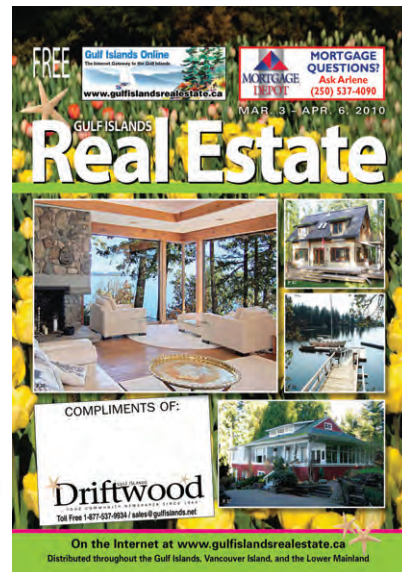


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**HOCKEY HOORAY:** Mike McCormick cheers along with others at Shipstones in Ganges Sunday afternoon, as Team Canada scores an overtime goal to beat Team USA for Olympic hockey gold. Keegan Pearson holds a Canadian flag as he watches the replay inside the wildly cheering and crowded pub.

PHOTO BY SUSAN LUNDY

**BUILDING CODES**

## Seismic rules shake up questions

Engineering association says rules long overdue

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island realtor worries new seismic regulations could send shockwaves through the province's building industry.

B.C. Building Code changes in effect as of Feb. 1 mean stricter geotechnical standards for seismically susceptible properties.

"These are big changes to the B.C. Building Code and basically it has raised the bar of slope stability," said Scott Simmons.

Simmons said he fears new rules could make existing geotechnical reports "worthless" until a new slope stability report is completed.

"Some lots that have been okay may not pass the new levels that have been set," he said.

That means prospective home builders could face added fees and construction delays, he said.

"If you have a building lot and a geotechnical slope stability report saying you can build a home and have not built, you will have to rehire the geotechnical engineers to do another report," he said.

What surprises Simmons most of all is the lack of information provided by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development about the changes.

"There's virtually no information on this and it's fairly

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**FIRE**

## Island couple assists in heroic rescue

Islanders experience unexpected Olympics denouement

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Extremely heroic" is how the Vancouver Fire Department describes a Salt Spring couple that was among those who rushed to the scene of a fatal Sunday night house fire.

Margaret Drive residents Donald and Judy McLennan were preparing a celebratory Olympic feast for their host when they learned that a fire had broken out on the second storey of a neighbouring home.

The McLennans were among several people staying at Susan O'Reilly's Point Grey home for the two-week Olympic period. The couple's plans to visit several events and enjoy the city's

Olympic atmosphere had proceeded wonderfully until Sunday evening, according to Donald McLennan.

"When our friends parked in front of the house, they saw smoke pouring from the roof of the house next door and alerted Judy and me," he said.

McLennan and his host Susan O'Reilly rushed to the scene where they discovered a male sitting on the porch in a towel and moaning "oh my god, oh my god."

The rescuers wasted no time rushing entering the home to determine if any other occupants were inside.

"There was only a hint of smoke on the ground

floor and everything else was eerily normal, including the TV playing in the corner of the living room," McLennan said.

"Susan and I found the grandmother immediately and Susan got her outside onto the porch. The grandmother seemed to be entirely unaware of the fact that her grandson-in-law was outside on the front steps suffering from shock and burns. Nor was she aware of the fire upstairs. She was somewhat baffled at the fact that Susan and I had entered the home in such an unannounced fashion."

McLennan and O'Reilly returned to the home in search of the man's wife, but reached an impasse at the stairs to the second floor.

"We shouted upstairs for anyone who might

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**NEWSBEAT**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Ruckle Farm Day needs help to survive**

Immediate assistance needed to get family event on track

An annual family event that celebrates the island's farming heritage may not happen this year unless a new coordinator is found immediately, says longtime 4-H volunteer Art Falardeau.

