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WATER WORKS: Maria Elsser waters the flower box in front of Ganges Stationery on a recent sunny day on Salt Spring.

PLUMPER SOUND

Gulf Islands not an 'industrial doormat'

Marine conservation area needed, trustee says

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Creation of the Gulf Islands National Marine Conservation Area is the best way to stop commercial shipping interests and industry from using the region as a doormat, according to a North Pender Island Local Trust Committee member.

"If the NMCA were established we'd have a way to stop this industrial abuse, because that's what is it," said Gary Steeves, who also serves as a vice chair on the Trust's executive committee. "The province is holding it back and until we speak up this is not going to change."

Parks Canada representatives continue to work towards the creation of a national marine conservation area (NMCA) in the southern Strait of Georgia.

Steeves' comments were a response to a speaker at last week's Trust Council meeting on Saturna Island, who said the time has come to address the rising level of industrial and commercial traffic in Plumper Sound.

Saturna resident Andrée Fredette urged trustees to continue their work with provincial, federal and corporate representatives to control gypsum dust plumes visible from her home.

Plumper Sound is fre-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

'Islands-wide revolt' convenes at park

Islanders for Self-Government hosts 'Independence Day' rally on July 4

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders for Self-Government members encourage everyone with an interest in local politics and accountability to show their support for "genuine for-the-islands, by-the-islands, of-the-islands and on-the-islands local government" on Sunday, July 4 in Centennial Park.

Organizers promise live music, face painting and plenty of fun for all at the Canada Day long-weekend rally set to take place between noon and 3 p.m.

Guest speakers include Senator Larry Campbell, a Galiano Island resident and former

mayor of Vancouver, Salt Spring Coffee Co. president and CEO Mickey McLeod and island realtor Arvid Chalmers.

Kimberly Linerger, a former local Trust committee member who serves as ISG's acting chair, said she anticipates the event will attract islanders of all kinds.

"A diverse group of people will be turning out, not just the contractors," she said. "People have a lot of stories to tell about the Islands Trust and how it affects their lives. People across a broad spectrum are saying, 'Wait a minute, enough is enough.'"

Linerger said the event's purpose is to express

the need for a balance between the Islands Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate and ensuring the community's economic viability.

"It's about finding a balance between conservation and the people who live here," she said.

Linerger said she will extend invitations to community groups and all locally elected politicians in hopes they will attend and listen to islanders' experiences.

She asked that people who wish to attend from other islands in the Trust's jurisdiction call ISG to arrange accommodation in an island home.

"A cursory review of comments posted via [an online petition to review the Islands Trust Act] indicate that anger and frustration with the Trust has been brewing over an array of issues for some time, but it may be the [Salt Spring Coffee Co.]'s

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NEWSBEAT

DISCOVERIES

Dead foreign snake sighting a concern

No danger at hand

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The discovery of a dead, four-foot long constrictor snake on Rainbow Road is unusual but does not present danger to the public, says wildlife enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

Gail Neumann, her son and a friend found the dead snake while taking a walk on Sunday, where it was lying in a ditch near a driveway to Murakami Gardens. They brought the carcass

to Richard Murakami's car repair shop where he disposed of it.

"I was going to walk right by it . . . I thought it was a piece of rope," Neumann said, until her son pointed out its true nature.

"It was rather startling. I'm not terrified of snakes but I don't like them and finding a strange species was rather worrisome."

The find comes two years after a massive rescue of exotic snakes from a house at 100 Rainbow Road. Brunnwieser said the owner of those snakes no longer lives in the home and there haven't been any reptiles there

for a long time. He agreed it is possible the snake had escaped from the house and continued to survive on its own since then, if it found a warm place to sleep and enough food.

BC SPCA Constable Dale Bakken was on Salt Spring for the 2008 rescue operation. After looking at the photo provided by Neumann, he said it is most likely a "rat snake" native to the S.E. United States, either a *Elaphe guttata* ssp. or *Elaphe obsoleta* ssp. Bakken said the person who owned the Rainbow Road snakes had "a number of

hybrids, color morphs and gene carriers of both species. They are common pet store species."

According to Brunnwieser, there is very little chance that any escaped species are dangerous. Strict regulations mean even exotic pet owners rarely have poisonous snakes as pets.

Brunnwieser was called by RCMP when a six-foot-long black snake that escaped from the Rainbow Road house turned up outside Mahon Hall in 2008.

For a photo of the snake, see the online version of this story at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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departure from its birth place on Salt Spring which has coalesced," Lineger wrote in a press release.

A copy of the petition will be available during the July 4 event.

The rally is sponsored by the Gulf Islands Citizens Alliance and Islanders for Self-Government.

More information is available by contacting Islanders for Self-Government at 250-538-1761 or info@islandgov.org.

WILDLIFE

Beaver implicated in felled Ganges tree

No plans to interfere

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Drivers trying to access ArtSpring's rear parking lot last Thursday morning were forced to go in through the "out" gate due to beaver activity that took place in the night.

A local man reported seeing a female beaver in the early hours of the morning as it felled an alder tree across the top of McPhillips Avenue. The tree stood near the creek that divides the road from the Salt Spring Auto Parts property.

Several people came from the nearby Gulf Islands Families Together Society/Carlos' Kindling building and cut the tree in pieces

before removing it from the roadway around 9:30 Thursday morning.

CRD bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said Monday he had not received complaints about beaver activity in the area. If the beaver builds a dam in that section of the creek he said it will be the property owner's responsibility to deal with the problem if flooding occurs.

Beaver management guidelines prepared by the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Vancouver Island Region note the animals are protected under Section 9 of the Wildlife Act, which makes it an offence to "disturb, molest or destroy a beaver or muskrat house, den or

dam" except in certain authorized situations.

Property owners are authorized to remove dams to protect land and drainage, as outlined by specific regulations under the Water Act.

The Ministry of Environment report observes, however, that beavers play an important part in building biodiversity and fish habitat and that dam removal should occur as a last resort: "Complete beaver dam removal should only be considered after all other management tools have been exhausted, where an emergency situation has arisen and where measures can be taken to ensure no harmful alteration of fish habitat will occur."

Islanders vow to fight industrial use of marine waters

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quently used for the transfer of gypsum from ocean-going vessels to barges. High winds, Fredette said, can carry gypsum dust across Plumper Sound and towards Mayne, Saturna, South Pender and North Pender islands.

"An operation can last from one to two days," she said.

One of the companies that operates in the sound has agreed to voluntarily imple-

ment dust-reduction technology later this summer.

Fredette acknowledges it's a step in the right direction but wants the Islands Trust to make sure the technology is effective and used regularly.

"Is the Islands Trust a voice that can be used as a bridge to unite people from various islands?" she asked trustees. "Who will speak for islanders if not the people who represent them?"

Trustee Steeves said gypsum operations, combined

with a recent proposal to test a high-speed catamaran in the sound, should place Plumper Sound at the forefront of the Trust's concerns.

"I can tell you right now that the test will not go ahead," Steeves said. "Saturna, Mayne and North and South Pender islanders are prepared to flood the sound with traffic if that's what it takes to stop the test."

Golder Associates, the company overseeing the test of a U.S. vessel in Canadian

waters, has postponed the proposal until the fall.

Public consultation sessions about the test will occur this summer.

Steeves advised people concerned about the region's marine environment's to write their MLA and MP and express support for the proposed Gulf Islands NMCA.

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CONSERVATION

Escalating damage at island's southern hills

Public education urged as remedy to 'wild west show'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Evidence of mounting destruction to private property and sensitive lands has been documented in the Mount Tuam and Musgrave areas and off-road vehicle use is getting the blame.

Salt Spring's southernmost hill country is hiked, biked and driven by a variety of recreational users. For people wanting to get away from it all without leaving the island, places like Musgrave and Mount Tuam are about as far away as you can get.

Two of the qualities that make the area so appealing — remoteness and lack of development — are ironically contributing to its environmental degradation. Users have noted escalating instances of destructive behaviour, including vandalism, commercial waste dumps, shotguns fired and intrusions into protected ecological reserves.

Off-roading is permitted on federal and provincial crown lands, and the area is a popular destination for island riders.

The southern hills also contain a cross hatching of private property, park reserve and protected areas, such as a Garry oak meadow held in covenant by the Islands Trust Fund.

A longtime islander who did not want to be named said she has hiked the area for around 25 years and stewards a number of private properties for off-island owners. In the past two or three years she's noticed increased vandalism, including property gates being torn out. According to her, property owners in the area don't report damages for fear of retaliation.

"Our idea of a good time is hiking in the woods and their idea is some sort of motorized vehicle, but this is beyond that," she said. "It's under siege up there. It's under attack."

Her terminology is not used lightly: one of the woman's friends came back from hiking to find his windshield smashed. Another found her headlight broken.

Const. Kent Emery said the RCMP has not heard many reports of criminal activity in the area. Without enough manpower to do regular checks of the remote region, the police work on case by case basis and only for reported matters.

"We rely on public input, so we really need to have that so we can do a better job," Emery said. He noted the RCMP does send officers out on some long weekends to check for



Off-road vehicle tracks photographed in a Garry oak meadow that forms part of the covenanted Tate lands near Musgrave Road.

public alcohol consumption.

The Salt Spring Conservancy's Environmental Governance Committee prepared a report on the situation earlier this year with suggestions to monitor and self-police the Musgrave area. Jane Petch, a past conservancy director

who chaired the committee at the time, said the situation is serious but warned against putting the blame on all recreational riders.

"I think there's probably a group of people on this island who are really responsible riders," Petch said. "Vandalism is not just a joy ride in the bush, it's criminal activity. People I know who ride out in the bush wouldn't behave like that."

On Mount Tuam, federal agencies Transport Canada and Nav Canada commissioned a Plan for Protecting Species at Risk from ATV use on Mount Tuam. Nav Canada holds a navigation tower there and has received damage to its gates and property. According to the report, the agency could get police support from Victoria RCMP. Since Mount Tuam is visible from Nav Canada sites in Victoria, the idea of using helicopters to prosecute vandals has been raised.

The upcoming provincial plan to license ATV riders is one suggestion raised in the Nav Canada report, as a way of monitoring who is using the area. However, most observers say ATV riders are not the real problem. Rather, it is people using 4x4 off-road trucks.

One local ATV rider, who also preferred to withhold his name, belongs to a loose group of around 30 people who ride dirt bikes, quads and jeeps in the Musgrave area. He said a smaller group of young people with trucks are the ones pulling out gates and ripping out signs.

"I ride with people my age — we're all old," said the 40-year-old rider. "We're not crazy or reckless."

According to him, many people in this group bring their kids along. They pack lunches and then pack out their garbage, and are even organizing a day to tow trailers behind their vehicles and bring out some of the larger items that have been dumped there.

They were the first to report a blaze they saw on Mount Maxwell some months ago.

The riders stick to established trails and don't forge new ones. However, the rider said a public education campaign that makes it clear where sensitive ecological areas would be a good idea, suggesting signs in the main parking area and a possible partnership with other groups.

"We would like to find a happy medium. If we knew there were places people didn't want us to be, we could mark those areas."

Petch said the conservancy is planning a public education session for the fall, so people can learn where the more sensitive areas are and why they should be protected. She's hoping the responsible riders will be there to bring back the information and help change behaviour of the fringe group.

News briefs

Grow-op discovered

Police discovered a small marijuana grow operation last Friday after investigating an abandoned truck in Vesuvius.

The RCMP received a complaint regarding the truck after it was found in a ditch in the 600 block of Vesuvius Bay Road.

They later learned it had been stolen from a residence on Norton Road. Damage to Vesuvius mailboxes was observed.

Police received additional complaints regarding the theft of gas cans from a Vesuvius area residence, the lid to a water meter missing from another and someone having entered a vehicle and taken loose change from an ashtray,

leaving an odour of alcohol behind.

Investigation of these incidents led police to a nearby residence, where the grow-op was located.

One male faces charges of production of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

RCMP are currently investigating the theft of several bottles of liquor from a Grace Point Square business storage room, valued at approximately \$700.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call Salt Spring RCMP.

In other news, the Salt Spring detachment flag is currently at half-mast with respect to the recent loss of Const. Chelsey Alice Robinson of Stony Plain

Detachment in Alberta.

Robinson died in the line of duty, following a two-vehicle collision on Sunday evening. Police say the tragedy is a sad reminder of the dangers officers face every day carrying out their duties to serve and protect Canadians.

Ms. Robinson was a seven-month member of the RCMP and was a troopmate of local Const. Brandon Smith.

Canada Day plans

Islanders and visitors eager to celebrate Canada Day can begin as early as 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, when gates open to the annual Salt Spring Show and Shine.

Musical entertainment begins at 9:45 a.m. with the

GISS senior jazz combo. Lonesome 77 goes on at 10:15, followed by the Salt Spring Concert Band at 11 a.m.

Birthday cake and cannons take place at noon, with the airborne appearance of skydiver Bobby Magee following.

Headliner musical guest Alan Moberg takes the stage from 1 to 3 p.m.

The event is put on by the Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club and sponsored by Island Star Video, J B Group Salt Spring Auto Parts, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, PARC, Sculptor Sound and The Alberta "A."

Also on Canada Day, hot dogs and flags will be sold at Island Star Video, and an organ-donor sign-up program set up nearby.

At dusk, people can be

dazzled by fireworks in Ganges Harbour, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and put on by the Salt Spring Fire Department.

Quesnel case in limbo

An Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer says islander John Quesnel will have plenty of "opportunity to make right" before the case over an alleged land-use violation ends up in court.

"The investigation is over and we've been in a position to take legal action since last year," Miles Drew said on Monday.

The delay is intended to give Quesnel an opportunity to find an alternative location for his metal recycling business, he

said.

"He's got to comply with the bylaw," Drew added.

Drew said the Trust does not have a standard protocol in place when it comes to following through with court actions in cases of this nature.

The Trust began its investigation into the operations of Salt Spring Metal Recycling after the island's local Trust committee denied Quesnel's temporary use permit application for an industrial operation on his Rainbow Road property in early 2008.

Business owner John Quesnel said his search for an alternative site has failed to yield any results.

Quesnel said conditions established by the Trust are unattainable for a small-scale business owner such as himself.



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NEWSBEAT

BYLAW CONTROVERSY

Hot dog stand owner vows to stay

Patterson's Market offered as alternate location

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a hot dog and beverage stand is determined to keep his business open in spite of an Islands Trust request to cease the current operation.

Fulford resident David O'Flynn said Monday he cannot afford to lose his busi-

ness. If he is unable to stay in his current location in front of his house on Fulford-Ganges Road, he will accept an offer from Bruce Patterson to set up beside Patterson's Market.

"It is a Plan B, though I still don't want to move and as yet I haven't received anything in writing from the Islands Trust," he said. "As a last resort I will take up Bruce's offer to be on the lawn on Morning-side."

O'Flynn said he will wait for a more official request from

bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew before he changes anything about his roadside stand.

Although both businesses offer coffee, beverages and ice cream treats, Patterson doesn't see O'Flynn as competition.

"I don't sell hot dogs," Patterson said. "It's a big market — I don't think it will impact too significantly on me, and maybe by having hot dogs beside me I'll get some extra business."

O'Flynn said he's received many messages of support

from the community and none to discourage him. Regardless, his financial situation requires him to continue on.

"I sort of feel like Custer's last stand," O'Flynn said. "I'm disabled, I'm a senior and as far as I was concerned, I did everything right."

O'Flynn plans to offer ice cream cones in the near future, the only location in Fulford village currently to do so.

If the business moves to Patterson's property it will increase its hours to be open seven days a week.

