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DOWN AND DIRTY: From left, Jacob and Benny Stocks and Braedyn Billwiller become sand monsters as they play on the beach during a sunny Salt Spring day last week. Warm summertime temperatures are set to return this week.

RECREATION
ALR concerns hinder PARC proposal
Burgoyne Valley project meets resistance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parks and Recreation Commission members will reexamine the proposal to develop 50-acres of south-end parkland after meeting with opposition from the Islands Trust's Agriculture Advisory Committee.

"We are examining what we can do to possibly down-size our request and see if that can become more acceptable," said PARC manager Kees Ruurs on Monday. "We are simply going through the process and negotiating."

The reexamination forced PARC to withdraw its application from Thursday's monthly LTC meeting.

Ruurs said the plan's latest version includes dedication of at least 10 acres of land to a community-based farming organization and the transfer of Agricultural Land Reserve land to Duck Creek Park.

Tony Threlfall, one of three AAC members present at the July 22 vote against the Burgoyne Valley proposal, said protecting farmland will always be the committee's top priority.

"[According to the OCP], there is the ability to remove farmland from the ALR for non-farm use for essential services and we don't consider a park or recreation area an essential service,"

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HOMELESSNESS

Feds dish out island shelter funding

Homeless issue 'isn't going away'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may not be the \$200,000 initially sought, but Salt Spring Community Services' executive director says roughly \$80,000 in federal funds is a positive step to help the homeless.

"I'm not complaining," Rob Grant said on Tuesday.

Staff at Community Services will use the just-announced funding to fix up the centre's outreach building, he said. The facility will shelter up to 16 people in need of housing during the coldest days of the year. It was used for that purpose last year as well, replacing the United Church basement as the island's cold-weather shelter. Grant said the church site wasn't an

adequate facility and was prone to exhaust the community's volunteer resources.

When not in use to house the homeless, the centre will provide office space for outreach workers.

"We had the people power, but did not have the building," Grant said.

Locating the shelter near the food bank and main Community Services building, Grant added, has the additional benefit of consolidating a large proportion of the island's homeless services in one central location.

The shelter will be open between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. when the temperature is near or below the freezing mark.

Work on the new building includes struc-

tural upgrades, a sewer hook-up and new washrooms.

A 2007 survey revealed there may have been as many as 40 homeless people living on the island at that time.

Grant said higher traffic at the island's food bank over the past three years gives him reason to believe that today's number could be as much as 50 per cent higher.

"This problem isn't going away and we need to find a way to house people on a permanent basis," he said.

Grant suggested a long-term solution to the issue is construction of a permanent shelter.

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn announced the funding on Monday on behalf

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NEWSBEAT

Federal funding aids local shelter

SHELTER

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of Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

"Our government is giving a hand-up to Canadians with housing needs, and is helping those seeking to break free from the cycle of homelessness and poverty," Lunn said in a press release. "As a result of this investment, the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society will be in a better position to help a greater number of people in need."

"This problem isn't going away and we need to find a way to house people on a permanent basis."

ROB GRANT
Executive director, SSI Community Services Society

Given the improvements to the island's current situation, however, Grant said this week's announcement is a very positive development.

He added that the Community Services Society's next step is to improve the homeless population's access to healthcare resources on the island.

Grant said community services had applied to the federal government's Homelessness Partnering Strategy for \$200,000. Additional funds would have helped pay for and maintain a mobile homeless outreach service to access individuals living without housing or in substandard accommodation across the island.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

RAIN GEAR: Jet Jackson's umbrella was one of many brought out this weekend as rain broke a 37-day dry spell on the islands.

Opposition arises to recreational land proposal

PARC

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Threlfall said. "We have to protect farmland and that is the AAC's mandate."

According to minutes from the latest AAC meeting, "the application sends a wrong message to the community and continues to reinforce the pattern that ALR/agricultural land not in use can be removed for 'other' community uses."

Threlfall noted that the project stands to have a negative impact on neighbours and for taxpayers left with the as-of-yet undisclosed financial burden of developing the site.

PARC has said no tax increase will be required to purchase the \$650,000

property.

Threlfall called arguments based on the property's lack of agricultural history ridiculous.

"Well, it has no history as a recreation area either," he said. "That's good agricultural land and it wouldn't take that much to develop it [for agricultural purposes]."

The AAC comprises seven members appointed by the island's local Trust committee. Such committees are set up by local governments across the province to provide advice on issues relating specifically to the agriculture sector.

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members have the ability to disregard AAC recommendations when making their decision about an

application.

Given that there are two vacancies on the AAC, the three members present at the group's July meeting were sufficient for a quorum.

Opposition to the PARC proposal has also been expressed by neighbours on Furness Road, who feel the rural site is inappropriate for such a large-scale project.

In spite of this latest setback, Ruurs said recreation advocates from various community groups continue to voice support for the project.

PARC announced its initial plans for a mixed-use recreation facility on part of a 50-acre parcel of land adjacent to Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park in March.

Ruurs said he's confident a

compromise can be reached to satisfy all interests within the community.

"Obviously they are concerned," he said. "Every time we get concerns expressed to us we look at the possibility of amending our applications and accommodating the concerns."

Parks and Recreation Commission members will address the topic at their next regular PARC meeting, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the portable behind the PARC office at Portlock Park.

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IDEAS

Biocultural diversity expert helps change the world

Salt Spring's Luisa Maffi's new sourcebook now available

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new idea that links language, culture and biological species — and may be the key to sustaining life on our planet — is spreading to international policy circles from here on Salt Spring.

Luisa Maffi is an Italian-born scholar with a degree in linguistics from the University of Rome and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California at Berkley. For the past five years she has called Salt Spring home, but her work has always taken place on the global platform.

As a founder of the organization Terra Lingua, Maffi is one of the originators of the concept of biocultural diversity. The term relates to biodiversity, the multitude of Earth's biological species and habitats, and connects it with the cultures and languages indigenous to specific regions.

"Overall there was a loss of diversity. I

thought, 'Hey, maybe this is all connected?'"

LUISA MAFFI

Founder of Terra Lingua

Maffi said it was during her days at Berkley that she began to see how her various academic interests fit together. She realized that all at once biologists were talking about species loss, linguists were seeing languages vanish and anthropologists were warning of lost cultures.

"Overall there was a loss of diversity. I thought, 'Hey, maybe this is all connected?'"

A conference Maffi attended brought her in contact with other scholars who were independently coming up with the same ideas. They put together the group Terra Lingua to try to do something about the "converging extinction crisis" and started work that quickly caught the attention of larger organizations.

The crisis of species and habitat loss has been acknowledged by the United Nations, which designated 2010 the Year of Biodiversity.

Mapping done by Terra Lingua shows that areas of high species diversity and language diversity actually overlap. The reason seems to be that people connected to the land over thousands of years gain specialized knowledge of how to conserve plants and animals. When traditional knowledge is lost, so are some of the best means of protecting local ecosystems.

As the co-author of a new Terra Lingua book called Biocultural Diversity Conservation: A Global Sourcebook, Maffi has reviewed 45 projects happening around the globe that "take on an integrated biocultural approach to sustaining cultures and diversity."

"Many are done by indigenous people themselves, who are realizing they are losing traditional knowledge," Maffi explained.

That knowledge includes forest management and agriculture using crops that are well-adapted to the local climate, rather than mono-crops from industrial seeds.

"So all this wealth is something that the projects that we have reviewed in this book are strengthening and bringing out again."

One of Terra Lingua's own projects, which is also catalogued in the book, is with the Rarámuri people of the Sierra Tarahumara in northern Mexico.

Maffi said recent logging in the remote area has threatened their landscape and their culture: soil erosion and loss of water have caused crops to fail and many young people are leaving.

Terra Lingua brought a team of experts to assist the Rarámuri in the areas they themselves requested, including setting up a tree nursery and home gardens, bringing clean water to the community and building a language program. Salt Spring's Michael Nickels is the project's expert in eco-forestry and permaculture. Terra Lingua is currently working on an exchange to bring Rarámuri representatives to Salt Spring for advanced training next year.

The lessons being learned in other communities are also applicable here, Maffi said. She pointed to B.C.'s millennia-long cycle of salmon providing food for animals and people, and through them to the forest itself.

"Various forces of development have been changing this dramatically. The cycle is becoming disrupted and we're seeing the consequences with the dramatic collapse of the salmon fishery," Maffi said.

Knowledge of more sustainable management of the fishery can be found in the coastal people, such as the Saanich First Nations, many of whom are now actively working to regain their language, Terra Lingua has already received support from large-scale organizations like UNESCO and the United Nations. Maffi and her colleagues are hoping to make an even bigger impact on international policy at a UN convention on biodiversity to be held in Japan this October.

As Maffi observed, the benefits of conserving biocultural diversity extend from a local importance to a global necessity.

"Diversity really is the great wealth of this planet."

The Biocultural Diversity Conservation source book is available at Salt Spring Books. For more information on Terra Lingua projects and philosophies, visit www.terralingua.org.



Luisa Maffi.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

News briefs

Former principal dies

A former Gulf Islands School District principal who was battling a rare blood disorder died recently at St. Paul's Hospital.

According to the Peace Arch News, Bruce Stewart died July 20 from an infection in his lungs that arose after he received the heart transplant he had been waiting for.

A Peace Arch News story reprinted in the Dec. 30,

2009 Driftwood described the medical ordeal he had been through while fighting amyloidosis.

Stewart, 52, was principal of Mayne Island School from 1990 to 1995 and Fernwood Elementary School from 1995 to 2000 before moving to Kelowna, where he was principal at three different schools.

A service was held for Stewart in Kelowna on July 27. Stewart is survived by his wife Liz and children Heather, Michael, Shannon and Scott.

Ferry fares rise again

BC Ferries credits rising fuel prices for its decision to decrease the fuel rebate on all of the company's minor routes.

The fuel rebate adjustment means riders on minor routes, such as those serving Salt Spring and all southern Gulf Islands, can expect to pay higher ferry fares as of Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Regular return-trip fares for a vehicle and driver

between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen will go up \$3.30. Regular car and driver fares on the Salt Spring to Vancouver Island routes will cost 70 cents more per return trip.

The fuel rebate on the three Lower Mainland-Vancouver Island routes and the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale route will not change.

Rocky show added

The sold-out Rocky Horror Show has been so pop-

ular that another show is being added.

People can now get tickets for Thursday, Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. at Fulford Hall.

They're available at Salt Spring Books only.

Cool temps noted

A long-time Salt Spring weather observer can't help but notice the cooler summer temperatures.

While Robert Aston no longer keeps official records, he still keeps an eye on the temperatures.

"Thirty-five years ago you could expect temperatures of at least 93-94 degrees F. and it would be regular and quite warm overnight," said Aston last week.

"So far [this summer] the highest temperature I've read is 80 degrees F."

He said the all-time record high was 101 degrees F.

Aston said the winters are warmer now too, as he remembers frequently seeing ice in the inlet near his house on Douglas Road 25 to 35 years ago.



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8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
12:10	12:13	12:16	12:20	12:27
2:05	2:08	2:11	2:15	2:22
4:20	4:23	4:26	4:30	4:37
C1	6:05	6:08	6:09	6:11
Saturday				
8:10	8:13	8:16	8:20	8:27
9:50	9:53	9:56	10:00	10:07
11:20	11:23	11:26	11:30	11:37
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4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
6:05	6:08	6:09	6:11	-

C1 Combined Routing: Trip continues as Route 3 Vesuvius and Route 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Hospital and Brinkworthy.

3 Vesuvius

Monday to Friday					
A	F	G	G	F	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
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8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
3:50	3:57	4:05	4:17	4:23	4:30
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C3	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-
Saturday					
8:35	8:42	8:50	9:02	9:08	9:15
12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
4:00	4:07	4:15	4:20	4:26	4:33
C3	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-

C3 Combined routing: Trip leaves town as Route 1 Ganges Local and continues as Route 5 Fernwood.

2 Fulford Harbour

Monday to Friday											
A	I	J	K	E	E	K	J	I	A		
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges		
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* Trip routes via Cusheon Lake Rd.

4 Long Harbour

Monday to Friday			
A	L	L	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Long Harbour	Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
M-TH	1:45	1:55	2:05
	2:55	3:05	3:15
FRI	3:20	3:30	3:40
M&TH	4:00	4:10	4:20
Saturday			
	2:10	2:20	2:30
	3:40	3:50	4:00

M-TH Trip operates Monday to Thursday.
FRI Trip operates Fridays only.
M & TH Trip operates Monday AND Thursday only.