Falardeau has participated

for the past decade doing "the grunt work" behind the popular Ruckle Farm Day that has includes sheepdog demonstrations, a horse ploughing match, blacksmithing and other old-time skills, and 4-H animal displays. But due to circumstances beyond her control, event coordinator Sidney Brannan is unable to continue her role, which has left Ruckle Farm Day without

someone in charge of paperwork and other critical tasks.

Taking place at the historic and still working Ruckle Farm, the day has been a popular family event that is usually held the first weekend of May. Falardeau said if immediate help is not found, he will have to cancel this year's May 2 date, which would be a loss for the whole community.

"I think it's a great thing for

kids and families," Falardeau said of the event. "We usually have quite a turnout down there with the old barn and all the activities. It's great for people getting together and understanding what agriculture is."

Interested parties with great organizational skills should contact Falardeau at 250-537-9380 or Brannan at 250-537-0889. All help and information possible will be passed on.

**Olympics experience ends in fire rescue**

**FIRE**

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still be there. Embers were falling down the stairwell. Flames and a great deal of smoke could be seen at the top of the stairs," he said.

"Most disconcerting was the noise of what seemed to be objects falling on the floor above us. We still were not at all sure that anyone might still be upstairs.

"We only made it up one step before Susan and I both decided it was too dangerous to proceed."

Outside the home, Judy McLennan had taken charge of the burn victim, brought him back to O'Reilly's home and administered to his wounds until paramedics arrived 10 to 15 minutes later.

Emergency services personnel later stated that McLennan's nursing experience helped her provide adequate care

to the survivors.

Fire department personnel arrived soon afterwards and spent more than an hour extinguishing the fire.

Crews discovered the body of the man's wife on the second floor.

They said it's probable the woman died before the McLennans arrived at the scene.

The local fire chief, McLennan added, took great pains to stress that he and the other rescuers had made the correct decision.

"He told me that had I gone up [to the second floor], the Team Canada hockey jersey I was wearing would have melted to my skin," McLennan said.

"It was not the denouement we might have expected to an otherwise glorious Olympics experience," he added.

The 40-year-old man and 94-year-old woman are recovering from their injuries in a Vancouver hospital. The cause

**"He told me that had I gone up [to the second floor], the Team Canada hockey jersey I was wearing would have melted to my skin"**

DONALD MCLENNAN  
Fire rescuer

of the fire is under investigation. A photo from this event can be viewed with this story online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) and even more are posted on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood](http://facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood).

**New building code measures in the works for years**

**BUILDING**

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important," he said. "This is a massive change."

Even representatives at the Capital Regional District's building inspection office on Salt Spring when contacted last week were awaiting more infor-

mation about how the revised building codes will impact property owners.

"The CRD building inspection division continues to evaluate this change and develop an appropriate response to it," said Uli Temmel, Salt Spring's senior CRD building inspector.

A spokesperson for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia said the so-called "new

regulations" have been under discussion since at least 2006.

What the new standard basically does, said Peter Mitchell, is make slope and ground requirements consistent with structural standards.

"It certainly doesn't make sense to design a structure for a one-in-2,475-year earthquake on a slope that was designed for a one-in-400-year earthquake," he said.

Mitchell, APEGBC's

director of professional standards and development, suggested the new measures are a response to the decreasing availability of "ideal" building lots in places like the Lower Mainland and the Gulf Islands.

"I would say there's less and less developable land, and more and more development is going to occur on lots where there are challenges," he said.

The new building code measures, he

added, were designed over several years in close discussion with municipal authorities and building sector representatives.

"This wasn't just developed in a black box," he said. "The whole approach was exposed to the development community before approval and it's important to recognize that."

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### DRUG PREVENTION

# Meth presentation delivers a dose of reality

Effects of addiction become 'crystal clear'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mark McLaughlin doesn't mince words when it comes to speaking about crystal meth and its consequences.