SHIPPING

Trust panel discusses shipping threat

BP tragedy shines light on local protocols

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A marine shipping safety advocate reckons current emergency procedures aren't sufficient to deal with a major nautical mishap in the Strait of Georgia.

"We don't have the ability to deal with an accident when it occurs," said Oonagh O'Connor of the Living Oceans Society. "There is a lot of shipping going on right now that puts our oceans at huge risk."

O'Connor was among speakers on a marine safety panel held at last week's quarterly Trust Council meeting on Saturna Island.

Of greatest concern, she told the audience, is the Port of Vancouver's aspiration to expand capacity and increase gross tonnage by approximately 45 per cent between 2004 and 2020.

Oil tanker traffic, she said, doubled between 2008 and 2010 and plans are in place to increase the volume of oil shipped out of Kinder Morgan's Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby.

Vessels headed from Burnaby to U.S. and Asian ports travel through the southern Gulf Islands via Boundary Pass and Haro Strait.

O'Connor said increased shipping activity in the Strait of Georgia will result in higher levels of noise pollution, emissions, sewage disposal, introduced species and ship-wildlife strikes.

O'Connor said coastal residents are fortunate to have had no major catastrophes among

the estimated 1,200 marine incidents during the last decade.

"There's a difference between lucky and safe. On our coast we've been lucky," she said. "What's needed is a focused effort to increase shipping safety and response capabilities."

She said there's an urgent need to increase the availability of tugs, pilot boats, salvage capabilities and places of refuge where a vessel in distress could be towed and attended to.

A shipping industry standard that sets a successful oil clean-up effort at 15 per cent recovery, O'Connor added, is grossly inadequate.

Fellow panelist Captain Stephen Brown of the Chamber of Shipping of B.C. offered a different perspective by outlining energy efficiency and safety measures put in place by the shipping industry over the past decade.

"[Shipping] is one of the most regulated industries in the world," he said.

The use of local pilots on vessels travelling through the Strait of Georgia, the increased use of double-hulled vessels and high-tech navigation monitoring reduce potential risks associated with shipping in the waters around Vancouver and Victoria.

Much of the shipping industry's growth in the region, Brown added, is a direct result of demand by North American consumers.

Based on statistics for 2010, he added, "the level of traffic we have in B.C. and Puget Sound is very small by international standards."

Approximately 3,000 large

commercial vessels travel to and from the Port of Vancouver each year. In recent years, oil tankers accounted for fewer than one per cent of that total.

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lucky."

OONAGH O'CONNOR
 Marine shipping safety advocate,
 Living Oceans Society

Despite that relatively low traffic level, the Ministry of Environment's manager of environmental emergencies, Graham Knox, said it only takes one vessel to cause a major disaster.

"The number of incidents are very small, but it only takes one spill to have a serious impact," he said.

Knox oversees a department of 14 employees who are responsible for any land-based and marine spills in the province.

He said traffic projections for Vancouver and the Prince Rupert areas point to the need for a new risk assessment study, a protocol and the personnel to handle oiled wildlife and greater cooperation with people who live in coastal communities.

"We understand that we can't have personnel and equipment every five kilometres [along the coast], but the balance is out of whack," he said.

RECYCLING

Recycling depot rolls into town Wednesday

Styrofoam and soft plastics accepted

Island residents have another chance to rid their closets and cupboards of soft plastics and styrofoam.

Staff from Pacific Mobile Depots will be back on the island on Wednesday, June 30 at the Country Grocer parking lot between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

"The first depot [on March 31] was a success," said Marnie Slinn, an island resident who brought the program to Salt Spring. "There were 150 bags of soft plastics diverted from the landfill on that day. There was an astonishing amount of styrofoam brought in as well, showing that people have been storing it and hoping to find a way to

dispose of it responsibly."

She said the program's continued success will encourage Pacific Mobile Depots to make the drop-off service a regular event. The company intends to conclude a trial run on the island by the end of 2010.

Slinn campaigned for the service after she realized islanders had no options when it came to recycling soft plastics and styrofoam materials.

Among items accepted at the depot are styrofoam packing blocks, styrofoam cups and containers, foam egg cartons and meat trays, plastic shopping and grocery bags, clean food storage bags, and non-foil lined cereal, chip and cracker bags. The company also accepts computer equipment for \$2.50 an item.

"If people continue to use

the depot, it will become a permanent service offered on the island," Slinn said. "The company is happy to come."

All styrofoam and plastic products should be washed and dried before they are dropped off. Drop-off rates range between \$2.75 and \$3.25 for regular (18" X 24") bags and between \$5.50 and \$6.50 for large (36" X 48") bags.

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CHEERS: Taking part in a Solstice celebration at Salt Spring Vineyards are, from left, Isela Espitia, Mariele Bedorf and David McIntyre.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

Waterdrops unveil interpretive trail

Signs offer walkers new view of creek

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anyone who happens to drop by Mouat Park these days had better be ready for a big surprise.

That's because students in Stella Weinert's Grade 4/5 class have spent the past school year researching the Ganges Creek watershed's topography, geography, biology and history.

And while students have combed the watershed from the creek's source high up on Mount Belcher all the way down to the estuary along Ganges Harbour, they selected Mouat Park as the site to unveil a new interpretive creekside walk.

Children devoted more than an hour on Thursday morning to provide a gathering of at least 50 fellow students, friends, fam-

ily members and others with a comprehensive explanation of what makes the creek so important.

"Today is an exciting day for us," Weinert said during the ceremony. "We've studied water all year, specifically focussing on Ganges Creek and its watershed.

"We're hoping that people value the creek and protect the creek more as a result of our efforts."

The trail features 11 colourful hand-painted interpretive signs that explain various cultural, historic and environmental features along the route. The nearly one-kilometre course winds its way from the estuary near Island Escapades on Fulford-Ganges Road, alongside the creek to the island's Japanese Garden, past ArtSpring and through Mouat Park until the Murakami family's garage on Rainbow

Road. Along the way, walkers can learn about First Nations' middens, riparian areas, insects, salmon and much more.

Students used the creek for a series of watershed-inspired poems and even exercised a little real-life science by measuring creek flows, turbidity, depth and temperatures over the course of the year.

The experience taught them about the creek and how such a significant waterway flows right through the heart of Ganges.

"Some places you just don't want to dig in," said student Hope Caldwell, who was deeply moved through her work on the First Nations' midden station. "It's like special."

A few dozen metres up the creek, students Holly Graham and Madeline Woodley were keen to teach people about the unique riparian habitat found throughout Mouat Park and

elsewhere in the watershed. "The plants you see here create a riparian habitat for different creatures," Woodley said.

Some of those creatures include insects like water boatmen, damselflies and mayflies.

"The water boatmen usually stay on top of the water and like skidding around on it," said Brennan Shaver, who spent the morning manning the insect station with partner Cole Viberg.

Shaver and Viberg agreed the boatmen were, by far, their favourite insects around the creek.

"There was quite a bit more than I expected," Viberg said.

The interpretive signs will stay up as a way to teach and inspire other students and community members about Ganges Creek's significance.

A video of Thursday's event is available online at www.gulfislandsnews.com.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fire trustees immediately nip cell tower debate

Improved communications still needed, they say

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire trustees narrowly defeated a motion Monday that risked reigniting debate over a new cell tower on Salt Spring Island.

Trustee Richard Hannah kicked things off at the trustees' meeting when he asked the board to support the fire chief's effort to work with other emergency service organizations to have a new cell site built here.

"There are certainly arguments for and against, but the general consensus is that

cell phones are a good thing," Hannah said. "The net benefits far outweigh any potential side effects."

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said improved cell coverage on the island would increase people's ability to seek assistance in the event of an emergency.

"We are the people who set the standard for safety," said trustee Ronald Chamney. "Fortunately, I missed all the politics [of the previous cell tower debate], but if we do take a side, we should side with safety."

The motion met staunch opposition from trustees Mary Gillies, Bruce Patterson and chair Michael Schubart.

They said the number one priority at this

point is replacement of the Ganges fire hall. "There is a clear determination to pursue a new fire hall and I don't think it's worth sacrificing potential public support for a new fire hall for the sake of a cell tower," Schubart said.

Debate over installation of a cell-phone repeater in the Ganges hall reached a fever pitch in 2004 when islanders submitted a 1,069-signature petition opposing the plan to fire trustees.

Trustees Chamney, Hannah and Grant Eckberg supported the motion.

Board members agreed to continue exploring ways to improve communication between residents and emergency services.

NOISE

Longtime local seeks help with unidentifiable noise

Authorities unable to provide relief

A Douglas Road resident has been plagued by a mysterious noise on his property for the past few months and wonders if anyone else has heard it and can trace the source.

Robert Aston, longtime but now retired Ganges weather observer and a World War II veteran, has complained to the Capital Regional District and the RCMP, to no avail.

Aston said the intermittent rumbling noise is so loud it sometimes causes vibrations in his house.

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, the CRD's bylaw enforcement officer, said he and other CRD staff from Victoria have checked it out and determined "There's absolutely nothing we can do."

He speculated a barge may have been working in the harbour with a crane and a compressor, but that its operation would not be violating the CRD's noise bylaw.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said members have been to Aston's home "on several occasions and not found the source of his noise problem. It seems to be intermittent."

Willis also said the RCMP respond only to emergency and after-hours noise complaints and that ongoing noise issues are the responsibility of CRD bylaw enforcement.

Aston has lived on the waterfront property near the sailing club for 35 years.

Aston would like to hear from anyone who can help him solve the mystery at 250-537-9393.

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NEWSBEAT**COMMUNITY GROUPS****Creation of endowment fund among SSI Conservancy business at AGM**

Acorn Fund will give
group stable funding

Members attending the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy on June 15 re-elected a slate of directors for the year, heard about a new initiative to build the SSIC Acorn Fund and were treated to an illustrated talk by biologist Robin Annschild on recent discoveries of rare plants and animals on Salt Spring.

Executive director Linda Gilkeson chaired the event, which highlighted the accomplishments of the conservancy over the last year. Volunteers contributed over 5,300 hours of their

time to work on conservancy programs in 2009, from helping with the much-loved Stewards in Training school program and the many public education events to working with landowners on conservation projects.

Over 250 volunteers worked on wildlife monitoring this year, helping to discover new populations of another 17 rare or endangered species. Along with installing basking logs for western painted turtles and nest boxes for bluebirds and owls, SSIC biologists also discovered two rare species never before seen on Salt Spring.

Ashley Hilliard presented the annual treasurer's report, show-

ing that while donations to the SSIC's annual appeal increased by 50 per cent in 2009, other donations were down. With the loss of BC Gaming funds for the school program, total income was lower than in 2008. The shortfall was covered by reserve funds, however, this situation is not sustainable, he said.

To address that, Linda Gilkeson described the new SSIC board initiative to launch a major fundraising campaign to build up the SSIC endowment fund. Called the Acorn Fund, the goal in 2010 is to raise \$500,000 from individual and corporate sponsors. Ultimately, the goal over the next five years is to raise two million dollars, which would remain

in a permanent endowment fund. The annual income from the Acorn Fund, along with regular annual donor and membership income, would eventually provide a stable financial base to run SSIC programs at the current level.

The following incumbents were re-elected as directors on the SSIC board: Maureen Bendick, Ashley Hilliard, Deborah Miller, Bob Weeden, Doug Wilkins and John de Haan. Retiring board member Jane Petch was thanked for her work on the board, on SSIC committees and with the current project in partnership with PARC to control Scotch broom and other invasive weeds.

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ARCHITECTURE**Architect honoured for heritage achievements**

Jonathan Yardley in the news again

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Architect Jonathan Yardley received five awards and notices of recognition at a ceremony held by Heritage B.C. earlier this month.

Yardley's work in partnership with Commonwealth Historic Resource Management earned him Heritage B.C.'s highest honour for 2010. He was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for the Woodward's Project in Vancouver, which involved restoring the iconic department store built between 1903 and 1908, creating new mixed use for the space and helping revitalize the Downtown Eastside.

Yardley's work on the five-year project began with assisting Commonwealth Historic Resource Management to devise a heritage conservation plan for the development. He later became the conservation architect for the heritage building.

Yardley described the project as the kind of "win-win thing where you've actually saved some of the building but you've also used that to allow new things to happen."

Complicated seismic upgrades within the existing unsupported masonry walls have allowed the original building to retain its look while becoming safe enough to house a daycare facility on its roof. Some of the space within the building has been dedicated to lease to nonprofit groups.

Other restorations saw the building's red paint, applied during the 1940s or '50s, removed while leaving the original signs, painted on the walls around 1918, intact. The team removed the iconic W sign, which it put on display on the main level, and restored the original one in its place.

Yardley received another Outstanding Achievement Award for his work on the Abbotsford Sikh Temple, built in 1911. The temple is the oldest one in North America and has been recognized as a National Historic Site. Working with the Sikh community was a highlight of the project for Yardley, who noted the "incredibly good relationship" he had working with the temple's directors.

His contribution to restoring the Salt Building in the Olympic athletes' village earned Yardley a Heritage B.C. Award of Honour. The building was constructed in 1930 to house salt shipments that arrived by freighter from San Francisco. A particular challenge of the project was to bring the uninsulated warehouse building up to an energy efficiency LEED gold rating and still leave its essential character intact.

"There's a lot of things you can do to an existing building without destroying it," Yardley said.

The restoration team insulated the building's exterior and then covered the roof with asphalt shingles, allowing the distinctive tongue and groove decking to be visible from the interior. With the Olympics over, the building is being developed as a brew pub, cafe and coffee outlet.

Two of Yardley's other projects from the past year received recognition from Heritage B.C. These were two small schoolhouses on Vancouver Island, one in Brentwood Bay (West Saanich School) and the other in Westholme (on the way from Crofton to Island Highway).

More information on these and other heritage projects can be found at www.heritagebc.ca/awards/.

NEWSBEAT

HOSPITAL

Palliative suite donors honoured

Finishing touches now complete

Lady Minto Hospital celebrated the contributors to its Extended Care palliative care room at a special tea on Thursday afternoon.

While the room has been open and in use for the past year, the finishing touches were more recently completed.

The project was funded by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, with furnishings and comforts coming from the generosity of Barbara Archer and Rob Oliver, Betty Drink, the Estate of Albert (Bert) James Underwood, the Gulf Islands Shrine Club #39, Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, Melanie Dick, Salt Spring Stitchers, John and Isobel Richardson and the Quilters' Guild.

Specific gifts were:

- Easy chair/hide-a-bed for family member wishing to spend the night
- Patio door with screen to provide fresh air to the room
- Privacy fencing and gate for patio
- Book shelf and stereo system with patio speaker
- Table with awning, large planters and water feature
- Flat screen TV
- Handmade quilts, one donated by the auxiliary and one by John & Isobel Richardson and the Quilters Guild
- Stained glass night lamp from Melanie Dick
- Framed artwork from Betty Dring

"At the end stages of life, when a person requires the comforts of home, finding some private time can be difficult," explains a Lady Minto Hospital press release. "Having the new palliative care suite on Extended Care will solve this problem. The new suite has been designed with the comforts of home, including a private patio accessed directly from the room.

"Having this dedicated space will also ensure that our residents will experience continuity of care on the same unit that has been their home, with familiar staff including nurses and nurse aides who have known them and cared for them for some time."

LIBRARY

Trust decision prompts library review of new building design

Board considers new range of options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A decision to increase the new library site's maximum lot coverage has building committee members assessing their options.

"It's very useful to us," said Tilly Crawley, library board chair, in reaction to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's June 3 decision. "[The library's building committee] is now sitting down to look at alternative ways to build the library on the lot that will be perhaps more functional."