5 Fernwood

Monday to Friday			
A	M	M	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Fernwood Dock	Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	10:43	11:00
2:25	2:38	2:38	2:55
6:05	6:34	6:34	6:49
Saturday			
11:00	11:13	11:13	11:30
2:20	2:33	2:33	2:50
6:05	6:34	6:34	6:49

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NEWSBEAT

LIBRARY

Library discussion demanded

New design approved by library board

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A library volunteer believes board members aren't doing enough to inform the community about efforts to construct a new library in Ganges.

"I feel passionate about this because I don't like the idea of the subterfuge," said Shelley Nitikman.

"I don't think many people know there's anything to voice their opinions about."

Nitikman's interest in the building process was aroused by a monthly e-mail bulletin distributed to the library's 150 volunteers in May.

In it, library board chair Tilly Crawley calls for volunteers' co-operation during the ongoing review of the new library's design.

"We will soon have to try to explain to the community why we are redesigning the new building after a referendum that approved the original design," Crawley wrote. "Our volunteers are on the front line as conveyors of information to the community. We need you to talk positively

about the process we are going through, and to explain to people that the [Islands] Trust is being extremely helpful and working as fast as possible to address the library's needs."

It isn't necessarily the process that has Nitikman concerned, it's being asked to support the process without ever having had a real sense of what it entails.

"People need to know and then they can choose," she said. "The library board should be holding a meeting or two or three to allow the community to ask questions and feel assured that this isn't going to result in more costs."

The library board and building committee literally returned to the drawing board after an Islands Trust bylaw change in July increased the maximum lot coverage on one of the library's two McPhillips Avenue properties from 25 to 75 per cent.

Nitikman said public consultation is crucial given changes are being made to the initial plans, submitted prior to a referendum to borrow up to \$2.75 million for construction of a new library. Federal and provincial infrastructure grants announced in 2009 will supply \$4.55 million for the project.

On Tuesday afternoon, library

board vice chair Rita Archer said it's only a matter of days until plans for the new building are put on display at the library and online.

She said board members voted to accept the new design at a meeting on Tuesday morning.

The new building will have a second storey, albeit much smaller than initial planned. Changes to the original design place the library's entire collection on a single floor.

Archer acknowledged the process has taken longer than anticipated. She said board members will provide regular updates via the Driftwood and the library website. Opportunities for public feedback on the design will also be made available.

Costs for the redesign process will not result in any significant increases to the project's \$7.3-million budget. Archer said reduced construction costs will balance off the relatively minimal cost to redesign the structure.

"In the grand scheme of things, those redesign costs are really modest," she said.

The board has confirmed that the library does not stand to lose any of its federal or provincial grant money if the project is not complete by March 2011.

Fire ban still in effect despite rain

Forest fire hazards ratings may currently be listed as low but a total burn ban is still in effect, warns the local fire-rescue department.

Chief Tom Bremners said Tuesday the weekend's rain had a dampening effect but had not penetrated the ground. Added to the long-term forecast that predicts a return

to hot and dry conditions, any fire on the ground could quickly lead to a serious consequences.

The burn ban will remain in place until further notice.

ISLANDS TRUST NOTES

Dorothy Cutting lauded for her climate change awareness work

Trust celebrates stewardship winner

Dozens of participants turned out for last week's local Trust meeting to recognize Dorothy Cutting's contribution to climate change awareness in the community and around the world.

Cutting, named one of five 2010 Stewardship Award winners in June, was formally recognized with a plaque during a presentation at Thursday's LTC meeting.

"I want to thank you for your courage and for your insight and for your commitment for what I believe is the most important work of our time," said trustee Christine Torgrimson. "We're really really proud of you."

Cutting was awarded for her ongoing efforts with the West Coast Climate Equity website, a resource for information on climate change that registers 6,000 visits per week.

Cutting, 71, has spoken with thousands of visitors at Salt Spring's Saturday market about the dangers of climate change and worked with numerous community organizations to promote awareness of the topic.

She credited her success to the island's positive atmosphere, the support of fellow islanders and ferry line-ups.

"You do a lot of reading because of waiting for a lot of ferries," she told the audience at Thursday's LTC meeting. "I've read more books since I moved here than I've read in the rest of my life."

"Being here changes a person.

Nobody will ever be the same after they've lived on Salt Spring Island for a few years. You get smarter, you get to love music more, you get to make more friends, you learn to love people around you and to love people from the rest of the planet."

Cutting, the island's lone 2010 award recipient, was nominated by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Torgrimson calls for more GHG support

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee member Christine Torgrimson used last week's local Trust committee meeting to call on the province for more funds to help local governments reach greenhouse gas reduction targets.

"I think it's incumbent on the province to support local governments in implementing greenhouse gas reduction targets with more funding for infrastructure and with more funding to support climate actions in local communities," Torgrimson said.

"I would very much hope that the province would step up to the plate."

After more than a year of discussion with community members, trustees officially adopted GHG emission targets for Salt Spring at Thursday's meeting. Bylaw No. 443 amends the island's official community plan to include the objective "to support a reduction of at least 15 per cent in GHG emissions by 2015; at least 40 per cent by 2020

and at least 85 per cent by 2050 based upon 2007 data."

The island's Climate Action Council is among one of the main resources for islanders to bring forth ideas and strategies to meet the targets.

"We know [the targets are] very ambitious," said trustee George Ehring. "The thing is, if we don't start working on that now, we won't achieve that target, and if we don't achieve that target, we've got lots of problems."

ISG submits video proposal

Islanders for Self-Government has offered to have monthly Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meetings video recorded and made available online for as little as \$200.

That's a steep discount on the \$10,200 figure presented at the LTC's July meeting. Trustees voted unanimously to not pursue the recording of monthly meetings on account of the high cost to island taxpayers.

"As we have a member who is presently video recording the LTC meetings, Islanders for Self-Government would be pleased to provide an unedited video recording of the LTC meeting . . .," wrote ISG member Kimberly Lineger in a letter submitted to trustees on behalf of the group's members.

Trustees voted to have staff investigate the ISG proposal. Results of that investigation will be presented at the Trust's next regular meeting on Sept. 2.

NEWSBEAT



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MARKET DAY:
Myles Ferryman sets up his garlic stand at the Tuesday Market, which runs weekly through the summer in the United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue.

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REAL ESTATE

Buyers' market continues for Salt Spring real estate

High number of listings at present

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An unprecedented high number of real estate listings and low sales during the month of July indicate a buyers' market on Salt Spring, with few changes predicted for August.

Island realtor Tom Navratil collects and studies local real estate statistics.

He said consumers continue to be wary of the economic recovery after 2009's global recession, and with fewer houses selling, the new listings that get added are creating a large number of properties to choose from.

"Buyers have a lot of time to sift things over and make careful decisions," Navratil said.

"My advice to my clients is if you really want to sell, the price has to be really smart."

While in a regular, balanced year there might be around 300 listings on the market in August, currently there are 470, or

around 57 per cent more. Sales typically go down in July and get better in August, but Navratil said the recovery is taking much longer than people had hoped.

The trend is comparable to Victoria, where the number of listings was 23 per cent higher in July 2010 than in the same month the previous year.

Total sales to date for 2010 are better than 2009 on Salt Spring, with 125 this year compared to 102 the year before. That's not much comfort, according to Navratil, who classified 2009 as "a very dismal year."

Navratil said Salt Spring has a constant number of listings that are always priced high, but in recent months there have been many price reductions, with sellers reacting to the slow market.

"In the last year or so, definitely most sellers realize the good times are gone — the majority of properties are priced well."

Statistic show that most buyers are being cautious price-wise, with about 63 per cent of the properties sold to date under \$500,000. However, 10

properties priced at over \$1 million have already sold in the first seven months of 2010, while in the entire year of 2009 only 11 were sold.

As Navratil suggested, "It seems that the buyers with bigger money are starting to look again."

Navratil said the newly implemented harmonized sales tax may have contributed to this summer's poor sales, with buyers and sellers rushing to completion by June 30. In the case of buyers, there was not much reason to hurry, since only vacant land and new homes are subject to the HST, while resold homes are not. Sellers, however, must now pay HST instead of GST on realtor commissions, and may have tried to complete sales before July 1.

As for the long-term trend, Navratil said real estate always recovers eventually, and if people are trying to sell a rental home or a cottage they should "just endure it and wait it out" until the market gets more balanced.

BC FERRIES

Village Bay repairs wreak havoc as travellers suffer lengthy delays

Queen of Nanaimo incident still under investigation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Queen of Nanaimo may be back in action, but BC Ferries doesn't expect service at Mayne Island's ferry terminal to return to normal until at least Aug. 20.

Speaking on Tuesday morning, BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall said last week's hard landing at the Village Bay terminal has left one of the facility's two berths temporarily out of commission until repairs are complete.

Marshall said operating with a single berth has resulted in sailing delays of anywhere between 30 and 90 minutes. The Mayne Island terminal is a common

transfer point for passengers travelling through the southern Gulf Islands.

Passengers are advised to plan ahead and consult local traffic conditions ahead of any trips that involve a transit through Mayne Island.

"Unfortunately, the transfer [procedure] has become very awkward," she said.

The Queen of Nanaimo was back in service on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route on Friday after three days of repairs and sea trials.

Marshall said the investigation continues to determine what caused the vessel to plow into a berth at Village Bay just after 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

She said it appears rope entangled in the ship's propeller caused vibrations that resulted

in the loss of two steel dowels that had secured the ship's oil distribution box.

"When the captain tried to pull the vessel into reverse, nothing happened," Marshall said, adding that the captain did everything he could to avert the disaster.

Investigators reported what they initially thought was 15 metres (50 feet) of rope from crab and/or prawn traps stuck in the ship's propeller is closer to 60 metres (200 feet) in length.

Four passengers and one crew member were treated for injuries sustained in the incident. Approximately 201 people were stranded on board for some three hours while emergency workers fixed the off-ramp and RCMP officers conducted three sweeps of the vessel immediately following the crash.

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE RESCUE

Fire truck ABCs and cost considerations explored

Local department explains equipment needs

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

SECOND OF TWO PARTS

One of the main fire-truck roles is to get firefighters to the fire as efficiently as possi-

ble. Structure fires can require between 15 and 30 personnel.

If firefighters drive directly to the fire, the road can get so blocked with their personal vehicles that trucks

bringing tools or water can't get through. By arriving alone, individual firefighters also lack coordination that is essential for safe and effective operations. It is much more efficient

(and safer) to send an apparatus with six or eight seats and all the required equipment than six or eight personal vehicles without tools to do the job.

Each vehicle is outfitted for different types of jobs.

Some trucks are called "engines" and they carry a large water pump and a plethora of firefighting tools (hoses, pumps, nozzles, breathing apparatus, mechanical fans, power saws and other tools).

Unlike many communities, most areas of Salt Spring don't have fire hydrants (or hydrants with adequate firefighting capability).

Consequently, the fire department is outfitted with four large trucks (almost half the emergency fleet) primarily assigned to supply water for firefighting operations. These trucks are called "tenders" or "tankers."

Among the remaining classes of vehicles are four-wheel-drive "mini pumpers" that carry tools for forest fires (lighter hoses, portable pumps and special hand tools). SSIFR also operates support vehicles that respond rapidly to medical incidents and establish command for fires, rescues and vehicle collisions.

These vehicles are also used when a larger unit is not required for routine calls such as checking smoke sightings, investigating burn complaints and machine piles; moving equipment and personnel for training and responses; public-education activities and fire inspections.

Several factors come into play in the costs of fire apparatus.

A fire truck and a

dump truck have much different requirements for use.

A fire apparatus must start and be ready to respond at full speed within moments of every effort. Consequently, every system on the truck is enhanced to provide optimal response capability while insuring the safety of the crew and the public at large.

And while these

nificant community investment in these vehicles), a rigorous inspection and maintenance of trucks is understandable.

But it should also be noted that the motor vehicle act requires commercial vehicles (fire apparatus included) to be inspected daily. There are provisions that allow a reduced frequency of inspection for trucks

"... the fire department is outfitted with four large trucks (almost half the emergency fleet) primarily assigned to supply water for firefighting operations."

custom-built vehicles have much higher-performance engines and components, they also carry tools with significant price tags. Items such as the "Jaws of Life," thermal-imaging cameras and specialized saws each cost thousands of dollars.

Many of these tools (like self-contained breathing apparatus) have become industry standards that are required by law for the safety of the firefighters who respond to assist their community.

Again, islanders might question the high cost of hydraulic tools, defibrillators or rope equipment carried on the trucks that might only be used a few times a year. But for the people rescued from a crushed car, pulled up a cliff or revived by medical intervention, the costs of the tools are negligible.

Given the need for consistent vehicle performance (and the sig-

at Fulford and Central, but those trucks must still be checked weekly and after every use.

Additionally, all of the equipment aboard the trucks must be checked every week to make sure that each item is operational and placed in the correct location.