His message is quick, direct and designed to leave an impression.

"When you bring meth into your life, you're signing a life contract and the bill to pay isn't worth it," he told a group of students in Grades 11 and 12 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School's gymnasium last week.

"This doesn't just happen in Victoria and Vancouver. It's a problem that can happen anywhere and to anyone who makes a wrong decision."

McLaughlin witnessed the effects of crystal meth addiction first hand when his daughter began using the drug. Within a matter of weeks, she ended up out of school, on the street and living for the next fix.

In the battle to save his daughter's life, McLaughlin met countless families who faced the same predicament and had nowhere to turn.

The result of McLaughlin's frustrating search convinced him to start the Crystal Meth Society of B.C., a registered-charity that has become the central resource and communications channel regarding the crystal meth problem in B.C.

Since the society began its work in 2006, McLaughlin and his fellow members have delivered the crystal meth message to more than 50,000 high school students across the province.

The GISS event and this week's follow-up presentation to Salt Spring Island Middle School students is based on McLaughlin's simple philosophy: show people the consequences before they get a chance to learn about them for themselves.

McLaughlin's 40-minute multimedia presentation introduces participants to the drug's ugly reality through the stories of meth addicts and recovering users. The presentation gives students a gritty and graphic depiction of the drug's physical and psychological effects.

Following Thursday afternoon's presentation, students kept McLaughlin busy with questions for nearly 30 minutes. None in the audience appeared keen to experience consequences such as "meth mouth," bruised, calloused and peeling skin, and the extreme weight loss that commonly coincides with addiction.

In one slide, McLaughlin revealed how the brain of a 20-year-old meth addict resembles that of an 85-year-old Alzheimer's patient.

"Meth has been proven to accelerate our tendency



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Mark McLaughlin of the Crystal Meth Society of B.C. has dedicated his life to teaching high school students across the province about the drug's dangers and consequences.

towards underlying mental illnesses," he said.

The Salt Spring RCMP detachment's Sgt. Danny Willis said because of educational programs like those offered by the Crystal Meth Society of B.C., there are fewer per-capita instances of meth addiction on the island than in other centres.

"It's a very scary drug. Fortunately most of our younger people have been educated and learn to avoid it," Willis said. "Crystal meth became big in a lot of cities before people really knew how bad it is."

Despite the awareness, Willis added that he's overseen two crystal meth seizures in the four years he's served on the island.

The drug made a brief appearance among a small group of GISS students several years ago but has, so far, not resurfaced.

Crystal meth is highly addictive amphetamine with effects similar to that of cocaine. The drug usually comes in a white odourless powder. It can be swallowed, smoked,

injected or snorted.

The man-made drug is manufactured using ephedrine or pseudo-ephedrine and other chemicals, including acetone, drain cleaner, lithium, iodine, paint thinner, kerosene, red phosphorous and muriatic acid.

"Most of the ingredients that go into meth have the skull and crossbones on them," McLaughlin pointed out.

Since crystal meth replaces the brain's inherent capacity to regulate dopamine levels, McLaughlin said, addicts eventually reach the point where they are totally dependent on the drug to replicate the brain's natural function and feel good about themselves.

That's how a seemingly cheap high obtained for between \$5 and \$10, McLaughlin said, can quickly escalate into an all-encompassing mania; a mania that can lead to a life of pain for addicts and the families and friends who struggle to help them find a way out.

For more information about the Crystal Meth Society of B.C., visit [www.crystallmethbc.ca](http://www.crystallmethbc.ca).

## News briefs

### Pedestrian cross light on its way

A joint application by the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee and the Salt Spring Transportation Commission has found success with the installation of the island's second pedestrian-controlled crossing light.

The Ministry of Transportation approved the request for the light at the intersection of Lower Ganges Road, Crofton Road and

Park Drive, which is set for installation by Raylec Power this week. The site was one of five in the Ganges area that the two committees had identified.