Crawley couldn't pinpoint exactly how long the redesign consultation will take or how changes would impact costs.

She said cost increases, if incurred, will be low and predicts construction of the library will begin in spring 2011.

"We are trying to hurry," Crawley said.

"We have a few different options and we feel that [the building committee] has to go back to the board and discuss the good and bad of all possibilities."

One possibility includes altering the original two-storey design so that the library's entire collection is on a single floor.

The island's LTC was unanimous in its decision to increase the maximum site coverage at the 129 McPhillips Ave. property from 25 to 75 per cent. The error corrects a long-standing typographical error in the island's land-use bylaw.

Trustees corrected a further typo by amending the island's land-use bylaw regarding the required number of parking spaces provided on the site.

The new requirement calls for one parking space for every 35 square metres (377 square feet) and omits a demand that one parking spot be provided for each and every seat in the library building.

Library board meetings take place downstairs at the library at 2:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.



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From left are quilt donor Isobel Richardson, Bill Relph and Jo Twaites at a celebratory tea last week.

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EDITORIAL

Eating on the run

We haven't seen an instant, piping-hot furor like the Fulford hot dog vendor controversy in quite some time.

Most disputes involving "bad-guy" local governments or institutions tend to simmer more slowly, leading to a frantic boil-over after protracted debate and a final decision. In this case, it sounds like the swiftly expressed support for entrepreneur David O'Flynn is deserved.

As Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew has explained, O'Flynn's Dog Father's take-out food and beverage operation would be bylaw-compliant if it was operated from inside O'Flynn's house located on the Fulford-Ganges Road hill in the village — or even an outbuilding. Salt Spring's land use bylaw clearly allows home-based businesses in the Residential 8 zone that applies to the property in question.

It appears the problem is with the nature of the structure O'Flynn has chosen as his place of business. Yet for the purposes of one's customers, the fact it passed the test of the Vancouver Island Health Authority and was deemed roadworthy enough to be licensed are the relevant considerations.

Proponents of enforcing the bylaw might say if O'Flynn is allowed to sell his wares unharassed, then everybody will be tempted to do the same thing and we'd be overrun with mobile food vendors.

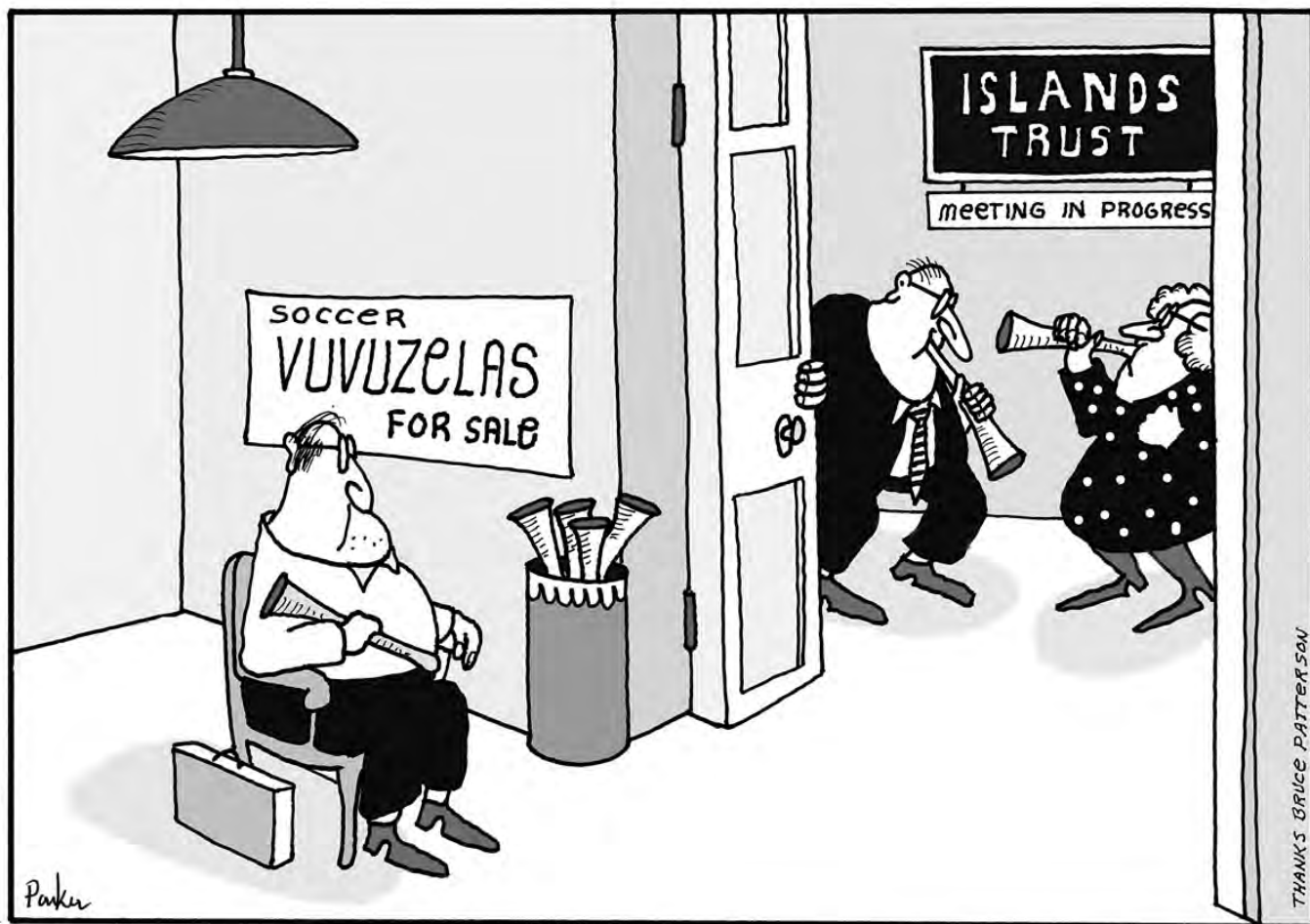
But how many people truly want to make the \$15,000 investment of equipment he did and then spend umpteen hours on their feet serving members of the public who are most likely cranky while waiting for a ferry? Where else but in a place like Fulford would it even make sense to bother?

O'Flynn spotted a business opportunity in the daily line-up of cars outside his window and seized the day. He says he hasn't yet received written notice of a bylaw violation from the Trust and wants to continue operating on his own property, although he has been offered space on the grass next to Patterson's Market as an option.

O'Flynn should probably just sit tight and continue on for the summer months, assessing at the end whether the profits have been worth all the time and effort.

We predict the "weenie police," as a Driftwood letter writer has dubbed the Islands Trust, won't have the appetite to actually enforce the zoning bylaw with any drastic measures.

For Fulford ferry patrons and villagers, it means bon appetit with a vengeance.



Industrial zoning should be a priority

BY WAYNE WRIGLEY

I would like to express my disappointment in how the Trust has handled the Salt Spring Coffee Company plans for expansion on Salt Spring Island.

I have no opinion on whether the Fulford-Ganges site was the right or wrong location. What I have a problem with is the lack of cooperation from the Trust in finding a location for the company to relocate. Small businesses like SSCC are very important to the livelihood of this island.

The Trust needs to realize that without small business we have no tax base to support the pool, new library, parks and all the infrastructure that is necessary on our island. How are the individual residences going to support all of this without forcing people to move to a more affordable location?

Deferring your taxes is an option if you are 55 or older, but what if you aren't old enough or don't want to defer property taxes? What incentive do younger people have to stay here?

What happened to the report on industrial land? What options do small businesses have for relocation and expansion? What options do I have if I had to relocate my propane business? Why is all of this taking so long?

Industrial zoning should be a high priority to make sure that small businesses have a place to conduct their business. Is it possible to find the perfect location for light industry? I don't think we will ever have industrial land if we try to find the perfect location.

Tough decisions are necessary and are made by local governments every day. Why can't Salt Spring make the needed tough decisions and make land suitable for a business like mine or the coffee company? Salt Spring Island should be in the news

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for supporting businesses that follow a high standard of environmental values. Instead we are in the news for chasing them away.

The young man who works for us will lose \$2,000 per year because the SSCC is moving off the island.

He owns property, has two young children in school and is trying to support his family and live where he grew up. Is this what the Trust wants?

It is unfortunate that the trustees won't feel the same pain that these young people will.

I have this vision of Salt Spring Island in 20 years. The schools will be closed because there won't be any young families that can afford to live here.

There will be empty houses everywhere in the winter because the owners live somewhere else. Most of the restaurants will fail because they only have business in the summer. Lots of small businesses will fail because their rents are driven up from high taxes and no winter business.

The building department is busy from all the high-end custom homes being built. The contractors would be happy if they could only find people to work.

Of course there is no place for the workers to live even if they wanted to stay here.

The Trust staff are happy because their office is quiet and the phone doesn't ring very often — there's no rezoning applications or developments to deal with.

The taxpayers are freaking out because their taxes are way too high now. How are we going to get some businesses here to help pay for the aging infrastructure? Boy, it would be nice if we could open the pool and library some day.

The writer is a local business owner.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should David O'Flynn be allowed to sell hot dogs? Yes No

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
“Vandalism is not just a joy ride in the bush, it’s criminal activity.”

JANE PETCH, SSI CONSERVANCY

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is your sentiment towards the Scotch broom plant?

LUGH ANNSCHILD-LOVERING
I just think it's fun pulling it.

SHARON COOPMAN
I wish it would immigrate back to Scotland.

DAVID CAREY
It's a real pain in the neck, really. It grows everywhere!

LINDA GILKESON
Wherever I see those yellow flowers I see a fire hazard.

TRACY STIBBARDS
I don't believe in the introduction of non-native or invasive plants or animals.

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.**

Tube steaks no danger

I've never written to a newspaper before — nothing ever seemed important enough to make me put pen to paper.

Sewer debate? Nope. Ferry strike? Nope. Hospital strike? Nope. Garbage dump fiasco? Nope.

But this time they've done it. The weenie police have threatened the very existence of what could be the only source of a tube steak on Salt Spring. No doubt some twerp felt threatened and got his panties in a knot, calling in the authorities, who were obliged to act.

I'm down in Fulford every day and haven't yet observed a mass exodus from every business in town followed by a mad stampede up the hill to

Big David's for a feeding frenzy. No merchants in the area have had to shut down for lack of customers. (It's ferry traffic, like shooting fish in a barrel.)

I really don't think he poses much of a threat to the local economy, but I could be wrong. Those Irishmen can be a sneaky bunch. Sure it's hot dogs now, but what's stopping him from putting up a lemonade stand or selling flowers from his garden?

Maybe those wiser than me are right and it's time to send in the SWAT team, ridding us of what could develop into a real danger to the community.

There are a lot more places to buy cocaine and heroin on the island than a hot dog and I guess we should make sure it stays that way.

MIKE STACEY,
SALT SPRING

Pattern repeated

Hooray to the Islands Trust for once again bending to the tyranny of one (“Fulford hot dog vendor ordered to stop,” June 16 Driftwood).

David O'Flynn's bold step for spontaneous hot dog commerce in Fulford has demonstrated, once again, that complaints by a few can subvert the island principle that many of us hold so dear — creativity and enterprise, not to mention authenticity.

It is no secret that by drafting land use bylaws and seeing to their enforcement the Islands Trust wields the biggest stick in planning for our community's future. But we have a system that puts too much influence in the hands of those who don't necessar-

ily represent the beliefs of the majority and those who may have various private agendas.

So where is the democracy when one or a few get to decide on the acceptability of actions such as O'Flynn's or for that matter Richard Murakami's now extinct parts recycling yard on Rainbow Road or our citizen journalist barred from filming public Trust meetings. The pattern, it seems, is repeated time and again.

It may be that, in order to maintain a zealous pursuit of their goals, our trustees prefer bylaw enforcement by complaint rather than a more balanced adjudication. Trouble is that there is no counter complaint system. Anonymity has guaranteed that there is no way to voice our views before enforcement proceedings, or to have an investigation into

the complainant's motivation. And it seems that our trustees are comfortable in turning citizen against citizen, a social practice destructive to collaborative community values.

I fully agree with recent calls for the Trust's environmental agenda to be balanced with the often stated agenda (not acted upon in my view) to have a harmonious community that is as rich in its human lifestyles as it is in its natural environment. We need more democracy, and a bureaucracy that is more accountable to all community values, not just private agendas.

It would be disappointing to see the long and important contribution of the Trust come to a political end because it was unable to overcome its zealous one-sidedness.

GARY CHERNEFF,
SALT SPRING

Harmless

I am reacting to the recent incident in which the Islands Trust police were dispatched to prevent an old age pensioner from supplementing his pension by selling hot dogs on the road allowance. It seems a harmless infringement. I understand that bylaws are only enforced if someone complains. I wonder who this complainant might be.

Surely, if bylaws are to be enforced, then let us also apply them to those who visually pollute public space as I have illustrated at <http://members.shaw.ca/blatteration>. The number of these “illegal” signs seems to be increasing of late.

HAROLD BROCHMANN,
SALT SPRING

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Vegetative pot addiction threatens family stability

I don't think I can hide it any more. I might as well come clean and finally step out of the closet. I guess I'm better off being up front and open with it. Okay. Here goes. My wife has a pot habit.

I suppose I should have seen it coming a long time ago. When I look back at the chain of events, I realize there were signs that should have tipped me off that she had a problem. She was crying out silently for help and all I did was bury my head in the sand.

Now I don't want to mislead you or give you the wrong impression. The kind of pot to which my wife is addicted is not anything you smoke. No, my wife has developed a dependency on the kind of pot that is round and hollow and can be filled with a bit of dirt and a plant.

It all started innocently enough. Before she became a pothead, my wife was quite normal. Every once in a while she would come home from the supermarket with a little potted geranium amongst the vanload of bags of groceries she had purchased. Another time, perhaps, it would be a small, green plastic pot containing a tiny lobelia.

Gradually, however, her behaviour began to change. The bags of groceries would get fewer and fewer while the number of potted plants grew. Her shopping lists would return from the store with maybe only “Worcestershire sauce” crossed out. Meanwhile, more and more plants in pots began appearing in and around the house. And I was starting to go hungry.

It got worse. As the little plants began to thrive and flourish, they soon outgrew

the small pots in which they came. They begged for more space in which their roots could be allowed to spread. This called for bigger pots.

Soon my wife began purchasing ceramic and clay pots into which she could transplant her young vegetative wards. The pots came in a variety of shapes and colours: glazed and terracotta, porcelain and earthenware, cobalt blue and copper red, raku-fired and salt-glazed. They could look like normal plant pots or like hollowed-out penguins. The sizes of the different containers varied from large to enormous to “you better have a friend with a forklift if you plan on taking me home.”

As her erratic behaviour increased, I became more suspicious. I secretly scoured recent telephone bills to find numerous long distance calls to Vancouver Island plant nurseries. I found old gardening catalogues with sections dog-eared and sometimes whole pages torn out. Massive amounts of corrugated cardboard packaging began mysteriously appearing in our recycling. I noticed there was less and less space to walk around in our garden.

She was hooked. No amount of polish or nail-brushing could remove the dirt from beneath her green thumbnails. She even resorted to rewashing clean dishes by hand in the attempt to destroy the telltale evidence.

It was no use. Eventually I did what I should have done months before. I con-


Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

fronted her about the potted 12-foot coconut palms that she had tried to hide behind the woodshed. She broke down and admitted everything.

I suppose at this point we could have allowed our marriage to be destroyed. But we didn't. We decided to fight the demon together. My wife joined a 12-Step program for Recovering Pothead Junkies and I started attending meetings of the Spouses of Pothead Abusers support group. I was not alone. Half the men on the island were in attendance.