Ultimately, Salt Spring can determine the quality of emergency response provided on the island through the prudent judgement of elected trustees in the fire protection district. Once someone is educated about the issues that determine current choices, it should be easy to see why SSIFR is equipped as it is — to provide for the safest, most effective and most fiscally manageable service available.

The writer is a SSIFR firefighter. For more SSIFR information, contact the office (250-537-2531) or consult www.saltspringfire.com.

RCMP

Deer blamed for two vehicle mishaps Sat.

Severe vehicle damage sustained in one accident

Police were called to two separate accidents Saturday morning when drivers tried to avoid hitting deer in the north end.

Officers attended a call at 6:05 a.m. after a 41-year-old male driver travelling west bound on Vesuvius Bay Road swerved to miss, but clipped, a deer on his way to work. The driver struck a mailbox, then slid across the wet grass before colliding with a concrete drain pipe. The passenger-side air bag was deployed and severe damage was sustained to the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police attended the scene of a vehicle in the ditch on North End Road at 9:25 a.m. Shortly after they arrived, the 19-year-old male driver returned with a tow truck to report that while travelling southbound on his way to work, he had swerved to miss a deer that had jumped out from the roadside. The vehicle slid on the wet road, causing the driver to lose control and go into the ditch. The driver was not injured and the vehicle was not damaged.



Islands Trust

ISLANDS TRUST
SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 99 cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

Proposed Bylaw No. 100 cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2010"; and

Proposed Bylaw No. 101 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2010"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC.**

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

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 99 - cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 99, is to amend Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, by requiring water catchment systems and cisterns for the storage of rainwater at time of new construction in the East Point area of Saturna Island. A water catchment and storage system will be required for both the construction of new residences and visitor accommodation units and additions to existing residences and visitor accommodation units where the addition exceeds 11.6 square metres (125 square feet) in floor area. The proposed bylaw requires a minimum cistern capacity of 21821 litres (4800 gallons). The proposed bylaw allows reduced setbacks for cisterns that are underground and reduced setbacks for cisterns that front a public highway.

2. Proposed Bylaw No. 100 - cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2010"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 100, is to amend Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, by allowing the construction of a storage building not exceeding 61 square metres (656 square feet) in floor area and a utility building or pump house not exceeding 9.3 square metres (100 square feet) in floor area, on a vacant lot.

3. Proposed Bylaw No. 101 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2010"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 101, is to meet the requirements of Bill 27 (Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendments Act) by amending the Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, to include a target, policies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed amendments would include a target of a 33% reduction in emissions, consistent with the provincial target, and new policies and amendments to existing Official Community Plan policies that would support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions within the local trust area.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing August 11, 2010 and up to and including August 24, 2010.**

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

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

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

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ANIMAL WELFARE

Paws for a Cause: Pacino's 2nd chance

Fundraising crucial for BC SPCA and local branch

BY LORIE CHORTYK
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Pacino knows a little something about second chances.

After being abandoned by his former guardians and fending for himself on the streets, the frisky cat was picked up by a good samaritan and brought to the BC SPCA's Salt Spring Island branch, where he was given food, shelter and the loving care he so desperately needed.

Sadly, no one came forward to claim Pacino, so he was placed up for adoption.

But it didn't take long before his soulful eyes attracted the attention of a new family, who opened their heart and their home to give him a second chance.

Pacino is just one of nearly 37,000 animals the non-profit BC SPCA provides a variety of services to every year, and we couldn't do it without your help.

This month, animal lovers across B.C. are holding garage sales, car washes, bake sales and are soliciting pledges from their friends and family in support of the Scotiabank & BC SPCA Paws for a Cause Walk, which takes place in 36 communities across B.C. in September.

As the guardian of three wonderful dogs whose lives were saved by the BC



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Pacino the cat is a Salt Spring SPCA success story.

SPCA, I want to thank each and every person who participates in this annual fundraising event.

I cannot imagine my life without my shy, affectionate and slightly neurotic black Labrador retriever Bob, who was rescued through a cruelty investigation after his owner beat him repeatedly as a puppy.

Or Sam, my maltese-shih tzu cross, who was found wandering alone on the streets of Penticon.

Sam quickly made the transition from timid, homeless stray to swaggering king of the household and has developed an obsession with watching his

favourite shows on high-def every night.

He barks loudly to demand we turn on the television and barks even more loudly if we don't flip immediately to his channel of choice (his top picks are CSI Miami, The Littlest Hobo and, strangely enough, any home decorating show).

Calleigh, my energetic toy poodle who was rescued from a horrific existence in a Surrey puppy mill, makes me laugh every single day with her peculiar approach to life (for example, she can't sleep at night unless she has filled her dog bed with piles of shoes stolen from various locations around the home).

Without the caring people who support the BC SPCA, Bob, Sam and Calleigh would have been left to suffer at the hands of violent and neglectful owners.

I will be forever grateful to the people who gave them a second chance and who gave me the opportunity to share my life with these unique, loving companions.

Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 26 for the Scotiabank & BC Paws for a Cause Walk at Mouat's Park in Ganges. Bring your four-legged friends along and help save the lives of abused and homeless animals in your community.

To register or for more information, visit sPCA.bc.ca/walk.

The writer is the general manager of communications for the BC SPCA.

RCMP

RCMP deal with mischief, traffic violations

Wet roads a factor

Salt Spring police had a relatively quiet weekend, attending a couple of mischief complaints and several traffic incidents.

Police received a report of several youths on the roof of Sears drinking, yelling and throwing bottles onto the road close to midnight on Friday, Aug. 6. They located and detained three youths and one adult, all of whom appeared to be intoxicated. The youths were returned home to their parents.

At 2:37 a.m. on Sunday morning, police found a section of downed decorative lights from the awning around Royal LePage. The lights appeared to have been torn down and left in the middle of the road.

In traffic news, on Friday morning the driver of a vehicle

turning into the parking lot at Embe Bakery accelerated instead of braking, and struck a parked vehicle. Minor damage occurred to the parked vehicle, but some damage was sustained by the moving vehicle. No injuries were suffered by either driver.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday morning, police attended a two-vehicle collision on Broadwell Road. A 49-year-old male driver was travelling down the hill when he lost control and struck an oncoming vehicle.

Roads were wet at the time, and the driver was issued a violation ticket for speed relative to conditions.

There were no injuries, and both vehicles were driven away by their owners.

Police received a report of a female who appeared to be passed out in the front seat of

her vehicle in a grocery store parking lot around 6 p.m. on Saturday. Police attended and located a 46-year-old female asleep in the driver's seat.

The woman was issued a 24-hour prohibition from driving as well as an administrative driving prohibition. The vehicle was towed.

Police continue to receive parking complaints during the busy downtown Saturdays. Salt Spring RCMP wish to remind drivers that the parking regulations continue to apply during these times, and ask them to please respect crosswalk markings and other traffic signs in the village core.

Police also remind pedestrians to use crosswalks with caution, paying particular attention to double-check for moving traffic prior to entering the crosswalk.

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EDITORIAL

Stay on guard

Recent cool weather and a bit of rainfall may have eased local fears about summer wildfires, but it shouldn't.

Not only are high temperatures forecast to return imminently, but Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner confirmed this week that the rainfall wasn't even enough to penetrate the ground. While the fire hazard rating dropped to low on Monday, it won't stay there for long. And despite the weather-induced rating change, the open fire ban has remained in effect.

According to the provincial government's Wildfire Management Branch, British Columbia usually experiences 2,000 wildfires in a given year — although the actual number varies hugely from year to year. Salt Spring Island has already had some close calls in 2010, with a house fire threatening to spread during the hot weather and brush fires also requiring fire department attention in July.

THE ISSUE:

Fire risk and emergency prep

WE SAY:

Vigilance and preparation essential

When it comes to fire prevention and safety, there's no such thing as too much awareness and vigilance. Families can also not be overprepared in being ready to cope with an emergency situation such as a fire, whether it's a structure fire or wildfire (aka

interface fire).

As we head into the later days of summer, it's a perfect time to take stock of emergency supplies and plans, and to consider investigating or joining a neighbourhood "pod."

Salt Spring's Emergency Program is moving along in assisting neighbourhoods to get organized with planning for natural disasters, using the well-regarded pod system.

The pod program helps communities know who lives in set areas, what useful equipment individuals may have and if certain people have special needs that should be made a priority in an emergency. In case of an emergency such as a wildfire, snowstorm or earthquake, volunteer pod captains will facilitate communication between emergency services and their neighbourhood. Salt Spring is divided into 50 pods, and more volunteers are needed to ensure complete coverage.

Anyone wanting more information about the neighbourhood "pod" system should call acting coordinating Trevor Hutton at 250-537-5927.



How best to work for peace?

BY JAN SLAKOV

Years ago a friend gave me a T-shirt that reads: "To remember is to end all war." I wore it to this year's Hiroshima Day commemoration. I was not only remembering the people who have suffered from acts of war committed by "our side" such as the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but also the victims of "the other side" — and asking, once again, how best to work towards peace.

As we stood in a circle, thinking about such questions, more than one person mentioned Salt Spring's Maggie Schubart as someone who has inspired them in asking such questions, and also Ursula Franklin, another long-time member of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace. For Ursula, peace "is not so much the absence of war but the presence of justice. Peace is the absence of fear," whether it is a fear of "the knock at the door at night," a fear of hunger, unemployment or danger to our children, or a lack of "a public sphere in which the issues of peace and justice will have priority over the issues of profit." (From Michelle Swenarchuk's introduction to the Ursula Franklin Reader: Pacifism as a Map.)

It is clear that we, Canadians, need to work hard now for just that kind of public sphere. Many aspects of the recent G-20 summit show us that our public priorities are seriously skewed. For instance, our MP, Gary Lunn, assures us that his government supports nuclear non-proliferation and that "under Canadian leadership, the G20 summit took up the issue of nuclear non-proliferation." However, I found no mention of nuclear issues in the G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, but Canada did sign a nuclear trade deal with India at that time. Elizabeth May was quite sure that deal would undermine nuclear non-proliferation, so she asked Canada's former ambassador for disarmament, former Progressive Conservative MP and Senator Doug Roche to comment. He stated: "The Canada-India nuclear trade

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deal bypasses the fact that Canada is prohibited under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty from entering into nuclear commerce with non-NPT parties, in this case India. Instead of throwing its weight behind the gathering movement in the world for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, which would be a treaty banning all nuclear weapons, Canada has chosen to expand its commercial interests through the weakening of its disarmament efforts."

Of course, commercial interests are also largely responsible for the lack of action on what some consider to be today's most obvious example of a weapon of mass destruction: global warming and violent, human-induced climate change.

To work for the kind of justice that would make war and terrorism less of a threat and to prevent runaway climate change, we will need resources. Elizabeth May suggests we could find some of those resources by cancelling Canada's recently announced plan to spend \$16 billion on F-35 fighter jets, which are little more than "exciting new toys" but next to useless for defending Canada from any real threat. Using priorities suggested by the Alternative Budget Coalition, those billions could be used to improve life for many people, for programs in affordable housing, farm income security, renewable energy, affordable daycare, official development assistance, extended EI benefits, and more.

How best to work for peace? This is a question one can spend a lifetime answering. Building up that "public sphere in which the issues of peace and justice will have priority over issues of profit" is key.

I am grateful that there are politicians like Elizabeth May, who have in the past and will continue to "work with other parties [. . . to stop wasteful spending, such as the F-35 purchase] and direct priorities to those Canadians value."

The Salt Spring resident writer works for social justice and environmental causes.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should there be an inquiry into the Pickton case?

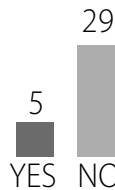
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should rooster noise be controlled?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"We will lose homes, we will lose vehicles, but we hope we will never lose a person."

SALT SPRING FIRE CHIEF TOM BREMNER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you suggest handling Salt Spring's rabbit issue?

KATHERINE ACKERMAN

I think they should be fed into stew because they're overrunning [the island] and have no natural predators on the island.


DAVE CLEALL

I advocate letting nature take its course. It is what it is and I am against killing any sentient being.


NORMAND DESROSIERS

I can see that they are a nuisance, but I have no problem so long as they are held in captivity.


SETH GOETZKE

I would say we should just eat them. It is a food source that is in high supply and eating wild meat is better for you.


STUART SOLOFF

Feed the bunnies and they shall feed you.

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.**

Animal rights

I am angry. I can't remember ever reading such a nasty, mean-spirited letter criticizing a compassionate woman who helps small sentient mammals. ("Fundraising," Aug. 4 Driftwood.)

There is racism, homophobia and speciesism. I hope that letter writer only suffers from the latter.

To be compassionate for vulnerable non-human animals does not mean that one is not concerned with human animal needs and welfare.