SSTC chair Bob Fenske said his group "absolutely agreed" with the chamber committee, which spearheaded the application.

"We're delighted that this is going ahead," Fenske said. "We appreciate the efforts of the chamber to initiate the project. [The crossing] will be much safer for seniors."

The intersection connects several seniors hous-

ing facilities and Lady Minto Hospital with the busy Country Grocer shopping centre. Like the crosswalk at the intersection of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads, the crossing will use a pedestrian-activated signal light.

### Impaired driver smacks oncoming car

A male driver faces charges of impaired driving and over .08 after hitting a moving car on Upper Ganges Road early Friday

evening.

The female driver of a vehicle heading south realized an oncoming truck was too close to her just before hearing a bang after her vehicle was struck.

She escaped via the passenger door and called 9-1-1. Police and fire personnel arrived, followed by an ambulance, to attend to the car's passenger.

The male driver of the truck was located some distance down the road and was arrested on scene.

In other Salt Spring

police news:

Police attending a complaint of a minor motor vehicle accident just past midnight Sunday resulted in a 43-year-old Salt Spring Island female being charged with impaired driving and over .08.

Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool families arrived at the preschool on Monday morning to find a broken window and several items broken off their playground equipment. Empty liquor bottles and cigarette butts were also found littered in the playground. Anyone

with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or Crimestoppers.

St. Mark's Church goes reported that the fence lining the rear parking lot had been knocked over and three terra-cotta flower pots smashed. It appears that the lot had been accessed by a truck-type vehicle.

Two Salt Spring women — one aged 41 and another 56 — were issued 24-hour prohibitions from driving last Wednesday after being stopped by police.

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# NEWSBEAT

## TOURISM

# Olympics pique interest in Gulf Islands

Tourism benefit part of games' legacy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The much-anticipated economic spinoffs from the 2010 Olympics appear to have pulled off a triple axel and landed right back in the heart of downtown Vancouver and Whistler.

Total visits to Salt Spring Island during the Olympics period were up by a "negligible" 1.9 per cent compared to the same two-week period in 2009, according to Gail Sibley, manager of the Visitor Information Centre in Ganges.

Most of those extra visitors, she said, appear to have been people from the Lower Mainland seeking sanctuary from the Olympic Games rush.

"We definitely had many day visitors coming over to escape the craziness," she said.

Sibley said she's still compiling information for the month of February and will have more statistics later this month. That information will include results of a questionnaire distributed to Chamber of Commerce members who were asked if they experienced extra Olympics-related business.

Philip Reece, the co-owner of Salt Spring Air and the Chamber of Com-

merce's director of tourism, said the results are disappointing, but there's still reason to be optimistic.

What the Olympics have done, he said, is showcase an entire region to key tourism markets across North America, Asia and Europe.

Though Salt Spring Air never experienced the projected influx of Olympic tourists to Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands, Reece said, he is confident that the real Olympics tourism benefits will take place over the coming years.

"We flew lots of people from Salt Spring to the Olympics, but didn't fly many from Vancouver to the Gulf Islands," he said. "The upturn will probably be noticed within the next 18 months."

Reece's perspective is supported by Tourism British Columbia's overall strategy to use the Olympics as a gigantic showcase for all things B.C.

Since the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, more than 700 stories and images have been downloaded from the organization's website. The group also issued 3,000 journalists from key B.C. tourism markets a 2010 Tourism Passport as a way to promote coverage throughout the province. The pass includes free access to attractions, tours and nightclubs, free one-way travel on BC Ferries and discounts on transportation, hotels and restaurant food bills

"We definitely had many day visitors coming over to escape the craziness."

GAIL SIBLEY  
Manager, Visitor Info Centre

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"The passport program encourages media to explore the province before and after the Games with incentives like complimentary lift tickets at Kootenay resorts, whale watching on Vancouver Island, and open invitations to B.C.'s lesser-known tourism regions," said Mika Ryan, Tourism BC's manager of 2010 media relations, in a statement on the Tourism BC website.

