help solve environmental issue

The Healing Water Project — designed to integrate art with environmental issues — will culminate in a lakeside solstice ceremony and a dance performance to live cello music on Langs Road on Sunday, June 20.

The event, which is focused on St. Mary Lake and “healing” the vital ecosystem, begins at 2 p.m. with a ceremonial blessing by local Peneluxuuth’ elder Florence James.

Two short dances will be performed beside the lake to the live music of local cellist Irving Levin, and the event will also include songs about water and the interconnectedness of all life from the local Women of Note choir.

“The art forms of music and dance are powerful tools in communicating the urgent need to heal the waters and our earth,” said choir member Linda Quinn.

Those attending are asked to bring flowers to help build a flower labyrinth, a temporary art work that will disappear into the earth. Everyone is invited to contribute prayers, poems and words about water, which will be added to an eco-friendly art installation on the site. Refreshments will be served.

There is no charge for this event, which is supported by local volunteers and community donations.

Seónagh Odhiambo initiated the project, which involved two generations of dancers in a year-long workshop process.

Originally from B.C., Odhiambo now works as assistant professor of dance at California State University in Los Angeles.

Several community members participated in the project, including Caffyn Kelley of the Islands Institute, along with local dancers Robbyn Scott, Anna Haltrecht, Isabel Ma and Wendy Judith Cutler during workshops held between August 2009 and June 2010.

Odhiambo also worked with students from the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts and their teacher Sonia Langer helped students choreograph with movement derived from the workshops.

“I consider the creation of dance to be an opportunity for community building and education around issues,” said Odhiambo.

“The Healing Water Project is about developing a ‘change of heart’ in terms of how we think about water. The movement we created is derived from the study of environmental issues as well as the aesthetic qualities of water and its healing properties. The dancers’ movements are fluid, and we considered water as a primal source for this aesthetic inspiration.”

As this event helps raise awareness in our community about problems with the water supply, the loss of biodiversity, and the impacts on human, fish and wildlife, it simultaneously offers solutions.

“I see the problem of contaminated lake water as a cultural problem with cultural solutions,” said Kelley.

“We have a culture that wastes, and so we dispose of sewage by sending it downstream or ship garbage off to contaminate another area. Because of our ideas about what is beautiful, we replace diverse lakeside vegetation with monocultural lawns. This project suggests that we can invent and practice a culture of balance, sufficiency, pleasure, appreciation, beauty and craft. We can redesign culture as permaculture.”



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HAWAII BOUND: High school volleyball players aiming to attend a tournament in Hawaii in October washed cars Saturday in the Country Grocer parking lot to raise money for the trip..



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THANKS, CFUW: Jude Marentette, right, and is thrilled to be the first-ever winner of a \$1,000 bursary from the Salt Spring chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women (represented by Barbara DuMoulin, left). Called the Second Chance Bursary, it was created for people who have been out of secondary school for at least five years and want to take post-secondary courses. Marentette will use the funds to augment her editing and publishing skills at SFU this summer.

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EXPEDITIONS

Wolf Kids raise \$1,000 for Tsawout Band longhouse

Youngsters paddle from Salt Spring to Cordova Spit

Students of the Wolf Kids wilderness education program on Salt Spring raised over \$1,000 last week for the Tsawout First Nation's longhouse with a kayak and canoe trip to Vancouver Island.

Wolf Kids collected pledges for the journey, which was made in single and double homemade kayaks and a 22-foot ocean-voyaging canoe donated by the Salt Spring branch of Bank of Montreal.

They paddled from Salt Spring's south end across tide races and whirlpools south to Sidney Island where they camped for the night on Thursday, June 10.

The following morning they kayaked to the Tsawout Band reservation on Cordova Spit, Vancouver Island. Band members met the group of students, as well as teachers and par-



Students, parents and other participants in the Wolf Kids wilderness education program gather for a photo during their recent expedition.

ents accompanying in safety boats, and took them to a building for a prepared lunch.

Band members, including a retired chief of the band, spoke of the importance of children learning the old ways and sensibilities that connected people to the earth.

"They were so wonderful," said Wolf Kids parent and founder Frank Burnaby.

"They were so encouraging of our kids because they really want their kids to be involved in the same kinds of studies — ecological studies in nature as opposed to just information."

Burnaby said the Tsawout Band is trying to maintain a lifestyle that is in close relationship to the environment.

He described how band members raised

both hands up in the air in their traditional way of giving thanks for what Wolf Kids had done for them.

The Tsawout longhouse burned down last year, and fundraising is ongoing to help rebuild it.

At the end of Friday, kids returned home to Salt Spring on the safety boats and the kayaks and canoe returned home by car.

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