Yes we are animals. If we look at the animal kingdom as a whole we are quite closely related to rabbits, rats and raccoons, but not of course as close as to the bonobo (chimpanzee), who share 98 per cent of our DNA.

I am an animal rights supporter. I'm currently in

discussion with the sociology department of Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, as I've offered 50 grand to endow an animal rights scholarship (it should be finalized in a conference call on the 19th). In Ontario, the provincial government matches donations to post secondary institutions for bursaries and scholarships.

I am a human rights supporter. In 2008 I provided slightly more funds to Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario to endow two entrance bursaries for needy First Nation students from northern reserves.

Last year I provided double that amount to fund two scholarships at my alma mater, University of Toronto.

The undergraduate and graduate scholarships are in the Mark Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies. It is estimated

that only half of the students enrolled belong to the minority that has been discriminated against, has been beaten (recent events in Vancouver) and even murdered.

I provide funds to nine animal rights organizations but over 30 organizations dealing with Homo sapiens: Amnesty International, Oxfam Canada, MSE, Unicef, Salt Spring Island Foundation etc.

It was Gandhi who said "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" (take note Calgary Stampede).

JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

Fire taxes justified

Regarding "Fire trucks are tools not toys," Aug. 4 Driftwood.

These people do a fantastic job. I know, they saved

my life. Where does cost become involved when it hits you?

We have been here over 25 years and have never had a serious fire issue on the island that was not contained professionally. Of course it costs and that's why we pay taxes for fire department, ambulance, coast guard, etc.

Speaking of safety, check Page A7 of the Aug. 4 Driftwood and the photo of three fine people in what looks like a bathtub. Love the lifejackets they're wearing. I hope the coast guard saw that.

LARRY SUPINA,
SALT SPRING

Rooster basics

"Should rooster noise be tolerated" would have been a better Question of the Week than "Should rooster noise be controlled?" (Aug. 4 Driftwood.)

Or should rooster numbers be limited?

Do all the yes voters understand that male chickens do more than make eggs fertile? Roosters are on guard for their harem, constantly watching for ground and aerial predators.

They sound the alarm and fight off attackers, sometimes sacrificing themselves in the process.

How many roosters does a small flock need? If it's a breeding flock, one can do the jobs just described, but if it's a rare or unusual breed it may be advisable to keep two, in case of accident, or to make two breeding groups so that inbreeding is reduced.

Why then would any backyard flock ever have more than two roosters? With most breeds it takes at least six weeks before you can sex chickens, and many months before you can tell if they are good enough to keep as breeders.

On average, 50 per cent of the chicks will be male and

will start to crow at about three months of age.

Many traditional breeds won't be a useful size for eating until somewhere between five months and a year, so they will have at least two and perhaps as much as nine months to make noise.

They don't only crow at dawn, but it's almost entirely during daylight hours. The best way to minimize disturbance is to have them start to crow when the days are short.

That means hatching in late spring or early summer, then by the time the "noise complaint season" comes around again (between March and September) the young roosters are big enough for the owners to pick out the best and eat the rest.

MARGARET THOMSON,
WINDRUSH FARM

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

A little local government compassion is needed

The dark blue station wagon kept hanging around, driving slowly back in forth in front of my house, around the side, stopping occasionally. Inside the car a woman was holding a clip board, leafing through loose-leaf papers, making notes. On the driver's side door was the unmistakable white markings of a federal government vehicle. They were on to me.

What could I have done to garner this federal attention? What transgression? What invisible line in the sand? A little black thought crept into my little mind. "Is this the work of the Islands Trust? Are they sniffing around for an illegal suite? A vacation rental? A high-volume toilet?" Just because you are paranoid doesn't mean you're not being followed.

I recently found myself in the Islands Trust cross-hairs for a column I wrote in this same newspaper. The article prompted a lengthy nastygram from the grande dame herself, the head of the Islands Trust and the third hand in our own Salt Spring cadre, Sheila Malcolmson.

Fact is, I am rather proud to join the Ranks of the Reviled. I am in heady company. Scores have either had direct run-ins with the Trust or have signed the online petition (google "Islands Trust Petition" for a complete list). Local personages such as Mickey and Ross McLeod of the Salt Spring Coffee Co., which arguably precipitated this

current populist uprising. Others include tennis coach and vacation rentalsman Mike Best, journalist Elizabeth Nickson, ex-trustees Eric Booth and Kimberley Lineger, builders like Robert Langevin and Hans Hazenboom, (how much room do I have?) ISG founder and part owner of Windsor Ken Marr, dentists like Robert McGinn, famous bookseller Celia Duthie, businessman Louis Renaud, realtors like Mike Hardy, John Cade and Arvid Chalmers, the list goes on and on. We have former Vancouver lawyer turned Hornby Island gentleman farmer Larry Pierce. We have former Vancouver mayor, now Galiano resident, Senator Larry Campbell.

It's an endless list of Who's Who. I am indeed in rarified air as one of their targets.

There are many comments on the petition written anonymously, presumably out of fear of reprisal. The Islands Trust can make your life miserable if they so choose. Ask Eric Booth, who waited three years to get the reluctant green light on a property that did not need any sort of zoning change whatsoever. Ask the owners of Ganges Marina or the Norton Road affordable housing project. Yes, the Trust can make your life miserable. Which is why Windsor guy Ken Marr told the hundreds that came


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

out for the island's July 4 coffee party that he "was probably sticking [his] neck out here."

Islands Trust head Sheila Malcolmson labeled my recent column "one-sided and poorly researched," which to my mind is pc-talk for "lies, lies and more lies." Again, a tried and true debating tactic.

Ms Malcolmson used the same defence responding to Elizabeth Nickson's piece that appeared in the July 6 Vancouver Sun. She called Ms. Nickson's piece a "gloomy and poorly researched rant." This, from the same council that urged a stop to personal attacks and non-constructive mudslinging.

Suffice it to say that I did my homework. I won't start a tit for tat, "he said/she said" dialogue. There is no point. The real point of my article is that whether we have a municipal government or the current Trust system, the people we elect need to show some humanity, some compassion. The island isn't going to come crashing down or become North Vancouver if you let some poor sod build a house on his acreage for his daughter. The Garry oaks will continue to thrive if you let the woman on Cusheon Lake massage Salt Springers in her little yurt. It is that kind of humanity that is sometimes missing from the current board, and it is that lack of humanity that may well

lead to their undoing.

Finally, Sheila urges me to "participate, vote and run for office." I do vote in every election and referendum. And I would love to participate more, but it takes me three jobs to pay the bills on Salt Spring Island. Attending mid-week, mid-afternoon Islands Trust meetings is usually out of the question.

Run for office? Are you insane? An islands trustee job is a full-time job. The pay is about \$1,000 a month. Are you insane? You need the fervour of a flagellant coupled with a fat, secure pension to run this show. Our trustees may not be gushing supporters of the municipality option, but they should vote themselves a raise. Municipal councillors make about \$25,000 to \$30,000 in British Columbia — not great, but enough to get by.

The woman in the ominous government car turned out to be a dewy-eyed university student checking the green cardboard tents hanging from trees about the island. She was checking for gypsy moths and other sundry invasive species. No mention of the two legged variety of invasive species — you know, the Calgarians, Torontonians, or Californians. I guess we will leave those to the Islands Trust to deal with.

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Usual not better

Cool the rhetoric? Absolutely not!

We are being asked by the politicians, and those who believe that the decisions should be left to them, to cool the rhetoric and let them do their job.

"Let's get back to the usual way of doing things." This is nice in theory, but I don't buy it.

It is said in political circles, as a rule-of-thumb, that one letter is worth 10 phone-calls, and worth 100 signatures on a petition when it comes to politicians weighing public opinion. And so, those who

are better skilled at verbal and written presentation or with the most to lose (the literate, eloquent, outspoken, impassioned, affected by or imposed upon, monied and leisured) are better "squeaky wheels" and more likely to influence the outcome in question than the regular guys.

The flip-side is that the everyday working guy, who isn't practised and perfected in the arts of effective writing and presenting arguments, let alone has the time to do it, tends to get under-represented. Power-brokers should not be surprised, therefore, that when their decisions become known to the hoi-polloi through the media, for example, all hell breaks loose . . . unless, that is, the politicians have gone the extra mile to get the average Joe's input. (The Salt Spring Coffee fiasco may be a case in point.)

And so I submit that "getting back to the usual way of doing things," although well-intentioned, is bad advice for society at large. Vox populi, vox dei, let it out, shout, rant, get on their case so you get your turn to be heard, and don't let the "usual way of doing things" suppress and bias the healthy process of public discourse . . . the more public it is, the better.

ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD

Bad idea

There is more than a touch of irony in the federal government's decision to spend billions of dollars to buy 65 fighter jets, coming as it did on the heels of the anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Perhaps it is not unreasonable to assume that such a decision was made by men who have never remotely experienced the horrors of war and who are very short-sighted. Realpolitik this is not.

Canada, under the leadership of the Harper government, seems determined to keep up with the premier-league players in their periodic war games and has thus lost its way in the world. Instead of using this enormous amount of money in doing good, in promoting peace and understanding, it is aping those nations who are following the old pattern of continually buying crippling expensive armaments "to promote peace" in a very unstable world.

The reasons given by the government for buying the fighter jets are both fallacious and staggeringly hypocritical, more especially when they are delivered out of the mouths of those who profess to be followers of the Christian faith.

In November we will honour our veterans, and rightly so. But have we forgotten that they fought

in two world wars for peace, a peace so dearly bought? Those who paid the ultimate price must be turning in their graves.

L.W. PITMAN,
ATKINS ROAD

Protection

Put Canada and Canadians first. Our government is supposed to represent and protect and work for the people of Canada, not foreign exploiters.

A clean, healthy marine environment is our heritage and especially the heritage of our First Nations. It is not the right of any temporary administration to squander, waste or give away to foreign exploiters the treasures of our wild fish and marine resources.

Any resource management, industry or activity that can impact or affect the marine environment and those of us that live on the coast should be open to local communities and First Nations, and their needs should be paramount. How would you like someone to come in and plow up your front yard, destroy your garden, pollute it and sell the soil without your knowledge or consent, at your expense, and with the approval of your own government, and give the profit to foreigners? That's how it feels to us who live on this coast. That's what our own government is wanting to legitimize

doing to us.

Farming salmon in open net pens is not allowed in Norway and other countries because of the damage this causes with disease, parasites, pollution of effluent, antibiotics and chemicals contaminating the surrounding waters with unavoidable harm to the wild populations of fish, shellfish, birds and animals and the people who feed on them!

We want all salmon farming to be in closed containment, and all waste products, effluent etc. kept out of our fresh or salt water. The waste products can be processed and turned into useful products such as fertilizer. It has been proved in Washington State that this is a workable and profitable solution for salmon farms. It works there so there is no excuse for saying it won't work here. And if the Norwegians don't want to do that, let local people and First Nations manage the Pacific Coast resources.

The wild fish and other wildlife are a great and profitable attraction for tourists, and provide employment, food, recreation, health and income for local people.

This is our right as citizens, and a far better and more sustainable foundation for the future and for the local economy.

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FLOWER CHILD:

Paris Sheardown enjoys throwing rose petals among the vines at Salt Spring Vineyards.

Not enough septic fee info

In December 2009, we had our septic tank emptied and paid a fee of 24 cents per gallon to the CRD for a total of \$180 in disposal fees.

In July, due to a problem in our system, we had to have the tank drained again, but this time the rate had increased to 38 cents per gallon.

This meant that for the same volume of sewage being disposed of, the cost in fees leapt to \$285.

Speaking with Gary Plevin, the CRD Engineering technician for

the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Committee, I was told that this large increase was due to the cost of having to truck liquid waste off-island in 2009.

He suggested that I look up the information on the CRD website.

However, searching the website I could only find two references to any mention of fee increases.

The first was the AGM operations report dated Nov. 24, 2008. In this report, the need for a systematic restructuring of the liquid waste facilities for the Gulf Islands was outlined.

The cost of trucking waste off-island was already occur-

ring at this time and the inadequacy of the Burgoyne Bay facilities was noted.

A proposal was submitted to secure a loan in order to build a new facility that would be more efficient and possibly include a community composting operation as well. In this report it stated "... the entire cost of servicing a 15-year loan ... can be accommodated at current tax and fee levels ..."

The next entry with any mention of increasing fee levels was in August 2009 when it was noted that a parcel tax increase would be necessary in 2010.

Then, somewhere along the way, the

committee decided to increase the liquid waste disposal fees by 58 per cent from one day to the next on Jan. 14, 2010, with no consultation with the community nor any notice.

Since the Burgoyne Bay facilities were already known to be inadequate in 2008 and sewage waste was already being trucked off-island at that time, why were we not informed earlier of the need for this increase? Why was the loan not enough to off-set the increased costs and why was the increase in fees so drastic and abrupt?