In a similar vein, the British Columbia Pavilion at Robson Square has provided up to 5,000 daily visitors a glimpse at what awaits visitors who venture beyond Vancouver's city limits.

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M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

### 3 Vesuvius

Monday - Saturday

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

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Monday - Saturday

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M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.  
SAT Trip operates Saturday only.  
M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

### 1 Ganges Local

Monday - Saturday

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

## HALALT BLOCKADE

# Chemainus Road blockade up 'indefinitely'

Salt Spring-bound travellers need to use detours

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Halalt First Nation continue to block Chemainus Road in an effort to raise awareness about a dispute between the band and the District of North Cowichan.

"We're a little bit tired and a little bit weary, but we are still here," said councillor Tyler George of the Halalt First Nation on Tuesday. "We're sticking up for everyone's water rights."

George said the blockade will remain in place until the district stops work on the controversial Chemainus Wells project and enters into a consultation with the Halalt group.

He said the project places the Chemainus aquifer and the area's freshwater resources at risk. George called the District of North Cowichan's "log-and-burn" development policies irresponsible and shortsighted.

"Although there are people who may be angry and upset, at the end of the day there are loftier things here," George said on the blockade's sixth day.

"Canada can send troops

to Afghanistan to fight for democracy, so I think we can fight for democracy here at home."

Salt Spring's Paul and Loretta Minvielle were among the first people to meet the blockade along Chemainus Road while making their way to the Crofton-Vesuvius Bay ferry on Thursday afternoon.

Paul Minvielle said a person manning the blockade informed him and his wife that access through the Halalt First Nations reserve lands was suspended indefinitely.

"We weren't in a hurry, but had I been in a rush it would have been somewhat annoy-

ing," Minvielle said.

RCMP Const. Ed Power advises drivers heading to Crofton from the Island Highway to use Herd Road or Henry Road as an alternative.

He said the North Cowichan RCMP detachment has been monitoring the situation since the blockade was put in place at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

"So far we've got no major issues or concerns," Power said on Monday.

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## ISLANDS TRUST

# Trust Council to meet on Hornby

Budget will be finalized

The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting from March 23 to 25 on Hornby Island.

The public meeting starts Tuesday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m. and is expected to finish by approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25.

The 26-member council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. Trust Council invites members of the public to

participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24.

Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Requests must be forwarded to the Islands Trust Victoria office, to the attention of Marie Smith (email: msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250-405-5155) including the subject, and the speaker's name and address.

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# NEWSBEAT

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

# Tsunami alert tests island response

Early call sets advisory plan in action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dave Enfield was probably the first island resident to learn about a potential tsunami headed towards the province's southern coast on Saturday.

As the island's emergency program co-ordinator, Enfield received news of a tsunami advisory from the province's emergency notification system just before 5 a.m.

Initial reports warned of strong localized currents with no significant inundation anticipated.

According to a notification bulletin issued by the province, low-laying coastal areas and beaches were at risk and experts anticipated a "first wave" could reach southern British Columbia by 3:11 p.m.

"The biggest area of concern was for the Port Renfrew area," Enfield said.

Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue members, he added, were tasked with informing people along Vancouver Island's southwest coast of the potential threat.

The advisory was among



At the waterfront in Ganges at 3 p.m. Saturday were, from left, David Griffiths, Kelly Burke and Gary Utter responding spontaneously to the question, "How would you react to a tsunami?"

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

hundreds of warnings issued to regions around the Pacific Ocean in the wake of a magnitude 8.8 earthquake centred off the Chilean coast at approximately 3:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Saturday morning.

While Salt Spring and other areas in the Strait of Georgia were never seriously threatened, Enfield said, the real-life exercise demonstrated the effectiveness of the island's emergency response capabilities.

Enfield said fellow emergency service personnel and the local radio station were alerted of the incident at 7 a.m. The Provincial Emergency Notification System released hourly updates throughout the morning.