Behaviour modification was the major component of the recovery. My wife had to cut herself off from her former dealer and pusher friends who had been in the habit of dropping off masses of bulbs, cuttings, and diseased and neglected shrubbery for her to nurse back to health.

Another aspect of the behaviour mod program was the regular supervised tour of halfway nurseries where she could look and touch to her heart's desire, but in the end had to get back on the minibus empty-handed.

It seems to be working, to a certain point. The compulsion to obtain more pots appears to be dwindling. Moving plants, however, has become her new obsession. Sometimes, in some kind of weird game of “musical pots,” she will move an azalea from one container to another for no apparent reason. Sometimes, to make room for new plants, a shrub will be moved out of its pot and planted in the ground. Other

times, a perfectly healthy bush will be dug up out of the earth and put back in a pot. I believe this her idea of “crop rotation.”

Nobody asked me, but I don't believe my wife has any real control over this behaviour. It has been around for eons among the female gender. I have it on good authority that it's genetically coded. Women have an innate need to move stuff around. I'm convinced that furniture was invented so that women would leave vegetation alone in one place long enough for it to grow and survive.

Men are more static creatures. When a man comes home after a hard day of shuffling papers in the office cubicle, he wants to know that everything is where it should be (and where it has always been). A rogue comet could hit the planet and threaten civilization as we know it, and a man would still be comforted in the knowledge that the La-Z-Boy recliner was still over here and the TV remote over there.

It's probably all part of the natural cycle. Perhaps, the constant need of women to move things around is what keeps the earth revolving around the sun. It's quite possible that if this activity were to suddenly cease, the planet would slip out of its orbit and drift helplessly into deep space.

But they say you're never an ex-junkie. This weekend we plan on celebrating a year of non-addiction with dinner and a night out in Victoria. My wife says, “Bring the pickup truck.” Maybe we're not out of the woods (or should I say “shrubby”) yet.

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Leave vendor alone

So let me get this straight. The Trust and Miles Drew are now going after a hot dog cart in Fulford, all the while they completely

turn a blind eye to BC Ferries.

On an ongoing basis, BC Ferries uses Highways land as a parking lot for their business. We all know what it is like when cars line up the road going out of the village. We all agree that when there is an emergency, it better not happen when the road is blocked because an ambulance may get down but a fire truck probably not.

Does Drew go to BC Ferries and tell them to stop? Never. Why? Because he would be told to leave, end of story.

Instead, he tells a 67-year-old senior selling hot dogs from a licensed, certified cart to stop operating.

If BC Ferries can use Highways land for their business, then why can't Mr. O'Flynn sell his hot dogs from Highways land? I can't imagine the owners of the Rock Salt, Fulford Inn or Patterson's feeling threatened by a hot dog vendor, as this would be quite petty considering no one else offers hot dogs for sale in Fulford.

I say leave them alone, get on with more important land use issues. God knows you've had several large ones on your desks for years now and unless you're prepared to take BC Ferries to task regarding their use of Highways land, you're really not playing fair.

D. KENT,
SALT SPRING

Care with garbage

This year the Salt Spring Lions Club will have spent more than \$6,000 on picking up garbage from the

roadside and removing posters from utility poles. The work was done mostly by student groups for which they were paid. This enabled them to go on field trips, sports events, etc.

The club felt this was a worthwhile project as it is just one way to make our island more attractive. Also, it helped out the students.

We should remember this is a vacation destination and it is important our visitors leave the island with a good impression.

Please, be more careful about throwing garbage from your vehicle, and when you are taking garbage to the transfer stations in your vehicle, make sure it is securely tied down so it doesn't blow off.

When you put notices on the utility poles, please go back after the event and take them down.

K. BARNES,
SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB

Graph tales

I attended the VIHA meeting on June 14, listened to the presentations and studied the graphs on the screen.

In my view these graphs showed several important things. First, the population on Salt Spring is older and healthier than most B.C. communities, reflecting the past benefit of our small but excellent hospital.

Second, the studies of services provided showed clearly the negative effect of recent underfunding and staffing restrictions.

What the graphs did not show was how the moving of facilities off-island would in any way benefit Salt Spring Islanders. Perceived financial benefits to VIHA are far outweighed by the future costs of delayed treatment, isolation from families and extra travel expenses to the people of Salt Spring.

TOM WRIGHT,
SALT SPRING

Sign Trust review petition

An all-island group has been formed to petition the provincial government to conduct a review of the Islands Trust Act.

The push for this came from Salt Spring Island, where the island's largest and greenest private employer has decided to move because of interference from the Trust.

There is a lot of unhappiness on Hornby as well, because of the relentless push to regulate to death the vacation rental industry.

Other islands have similar problems, including Galiano, where the residents cannot build homes on their own land if the land, no matter how big, is zoned "forest

lot." They elected people in 2005 to change this, but were turned down by the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust, a group of four that they did not elect.

Pierre Trudeau, Harold Wilson, Richard Nixon were leading Canada, England and the U.S. There was no internet, cell phones, personal computers, or bank machines. The Canadian Charter of Rights would not be law for another eight years. Elvis was still touring. It was 1974, the year the Islands Trust was created with the Islands Trust Act.

A lot has changed.

The act needs a fresh look. We encourage you to support us, and to sign the petition, and leave a comment so we will have 1,000 signatures by July 4. There is a huge rally planned on Salt Spring for July 4.

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/review_islands_trust_act/

LARRY PIERCE,
HORNBY ISLAND

Buying local

I sure appreciate Strick Aust's efforts to encourage people to buy local ("Ganges Gas offers fuel at Victoria prices," June 9 Driftwood).

I also empathize with him for what could be a hard road — especially with two thirds of islanders getting their gas off-island.

My water testing laboratory has been operating on Salt Spring for almost 10 years. While a lot of local well owners and water professionals have chosen to work with us, many prefer to send their samples off island. Last year we achieved government approval for water testing, but still, few of the stratas and waterworks have given us a chance, preferring to use off-island labs.

VIHA sends a health inspector to Salt Spring regularly and they take the samples back to a lab in Victoria for analysis. Our prices are the same or lower than other labs and I believe our service is better.

Perhaps I make a better scientist than salesperson, but it seems logical that if there is a qualified local business offering the same or better price and service, people would want to support their own community.

I am thankful for the people that do and for business owners like Strick.

JOHN HARRIS,
AGRICHEM ANALYTICAL

Tribute to Lorne

Lorne Martin, aka "Crazy Horse," was a chainsaw artist who built many log houses and structures. His "installation pieces" can be seen all around Salt Spring.

Since suffering minor strokes in the past

three years, he slept in a small one-room, heated A-frame near Mouat Park, built and provided for him by caring members of the community.

"Homeless" can have many meanings. Ganges streets and parks were his "home" for the last few years and the people who were kind to him were his "family." He will be remembered as a true Salt Spring legend.

I made a 30-minute video profile with him in 1997. An excerpt with Lorne playing guitar and singing Long Black Veil can now be seen on youtube and Facebook.

Someone left a note for him at the place where he was found which reads: "Now he will rest, old man Lorne. You know that he once played guitar with Johnny Cash."

A memorial celebration for the life of Lorne Martin will be held on Sunday, June 27. Family members from themainland will attend. Details are in this week's Driftwood, Coming Events section.

STEPHEN GLANVILLE,
SALT SPRING

MOW donations appreciated

I am pleased to give public recognition of three very generous donations to Meals on Wheels: From the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, who have been staunch supporters of the Meals on Wheels program over the years here on Salt Spring Island; the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society, which has acknowledged their support of this valuable program with financial support; and the Salt Spring Island Foundation, which gave Meals on Wheels a grant to cover the costs of our new delivery bags.

Their donations go towards supporting seniors and vulnerable members of our community with a daily hot meal service.

Their financial support this year came at a time when health providers are under a lot of stress to stretch their dollars and keep valuable community services viable. I am grateful to say that because of community support like theirs, Meals on Wheels will continue on Salt Spring Island for another year.

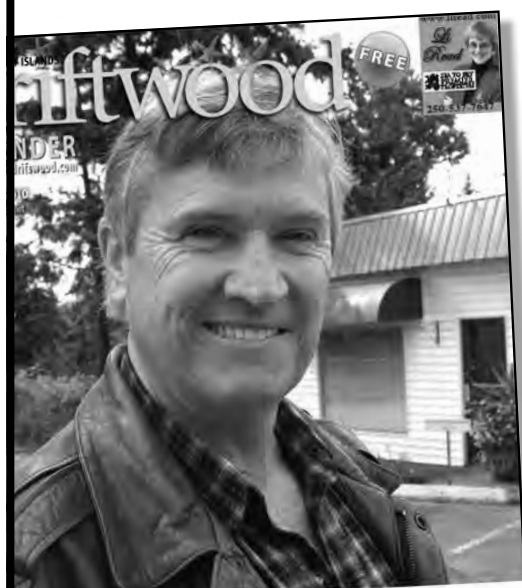
I would further like to acknowledge the volunteer contribution made by Legion and community members as they dedicate some of their free time as drivers for the MOW program.

Thank you for demonstrating support for this community service by action.

CATHERINE BENNETT,
MEALS ON WHEELS
ADMINISTRATOR

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Dennis Parker shows his stuff

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

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PUBLIC NOTICE

-Crofton Mill-


Crofton Division will hold a mill evacuation drill on June 25, 2010.

We conduct drills to ensure all employees are familiar with emergency procedures.

During the drill, our emergency evacuation horn system will sound for about 20 minutes.

We appreciate the community's support as we test our emergency response systems.

Information: 250-246-6145



OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Consultative decision

An important element is being missed in the furor over the Islands Trust's decision not to grant the rezoning application of the Salt Spring Coffee Company.

The trustees didn't just wake up one morning and think, "Nope!"

They consulted widely and thoroughly, with the entire community on the island, over an extended period of time, before coming to their considered conclusion.

So — the decision reflects our views, folks.

MARLYN HORSDAL, FULFORD

Bring them here

Here's a personal experience at the Duncan hospital in 2001.

The first scheduled OR procedure was unsuccessful. I was discharged on the fourth day. Came home to Salt Spring Island somewhat disabled. Went to Lady Minto for follow-up.

Second successful OR procedure 19 days later. Discharged on the fourth day. Again home to Salt Spring and follow-up care at Lady Minto's emergency department.

My point is that OR procedures were rationed timewise (or dollarwise) then, and are probably more so today.

Relieve OR pressures (in Duncan, Victoria and elsewhere) and reduce wait time by scheduling "non sexy" OR procedures to Lady Minto's well-

staffed, modern operating room.

Patients could ferry to Salt Spring. (Salt Spring patients ferry off island — is there any difference?)

Well, I would say "yes!" Compare large units' access and personal service to our smaller unit's easier access and our very much appreciated personal care.

WALT SWING, SALT SPRING

Don't pave paradise

I grew up on Salt Spring Island loving its special wild beauty. I was so thankful the Trust was established to save it.

For 20 years I lived in Victoria's Lakehill area. It was in transition from farm to suburbs in 1956, with Garry oak ecosystem on one side, fields, and an amazing marsh on the other. I have never seen so many birds anywhere.

There were ducks and shore birds, song birds, hawks and owls and even western meadowlarks. Wild roses and other shrubs grew by the stream, which also had cut-throat trout and other fish in it. Camas, erythronium, shooting stars, chocolate lilies and other native wild flowers were abundant along the roadside and in the fields. Frogs filled the spring nights with their singing.

But development came. As the land was built on the wild flowers disappeared.

The marsh was drained and filled and became a municipal yard. The stream was put through massive culverts. Oak trees were cut down, rocks



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WINNING TEAM: Female members of the Salt Spring dragonboat club and their support squad were all smiles with their ribbons after winning the Port Alberni women's invitational race held June 13 on Sproat Lake.

blasted, and Mackenzie Ave went through where our pleasant grassy path had been.

Frog and bird songs were replaced with the roar of traffic and the wail of sirens. The perfume of wild roses was replaced with the smell of traffic fumes.

Where there were perhaps millions of frogs there are now none in the whole drainage area, none even in the Swan Lake Nature reserve into which the steam had run.

In 1970 I again lived in a beautiful place surrounded by oaks

and more native wild flowers than I had ever seen. But development came there too.

There was no political will to save it as a public legacy, so except for what was privately donated on Christmas Hill, and also for a pathway from there to Swan Lake, all that beautiful wild area was lost.

What was once a carpet of flowers is now unrecognizable. It is all pavement, condominiums and town houses. It feels like a dead zone.

But those places were not set aside

as Trust areas as our islands are meant to be. People who come here now have no idea of what has already been lost, and every person who comes puts more pressure on the environment and more demand for services.

The Trust is here to protect and preserve the natural beauty and rural lifestyle for all people for all time.

There should be safeguards to make this possible. Let's not pave paradise. So many people who don't live here still need it to be here for them too. It's

ours to share.
NANCY WIGEN, FERNWOOD

World Refugee Day

Pa's in prison: political. Ma's dead: dysentery. Cha-Su, 12 years old, carries her sick baby brother, Tin, to the clinic — a six-hour trek through the jungles near the Thai-Burmese (Myanmar) border.

Cha-Su and Tin are only two of more than 40 million refugees worldwide seeking escape from disease, imprisonment, torture, rape, even death.

In recognition of today's tragic refugee crisis and out of respect for those many millions who suffer silently for years without end, the United Nations declared Sunday, June 20 World Refugee Day.

In support, Amnesty International set up an information table at the Saturday Market on June 19.

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DAVID KOS, SUAN SUAY ROAD

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OPINION



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RCMP DAD'S

DAY: Russ Crouse and his grandson, Seth, check out the ever-changing Budolph display at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment. The most recent incarnation occurred in honour of Father's Day on Sunday.

Photos are available for purchase @ our on-line photostore gulfslandsdriftwood.com

RANTS and Roses

Rants

For the people who, at last Monday's presentation of VIHA's plans, disgraced our community, whom they claim to represent, by booing, heckling and shouting down anyone who didn't happen to agree with their view about the important health needs of the island: To each a vuvuzela programmed to give a blast whenever they open their mouths. Bill Whitelaw

Roses

Wheelbarrows full of wilddoes to each of the 33 volunteers who contributed their time for the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease — Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) campaign on June 4 and 5, several of you covering two or more shifts. Thanks to local businesses for allowing us space for collection and for generous financial contributions. As always we are amazed by the continued generosity of islanders and visitors alike. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. We raised a total of \$7,111.27. Congratulations for a job well done! With gratitude, Rita Dods, Salt Spring Island ALS, Tag Day coordinator

A big heart-shaped bouquet of roses for all the special people and businesses that made our Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride such a success. We raised over \$16,000. Dr. Art Hister and Ms. Phyllis Simon, Driftwood, Salt Spring Air, Salt Spring Rotary, Salt Spring Lions, Market Place, Patrick Beattie, Alan Johnson RMT, Pharmasave, Val Cunningham, Debbie LeBlanc (DebFit) Colin Beamish, Tim and John of Island Star Video, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, Paul Neale, Joanne McIntyre, Celeste and yoga members, tai chi members, Ann Cardiff, Bob Twaites and Community Theatre Resources, Salt Spring Coffee, Thrifty Foods, Embe Bakery, Country Grocer, Island Savings Credit Union, Island Savings Insurance, Salt Spring Fire Rescue, Salt Spring Radio, PARC, Ray Phillips, Carol Burbidge, Donna Keown, Jill Tarswell, Therin Gower, SeaChange

Seafoods, BC Ferries, TNT Signs, Seaside Times, Rainbow Road Pool, Mouat's, Martin Hoo-derdyk, SeaFirst Insurance, Harbour's End Marine, Royal LePage SS Realty, SS Sailing Club, plus all the teams and their riders, and the Salt Spring community as a whole.