It seems that the local liquid waste disposal committee has a

duty towards the population of the island to be more transparent about their actions since we have no alternative facilities available to us.

I am surprised also that no one else has come forward to complain about this sudden increase.

SHERI DEKOVEN,
COTTONWOOD ROAD

Editor's note: An article on this topic was published in the Jan. 20, 2010 Driftwood and can be sent via email to anyone interested in the subject.

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OPINION

Solid Keats wall facts different from column

BY KIM BENSON

Peter Vincent's July 28 column ("Anti-Trust sentiment across the islands") contains misinformation regarding a seawall on Keats Island.

Mr. Vincent does his readers a disservice by not checking the facts before publishing.

Keats is a small island in Howe Sound, about 1,500 acres in size. Roughly half of the 450+ lots on Keats are in the Eastbourne subdivision.

Maple Beach is a community beach on Keats protected by Marine Conservation (MC) zoning. Riprap seawalls are not permitted in the 7.5-metre setback or on public beaches in the MC zone.

Prior to construction of the illegal seawall in February 2010, Maple Beach had been the most accessible and most used public swimming beach on Keats for generations. Before that it was a traditional rock fishing and camping site for the Squamish Nation.

While it's true that the same people have owned a non-conforming one-third-acre oceanfront investment property at Maple Beach since 1998, they've never lived at this site.

Their claim that "heavy winter storms caused huge erosion issues" is false. Historic photographs prove that the shoreline at Maple Beach was much the same 40 years ago as it was at the time of the

1998 purchase, and as it was in February 2010 (before the wall). In addition, no one else near Maple Beach has claimed "catastrophic erosion."

The illegal seawall is about 165 feet long and an average of 14 feet wide — over 2,000 sq. ft in area. Approximately 4,000 cubic feet (200 tons) of blasted rock have obliterated the soft gravel beach that has been a community gathering place for decades. The seawall cuts the beach in half at high tide. This can hardly be described as "some rocks . . . piled up . . . to stop any further erosion."

To say that "Sunshine Coast building inspectors have stated that it is not even an official wall, being less than a metre high" is very misleading. The SCR D does not require building permits for retaining walls less than a metre high or for buildings that are less than 100 sq.ft.

If someone wants to build a 96-sq.-ft shed in a setback area, they might not need a building permit, but they would require a variance. The same is true for a seawall.

"Consultations with surveyors, archeologists and other interested parties" cannot legalize the seawall. Authorization from Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) and an Islands Trust variance permit are required. If the structure trespasses on public beach, the permission of the Crown and a rezoning are also required.

The owners' 2004 application to DFO for authorization to construct the seawall was deemed "unacceptable" in June 2005. There has been no re-application.

No application for an Islands Trust variance was ever made. Variance application consideration to relax the marine setback involves formal notification of and consultation with neighbours, the Crown, First Nations and the public. In this case, affected parties were not informed or consulted prior to the construction of the illegal seawall at Maple Beach in February 2010.

Local opposition to the illegal seawall is so strong that a group of neighbours around Maple Beach is circulating a petition in support of removal of the wall and restoration of the beach.

They've even set up an information website and a Facebook page. In less than a week, they easily gathered over a hundred signatures in Eastbourne, representing about 80 per cent of the neighbourhood.

Mr. Vincent's column describes the Islands Trust using the word "hubris" (overbearing pride, presumption, arrogance).

Had he bothered to contact more Keats Islanders, he would have found that the consensus in Eastbourne is that this word more aptly describes property owners who, in order to further their own short-term private self-interest, would bury a sensitive marine area under tons of riprap without necessary permits or local support, thereby robbing present and future generations of a cherished community beach.

The writer is a Keats Island resident, former trustee and past chair of Islands Trust Council.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ON THE ROAD: From left, Darrell Gregory, David Gordon and Mike Cherry of CFSI Radio broadcast outside of Bruce's Kitchen, near the market in Centennial Park on a recent Saturday.

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BASKETBALL

Passion Sports camp ignites b-ball

Enthusiasm soars at week-long camp

No fewer than 40 bouncing basketballs reawakened island gymnasiums from the dog days of summer on Monday morning.

The sound is from students enrolled at this week's Passion Sports basketball camps at Gulf Islands Secondary School and Salt Spring Island Middle School.

More than 40 boys and girls between grades 4 and 12 have made this year's camp one of the most successful ever, according to organizer Diane Weatherby.

"They have having fun, but working hard," she said. "This is a great opportunity to have an entire week to improve their skills."



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Students at a Passion Sports basketball camp let loose with their basketballs at the photographer.

Weatherby got in touch with Passion Sports several years ago after she became fed up with always having to ship her two sons off to basketball camps on Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

"We thought that was crazy," she said.

Four years later, Passion Sports' Salt Spring

clinics have grown to include multiple classes for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels.

Instructors at Passion Sports camps are experienced university-level players between the ages of 20 and 24.

"This really isn't babysitting," Weatherby said. "The students are there because they want

to be there."

Camps like this, she added, are part of the reason youth basketball has experienced such a resurgence on the island.

"It takes time to build but it's definitely growing," she said.

Given the fierce competition among sports on the island, local

access to skilled instructors is essential for basketball to take root and prosper.

Similar clinics are available in the fall and spring, although Weatherby said the summer event offers the best opportunity to get kids active and on the court for five consecutive days.

TRACK & FIELD

Local earns top-ten spot at national event

Morgan nails seventh

Salt Spring's Grace Morgan sprinted to a seventh-place finish in the 200M dash at the Canadian Youth Track and Field Championships on Sunday.

The 17-year-old finished the race just under one second

behind the race's winner and a mere one hundredth of a second out of sixth spot.

She moved on to the U18 final by qualifying in 11th spot with a time of 25.74. Morgan ran a 25.33 race in the final.

Athletes from across the country assembled in Ottawa to com-

pete in the 34th annual Legion Canadian Youth Championships on Aug. 6, 7 and 8.

The girls' U18 200M Canadian record is 23.88.

Morgan missed out on the girls' U18 100M final by three hundredths of a second, placing 17th.

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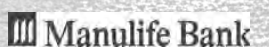
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SPORTS & RECREATION

FUNDRAISING

Salt Spring teen takes marathon run at famine relief

Campaign part of SAS dream

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Luke Benson's birthday plans aren't exactly what one would expect of an average teenager.

Then again, Benson isn't exactly your usual teen.

On Sunday, one day before he turns 18, Benson will attempt a full 42-kilometre marathon loaded down with a 50-pound backpack.

Benson, who moved to Salt Spring with his family from England at age 11, set out on an arduous physi-

cal training regime about six months ago. All the effort is part of his quest to eventually join the British Army's elite Special Air Service (SAS).

Physical conditioning is one of the major hurdles for prospective SAS members. Fewer than one per cent of applicants get through the grueling selection process.

This weekend's Log Train Trail Marathon in Port Alberni is but the latest extreme outdoor pursuit Benson has undertaken in his initial months of training.

"The one thing I really love in life is to have

a high goal and to push myself to achieve that goal," he said.

"The thing that attracts me is the challenge and the danger."

The exhausting schedule has included an eight-day canoe trip through the wilds of Vancouver Island equipped with little more than a bag of rice; cold-water immersion in his parents' frozen backyard pond and plenty of bashing around in the bush with his fully loaded pack.

After the initial days of training left Benson with bloodied hips and raw shoulders, a doc-

tor recommended he scale back his load to 20 pounds and gradually work his way up.

"Now I've kind of got the hang of it," he said, adding that he can comfortably run up to 16 kilometres.

As if the grueling routine wasn't enough of a challenge for the recently-graduated GISS student, Benson has set out to conquer another monumental obstacle, child hunger.

With support from a close friend and his Christian faith, Benson decided to use his physical training as a platform to promote awareness and raise

funds for World Vision's ongoing campaign against child hunger in Africa.

Though his online fundraising site indicates a fundraising target of \$1,000, Benson isn't one to set limits.

"I'll collect as much as I can get," he said. "The reason I'm not worried about how much I raise is that \$2 is enough to buy a meal that could save someone's life."

"That alone would be worth running for."

He hopes to eventually attend the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy for officer training.

Benson, who initially wanted to study music, got the SAS bug after his parents suggested he might have the right mindset to fit in amongst the elite fighting squad.

He added that the risks involved with so many of the challenges he seeks to accomplish are based on personal choices for which he

alone takes full responsibility.

"Everyone in the world shall die, but few shall live fully alive," he said.

For a promotional video of Luke Benson's campaign, visit www.youtube.com/user/nathan8k.

The site contains a link to Benson's website.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Bocce time at first-ever tourney on Aug. 15

At Centennial Park

Salt Spring is set to host the first Invitational Bocce Tournament for Special Olympics B.C. this Sunday at Centennial Park.

Running from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the tournament sees teams from Parksville

and Vancouver visit the island to participate in a few friendly games of competition.

Islanders are encouraged to bring a lawn chair to cheer on the athletes, and volunteers are always welcome.

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"Pain is a growing health crisis in Canada that will only intensify as our population ages," says Dr. Roman Jovey, medical program director at the CPM Centres for Pain Management. "An overwhelming number of Canadians are experiencing severe to moderate pain on a daily basis and we simply do

not have adequate resources in place to provide necessary treatment."

Alarming, survey results also show some Canadians are treating their own pain, often using unhealthy methods. One in six Canadians admitted to using alcohol, illegal narcotics or non-prescribed medications for pain treatment.

One of the underlying causes of unnecessary pain is the lack of awareness among Canadians.

Awareness and education are of primary importance in pain management. Pain is a medical condition that can and should be treated, just as infection, diabetes or high blood pressure are treatable.

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
 Summer is often for fun, but sometimes it can be extra dramatic as well, especially in Leo time; look for sparks to fly. Romance is in the air for everyone as Venus, the planet of love and desire closes in on expressive and assertive Mars. For you, it should at least activate your passions. Ideally, demands made on you from significant others will be embraced, lest the sparks leave you burned.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
 Nestling in with family and friends can take many forms. Sharing quality time and tackling tasks and chores in a spirit of cooperation will fill your heart. You may well be called upon to be extra diplomatic and flexible, but it might not feel so easy. Your willingness to see things in new ways will win votes. The more you are into change and supportive of a team effort the better.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
 Change is a fundamental law and it should be obvious in your world now. While this could spell endings, it may well lead to new and better arrangements. With a desire for freedom weighing in as much as commitment, you may feel torn. This is a good time to be open to new perspectives and possibilities. How can you best negotiate a new deal that is satisfying to all concerned?

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
 Desires to build upon new foundations imply clearing away old ones. Perhaps it is a renovation of existing structures or a big move into new territory altogether. In any case, something must give because it is time. Your stress levels may be up as a consequence but the good news is that as you face your fears and maybe even expose your vulnerabilities in order to follow through, you will be closer to claiming a new mode of power.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
 By now you should find yourself in new territory. Whether this is literal or psychological or both, depends on your situation. Ideally you are in the mood to learn new things, knowledge and approaches because that is what destiny has in store. These may be continuations of what you already know but you are sure to gain many new realizations. In the short term, love interests stand to take you by surprise.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
 Though you may seem to be passive and behind the scenes to some, you are actually preparing to launch some exciting initiatives. You are ready to build new and better foundations somehow. While these may well affect your financial situation, creative, imaginative and spiritual themes are also likely to be activated. Avoid escapist tendencies, yet proceed steadily.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
 Your world has changed and the momentum continues. In some respects, you may feel more powerful than ever. New levels of power and responsibility are on the rise for you. Yet, in order to succeed you may have to be extra flexible on the home front. This may include your relationships and/or your actual living situation. Be open to change because it is meant to occur in big and exciting ways.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
 Knowing when to hold them, when to fold, when to walk away and when to run is a core theme in life and active for you now. Desires for more recognition backed by a growing confidence in your abilities may show you making some bold moves. One thing is for sure, change in your entire lifestyle has been activated and continues to brew and will over the next year.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
 A spirit of adventure is calling you out. Something brand new beckons. The spark has ignited the fuse and it may take a while before major shifts become more obvious, but already a restless stir is evident. Entering the unknown takes courage. Then again, staying with the familiar can feel paralyzing. Reach out to entertain new ideas, meet new people and explore new horizons.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
 Knowing what you want and need is the first step. Knowing who has the resources to assist you in your objectives is the next consideration. You are in the mood to gather new knowledge, tools, techniques, methods and anything else that will assist you. Whether you are in the delivery phase or are in reception mode, a dynamic if intense exchange is likely.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
 Meeting new people includes establishing a more effective network. Research or investigation is implied. You are determined to do what you must and this includes asserting yourself. You are open to new expressions and experiences. Opening your mind to new possibilities is extra ideal. This includes meeting new people so don't be shy. Step forward and make your presence known, as loud as you feel is necessary.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
 Nurturing a more satisfying state of health is linked to your lifestyle. It is likely that some deep changes are needed. Your vision, goals, focus and follow through over the next 2-3 years will go a long way to determining the quality of your health and life for many years thereafter. If ever there was a time to really take yourself and your situation more seriously, it is now.