"We test the system every three to six months and it works very well," he said.

The last advisory was issued in 2009 following an earthquake off the Alaskan coast.

The weekend earthquake is the fifth strongest ever recorded. As of Monday afternoon, the

quake and ensuing tsunamis displaced more than two million people and killed 700.

Minor sea level rises were recorded as far away as Hawaii, New Zealand and Japan within six to 12 hours of the tremor.

*Editor's note: The tsunami alert was posted to the Driftwood website early Saturday morning.*

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## GANGES HARBOUR

# Volunteers needed for beach clean-up effort

Event seeks to stem tide of debris in the harbour

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A coalition of island residents seeks public support to make an upcoming shoreline clean-up a success.

"The more people that come out the merrier," said John Roe, president of the Veins of Life Watershed Society.

Roe said a Ganges Harbour clean-up effort in June 2008 filled five large shipping containers with flotsam and jetsam of all types.

That success, he said, was due in large part to the more than 40 volunteers who came out to participate.

Roe and fellow organizers have identified three large abandoned vessels that need to be removed. Additional crews will be tasked with collecting debris along the shoreline of Ganges Harbour.

Much of the debris littering the

beach consists of discarded polystyrene and plastic materials that cannot biodegrade.

"It just never seems to end. There's so much debris blown in by winter storms," he said. "We're planning a clean sweep."

Volunteers are asked to meet in front of The Local pub at Gasoline Alley at noon on Saturday, March 13.

Roe asks that owners of floating docks in the harbour area contact him in the event they need assistance either cleaning or removing their vessels.

He said materials blown off unused barges contribute to the piles of debris that wash up along the harbour's shoreline.

The event will be conducted with help from the Ganges Harbour Shoreline Association group and Greg Belavance, whose company owns the Moving Experience barge.

For more information, contact Roe at [info@salishsea.ca](mailto:info@salishsea.ca).

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EDITORIAL

## Fraud frontline

**F**raud Prevention Month comes around every year, carrying messages that can't be overemphasized no matter how often they're uttered, especially when it comes to protecting older Canadians.

Identity theft and payment-card fraud have been big in the news in the past year or more, and while anyone can find themselves a victim, at least one credit-card company is aiming its educational message at seniors this year.

In a survey undertaken by Visa with results released in a Canada Newswire story on Monday, 16 per cent of the 1,003 Canadians polled said they had been a victim of payment card fraud, identify theft or some kind of financial privacy violation since they were 50 years of age.

But the survey also found some of those individuals weren't doing everything they could to protect themselves.

Almost a quarter of them had shared their personal information number with another individual, and almost one-fifth (18 per cent) had lent their credit or debit card to a friend or a family member. Seven per cent said they kept a written copy of their PIN in their wallet or purse.

**THE ISSUE:**

Payment card security

**WE SAY:**

Follow wise advice offered

Recent news that the highly touted "chip and PIN" technology is still not the security answer needed only emphasizes the importance of what the Visa folks are saying: "Informed and alert consumers are the frontline of defence against payment card fraud and data breaches."

The following fraud prevention tips accompanied Monday's story and are worth repeating here.

- Always create a PIN that is hard to guess (e.g. not a birthday or phone number).
- Always be cautious when asked for personal information over the phone when you didn't initiate the call.
- Never share your PIN — not even with family, friends or caregivers.
- Never keep a written copy of your PIN in your wallet or purse.
- Never agree to a "free trial" or "sample" without reading the terms and conditions. You may be agreeing to future monthly charges — which aren't free.
- Never be embarrassed to talk to family, friends or your bank if you have questions or are worried you may have been victimized.

The last recommendation is an important one that can apply to almost any situation for people of any age. Not seeking help or advice when it's readily available only makes us more vulnerable to victimization.