A cheerful bouquet of roses to Paula Kiffner and to Carol Wright for their music making at the Lobsterfest on June 6. Their maritime fiddling added a great authentic touch to a most enjoyable evening. Thanks, Carol and Paula, from your many friends.

Bouquets of roses to Acoustic Planet and Greg Esposito for helping so many young musicians find their way. A special thank you for all the accoutrements and work on the A-man's "new" guitar. You are a wonderful asset to the community. AR

Dozens of roses to a wonderful friend and neighbour to us all — Valdy. Thank you so much for the amp — what a wonderful and unexpected surprise. You made a young musician very happy. Thanks again. JR

A huge bouquet of green roses to John Wilcox and Sue Earle of Duck Creek Farm for the sharing of their beautiful space on June 12, with a thankful Green party broom clearing crew. What a lovely spot to recover with a BBQ and potluck. Thanks also to the Salt Spring Conservancy for the use of their pullers and lopper. Tom Mitchell, Green party campaign manager, Salt Spring and Gulf Islands

An armload of roses to Tami and Fernando De Santos for your formidable organization of the Lobster Fest. Thank you for the extra push to get it done as it may not have happened without your enthusiasm. Let's do it again next year.

A cooler full of roses to Mike at Country Grocer for helping us in keeping our lobsters cool and safe the night before the Lobster

Fest. Your help was crucial to the freshness of the product. It was greatly appreciated.

Heavy boxes full of erudite roses to all the amazing people who helped move Salt Spring Literacy to its new location at 126 Hereford Ave. You packed, lifted, painted, carried, unpacked, arranged, rearranged, hammered, connected things and no doubt banged your head once or twice and because of all your amazing efforts all our learners and tutors, never mind the coordinator, have a lovely cozy place to call home! You know who you are, but it is always fun to see your name in the paper, so thank you so much to Dawn, Alix, Herb, Louise, Carol, Pat, Allan, Jack, Rick, Michael, Sam, Josh, Eddy, Jan and Donna!

On behalf of the Art Lovers Getaway Contest winners and organizers, an armload of thanks and roses to Jeremy and Barry at Salt Spring Inn for the gracious gift of a wonderful lunch on a great Saturday afternoon.

A pool full of roses to Jim and the staff at Rainbow Road Pool who supported the therapeutic swimming program for students in School District 64. We greatly appreciated the flexibility of the staff and many patrons sharing the pool on Wednesday mornings!

For Lynda Grindle: I wish my heart into a rose and give it to you. In undying gratitude for all you've done. Eternally, Pat Dickson

Summer daisies to Miss Sophie! (Re: "Where's the Buddha?" letter in the June 16 Driftwood.) Your Buddha was your public art, but there was not a patron for him to keep him here.

Many thanks to Tom at T&T Signs from all the Rod & Gun members for designing and delivering our new sign in time for our open house and the celebration of 50 great years in that location. The sign looks awesome.



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Thoughts & News

from Dr. Richard Hayden



Why do I brush and still get cavities?

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I raced a triathlon this past Sunday; I performed miserably. In fact, it was my first DNF (did not finish).

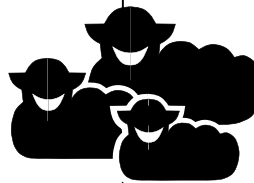
I drank half of Elk Lake while swimming. I looked like an unprepared tourist riding up Lee's Hill on my bike. I walked the first km of the run before finally bailing and rationalizing "the quit" by deciding the psychological pain of quitting would be easier to deal with later than the physical pain I was dealing with then. I'd leave something on the table for the next race. That's important...there will most certainly be a next race.

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NEWSBEAT

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SERIES

Couple participates in group kidney swap to find a match

Imelda and Tony Edwards aim to be home soon

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SECOND IN A SERIES

When Imelda Edwards lost up to 70 per cent of her kidney function and began to consider an organ transplant, her husband Tony immediately offered to give one up.

So did the Edwards' daughter, their son, their daughter's boyfriend, and even a co-worker. The only problem was not one of the offers matched Imelda's O blood type.

After many years waiting and a couple of disappointing near-matches, Imelda finally received a kidney on May 12 as part of the paired donation program. On the same day, Tony donated a kidney to an unknown person in a cross-Canada swap involving three other couples with incompatible blood or tissue types.

Imelda's kidney problem was first diagnosed in 1997, the result of medication she needed for another condition, Tony explained recently from their recovery suite in Vancouver. Although she was put on a treatment program at the time, further deterioration could not be prevented.

The Edwards were living in the United States for a period when Imelda was activated on the transplant waiting list. Surprisingly, a potential kidney from a cadaver donation came soon after — in the entire nationwide program, she was identified as the best possible match. Imelda was already prepared for surgery when cross testing showed the organ was not actually compatible. Unbelievably, the same scenario occurred a second time just three months later.

"The problem is they can't do all the testing that you do with a live donor," Edwards said, explaining once an organ is taken from a cadaver there are just 24 hours to test and transplant it. Compatibility tests on living donors can carry on for months.

In 2004 the Edwards returned to Salt Spring and

Imelda was put on the B.C. waiting list. At the time there were no inter-provincial transplants. She also started dialysis, in her case the peritoneal method. This clinical method of removing toxins from the body (when the kidneys no longer can) involves the insertion of fluid into the abdominal area. During a nine-hour cycle that takes place while the patient is sleeping, the fluid is removed and replaced several times.

"I used to tease her about being tethered with an umbilical cord," Edwards said, though as he noted, the treatment is actually no laughing matter. Nor is it a cure.

"Altruistic donors are the hardest to get — they're just saying, 'Here, have a kidney,' which is pretty damned noble of them."

TONY EDWARDS
Kidney donor

"Dialysis just prolongs the agony — you are on your way out," said Edwards. "Whether it's months or years, it's just inevitable."

During Imelda's time on the transplant waiting list, the couple met with Dr. David Landsberg, who has been responsible for a number of innovations as head of the Kidney Transplant program at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

After discussing with the doctor new kidney "swaps" happening at John Hopkins Hospital in Boston, the Edwards became one of the first couples in B.C. to sign up for the Canadian paired kidney program — in 2006, a program that didn't exist yet.

Reached at his home in Vancouver, Landsberg said the program has existed in B.C. for five years and had its first national pairing in 2009. Computer tests are run every three months to determine possible matches, with the idea that the more transplants that can be done at one time, the better. Landsberg said six national pairings have now been completed. So far the biggest group transplant in Canada has involved five pairs.

In order for a paired transplant to be possible, there would have to be a donor with a suitable organ for Imelda and a patient who needed one from Tony. Transplants often involve several pairs of people who are incompatible to transplant between each other, but whose donors are willing to give up an organ to someone else so that a loved one can get one in return.

After the computer identifies a potential match, the people involved still need to be tested for the cross match and to make sure the donor's organs are healthy. The Edwards went through that process last fall with a paired transplant supposed to take place this spring. Unfortunately, the Toronto-based donor had to withdraw his or her offer — for reasons the Edwards will never know — ending the chain of transplants for an entire group. But when a new computer run was performed in March, the Edwards "amazingly enough" got another call.

This time the Edwards were lucky to be exchanging organs with other people who lived in B.C. They had their operations together on May 12 at St. Paul's and have since been recovering together at a "kidney condo" unit provided by the Canadian Kidney Foundation. Edwards said Imelda is doing well and they hope to be home soon.

With many years of waiting and disappointment finally behind them, Edwards said the advantage of the paired program is that it does not depend on a first-come, first-serve basis. An eight-year wait in the regular program can be reduced to just a few months if the computer finds a match. (Landsberg said other criteria in the points system include how difficult it is to match a donor and geographic proximity.)

Altruistic donors — like Salt Spring resident Lisa Sayer — increase the possibility of creating matches since their donation isn't linked to a specific case of someone needing a transplant.

"Altruistic donors are the hardest to get — they're just saying, 'Here, have a kidney,' which is pretty damned noble of them," Edwards said.

Sayer will be talking about her decision to give up a kidney to the transplant program in next week's Driftwood. She's also organizing an organ-card signing day on July 1, in effort to get islanders to mark their decision whether they'd like to donate post-mortem. Look for her stand on Canada Day in front of Island Star Video.

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Val Haigh's *Tryste and the Sea* in local bookstores

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When a dearth of funds and a deluge of responsibility rules out all but the tames adventures, it's a good thing writers like Val Haigh can fill the void and keep dreams alive.

In *Tryste and the Sea*, Haigh charts the same spirit of adventure readers may have encountered in the Salt Spring author's 1998 account of travelling around the globe alongside her husband and high-school-aged daughters in the late 1960s.

Chasing the Dream offered all the tumult and excitement one would expect from a first-person account of raising a young family on the open seas over the course of a five-year global circumnavigation.

For the sequel, readers set sail with a crew of two, but the cast of characters and ports of call encountered along the way ensure plenty of drama.

A certain measured craziness is in order when it comes to adventuring of any stripe.

For adventurers who scale lofty peaks, run great rivers, cycle across a continent or set sail around the globe, habits engendered by a conventional lifestyle are often in short supply.

As a child who grew up near the sea in England, Haigh said, the ocean always held a certain cachet. As for life on the edge, she gives most of the credit to her husband Ernest.

When she and her family emigrated to a piece of Canadian farmland in 1937, a life at sea wasn't in the cards. All that changed in the early 1950s when Haigh moved to Salt Spring and rediscovered her passion for the sea.

The young couple accepted various island jobs for as long as it took to raise enough funds to gear up their vessel and set sail on another adventure.

And what adventures they had. During a stopover on Suravov Island in the Cook Islands, for example, Haigh describes coming across what was left of "Tom



Ernest and Val Haigh aboard *Tryste* in the 1980s.

Neale's Kingdom."

Neale, an ex-pat from New Zealand, thatched together a homestead out of the meager resources available on the uninhabited half-mile-long island. With the exception of a handful of vessels that would stop by each year, Neale lived a life of solitude for roughly seven years. By the time *Tryste and the Sea*, the couple enjoyed a comfortable place to sleep and at least one egg laid by a free-roaming resident chicken.

Within a week of visiting Neale's former homestead, *Tryste* dropped anchor in the Tongan Island of Vava'u and was joined by one of their daughters for the New Zealand leg of their journey.

Here they met up with well-intentioned customs agents who, in the formal manner of border guards anywhere, allowed them into the country on condition that they promise "not to do any smuggling things, etc..."

Haigh, who is now 83 and still living on Salt Spring with her husband, took more

than 30 years to complete the stories of *Tryste's* final voyages.

When asked if the intervening decades informed her perspective on the why, the whats and the hows of her journey, she responded with a straightforward shake of the head.

"I don't think we got anything in perspective, we've always been a little bit crazy," she said.

Though Ernest still finds the time to long for a life at sea, the boat the couple called home for years has long since been sold.

Though lessons of endurance and tolerance learned from years of travelling remain with Haigh to this day, she much prefers the stability and peace found in writing and gardening right here on Salt Spring.

"I don't miss it," she said. "I feel I gave it a good go."

And that's probably a good thing. Otherwise she'd never have had the chance to complete her latest work and give all the rest of us a chance to dream of far-flung corners and high seas adventures.

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PHOTOGRAPHY



From left are images by Photo Lumière photographers Steven Friedman, Birgit Freybe Bateman, Janet Dwyer and Eric Onasick. Below is Gillean Proctor's Pink Peony image.

Bright world shines through group of five's work

Photo Lumière exhibit opens June 25

One of Salt Spring's most eagerly anticipated annual arts events opens this week, when the five photographers of the Photo Lumière exhibit hang new images at ArtSpring.

Viewers can "travel the world, examine an elephant's forehead,

feel a bee's-eye view of a flower, get up close and personal with a traveller's palm and touch the dew on a lily-white petal," promises a press release about the show.

Photo Lumière runs from Friday, June 25 to Saturday, July 10 at ArtSpring, consisting of work from Janet Dwyer, Steven Friedman, Birgit Freybe Bateman, Eric Onasick and Gillean Proctor.

Dwyer's photography uses natural forms, mostly flowers, to create new realities, relationships and surreal combinations.

Dwyer's scanography work recently won first place in the world's most prestigious photography competition, the International Photography Awards (IPA).

Friedman has travelled the world to bring back images of majes-



tic vistas and deep autumnal forests.

"No manipulation, just clear vision and focus from the vantage point of his panoramic camera lens."

He recently won first and two second prizes in the Professional

Nature category of the IPA competition.

Bateman "explores both man-made and natural worlds, while not wanting to be limited to either one," explains the press release.

Recently returned

from a trip to Moscow, Bateman has been asked to exhibit in St. Petersburg in June 2011 under the auspices of the State Russian Museum.

Onasick's photography takes views from the wide expanses of the Canadian prairie to the incredible detail of a milkweed pod. His images span the bold and subtle and are often wildly colourful or powerfully black and white. Trained as a geologist as well as a software engineer, Onasick's mastery of textures and shapes is precise and clean.

In the post-modern

world of the photographer's studio, Proctor captures "beauty and a touch of music through lighting, composition and balance."

He studied and apprenticed with the professor of photography at the prestigious Royal College of Art in London and assisted some of London's leading photographers before moving to Toronto in 1976, where he established Oasis, an internationally recognized art, design and photography partnership.

For more information, see www.photolumiere.ca.

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FUNDRAISER

Creativity reigns at Beaver Pt. Hall

Rivers of Life event

Great music and community will be flowing at the Rivers of Life event at Beaver Point Hall this weekend.

The Friends of Bute Inlet will benefit from the musical celebration on Saturday, June 26 that aims to raise awareness and funds to save the rivers, coast and salmon.

A presentation of Ahimsa Communications and Salt Spring Botanicals, it will feature Adham Shaikh, The Prodigal Sun, Firewood Poetry and special guests Blue Om. It begins at 9 p.m.

A performance art piece from Naomi Jason, Oona McQuat, Shea Bornn, Shoshannah Ray and Erin Harper is also planned.

Rim Visuals is providing the visuals while Cafe Verde has the refreshments taken care of.

The various performers have been busy in recent times.

After three years travelling the globe and "ages" spent in the studio, Shaikh has crafted a new world fusion album called Universal Frequencies, a reflection of our contemporary global culture.

"The resulting journey is a look at universal elements that bind and connect, and of forms that resonate and expand our ideas about our world around us," states press material.

Taking his inheritance and venturing off to the far country, The Prodigal Sun "is on a mission and over the last 10 years he has had the chance to share the stage with some of the best, learning and growing and gaining momentum along the way, and sharing his love for music and talent with all who are present."

Salt Spring-raised artist Trinity Forbes of Firewood Poetry graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Emily Carr University.

While painting has maintained a strong presence in her life, recently she allowed her love of music to take over, and has been making beautiful music in North and Central America. A CD is in the works.

Ali Lennox on tabla and Matt O'Donnell on sitar are Blue Om. They've both been studying Indian classical music for over 10 years.

"For years these two studied in the same city, Benares (Varanasi), but it wasn't until four years ago, when Matt moved to Cortes Island that they met and began playing together. Watching this duo perform live is a treat both rhythmically and melodically, but also to witness the clearly evident love and devotion to the music itself."

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HOT SHOES: Salt Springer Dave Rowse (right) is part of Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band, which rocked Moby's Pub on Saturday night.