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Emergency teams are trained to respond to a variety of disasters stemming from high winds to heavy snowfall, but the single most dangerous event facing the Gulf Islands comes with the dry summer months.

"The biggest natural disaster that could wipe out this island is an uncontrolled interface fire," Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Chief Tom Bremner said.

"An earthquake could take out sections of the island, but fire would destroy it completely."

The British Columbia Fire Service defines an interface fire as one that includes both structures and surrounding vegetation.

On Salt Spring virtually every fire has the potential to reach interface status with our homes situated so close to trees and brush. Bremner said the island's high percentage of forest and the low population make the local situation particularly incendiary.

The fact that our landscape is dominated by firs and cedars makes the situation more serious: conifers are the most flammable trees.

In B.C. overall, fire statistics show that lightning strikes account for 52 per cent of wild fires while human action is responsible for 48 per cent.

With our local climate, Bremner said human carelessness is probably behind more like 80 per cent of the fires on the coast. He noted, however, that changing weather patterns mean we should be prepared for the types of situations that other parts of the province are seeing now.

Incorporating the recommendations of the Fire Smart Manual is a good start towards prevention.

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The guide suggests keeping trees and bushes away from the house, cleaning up deadfall and underbrush and separating individual crowns by three to six meters, among many other ideas to reduce the potential fuel a wildfire would consume. Another recommendation is to keep plenty of water in reserve.

According to forest service spokesman

Mike McCully, the only major interface fire to hit the Gulf Islands in the past five years occurred on Galiano in 2006. However, even with the wake-up call that fire sounded to every neighbouring island, emergency services know there are some things that just can't be prevented.

"We can plan all we want, but we can't stop everything," Bremner said.

Salt Spring's Community Wildfire Pro-

tection Plan, drafted in November 2005, prepares for just such a potential disaster, but Bremner stressed that individuals must take responsibility for their own properties.

Local firefighters receive special training for interface fires, but also receive help from the Coastal Fire Service branch in Cobble Hill. McCully said the two teams bring their expertise together, because while community firefighters are adept at



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Local firefighters work in awkward terrain to fight an interface fire this spring.

structure fires, the Fire Service is trained especially for the bush.

"It's quite a different beast," McCully observed. "Together we manage things quite effectively."

Bremner said civilians should never try to become firefighters themselves unless they are trying to put out a small fire in its early stages with a hose or a fire extinguisher. The best thing they can do

to help the situation is to get out safely.

"A plan for your family and for your immediate area is a must," Bremner said, adding, "Blaming others for your lack of preparation absolutely does not work with us."

Unlike some disasters where people might have to stay in homes for weeks without water and power, a wildfire can mean an evacuation order in a matter of minutes. And fire's unpredictable nature can see some houses completely destroyed while neighbouring ones are spared, meaning no one can risk taking the chance.

Bremner said emergency kits containing water, food, essential clothing and copies of important documents should be kept ready to go. Everything else can be left behind.

If a wildfire or other disaster takes place, an emergency operations centre will be activated in the basement of the

provincial government building on Lower Ganges Road. Residents who are asked to evacuate or are forced by circumstances to leave their homes should gather at previously identified neighbourhood mustering points. They will then move to emergency reception centres, which have been established at churches and halls with kitchens and the capacity to house large numbers of people.

Salt Spring's Emergency Program is funded by the Capital Regional District and allies emergency service branches with organizations such as BC Ferries, BC Hydro and the Coast Guard. The program divides the island into 50 neighbourhood pods with volunteer pod captains designated to communicate between emergency services and their local group.

Each pod is supplied with two long-range FRS radios, which work

when cell phones and other forms of electronic communication do not. The radios can allow pods to communicate with each other and with emergency services.

Acting coordinator Trevor Hutton said the emergency program has seen people across the island start to get organized, although so far there are varying degrees of action, ranging from fully organized pods with captains to zero participation.

Hutton strongly advised respecting evacuation orders, which are technically optional. The emergency preparedness team has plans in place for pets and livestock as well as other needs such as pregnant women and people with babies.

"We try to cater to any kind of situation that residents will face, but it's up to the pod to know what they've got in their area, or it will be difficult for the services to help them," Hutton said.

Although Salt Spring may never face a massive interface fire, Hutton judges it to be number one on the emergency program's list of potential dangers. And as Bremner pointed out, it is every individual's responsibility to be prepared.

"We will never stop losses, but we will prevent deaths with wide pre-planning," Bremner said.

"We will lose homes, we will lose vehicles, but we hope we will never lose a person."

People who are interested in joining a pod or initiating one and acting as its captain can contact the fire department to learn about the monthly emergency preparedness meetings, or call the CRD emergency program coordinator at 250-537-1220.

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EXHIBIT

Past revived in 30 years of Dean artwork

Diana Dean show at Starfish Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Diana Dean's exhibition at the Starfish Gallery this month is providing a rare opportunity to delve into the artist's development over the past 30 years, up to and including a newly finished master work.

Opened last Friday (on the feast day of the goddess Diana), the show includes many early paintings and bronzes that have been hidden away in Dean's studio. The centerpiece, however, is Clayoquot - Morning of the Demonstration, the six-by-eight-foot oil painting she's been working on for the past six months.

Long considered the doyenne of Salt Spring's art scene, in person Diana Dean is anything but imperious. Soft spoken and slightly hesitant, she points out the challenges of her artistic process, but never trumpets her success. In Clayoquot her ambition to bring the momentous event from 1993 to life involved combin-



Clayoquot — Morning of the Demonstration is the anchor piece of Starfish Gallery exhibit.

ing several sources of light in the early morning outdoor scene, as well as composing the highest number of figures she's ever painted together.

Dean travelled to the protest with a group of Salt Spring artists and painted a small version in the '90s from a quick sketch she did at the time.

"But I always felt I had to do a large one," she said. "I always felt I had to do it because it was such a strong experience with all these hundreds of people protesting."

Dean's rich oil painting technique is often compared to the old world masters she admires. In this case she was consciously inspired by Rembrandt's 1642 masterpiece The Night Watch, which depicts a company of soldiers moving out. Dean's Clay-

oquot recalls the soldiers' banners with the protesters' placards, and the dappled sunlight finds correlation in the strong glare of an off-scene police truck's headlights.

Despite her deep colour saturation, however, and the ambiguous medieval-type clothing seen in some of her works, for this piece Dean is careful to present a clearly contemporary record: Nike shoes and faithfully replicated hiking boots anchor the scene in recent times.

Dean's dedication to the West Coast landscape comes to good effect here, with hill tops silhouetted against the light just beginning to break.

The major scene of the police moving to protesters in the foreground echoes the v-shaped cleft in the mountains, bringing

the action toward the centre.

"In a painting you have to think about movement, rhythm and space, all of those things. That's my job as an artist," she said.

Despite her early sketch, Dean composed this painting mainly from her imagination and with none of the figures modelled on actual people, which made her job extra challenging. She explained that the figures come to life while she creates them.

"They gradually assume their own characters through the painting process — they actually become someone."

Some of Dean's earlier works on exhibit provide an interesting study of her development as a painter. (Although she went to art school and received a distinction in sculpt-

ing, she is self-taught as a painter.) Her early style is much flatter than her later works and doesn't have the colour saturation she loves, as she was just learning how to mix her pigments with oil. But the mystical thematic element is clearly present.

When she first moved to the coast in the 1980s, Dean portrayed her fascination with the landscape in trees whose roots resemble a giant's hands, and in the personal totem she discerns in a garden stump. Paintings done in the 1990s have all the life and colour we associate with Dean today, and reveal her wonder with the human form.

The Starfish Gallery has extended the dates of Dean's show by two weeks to include the Labour Day long weekend, closing Monday, Sept. 6.

FALL FAIR FOCUS

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Fall Fair Express

The Express is back for a free shuttle service on the fairgrounds. This service is offered to those who have difficulties walking distances. Pick up and drop off are available from the bus stops and various points around the Fair.

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TAKING THE STAGE: Some of the vocalists who took masterclasses from Swedish soprano Eva Bostrand perform at a recital at All Saints By-the-Sea on Sunday. From left are Larry Woods, Judith Bradley, Carol Brown (event organizer) and Ariel Fielding.

EXHIBIT

Photosynthesis: 10th year

Group of 19 add special invited guests

The 10th annual Photosynthesis show and sale opens at ArtSpring next Wednesday, featuring 25 Salt Spring photographers.

"The mood and flavour of the show is always a mystery until opening night when the artists get to view the best of the best in their colleagues' work," explains a press release.

"The results are an eclectic collection of themes, passions and narrative with varied techniques and styles. With the expert eye of visual artist J.D. Evans, who will be hanging this year's show,

the work always looks like it was meant to be together."

Running from Aug. 18 through Sept. 7, Photosynthesis will include work by 19 members plus a sponsored student, four invited guests and a selection from the Driftwood's Day in the Life project.

Photographers are on hand opening night to chat with visitors and there is always lively conversation, wonderful food and refreshments, along with a gallery full of unforgettable images.

"You will want to come back again to view the work and there is always a photographer on duty to share details of the work and passion of their art."

People can browse the show's

website — www.saltspringphotographers.com — and get to know more about the individual photographers and link to their own websites.

Photosynthesis members are Seth Berkowitz, Tamar Griggs, Alane Lalonde, Alan Bibby, Diana Hayes, Shari Macdonald, John Cameron, Christina Heinemann, Theresa Mackey, Bobby Crichton, Ann Holt, Larry Melious, John Denniston, Ken Ketchum, Eric Onasick, Gregg Eligh, Kim Kornbacher, Gillean Proctor and Chris Stackhouse.

Invited photographers are Nirmal Dryden, Bill Foster, Amy Melious, Bob Rogers and Alana Nay, who is the sponsored student.

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ART EXHIBITION

Artist Julia Lucich presents This and That at ArtSpring

Opens Thursday with reception on Friday evening

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Julia Lucich presents two sides of her creative potential with her This and That show at ArtSpring this week.

Opening Thursday, Aug. 12, the show will include an all-new series featuring island life, as well as the ever-popular Party Animals. Lucich is presenting the show in collaboration with her local representative, Gallery 8.

An expert at capturing the joys of light and colour whatever the medium, Lucich reveals her skill at capturing the scene in pastel, oil and acrylic. She often works on several pieces simultaneously, completing details on one painting while others are in the drying stage.

"Often it's just something gorgeous about the light that's prompted me to paint it," she said of her subject matter, although storytelling is often an important element of her work. In her scenes from Salt Spring's Saturday market, for example, the narrative quality is an integral component of the composition.

"What's going on is part of it," said Lucich. "What is that person doing? What are they looking at? That's what's probably grabbed my eye."

A good example of the emotional element underlying Lucich's work is found in the portrait of a little girl on her father's shoulders, completely safe and secure in his arm protectively around her.

The same quality is seen in two portraits of her children when they were young: her daughter with their sheltie in Home's This Way and her son with the same pet in Saturday Morning.

Fans of the colourful Party Animals series will enjoy seeing some local animals make the line-up this time around.

While some of the past parties have been giraffes and hippos, Lucich promised some Salt Spring chickens, sheep and cows among the animals to get colour makeovers. A lovely scene of a mother pig with her suckling brood, for example, keeps mom in pink and casts the piglets in a rainbow of candy shades.

Lucich said there will be a few special features for This and That, including having her easel set up for work during the show.

There will likely be some sculptural elements, with artists to be announced, and a surprise or two as well.

The opening reception for This and That takes place Friday, Aug. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will include wine from Gallery 8's new label.

Lucich fans should not wait to see the show — it runs just five days, closing on Aug. 17.

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

Festival makes most of blooms

Annual Anglican Parish Celebration includes music, song, dance and flowers

The eighth annual Flower Festival of the Anglican Parish falls this year on Aug. 17 and 18, and will contain all the elements that make this two-day celebration of summer so popular.

On the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 17, members of the parish and friends put their creative talents to the test to create a gorgeous display of flowers, hanging baskets and pots in the form of an indoor garden in the quiet ambiance of All Saints church.

"This setting is perfect for some time of tranquillity in

the business of summer, so the parish offers an open house on Tuesday afternoon, where visitors may enjoy the bounty of the garden and a profusion of scents and colour," explains a press release.

Afternoon tea is served from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upper hall overlooking Ganges Harbour and at 4:15 p.m. a Vespers for Creation is held in the flower-filled church.