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This is a young band that is redefining the sound of West Coast jazz.

Then on July 25, see The Millionaires with Matt Steffich on guitar, Dave Roland on bass and Lorne Burns on drums, playing a mixture of blues, rhythm and blues, and some top 40.

Salt Spring folk duo KC Kelly and Sandy Proffitt are the Aug. 29 performers.

Kelly is a bluesman with a Delta feel, who is also a great slide guitarist and fine songwriter. His newest album released in Aug. 2009, Wild Card, has already garnered rave reviews. Proffitt is a well-known vocalist residing on Salt Spring.

The fourth concert, on Sept. 12, features the Salt Spring Chamber Players, with Jim Stubbs on trumpet, Laurie Stubbs on bassoon and Matthew Stubbs on keyboard.

Jim is currently music director of Salt Spring's Bach on the Rock Choir and Orchestra. Laurie is a chamber music coach and performer at the Chamber Music Conference and Composers' Forum of the East.

Matthew has been studying piano with world-renowned teacher David Oei.

Hastings House Chef Marcel Kauer will prepare a special picnic for each guest, while wine and beer, as well as CDs by the artists, will be available for purchase.

Guests are invited to wander through the gardens and enjoy Hastings House outdoor sculptures during intermission.

Advance tickets for \$40, including the picnic will be limited to 40.

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BROKEN STRINGS: Fiddler Mack Jonsson is one of a trio of musicians who had market-goers' toes tapping in Centennial Park on Saturday.

FINE ART

Sculpture Garden private tours start in July

Reservations taken for weekly event

The Hastings House Sculpture Garden is open every Tuesday this summer, with private tours accepted by appointment beginning July 6. Sculptor Morley Myers or

artist Ben Goodman will guide visitors through the Sculpture Garden grounds at 1 p.m. before setting them off to discover the public trail.

The Sculpture Garden consists of a number of innovative art pieces by top-level local artists.

Advance reservations must

be made to place names on the tour list.

Reservations can be made by contacting Hastings House directly at 250-537-2362.

More information is available at www.hastingshouse.com.

Click At The Hotel for Sculpture Garden information.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Black Velvet Band returns to M&M

Irish and Salt Spring tunes on tap

The Black Velvet Band from Salt Spring Island will once again offer up a rousing performance of traditional Irish music, with some Salt Spring songs for good measure, for Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea on Wednesday, June 30.

Band members are Harry Warner (banjo, tenor guitar and mandolin), Denise McCann Bachman (mandolin, guitar, bodhran, hurdy-gurdy and dulcimer), Briony Penn (penny whistle) and Jo Lundstrom (accordion and concertina).

All four band members sing and, according to their audiences, their a cappella three-part harmony renditions of traditional Irish songs are among their best pieces.

The Black Velvet Band has released a cassette tape titled *Do You Love an Apple?* and has performed at Seattle's Folklife festival, throughout the Pacific Northwest and at many venues on Salt Spring.

Free Music and Munch concerts begin at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional light lunch for \$5.50.

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ON STAGE: Soul Shakedown is among the nightly live acts drawing a crowd to the Tree House Cafe in Ganges. This Thursday the band hosts Blues Night at Moby's beginning at 8 p.m.

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ART EVENTS

Master carver, hereditary chief Tony Hunt speaks at Pegasus

Northwest Coast art icon visits Saturday

The Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art is honoured to host a talk given by one of the most important living Northwest Coast artists on Saturday, June 26.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., master carver and hereditary Kwakwaka'wakw Chief Tony Hunt will speak about art, life and culture from his unique perspective.

Born in 1942 as the eldest son of Henry Hunt and grandson of Mungo Martin, both important master carvers, Tony is a world famous Northwest Coast artist who has exhibited and executed masterworks of carving the world over.

In 1962 Tony became the assistant carver at Thunderbird Park in Victoria, working with his father. He left that role to devote full time to the Arts of the Raven Gallery, which he founded in 1970, dedicated to providing a facility for the production and

sale of high-quality NWC art.

"My role is no longer to prove quality. That battle has been won. Now we have standards, our standards, by which to judge Northwest Coast contemporary art," says Tony.

"The future is limited only by the imagination and skills of the artist. These, coupled with love and respect for our ancestors, will maintain the art. Respect, professionalism and imagination are all we ever need. I will accept the challenges of the future."

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Summer camps celebrate nature, enchantment

Girls aged six to 11 are invited to celebrate and explore the beauty and enchantment of the natural world at two summer day camps being offered this July by Oona McOuat.

Faerie Camp runs from July 5-9 and Mermaid Camp runs from July 12-16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a location between Ganges and Fulford near Lee's Hill. Shelby Johnstone will be artist in residence for the camps.

Activities include nature study,

ecological learning, storytelling, music making, creating art with nature and plenty of magical fun. At Faerie Camp, children will explore "Earth as home" and learn the Green Faerie's ways of living sustainably on planet earth, including healing with plants.

They will visit two cob houses in the woods built by the Mud Girls — one still in the process of completion — and create their own eco-faerie houses.

Mermaid Camp will focus

on cetaceans — the songs and secrets of whales and dolphins, ocean conservation and the making of luminous lanterns with daily water play.

Five year olds who will be turning six this year can also attend.

Cost per week is \$150 plus \$20 for supplies. Enrolment at these popular camps is limited, so families should contact Oona at 250-653-2088 or oonasong@yahoo.com to reserve spots soon.



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Wed. June 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chamigos. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Billie Woods & Mike Wall. Free Music & Munch recital at All Saints at 12:10 p.m. Followed by optional lunch.

ACTIVITIES

Derek Lundy Book Celebration. Reading from Borderlands: Riding the Edge of America. 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.

Thurs. June 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Richard Cross. Live music at Shipstones pub. 7 p.m.
Simone & the Soul Intentions. Live music at the Pub at Fulford.
Barley Bros. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Soul Shakedown. Hosts blues night at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dance Temple. A freeform dance ritual at SS Centre of Yoga's pond dome. Feel free to bring along altar decorations that are meaningful to you. 7-10 p.m.
Yoga & Dinner With Dorothy Price. SS Centre of Yoga. Yoga at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. One day's notice required. 250-537-2326; yoga@saltspringcentre.com.

Fri. June 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Planet Music. At Moby's. 8 p.m.
Tom & Matt. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Billie Woods. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Norris Clement Jazz Trio. 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. Noon to 5 p.m.

Sat. June 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Braveheart. Montreal-based jazz trio — Omar Amlani (drums), Ted Crosby (sax) and James Meger (bass). All Saints. 7:30 p.m.
Rivers of Life. Music by Adham Shaikh, The Prodigal Sun, Firewood Poetry, Blue Om and more. Beaver Point Hall. 9 p.m. Benefit for The Friends of Bute Inlet.
Mancubs. Moby's. 8 p.m.
Lane 31. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
KC Kelly. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Sat. June 26

ACTIVITIES

Hands Across the Strait. Gathering to protest offshore oil drilling. Fulford Harbour beaches (Drummond Park). 12 noon to 12:15 p.m., with building of lines in sand beginning at 11 a.m.
Tony Hunt Presentation. Master carver and hereditary Kwakwaka'wakw Chief Tony Hunt will speak about art, life and culture from his unique perspective. Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Green Drinks. Meets at Moby's Marine Pub from 5 to 7 p.m.
Homing in on Your Nesting Instinct. Building options workshop led by EcoNest co-authors Paula Baker-Laporte and Robert Laporte. Salt Spring Centre School. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-0076 or go to www.econest.com.
Weekly Saturday Night Market. Local and nomadic artisans showcase their works at Alchemi Living Arts on corner of Jackson and Hereford. Info: alchemilivingarts@gmail.com

Sun. June 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Bros. At the Pub at Fulford.
Peter Taschuk and Ian Van Wyck. Live in the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Swing Shift & Quintessential. Jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.
Peter Prince. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Women's Intuition Workshop. Led by Christina Richard and Emma-Louise Elsey. Core Inn third floor, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-8428 at www.simplicitylifecoaching.com.
Zen Meditation. Half-day zen meditation event at Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to noon. Register with Marion at 250-537-4567.

Mon. June 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Happy Feet Howe. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

BC Environmental Farm Plan Info Session. Farmers' Institute. 4 to 6 p.m. Pre-register by June 23: annemacey@shaw.ca or 250-537-5511.
Parks and Recreation Commission. Meets at Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.

Tues. June 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jaquet. 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

Chefs Across the Water 2010. First in a series of dinners prepared by B.C.'s top chefs at the Hastings House kitchen, with Pino Posteraro of Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill & Enoteca from Vancouver. Portion of proceeds benefit Island Natural Growers and the local abattoir project. Info/reserve: 250-537-2362; info@hastingshouse.com

Wed. June 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Black Velvet Band. Free Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Followed by optional lunch.
Planet Music. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Cover Girl. Live music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Styrofoam & Soft Plastics Depot. Pacific Mobile Depots staff will be at Country Grocer's parking lot to pick up styrofoam and soft plastics. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: 250-893-8383 or www.pacificmobiledepots.com
SS Farm Food Link Fundraising Lunch. Hastings House executive chef Marcel Kauer and guest chef Pino Posteraro of Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill in Vancouver serve the finest SS farm foods and wines in support of SS Farm Food Link. Hastings House. 12:30 p.m. Advance tickets at SS Books.
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EXHIBITIONS

- The Showcase Gallery exhibit at ArtCraft is work from three series — **Missing, Highway of Tears and One** — by **Deon and Kathy Venter**. Runs daily at historic Mahon Hall until June 30. ArtCraft Gift Shop is also open daily through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- New paintings by **Carol Haigh** are showing at **Steffich Fine Art**.
- **Starfish Gallery** is showing wildlife bronzes by **Paul Harder** 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. On Saturday, June 26, the gallery hosts a talk by master carver **Tony Hunt** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Susan Haigh's** new studio and gallery displaying her vibrant floral paintings and cards at **289 Cusheon Lake Rd.** will be open on Saturday, June 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**.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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ART FORMS: An Allan Crane sculpture finds an apt "home" in front of a Carol Haigh painting during the Masterpiece Weekend exhibit at ArtSpring.

ARTBEAT

Fine art showcase at ArtCraft

Deon and Kathy Venter help usher in new look

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The opening of ArtCraft's 42nd season last Friday premiered a fresh look for the arts and crafts marketplace, where walls acting as gallery space created the perfect backdrop for fine handmade products.

A number of paintings and prints on display in the main area added a new visual element, while the impressive stage showcase featuring Deon and Kathy Venter showed the real potential of Mahon Hall's space.

Deon Venter's *Missing #7* filled the stage right's wall in dramatic pyramid form, magnificent against the black background. Built of individual panels representing the faces of women missing from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, the pyramid's base row contains 17 faces and builds upwards. The sheer number of women affected is made apparent by seeing their faces stack up row after row.

Venter's technique is to apply thick oil paints in viscous blobs of pigment, obscuring image through texture so shapes are only recognizable as faces when seen at a distance, and are never distinct. The difficulty in seeing is complicated by another Venter technique: he applies thin lines of masking to the canvas before painting and then removes them, creating crisp, thin white bars between strips of tactile paint.

John K. Grande, a writer for Art Forum magazine, has said that in Venter's paintings, "What we cannot see becomes as important as what we can see."

He paints about tragedies such as women missing and murdered in Vancouver and along B.C.'s Highway 16 to memorialize the victims and help bring about closure, but his technique highlights the way society forms experiences and memories of events we have not, in fact, witnessed first hand.

In *Missing #7*, the predominance of white, shot through with fragments of red, orange and darker pigments, makes the textured painting resemble handmade paper embedded with dried flower petals. This imagery is extended in Highway



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Kathy Venter's *Occupy #27* sculpture; and *Missing #7* by Deon Venter.

of Tears Goldenrod-Peonies, a suite of 24 paintings of flowers and women missing from the north.

For this series Venter was inspired by Pulitzer-prize winning poet Mary Oliver. The women's lives are compared to flowers, with their all-too-short season of youthful bloom.

In some cases the 24 X 24-inch paintings are just of flowers: the goldenrod and peonies make an appearance, as do other varieties. In the paintings of women, Venter has created a double image of each face, usually seen side by side.

Although his method of obscuring is in fully in place, it's as though the artist wants to increase the victims' presence.

Kathy Venter, an accomplished sculptor, is showing three pieces from her *Revision* series. She explores a long-term working relationship with a favourite model over time, capturing small changes in her mood and physique. The terra cotta pieces are life sized but are not built from a mold — the hand-built sculptures demonstrate Venter's absolute understanding of the human form.

Out of the stage area, other art works make a pleasing addition to the visual environment. Joanie Peterson's paintings are accomplished in form and colour sense, as seen in the abstract work *Between Thoughts*. Large areas of solid colour put together a sombre mood picture using black and moss and mint greens, with deep brown and bronze. Touches of lilac add flashes of life.

In *Brava*, Peterson combines an impressionist field of wild flowers and a soft blue grey sky with the frenetic energy of a crazed black dog. With sharp ears that echo the pointed jaw with white teeth bared and red tongue hanging out, the dog bursts across the scene. Text that emerges through the paint in the midground includes the phrase "chasing innocent victims through the apple orchards unleashed." It's a humorous exercise but very appealing.

Michela Sorrentino has a series of small acrylic paintings on wood panel. In many different color combinations and abstract forms that resemble collage, the paintings are difficult to describe but enchanting to see.

One pleasing combo unites stripes of dark red and brick with leaf green, overlaid with tiny black and white objects that could be spoons or wands.

Amy Melious provides similar visual nourishment with large prints of butterflies, in archival giclee on 12 X 12-inch wood panels. Edged in gold, the smoky cream background supports the amazing colours of the insects' outstretched wing spans.

The Salt Spring Arts Council's ArtCraft gift shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the summer months. The Venter Showcase exhibit, which is sponsored by MacDonald Realty, is on until June 30.

A show by Gillian McConnell, Megan Manning, Louise Goodman and George Sipos — called *Drift* — is next up beginning on July 2.

MUSICAL HONOURS

SS Pipes & Drums bring home awards

Next event is Canada Day

Members of the Salt Spring Legion Branch 92 Pipes and Drums won several awards at the B.C. Legion Highland Gathering in Squamish last weekend.

Piper Mikaela Fraser placed second in the chanter class, Bobby Crichton placed third in novice march and John Williamson came fourth in the adult slow air.

The Salt Spring tenor drum section finished in a three-way tie for first place, and in band competitions Branch 92 finished third in Grade 4, behind third place Pender Island Branch 239.

Piper Tim Erdmer of Salt Spring won first place in the senior march strathspey and reel, finished third in the open hornpipe/jig and was a member of the senior trio from Cowichan Pipes and Drums that finished in first place.

The Salt Spring Pipes and Drums will be guests of the Salt Spring Concert Band on Canada Day at the Hydro field. They will perform three numbers with the band, including *The Gael* from *Last of the Mohicans*.

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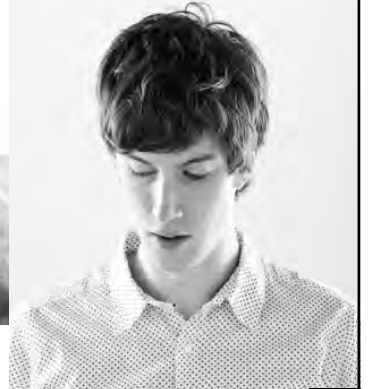
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The Book of Eli

Well, colour me tickled: *The Book of Eli* wasn't the disaster I was expecting. The Hughes Brothers' religion-laden tale of a presumed God's champion wandering the postapocalyptic landscape may not be unified or even consistent, but its combination of wicked violence and sober spiritual themes make for entertaining viewing.

Denzel Washington stars as the titular Eli, one of the oldest survivors of a worldwide nuclear war. Thirty years after the cataclysm turned the surface of the planet into an interminable dustbowl, Eli continues to make his way West with supposedly the last copy of the King James Bible in hand.

He's not quite sure why — a mysterious voice told him to do so — but he's determined. Despite his incredible talent at killing, he avoids most conflict. But when the would-be dictator Carnegie (Gary Oldman, of course) seeks to get his hands on that last Bible to facilitate his social domination abilities, Eli is forced to fight back.

The *Book of Eli* sounds a lot like pro-Christian propaganda, but rest assured it is not nearly as single-minded as it sounds. Unlike typical fundamentalist dogma, the Hughes Brothers are more interested

in asking questions than giving ironclad answers. It's hard to discuss the particulars without giving away the end of the story, but in my mind this is the rare kind of film that manages to look at religion with a careful, curious eye.

At the same time, don't go thinking that it's all talk and no bite. There are a fair dose of action sequences in *The Book of Eli*, and I loved them. Most involve Eli's machete dissecting gangs of stinky Mad Max wannabe thugs, but they're shot with a distinct and creative visual flair that separates them from the incoherent, hyper-edited mess we usually get in this kind of thing.

I also enjoyed the film's landscape aesthetic, a mix of detailed, dust-covered sets and a mystically swooshing digital sky. The combination makes for an interesting effect, the creation of a world that is not just the material ruins of our modern society but also a nearly magical space.

Clearly *The Book of Eli*, with its complex religious message, disdain for "realism", and multiple severed limbs, isn't going to fully satisfy everyone. But for me it has more than enough going on to warrant championing to you, oh trusting readers. Keep the faith, my children.


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Islanders invited to join Hands Across the Sand

Fulford one among 500 offshore oil protest sites

Salt Spring beaches won't be left out when the largest worldwide gathering of people opposed to offshore oil drilling takes place on Saturday, June 26.

With global momentum, more than 500 Hands Across the Sand events are planned for that day, including one on the beaches along Fulford Harbour — at Drummond Park, along Isabella Point Road and in front of the inn towards the marina.

People can begin to come together at 11 a.m. to build lines along the beach, with the joining of hands taking place from noon to 12:15 p.m.

According to press material from local organizer Susanne Hunter, Hands Across The Sand "is a movement of people of all walks of life. It is about protecting our oceans, marine and coastal wildlife and our coastal economies. Hands Across the Sands' mission is to change our energy policy away from its dependency on fossil fuels and into the light of clean energy.

"The aim is to convince our leaders to abandon offshore oil drilling and adopt policies that encourage clean and renewable energy sources."

Hands Across The Sand was founded by David Rauschkolb in October 2009. He organized a statewide gathering on Feb. 13, 2010, to send a

message to Florida's legislators and Governor Crist that Floridians did not want them to lift the bans on near and offshore oil drilling in Florida's waters. Thousands of Floridians representing 60 towns and cities and over 90 beaches joined hands to protest the efforts by the Florida Legislature and the U.S. Congress to lift the ban on oil drilling in the near and off shores of Florida. It became the largest gathering in the history of Florida. Shortly after the event the Florida Legislature tabled the effort.

"The image is powerful, the message simple," said Rauschkolb. "No to offshore oil drilling, yes to clean energy. We are drawing a line in the sand against offshore oil drilling along America's beaches and in solidarity events across America and around the world. No one industry should be able to place entire coastal economies and marine environments at risk."

For more information, people can visit <http://HandsAcrossTheSand.com>.

For questions about the local event, contact Susanne Hunter by e-mail: susanne.starlight@gmail.com.

This event is supported locally by Transition Salt Spring and Earth Festival Society.

It is supported and endorsed in Canada by the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association, Green Party of Canada, Sierra Club of B.C., Raincoast Conservation Society, the Georgia Strait Alliance and the Suzuki Foundation.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

OPEN HOUSE: Dan and Sandee Kent are dressed the part for some Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club action at an open house Saturday.

LIBRARY

Reading rocks at the Salt Spring library

Annual reading club begins July 7

Summer Reading Club at the library is set to begin on July 7 with fun, riddles, information, activities and lots of great books.

"Salt Spring Library Summer Reading Club is a fun, free way to keep kids of all ages reading all summer long and help them develop the regular reading habit," explains a library press release.

"Did you know that children who read at home do better in school?"

Kids aged six to 11 can sign up

at the library and get a free reading record to keep track of their summer reading.

"Read daily, or at least five days out of each seven, record your reading and bring your reading record to the library each week for get a sticker, a prize draw entry and the chance to win a Reading Rocks medal."

Participants can read new books or their old favourite books at home or on vacation, and then bring their reading record to the library each week from the beginning of July to the first week of August.

The Reading Rocks! Summer Reading Club program runs

on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on July 7, 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4 with something new each week.

Kids can sign up now at the Salt Spring Island Public Library.

Quizzes, book lists and word games will be available in July and August on the library website (www.saltspringlibrary.com).

The club is sponsored by Salt Spring Island Public Library and the British Columbia Library Association, with assistance from the Public Library Services Branch, B.C. Ministry of Education. Medals are sponsored by the Royal Bank Financial Group.

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WORKSHOPS

Women's intuition class provides simple tools and a sacred space

Set for Core Inn on June 27

Two island women have teamed up to offer a fun and informative class that helps women access their intuition and reconnect with themselves.

Christina Richard is a psychic and intuitive, and Emma-Louise Elsey is a life coach and retreat leader.

They've created an introductory workshop that combines friendship, inspiration and simple tools and exercises that attendees can take home and

use in their daily lives.

"We guarantee attendees will leave feeling empowered, relaxed and inspired," they state in a press release. "A great way to start the busy summer holidays."

The workshop runs Sunday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Core Inn.

Attendees should bring a notebook or a journal. A mid-morning tea and snack, plus hand-outs are provided. Cost is \$49 or \$89 for two friends.

The event will provide enlightening and inspiring tools and insights, and a sacred

space to connect and share with other women. It will draw on "exercises to self-reflect and reconnect with the real, authentic you," and use "meditation and visualization to help you relax, de-stress and become more grounded in who you are."

For more information or to register, call Richard at 250-537-8428 or email her at christina.richard@shaw.ca. People can also register and pay online on the Events Page at <http://www.simplicitylifecoaching.com>.

Elsey can be contacted on 250-537-2250 or by email at emma@simplicitylifecoaching.com.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Sidney notaries set to fill the void left by retiring local Liz Anderson

Salvador, Davis & Co. will provide service

When long-time Salt Spring notary Liz Anderson let it be known she wanted to retire, the notaries at Salvador, Davis & Co. in Sidney offered to help her out.

Notaries Laurie Salvador, Lisa Ehrlich or Susan Davis will visit Salt Spring one day a week to meet clients. The rest of the work will be processed in their Sidney office at 101-9830 Second St.

Salvador, Davis & Co. is a long-established Sidney firm started by Laurie's father back in 1968.

According to a press release, "It has grown over the years to a staff of eight caring and committed women. Business partner Ehrlich and associate Davis both received awards for top marks in their class when graduating as notaries."

Davis and Salvador have both committed many years as directors on the board of the Notary Society of British Columbia, governors of the Notary Foundation and Davis is just finishing up as the current president.

Salvador, Davis & Co. specializes in real estate conveyancing, subdivisions and Islands Trust-related issues, wills, powers of attorney and health care representation agreements.

"Laurie, Lisa and Susan are



all looking forward to getting to know the people of Salt Spring and enjoy the ambiance of your little treasure island."

Their toll free number is 1-866-956-3951.

Anderson will be busy with her therapeutic riding program for the disabled, playing tennis, bridge and sailing, and says she is now open for lunch invitations.

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Liz Anderson, left, has passed the Salt Spring notary baton to Laurie Salvador, right, and Lisa Ehrlich and Susan Davis of Sidney.

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ZEN

Zen meditation — learning to be completely alert and fully engaged

Half-day sitting at Ango Retreat on June 27

BY CHRIS SMART
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

How does meditation help in our everyday life? Why sit quietly on a cushion when you could be hiking, gardening or washing the dishes? These are good questions many people ask.

The answer to these questions is simple: whether we are washing dishes, working with a skill saw, or just looking at the wonders that grow in our gardens, the practice of meditation helps us to be completely alert and fully engaged in what we are doing.

Rather than thinking about weeding the garden when stirring the soup, or remembering to do taxes in the middle of a kiss, meditators become quite good at weeding when it's time to weed, stirring when the soup needs stirring, and kissing . . . well, that speaks for itself.

If you allow your imagination to grasp this idea for a moment, you'll see that the benefit to your life is endless.

But, in order to actually show up and do what we do requires practice. Even just sitting on a cushion, following the breath and being fully "in the moment" is not an easy task, given our usual monkey minds.

Shunryu Suzuki, who wrote the classic Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind, said: "When we practice zazen (sitting meditation), it is not that big mind is actually controlling small mind, but simply that when small

mind becomes calm, big mind starts its true activity."

Whether you're a regular meditator, a person of great faith, little faith or no faith, everyone is welcome to explore these questions when the Salt Spring Zen Circle offers its free half-day retreat on Sunday, June 27.

Participants will be offered a few periods of meditation, a short talk on how life and Zen practice go together, and an hour's opportunity to do some simple work in the beautiful grounds of Ango Retreat where the morning practice takes place.

Salt Spring Zen Circle practices in the Soto Zen tradition founded on the teachings of Buddha and further refined by Eihei Dogen, who lived in Japan and China in the 1200s. Master Dogen was a radical who is recognized today as one of the great thinkers of the millennium.

He demanded equality of practice for women, and saw trees and mountains, as well as humans, as sentient beings. Dogen saw no separation between meditation and everyday life and proclaimed the unity of realization and practice.

Salt Spring Zen Circle invites everyone to join this wonderful opportunity to practice and learn more about ourselves from 8 a.m. to noon on June 27 at 340 LePage Road. Please arrive by 7:45 a.m. at the latest.

To register or inquire, call Marion at 250-537-4567. Attendance is free, however, in keeping with the Zen tradition, donations are gratefully received for the teacher, Eihei Peter Levitt, who otherwise receives no remuneration.

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MEMORIAL WINDOW: A beautiful stained glass window created by Jack Clements, commemorating World War 1 and 11, was part of the 85th anniversary celebration of the United Church in Ganges recently.

HOUSING

Building a healthy 'nest' explored

Experts in field talk about nine building methods at seminar

For people thinking about building a healthy, natural home, a one-day intensive seminar on Saturday, June 26 might be just the thing.

Homing in on Your Nesting Instinct, led by EcoNest co-authors Paula Baker-Laporte and Robert Laporte at Salt Spring Centre School, offers a unique opportunity for present and future homeowners to explore the options for building a natu-

ral home in the Pacific Northwest bio-region.

Ecological and health impacts of nine different building methods, including conventional stick frame building, will be discussed and methods offered to assist people interested in building a natural home to choose the method that resonates with them personally.

The seminar includes an introduction to the principles of building biology — the European gold standard for building a healthy and ecological home — plus information on how to site for environmental stewardship, design for radiant health and eco-

logical performance, and ensure a harmonic building process.

Cost of the seminar, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is \$125 for individuals or \$200 per couple and includes a delicious vegetarian lunch. This is the only seminar offered by the Laportes on Salt Spring this summer that still has spaces available in it.

The Laportes are an architect-builder team specializing in the construction of "EcoNest" homes made of clay, straw and timber.

For more information about Homing In on Your Nesting Instinct and to register, phone 250-537-0076 or go to www.econest.com.

BRIDGE TRICKS

Pride level rises and falls with the cards

As does faith in fair June weather

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Rather than busting out all over, June has been a bit of a bust so far this year, hasn't it!

But in the world of duplicate bridge, on June 7 George Laundry and Paul Retallack were no busts, claiming victory. Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese were second among the five full tables,

while Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor were third.

Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder occupied fourth place, and we note that the last three names could have genuine bosoms swelling with pride.

There were also five full tables on June 14, and this time it was Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese in first place. Terry Wilkinson and Blanche Poborsa came second, with Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn in the third spot.

Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder settled comfortably into their accustomed fourth place, and we won't mention anything about previous winners deflating from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Warm wishes are offered to the weather gods, as well as to others who might like a game of duplicate.

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LOVELY LAVENDER: Hanna and Emmy Hoffman are surrounded by fragrant purple flowers as they promote the upcoming Lavender Festival, set for July 4 at Sacred Mountain Lavender on Salt Spring.

AWARDS

1st Andrew Krizan award bestowed

Health sciences focus for Kaity Brunt

Andrew Krizan's spark of enthusiasm and the love he shared with everyone at the Gulf Islands Families Together Society prompted GIFTS to create a scholarship in his name.

According to GIFTS, it will be an annual award for a GISS student pursuing post-secondary education in the health sciences.

"The genesis of the scholarship is based upon Andrew's reliance on assisted living that was provided by caring, trained individuals. His life revolved around his house and his community that was made accessible for him by caregivers. It is his wish and behest that others be encouraged to enter into this area of community service."

Kaity Brunt was the successful candidate of the first scholarship. Brunt will attend Capilano University in North Vancouver to earn a degree in applied behavioural analysis with a focus on the autism spectrum.

"My main goal is to be able to make a difference in the lives of people like Andrew," said Brunt.



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SOCIAL HEALTH

SWOVA keeps passing it on thanks to expansion funding

At-risk teens to benefit through further mentorship

Building on the success of last year's Pass It On: Health and Safety for Girls and Young Women pilot project, SWOVA will offer a Phase II of the project over the next two years.

Thanks to funding from Status of Women Canada and the United Way of Greater Victoria, SWOVA will be expanding the program into five rural areas of B.C., including Salt Spring Island.

"SWOVA will work collaboratively with communities who have identified a need for additional resources for girls and young women to increase their capacity to stay safe as well as develop leadership and decision-making skills," explains a press release.

"The project will address risky behaviours at a young age, facilitating change for some of the most vulnerable members of our society."

This project will look at the best practices for both the Pass It On: Phase I and SWOVA's Respectful Relationship program and combine the two to create a comprehensive approach to safety for girls and young women.

Innovative, youth-centred workshops (building on those developed in Phase I) will be delivered to girls and young women to assist them to prevent violence and participate more fully in their communities by addressing health and safety issues and by using an expansion of the mentorship model developed in Phase I.

Passing It On II will see adult women support and mentor young women, who will then support and mentor younger, at risk, middle school girls.

This will help to prepare them for high school and provide positive role-models to the girls for personal health and safety.

Phase II will involve an eight-month mentorship of middle school age girls by trained and supported senior high school young women. The original pilot had a six-week mentorship component.

Details about upcoming workshops will be announced.

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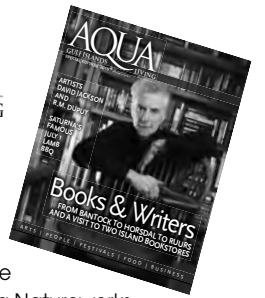
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CYCLING

Salt Spring cyclist seizes life-long challenge

Dickie's 10-week journey starts this week

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island woman has been busy gearing up to fulfill a life-long dream and it all gets rolling this weekend.

That's when Janice Dickie, 43, sets off on a 7,550-kilometre journey across 10 provinces as part of the Tour du Canada's 22nd annual cross-country ride from Victoria to St. John's, Newfoundland.

"Like many people in middle age, I've resolved to actually do the things I dream about, instead of just dreaming about them," she said after a Monday training ride.