Music and Munch on Wednesday the 18th makes full use of the setting with music, song and dance in a program titled In the Garden of Eden. Dancers Lotie Devindisch, Gale Hingston, Kristen Lewis-Woodruff and Sue Newman will not only tell this ancient tale as read by Carole Scott but also, later, take a romp

in the garden in a lighter vein.

Singers Connie Holmes, Jean McClure, Alan Robertson and Anke Smeele have a host of duets and solos, which will make people both laugh and cry with their beauty and humour. Accompanist is the parish's director of music David Storm, whose talents always bring out the best in the artists with whom he works.

Entry to the open house on Tuesday and Music and Munch on Wednesday (at 12:10 p.m.) is by donation, while the delicious optional lunch served after the concert is \$5.50. Tickets for lunch must be purchased before the performance and it is recommended that people arrive in good time, since it's a very popular event.



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ON TOUR: Lynden Jones is attracted to Janis Woode's "Cupid" at Gallery 8. Salt Spring galleries are filled with fine art for visitors and residents this summer.

WORKSHOP

Writing workshop to inspire

Lorraine Gane leads retreat for women writers

work on new writing for projects already in progress such as novels and memoirs, or individual stories or poems.

A weekend writing retreat set for Aug. 14 and 15 will help women of all levels of experience engage their full expressive abilities on the page.

"I offer an integrative approach to writing that uses the best of both sides of the brain," says Salt Spring poet and writer Lorraine Gane, who has taught writing workshops across Canada for 20 years.

"In the first stage, relaxation helps access the right brain and open participants to a flow of writing. The second stage involves an assessment of the writing, using the attributes of the left brain to shape pieces. In this way the whole brain is exercised during the process, producing writing that is lively and coherent."

During the retreat, which will include discussions, guided writing practices and periods of sharing, participants can

come away with two or three pieces they can continue with after the retreat, as well as a slew of new ideas to inspire further writing."

Gane has taught writing at universities such as Ryerson, Vancouver Island University, the University of Victoria, her own private workshops and through online courses. Her poetry, essays, articles and reviews have been published across North America. The retreat will be held at The Fig Healing and Retreat Centre, with views of the ocean and quiet spots for reflection during breaks. Writers can attend for one day at \$99 (Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; includes lunch) or for the weekend at \$180 (includes lunch and welcoming dinner).

For more information or to register, contact Gane at 250-537-5294 or gane-goodger@saltspring.com.

CONCERT

Some of Fiddleworks' best on stage

Sunday concert at ArtSpring

dolin, and Lynae Oliver-Dufresne on fiddle and voice — and a number of Fiddleworks favourite performers. The list includes Calvin Cairns on fiddle, saw and concertina, Trish Clair-Peck on fiddle, Zav RT on fiddola, Karen and Ryan Dignan on fiddle and percussion, and cellist Lea Kirstein.

With the second Salt Spring Fiddle Camp ready to roll next week, islanders can look forward to another Instructors' Showcase Concert at ArtSpring with some of Canada's top folk musicians this weekend.

On Sunday, Aug. 15 at ArtSpring, the line-up includes Pharis Romero on voice and guitar, members of the internationally renowned band Pear — Denis Dufresne on fiddle and man-

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth and seniors, available through ArtSpring at 250-537-2102.

The 11th annual Salt Spring Fiddle Camp runs at Salt Spring Centre from Aug. 16 to 20.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Siblings revel in lifelong relationships at art show

Work by Sibleys and Cochran at ArtSpring until Aug. 15

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two brother and sister teams prove creativity runs in families at the Sibling Revelry show now at ArtSpring.

The show is the brainchild of Gail Sibley, an accomplished island artist who decided to take a few risks to explore what sibling relationships represent. Sibley is a master of the pastel painting, but has chosen here to present new work in multimedia collage and installation.

A Nick Bantock workshop inspired Sibley to create "portraits" of herself and her three siblings. She explains in her artist's statement that a traditional head and shoulders view didn't seem able to express her understanding of each personality. Instead, the collage and paint combinations allow for emotion rather than representation, a building up of colour, memories and impressions.

In Siblings, the centerpiece exhibit, she attempts to use words to chart family complexities. The five-by-five-foot installation involves 30 small panels



Donna and Doug Cochran are seen behind some of their work at ArtSpring.

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set on a black wooden frame. Each panel has a main word or phrase and layers of running text, such as "rivals," "friends for life" and "shared history."

Some panels contain photographs or other collaged images, and many have a curling plastic layer that spills over the straight edges, echoing life's disinclination to follow tidy boundaries.

A Short History is perhaps the most successful of Sibley's exploration, combining photos and scrawled thoughts on a fabricated height

chart. Sibley has layered the elements with coats of medium to build up a rich visual replica of the past, which is faintly sepia toned and therefore nostalgic, splashed overtop with a bright turquoise that speaks of a fresh look at past events.

Gail's brother Brett Sibley has contributed several photographs that reveal his interest in contrasting sharp features with indistinct backgrounds. The technique lends the focused subjects a special quality, whether a bird in a hand or a couple of

flowers seen against a green foliage.

The two other siblings in the show are Donna Cochran and Doug Cochran, who collaborate and individually present their skill in basketry and wood craft respectively. Spinning Top is a collaborative piece that combines a low, rounded wooden vase with a basketry waist and neck. The vessel extends from the polished wood into a progressively lighter material, ending in fine copper wire and beads. The mix of textures and

fibres give balance and movement to an earthy design.

Sea Burst puts together Doug's beautiful maple vessel, carved from a thick section of trunk, with Donna's decorative silk, wire and sea urchin spines along the inner rim and outer edge. The bowl's uneven edge in the "front" suggests a wave in action, while Donna's colour choices mimic perfectly the purple, gold and soft oranges found in the dry urchin spines.

In other pieces the team has created pictures combining Doug's art glass and Donna's weaving. Robertson Creek Sockeye has the stained glass salmon in bright red and murky green in a sea that leads to a panel of blue and green basketry in hand-

died reeds and nylon ribbons. The tree line on shore is made from pieces of a foamy fabric, resting just in front of a pale blue sky. Although the piece moves between the smooth glass and textured weaving, there is a remarkable sense of continuity and cohesion.

Ikebana places one of Doug's wooden vases in front of a stained glass shoji screen. The vase holds "contoura" hazelnut branches that Donna has wrapped in small sections of jewel-toned embroidery thread. The delicate touches add the only colour to the serene neutrals, a perfect addition that avoids being garish or heavy.

Sibling Revelry continues at ArtSpring through Sunday, Aug. 15.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Natural writing abilities unfold at workshop for young writers

Set for Aug. 19 at Salt Spring's library

Young writers will have a chance to explore the magical world of their imagination and memory at a workshop on Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Salt Spring Library.

The workshop, taught by local

poet and writer Lorraine Gane, will offer a series of enjoyable and easy exercises to engage creative play with words and open participants to their natural writing abilities. She will also help participants shape their pieces into a finished form.

Gane is the author of several books of poetry, including the upcoming Blue Halo. She has

taught writing to people of all ages for the last 20 years and is now completing a book on writing.

The workshop, which runs from 1 to 3 p.m., is open to first-time and experienced writers aged 11 to 17 and is free to the first 10 students. To register, contact the library at 250-537-4666; librarian@saltspringlibrary.com.

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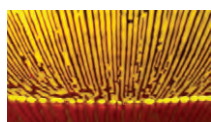


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Wed. August 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Graeme Wilkinson. Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Donn Tarris and Tess Fama. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Stephanie Rhodes. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
Live Music in the Vineyard. With Harry Warner & Friends at SS Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Art Camp. For kids aged 5 and up. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-0028.

Thurs. August 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Chamigos. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Open Mic. Hosted by Sean Logan at The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.
KC Kelly. Live at Shipstones. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.
Little Red Activity Book Launch & 125th Birthday Party. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to noon.

Fri. August 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sue Newman & the Jazzmen. Part of SS Jazz Festival at Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.
Allan Vance. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Auntie Pesto's Cafe. 7 to 9 p.m.
Cecile Larochelle & Co. Part of SS Jazz Festival at the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.
Planet Music. Part of SS Jazz Fest at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
KC Kelly & Sandy Proffitt. Part of SS Jazz Fest at The Local Bar & Bistro. 8 p.m.
Simone & the Soul Intentions. Part of SS Jazz Fest at the Pub at Fulford Harbour. Evening.
Planet Claire. Live music from the 1980s at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
Gene Grooms. Shipstones. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Browsing Down our Natural Heritage. Audio/visual talk on the impacts of deer on songbirds and plants in the Gulf Islands presented by Dr. Tara Martin. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.
Transition Salt Spring Potluck. Idea- and food-sharing session at Beaver Point Hall. 6:30 p.m. Info: Daniel, 250-537-8773.

Fri. August 13

ACTIVITIES
Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.
Argentine Tango. Keith's Summer Practicas. Top floor, Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Beginners welcome.

Sat. August 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Tales from the Antiques Roadshow. Unique stage show about BBC TV's successful series. ArtSpring. 3 p.m.
Swing Shift Big Band. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Centennial Park. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
KC Kelly Band. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Lloyd English-Cecile Larochelle Trio. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.
Allan Vance. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Raven Street Market Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.
Simone & the Soul Intentions. Part of SS Jazz Fest at the Pub in Fulford. Evening.
Sweetwater & Co. Part of SS Jazz Fest at the Harbour House. 7 p.m.
Sunyata. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Sat. August 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
OPIUO Live. Interchill Records presents Opiuo Live [Australia] with Heidrogen, Russ2Fari and Andrew. Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m.
Daryl Chonka. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Mike Demers Trio. Live music at Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Open Acoustic Jam. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Acoustic Planet Music Studio. 2 to 3 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
22nd Annual Fulford Day. Games, food, music and more at Drummond Park. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Healthcare Rights. Part of a free Know Your Rights and How to Use Them series of talks at the United Church meadow. 2 to 4 p.m.
Words of Peace Event. Video presentation featuring Prem Rawat's message of peace. The Fritz cinema at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Weekend Writing Retreat. Two-day session with Lorraine Gane begins. Info/register: 250-537-5294 or ganegoodger@saltspring.com.

Sun. August 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Fiddleworks Instructors Showcase Concert. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
MaMuse. Folk duo at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30 p.m.
Silver Fox Trio. Featuring Diane Bessell at Mistaken Identity Vineyards. Part of SS Jazz Fest. Noon to 2 p.m.
Simone Lamers Quartet. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Salt Spring Island Cheese. 1 to 3 p.m.
QuintEssential. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Salt Spring Vineyards. 5 to 7 p.m.
Lloyd English-Cecile Larochelle Trio. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Moby's. 7 p.m.
El Jose's Cuban Dance Party. Part of the SS Jazz Festival at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Flora Scott Trio. Part of SS Jazz Fest at the Harbour House. 7 p.m.
Barley Brothers. At the Pub at Fulford.
Jock. Raven Street Cafe. 1 to 3 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
First Invitational Bocce Tournament. For Special Olympics on SSI. Centennial Park. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Merv Anderson, 250-537-4011; mervsue@telus.net
Jose Sanchez Percussion Workshop. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Acoustic Planet Music. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bob Delion Bass Workshop. Part of SS Jazz Fest at Acoustic Planet Music. 2 to 4 p.m.

Mon. August 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Conrad Waltz. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.

Tues. August 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage with David Jaquest. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Flower Festival. Enjoy afternoon tea from 2 to 4 p.m. in the flower-decorated upper hall of All Saints, with a Vespers of Creation at 4:15 p.m.
Market in the Meadow. Tuesday farmers market runs next to the SS United Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Water is Life. Ruckle Park interpretive program. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.
Toddler Time. Arts & crafts for kids aged 2 to 4. Every Tuesday at Fables Cottage. 10:30 a.m.