Dickie, who is originally from New Brunswick, lived in Ontario and Nova Scotia before moving to B.C. 11 years ago.

Travelling across the country by bike, she said, is an ideal way to connect these different parts of her life and drop in to visit family members along the way.

According to information on the Tour

du Canada website, prospective riders should log about 2,000 kilometres in the six months preceding the trip.

Though she's an avid long-distance runner and hiker, Dickie's cycling experience was pretty limited when she began training.

Through a chance encounter with Salt Spring cyclist and Tour du Canada-veteran Ted Harrison, Dickie got to know a group of experienced island cyclists who taught her everything she needed to know about going the distance.

"It was Ted and this group of men who taught me how to ride in a paceline, change a flat, repair my bike in emergency situations on the road and maintain it in good working order," she said.

Dickie soon progressed from riding 30 kilometres a week to logging weekly distances of more than 500 kilometres.

"I trained lots of hills to build endurance — Salt Spring is good for that — and rode in all kinds of bad weather to get a feel for cycling eight to 10 hours a day in the rain or wind," she said. "I can confirm that we've had unusually wet weather this spring."

She's put almost 4,000 kilometres on her touring bike since January and can

now ride 150 kilometres a day and still stand the next.

Dickie sets off with 41 riders on the world's longest organized cycling tour this weekend. The Tour du Canada organization supplies three meals a day, though participants are expected to cook and clean up in groups. Riders will stay in pre-booked campgrounds and university residences.

As much as Dickie has learned about herself during the course of her training rides, she would like to use the experience to inspire others who feel they can never get around to living out their dreams.

"I hope that my experience of moving from a beginner to a long-distance cyclist in a relatively short period of time will inspire other middle-age people, especially women, to embark on their own big adventure," she said.

"Already I have made many new friends, become stronger and healthier, been absorbed with each day of life like never before," she added. "If the experience of the tour is as uplifting as the journey to its start line was, I will have lived the best year of my life so far."

"What could be better than that?"



Janice Dickie: ready to ride.

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CHARITY GOLF

Hospital foundation tourney beefs up events and prizes

More fun than ever set for July 9-10

Each year the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's charity golf tournament gets better, and for its 19th annual event, the fun will be spread over two days.

On Friday, July 9, RBC Dominion Securities is sponsoring a special putting contest that could see a happy golfer go home with \$5,000, with an extra \$5,000 donated to the foundation.

Entrants should buy their raffle tickets (\$5 each or 3 for \$10) in advance from the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club, from the foundation office, from RBC Dominion Securities,

or at the event for a chance to be one of the 20 golfers to participate in a series of qualifying rounds.

Winner of the qualifying rounds will have one attempt to sink a putt to win the big prize. There will also be a second-chance raffle draw, and a consolation prize awarded if the finalist is unsuccessful.

"Even if you aren't participating, come out and share in the excitement from 4 to 6 p.m.," urges a foundation press release.

"A beer tent, hot dogs and hamburgers will all be part of the fun."

The next day, people can come to play in the Texas Scramble format tournament.

Tee-off times are 8 a.m., 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.

A buffet dinner, silent and live auctions, and the prize-giving, made possible by the generosity of local businesses and individuals who all come together to make the tournament one of the highlights on Salt Spring's summer calendar, will take place.

Also part of the annual event is the hole in one contest.

One golfer could win a new Subaru donated by Saunders Subaru and a lawn tractor donated by Sears Canada.

For people who want to improve their score, junior golfers who will hit a long drive on your behalf can be rented or up to four mulligans can be bought.

After the buffet dinner, the Hewitson Memorial trophy will be presented in honour of Tash and Glenn Hewitson, in whose memory the tournament has been held for many years.

Organizers say sunshine is (almost) guaranteed and no experience is required.

Golfers can enter either the putting contest or the tournament, or both events. All funds raised will be used to purchase new equipment for our community hospital.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

GYMNASTICS

Every girl shines in club's personal achievement roll

Next outing will be fall fair for lemonade fundraiser

Salt Spring Gymnastics Club members have wound up their season with greatest achievement honours bestowed by head coach Rani Dunkley. The team was also coached by Jessica Fettis, Noella Fraser and Samantha Brunt.

The list is as follows:

- Nina Pickstone: First place in vault at the Lion's Pride in Victoria
- Nikoya Catry-Bauer: Most improved on bars
- Annika Berend: First place on beam, third-place in bars at Lion's Pride
- Alex Murphy-MacDonald: First all-round on all events at Lion's Pride in Victoria
- Maya Neufeld: Most improved on floor
- Taylor Akerman: Second all-round on all events out of 43 girls at Garden City, Victoria
- Gia Hasenfratz: Most improved on floor

- Darby McIntyre: Making it to the B.C. championships
- Jeyda Gordon: Most improved on bars
- Chelsea Kaye: Most improved on beam
- Mira Byron: Choreography award
- Lilly Campbell: First all-round on all events at Lion's Pride and first in choreography
- Zoey Cullen-Lahay: Second place on floor at Chimo, Comox and third on beam in Delta
- Kristi Reynolds: Second all-round in B.C. championships
- Kasea Campbell: Second all-round at Chimo, Comox

The club thanks Country Grocer for their support and John Cameron for taking such great photos of the girls. Islanders will see the girls at the Salt Spring Fall Fair at their lemonade stand raising money for equipment and travel to their competitions and at other ongoing fundraising events.

For more information about Salt Spring gymnastics, call Rani Dunkley at 250-653-0019.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Members of the Salt Spring Gymnastics Club celebrate completion of an excellent season.

RUNNING

Sneakers run the route at Twilight 5K in Chemainus

Haighs post stellar times

Members of the Salt Spring Sneakers running club laid down a stellar outing at the five-kilometre Twilight Shuffle in Che-

mainus on June 15.

Andrew Haigh topped a pack of four island runners with a phenomenal time of 19:18.

The performance earned Haigh a second-place finish in the men's 50-59 category. Haigh placed 27th

out of the race's 522 registered participants.

Lynn Thompson earned a second-place finish in the men's 70-99 category with a time of 25:57.

Lise Fraser finished sixth in the women's 50 to 59 group with a 25:56 run.

Aidan Haigh, the youngest Salt Spring participant, put in an impressive run for a final time of 24:53.

The result earned him a fifth-place spot in the boys' 10 and under category.

Three Salt Spring walk-

ers, Kimberly Sykes, Sharon Sykes and Amanda Sykes, completed the event in 53:18, 53:18 and 54:40 respectively.

The 26th annual event is part of the 2010 Northwest Masters Road Racing Championships.

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Winner of the qualifying rounds advances to final round with a chance to sink putt of a designated distance. The winner receives a \$5,000 prize plus \$5,000 for the Hospital Foundation. (Consolation prize: TaylorMade RAC Chrome Wedge.)

EVENT DETAILS:

Friday, July 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Barbecue, beer tent and more

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, available at:

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- ✓ Lady Minto Hospital Foundation office at 250-538-4845
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DEATHS

Hauge:
Peonia (Penny)

Penny passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on May 26, 2010. She was born in Nightingale, Alberta, on July 27, 1915.

She is survived by one brother, John of Edmonton, Alberta; one sister-in-law Annie of Langley, BC; and one niece and five nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation in Penny's name.

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WEDDINGS

Cara Temmel & Chris Vezina
 were married in glorious sunshine in the garden of the brides' parents on Monday, June 14th, 2010. They returned to their busy lives in Victoria and would like to thank everyone for making their day so special and look forward to their delayed honeymoon, somewhere warm, this winter.

Photo by Elizabeth Cronin

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM

HUGHES, Darcy Jane March 27, 1983 - June 20, 2008
 Darcy, we love you and miss you so very much. You will never be forgotten, always be honored and forever be loved. Aunt Ellen, Uncle Hans and your cousins Petra, Melissa, Jocelyn, Jared and Julian.

DEATHS

A Memorial Celebration for the life of **Lorne Martin** will be held on Sunday, June 27 at All Saints By-the-Sea, lower hall, 110 Park Drive 2pm onwards. Family members will be in attendance.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Regular office hours will resume at 8:30 am, Friday, July 2, 2010. We apologize for any inconvenience.

JOANNA STARKE

November 4, 1916 to June 15, 2010



Joanna Bagwell was born in Ohio. By the age of eight she had moved to Madrid, Spain, with her family, where her father worked for International Telephone and Telegraph. Because she attended a French lycée in Madrid, she was fluent in English, French, and Spanish throughout her life. She returned to the United States to attend Smith College, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Her studies included a year at the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1939 she married Joseph Starke. They lived for nearly 40 years in Pound Ridge, New York, where they raised their son Larry and daughter Linda. Joanna worked in various publishing ventures in New York during this time. She was very active in the peace movement for many years.

In 1987 they moved to Vancouver to be near their son and his family. After Joe's passing in 1993, Joanna lived at Crofton Manor in Vancouver. Along with Larry and his wife, Roberta, she moved to Salt Spring Island in 2002 and resided at the Extended Care Unit at Lady Minto Hospital until her death. She is survived by Larry and Roberta Starke, Linda Starke of Washington, DC, grandchildren Tom (Laure-Elaine), Justine Cara, and Sean, and great-granddaughter Lilah Sage.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the kindness, compassion, and excellent care provided by every staff member of the Extended Care Unit at Lady Minto. They helped Joanna and the family so much in the last years of her life.

William Arliss Hoag

June 7, 1922 - June 11, 2010

After a joyful 88th birthday celebration with friends and family, Bill passed away at Lady Minto Hospital with his loved ones at his side. Bill moved to Salt Spring in 2006 with his beloved wife Pat. They made their home at Heritage Place where they were welcomed by that fun loving and caring community. Bill grew up in Preston, Ontario and lived in Toronto, Winnipeg, and Oakville. He joined the RAF moments after his 18th birthday and was the proud recipient of the Burma Star. Bill graduated from University of Toronto, Victoria College. He spent most of his working life with Confederation Life and began a new and successful career in his fifty's as an annuity broker. Bill loved being self employed and enjoyed traveling with Pat and their many friends.

Bill was a volunteer driver for the Red Cross, delivered Meals on Wheels, and was a committed and giving volunteer for many organizations and service clubs.

Bill adored visiting children Peter, Janet and Laura and his eight grandchildren. He was truly interested and supportive of their achievements and activities.

In his short time on Salt Spring, Bill made an impression on our community. His optimism and enthusiasm for life was unbridled and as a result he was welcomed to our community with open arms. He was fiercely proud of his family and was well known for his generosity and support. He played golf, sang in the Lost Chords and enjoyed his membership in the Probis group. Bill started "Movie Night" at Heritage Place and taught a new generation his love of bridge.

Whether it was at one of his favorite restaurants, an outing at ArtSpring, or a visit to the doctor's office, Bill enthusiastically remarked how he was living in the best place in Canada: Salt Spring Island. He was well loved and appreciated and we will miss him dearly.

The Hoag McColl family would like to thank the medical community of for their care and support, the folks at Heritage Place, and the many friends who supported Bill and our family.

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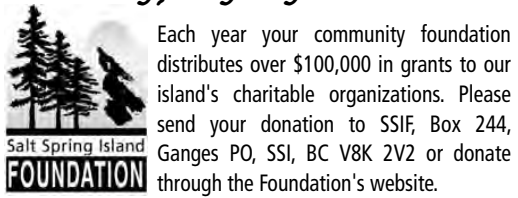
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:

As predicted summer 2010 is proving to be extra dramatic with the HST scheduled to come through this week and the sizable opposition to it, the unprecedented BP oil gush disaster with solid solutions not clearly in sight, several countries in Europe claiming bankruptcy, the reheating of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict... Era 2012 is coming to the peak that has been prophesied. But, as mentioned last week, it continues until 2016. So, although the drama is escalating it has far from reached its real peak. As one might imagine, this will really begin in 2012. The focus on this date has largely leaned towards Mayan Astrology and its resurgence. But actually, Western Astrology offers the details of this time period very clearly, in fact I would say better. Here is a quick outline of it: Saturn will form its last opposition aspect to Uranus in late July. Then by early September the final Saturn/Pluto Square will deliver its final blows on any struggling economies in the world before these are resurrected again in a new guise...eventually. Then, the biggest series of powerful aspects in 2012 will begin when Uranus will form the first of 7 Square Aspects to Pluto. This series of powerful aspects will end in 2016! In light of current cycles and events this date can seem far away. But seen from a holistic perspective, as Astrology is so good at doing, they are all part of the package. The good news is that beneath all the corruption and purging that is coming, a spiritual revolution has already taken root and the voice and power of the common person is growing daily.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Your world is changing and new levels of responsibility are rolling in. This is a good time to take risks. Your commitment levels will increase especially in August. You are willing to make any extra efforts to realize your goals now. A lot of your focus surrounds your home and family and, by extension, your community and country. Aim to see the bigger picture.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

The world is changing and you are challenged to keep pace. As the sign least inclined to want to change, you may have to make extra efforts. Perhaps you are an exception to this rule. Beyond the big picture, your personal desires are reminding you to pay attention to your priorities. Commit to changes that equal quality of life experiences.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

If anyone can do two things or be two places at the same time it is you. This is a time when you stand to be getting a lot done yet still have time to play. This work side implies changes close to home, like renovations and the play side implies travel, at least mini adventures. A growing commitment to new levels of freedom is part of the plot.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Big changes are rocking the world and yours too. This is a good time to make efforts to dig deep and to push through and beyond any blocks and doubts.... These changes are likely affecting your personal and your professional life and your home and family. It is important that you be willing to take some clear, conscious and calculated risks.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A grand awakening of some sort is gestating. Opportunities to communicate your message more fully are coming in. Writing, publishing, radio, television, internet, recording studio, a new phone or computer or what ever else might indicate new and exciting modes of expression. Your ambitions are growing; take a simple, effective approach.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Nurturing friendships new and old is now in focus. You are in the mood to shake it up some how. You feel strong and determined to make a real impact. Returns for better or worse from previous efforts are coming your way. With your power potential growing steadily, you will be able to handle most any challenge that arises.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Nurturing new ideas about your career, home and community suggests you have a lot on your mind. Who are your real friends is another question. Who do you love and who truly loves you? With the waves of big changes rolling in on relationship fronts you may have reason to rejoice or lament. Either way, work with the changes as they are part of your destiny.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Sometimes it is extra important to pay attention to the details and the facts while at others it is more important to listen to the intuitive guidance of the heart. It would seem that this a time when both must be honoured in equal measure. The time has come to make some important changes in the quality of your overall life style. Push for the changes you know you must make.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The time has come to clear the old to make way for the new. You are in the process of establishing a whole new foundation. At best, this is a source of inspiration. This is a good time to make extra efforts to achieve your goals. Returns for better or worse will roll in strongly in July. Do what you can now to clear the way for the better....

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You are on the rise, or the march, to new levels of power, authority and responsibility. In the short term you are wise to clear away doubt, confusion and uncertainty from your mind and focus. This is an expansive time for you and your confidence levels are on the rise. However, be careful that your drive is not for the sake of power alone. Take a lead to lead others with integrity.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A soul searching journey continues. You are close to the end of a long transformational cycle. The next real breakthrough may take a few weeks yet, but it is close. Be willing to view things and your self from a variety of perspectives. Be open and willing to receive guidance and insight from outer sources, yet make efforts to listen to your heart's voice and heed it above all.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

You are now in a creative cycle. However, as the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, you are wise to direct your energy where it is most needed. This willingness to be of service according to the dictates of situations at hand is a sign of surrender to a higher will. You may still be able to be paid for your services and actually may even earn more than ever before...soon.

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