Wed. August 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
In the Garden of Eden
 A special Music & Munch presentation at All Saints as part of the Anglican Parish Flower Festival. 12:10 p.m. followed by optional lunch.
Stephanie Rhodes. Live music at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
Live Music in the Vineyard. Every Wednesday with Harry Warner & Friends at SS Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Fiddleworks. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Art Camp. For kids aged 5 and up. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Info: 250-537-0028.
Arrive Alive. Jerry's Rangers Happy Hiker Sticker. Ruckle Park interpretive program. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Busy Builders. Ruckle Park interpretive program on beavers. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

- JD Evans & Bob Leatherbarrow** have an exhibition of work at **Gallery 8** from Aug. 13 to Sept. 4, with an opening reception on Friday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- MD Hennessy** is the Showcase Gallery artist at **ArtCraft**, with a show that opens with a reception on Friday, Aug. 13, 6 to 8 p.m., running daily at **Mahon Hall** until Aug. 25.
- This and That: Julia Lucich Exhibition** is in the **ArtSpring** gallery from Friday, Aug. 13 to Monday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13.
- Photosynthesis**, the 10th anniversary exhibit, opens at **ArtSpring** on Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Runs daily to Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- An exhibit of paintings and sculpture by **Diana Dean** from 1980 to 2010 shows at **Starfish Gallery and Studio** until Sept. 6.
- Sculptor **Morley Myers** has a show of plasters and waxes at his **Merchants' Mews** gallery.
- Sibley Revelry**, a show of work by **Gail and Brett Sibley** and **Donna and Doug Cochran** runs daily at **ArtSpring** through Aug. 15.
- Wed., Aug. 11 is the last day for **Carl Sean McMahon's Awakening** exhibit in the Showcase Gallery at **ArtCraft** at **Mahon Hall**.
- The ArtCraft Gift Shop** of the Salt Spring Arts Council is open daily in historic **Mahon Hall** through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes 8 new artists to the artist-run gallery. Photographer **Bob Rogers**, stained glass artist **Rachel Vadeboncouer**, sculptor **Kathleen Horsdal**, painter **Judy Harper**, painter **Tina Louise Spalding**, bead jewellers **Leslie D'Athe's** group, gold and silver jeweller **Virginia Midgett**, and sculptor **Frederich Johner**.
- Summer Lights - Illuminated Installations** by **Judson Beaumont**, **Brent Comber** and **Peter Pierobon** runs daily at **Salt Spring Woodworks** through July and August, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus the **Night Gallery** is open Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight.
- The Point Gallery** presents **Idyll**, a **Salt Spring Pastoral**, with work by **Stefanie Denz**, **Delaine Faulkner**, **Karin Jones**, **Murray Reiss**, **Bill Rhodes** and **Stella Weinert**. Runs daily to Aug. 15.
- Shirlee Lewis** and **Gail Sibley** feature new work called **Still Life & Other Reflections** in the **ArtSpring** open space until Aug. 31.
- "Nesting" is the theme of the 2010 **Salt Spring Potters Guild** display in **Mark's Work Wearhouse** windows, which runs through July and August.
- Hastings House Sculpture Garden Tours** run every Tuesday by reservation at 1 p.m. Phone 250-537-2362.
- Susan Haigh's** new studio and gallery displaying her vibrant floral paintings and cards at **289 Cusheon Lake Rd.** will be open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling 250-537-8912 for an appointment.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FOLK MUSIC

California duo set to thrill audience

MaMuse plays Ganges Yoga Studio on Sunday

Salt Spring is in for a treat when MaMuse brings their musical bicycle tour to the island on Sunday, Aug. 15.

The "rootsy female wonder duo" from Chico, California performs at Ganges Yoga Studio on Kings Lane beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The songs of MaMuse performers Sarah Nutting and Karisha Longaker are described on their website as "love poems to the Earth" and they're said to "speak to the depths of one's own inner terrain."

"Tight vocal harmonies ring out a capella or blend with upright bass, mandolin, guitar,



flute, light percussion and finger snaps to deliver the gift of joyful truth-telling."

In the past two years MaMuse has received awards for best new act, best folk act and best local act from vot-

ing music enthusiasts in their hometown, and have played at a number of festivals this spring and summer.

MaMuse is currently touring in support of their second full-length album, called Strange

and Wonderful.

For a taste of their music, visit the website at www.mamuse.org.

For more information about the Salt Spring concert, phone the yoga studio at 250-537-2444.

Sarah Nutting and Karisha Longaker of MaMuse are set to entertain at Ganges Yoga Studio on Aug. 15.

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EXHIBITS

MD Hennessy's folk art souls at ArtCraft

Contemporary culture explored in new show

As MD Hennessy prepares for her upcoming exhibit called Souls at ArtCraft, she wonders aloud, "Who would wear shoes like these?" as she combs the thrift stores for soles to inspire her folk art characters.

"A pair of shoes are purchased, her creative process begins and a persona starts to emerge from a set of penny loafers, pumps or rubber boots," states a press release about the show. "Using found objects, she might attach a gopher's skull, a doll's head or a wooden fish to form the head

of her human-figure sculptures and from there she creates bodies and clothing using wood and wire, plaster and paint."

Hennessy is interested in art that makes the viewer "think, laugh or see the world differently."

Whether she interprets John Travolta dancing in Pulp Fiction or a version of the Hitchcock's The Birds, she references contemporary culture in playful and evocative ways.

Nature also informs the work and since moving to Mayne Island in 2005 she finds the peacefulness on the island has influenced her work.

"It has been a very positive, illuminating move and it fills my

creative spirit," she said.

Living on Mayne, Hennessy comes across the natural world more readily. While walking on the beach she encounters feathers, dried crab or loose bark from an arbutus. These experiences are important to the work, allow her to be closer to the island's wildlife and help her to feel "the earth beneath my feet."

Souls runs from Friday, Aug. 13 through Wednesday, Aug. 25 at ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery at Mahon Hall, with a Friday opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by Windsor Plywood.

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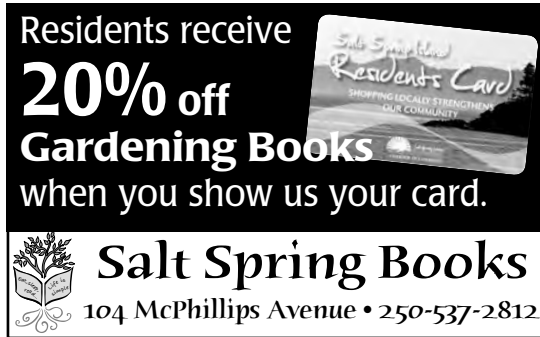
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Activity book supports Little Red School House literacy

Local project launches at Fables Cottage Thursday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new activity book for kids will be the first in publication to feature Salt Spring locations, wildlife and heritage on every page.

Aimed at children aged three to eight years old, the book was created by Aidan Cassie, an aspiring children's illustrator, as a fundraiser for the south end's beloved Little Red School House.

Cassie has a degree in media arts from the Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

While there she made a short animated film called *Sitting Next to Bernie*, which earned her an Angeles award and saw the film



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
Aidan Cassie and her daughter Maia look at the activity book (shown below).

travel to many festivals, including one as far away as Brazil.

Cassie soon realized, however, that animation is an "arduous and not a very well-paying career."

With the idea of building her portfolio as an illustrator already in mind, her daughter Maia's entry into Little Red's preschool program last fall provided the perfect opportunity to develop her work.

"I was happy to get the experience of writing and illustrating an entire book," Cassie said, "and I could also help Little Red out by helping generate some income."

Little Red is a charitable organization and welcomes fundraising ideas from parents.

Cassie found they were just as excited as she was by the idea of an activity book, based in part on Maia's love for mazes.

"When she first came to us with the idea we thought it was so brilliant," said Julie Sweetnam, the preschool's program coordinator.

"Little Red has a place in so many people's hearts, and it's just great that something lasting has been made in its honour."

Cassie originally hoped to finish the 32-page book in time for last winter's Christmas craft fairs, but soon found the work more time-consuming than she'd imagined.

Although she describes the book as "an art form that involves 4,468 less drawings than a six-minute film," the design planning and research required many

hours, besides the time devoted to the pen and ink drawings.

Cassie was limited to working during the mornings while Maia was at preschool, and it took the entire 10-month school year to bring the project to completion. During the process, Cassie would come with fresh drawings every day when she picked Maia up from school, getting constant feedback from the Little Red team.

"The staff and families really appreciate the contribution Aidan's made to Little Red," said Sweetnam.

"She's such a gener-

ing books, books on CD, felt board stories, puppets and other items to assist literacy.

Priced at just \$5, the activity book contains page after page of details that both local kids and visiting ones will enjoy, not to mention the parents helping them out.

The Little Red School House itself appears on the cover and one of the first activities is an inside joke pointing to the school's heritage and ongoing amenities: kids will be asked to navigate an out-house maze on paper, just as the students do in real life.

(First opened as the Beaver Point School House in 1885, the building will celebrate its 125th birthday as a school this September.)

Other activities include picture searches of the intertidal zone and the Saturday market, a "what's wrong with this picture" of Fulford

ous person and we were also very impressed by her skill levels."

Despite the unimaginable number of hours donated, Cassie appears to be uplifted by the experience.

"It's been so exciting to do it under my own direction," she explained.

"With any publisher I would be given constraints and style ideas, and with this I was able to do it completely on my own."

With printing costs at Barnyard Gfx donated by Sweetnam Construction, 100 per cent of the proceeds will go toward the literacy program at Little Red School House, includ-

village and a "spot-the-difference" with Gulf Islands wildlife.

Bound to be a hit is the matching game that has participants unite animals with their droppings.

Open-ended activities include a colouring page where kids can decorate gum boots, and another in which they use the shape of Salt Spring to become anything they wish.

The Little Red Activity Book will launch this Thursday, Aug. 12 at Fables Cottage from 10 a.m. to noon and will also be available on Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Saturday market.



TRINCOMALI CHANNEL—REPLACEMENT OF SUBMARINE TRANSMISSION CABLES

When: Mid-August through December 2010

Pending approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, BC Hydro will be replacing undersea transmission cables between Salt Spring Island and Parker Island starting in mid-August. These cables are part of the electrical transmission system that connects southern Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland.

Crews will be removing two existing submarine cables and installing two new cables in the existing right-of-way in Trincomali Channel.

During the work, there will be barges with cranes, a cable-laying vessel, tugboats and workboats in the water in Trincomali Channel and near the cable terminal stations on Salt Spring Island and Parker Island. There will also be trucks and crews working on land at the cable terminal stations on Salt Spring Island and Parker Island.

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Construction Activity	Schedule (subject to change)
Land work at, and water work near, the cable terminal stations on Salt Spring Island and Parker Island	Mid-August—December 2010
Removal of cables from Trincomali Channel	Late August—Late September 2010
Installation of new cables in Trincomali Channel	Late September—Mid-October 2010

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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SWAPPER: Lexi Akerman scores a Dora the Explorer doll and a cupcake as the Salt Spring Co-op Preschool holds a giant kids swap meet Saturday.

HERBAL MEDICINE

Local herb use highlighted in two-day course

100 Mile Green Medicine offered Aug. 21-22

Herbal elder, teacher and mentor Don Ollsin comes to Salt Spring on Aug. 21 and 22 to offer a comprehensive introductory workshop on the medicinal, culinary and spiritual uses of local herbs.

His 100 Mile Green Medicine course includes an herb walk, harvesting of local medicinal and culinary herbs, instruction in herbal note taking, drying and preserving, and student preparation of tinctures. Each student will leave the workshop with one of each tincture prepared.

Ollsin will lead the group in shamanic exercises to aid in intuitive identification of herbs and share information from his over 40 years of experience in the field of herbal medicine. Ollsin is a resident expert on the medicinal plants of the Pacific Northwest. Most B.C. herbalists have had him as a teacher for some or all of their studies.

See Ollsin's blog <http://donollsin.com> or herbalhealingpathway.com website for more details.

Workshop cost is \$175, with a \$15 discount for payment received by Aug. 14. To register, call 250-538-1911.

FAMILY ISSUES

Positive discipline part of talk

Centre for Child Honouring hosts California speaker

Psychotherapist Adela Barcia is a special Centre for Child Honouring guest set to talk on the Challenges and Opportunities of Conscious Parenting at the United Church on Thursday, Aug. 19.

Barcia will describe some of the challenges faced in parenting and offer effective conscious parenting strategies in the upstairs part of the church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A "committed peace activist" and therapist for many years, Barcia has some compelling views that resonate with parents, caregivers and educators.

"Parenting naturally calls us to commit ourselves to what we truly value and believe," said Barcia in

a press release. "The way we treat our kids takes us through countless decisions about lifestyle, priorities, what it means to be a good person, what constitutes respectful relationships and many other values-based issues that naturally arise in family life. For example, how do we instill healthy values in our kids when they are exposed to and influenced by so much of what they see outside the family? What values do we navigate by in our parenting choices when we find ourselves outside the mainstream of the cultural norms?"

Her talk will explore how to nurture children's spirits and encourage them to express themselves freely while also practising positive discipline: teaching clear boundaries and respectful treatment of others.

This is the third speaker the Centre for Child Honouring has brought to Salt Spring with leading thinkers

outlining how we can benefit the world by developing and supporting policies that respect children.

The series was inspired by Salt Spring resident Raffi Cavoukian, the centre's founder and chair.

"When I met Raffi over two years ago and I heard him speak about Child Honouring, I felt a profound resonance with his brilliant vision of what it means to truly honour the child and the implications and the need to move our world in this direction," said Barcia.

Barcia conducts workshops, participates in international dialogues and speaks publicly on a variety of related topics. She is a dedicated mother of two children and lives in Santa Barbara, California.

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