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## Fundraiser provides crucial service

BY JEAN ELDER

When we held the first Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch and Bridge in Fulford Hall to try to raise money to finance what was then called the Planned Parenthood Clinic, we gave away pens which had on them the telephone number of the clinic.

In accepting one of the pens, one patron said, "I will give it to my granddaughter." But then, she corrected herself to say, "No — I'll give it to my grandson." Yes, give it to all the grandsons and the granddaughters. In the case of sexual education and birth control, ignorance is dangerous.

Many older island bridge players have been touched in quite specific ways with lack of information about sexual health and the lack of access to the means for birth control.

Sisters, cousins, aunts — sometimes forced into unwanted or premature marriages to save the family name. Perhaps they suffered emotional loss from the pressure to give up an illegitimate child for adoption. Even worse was the loss of the woman herself from a botched abortion. Those were real when many of our bridge-playing population were young adults. And more recently has come the loss of friends and colleagues caused by AIDS.

We sometimes forget advocating birth control was made a crime in Canada in 1892 and carried with it a sentence of two years upon conviction. By the 1920s and 1930s, groups in Canada were trying to steer a fine line between providing information on birth control and "advocating" it.

By 1963, George and Barbara Cadbury had organized a federation of groups in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, and together the group applied for membership

### VIEWPOINT

in the International Planned Parenthood Federation, whose aim was "responsible parenthood."

Like St. Thomas Aquinas, the IPPF believed each child should be a wanted child. "Advocating birth control" was finally removed from the Criminal Code of Canada in 1969 with the support of various Protestant churches, the Canadian Medical Association and a number of other groups, and the acquiescence of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Does information or having available the means of birth control promote promiscuity? We have no evidence that it does.

But we do have some evidence that it tends in the opposite direction. If we do not supply accurate information and methods of contraception that work most of the time, we are jeopardizing young people and their future, as we realize the consequences of unprotected sexual activity are out of all proportion to the act itself.

And so we try to maintain our clinic in the Core Inn (second floor) each Monday between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., where it is now called Options for Sexual Health.

This year the Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch and Bridge will be held in Fulford Hall on Saturday, March 13 beginning at noon with lunch and followed by some rounds of bridge. We hope you will be able to join us. For tickets at \$20, call 250-537-0897.

*The writer has long been involved with Salt Spring's OPT/Planned Parenthood group.*

**In the case of sexual education ... ignorance is dangerous.**

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should killer whales be kept in captivity?**

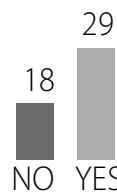
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Would you pay more for expanded bus service on Salt Spring?**



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

**"Canada can send troops to Afghanistan to fight for democracy, so I think we can fight for democracy here at home."**

TYLER GEORGE, HALALT FIRST NATION

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** For you, what was the highlight of the Olympic Games?


**PIETER HOFMANN**

*I think for most Canadians it was the men's hockey gold. It certainly was for me.*


**DAVID MACDONALD**

*Rochette skating, competing and dancing for her mother who died. She has a lot of courage and heart.*


**JEREMY HUDSON**

*I was happily surprised that Canada won gold in both men's and women's hockey. I think that's amazing.*


**TANYA FLETCHER**

*Sidney Crosby's overtime goal.*


**CRYSTAL DOUCETTE**

*Cooking a turkey dinner for Murakami Gardens where we watched the closing ceremonies in the lounge... and Canada winning gold in hockey. Go Canada go!*

## 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](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.**

### Get with the program

Who amongst us has not been proud of Canada's great showing in the 2010 Winter Olympics?

I humbly suggest that us Salt Springers should be feeling a bit guilty.

We may have the largest community in Canada without any skating facility.

What are the chances of any Salt Springers ever to grace the podium?

We are a wealthy community, and to my mind, short-sighted and selfish not to provide a facility for our kids to excel in Canada's national sports.

There is precious little here when it comes to providing healthy activities for our youth. Not to mention our older people.

I believe a hockey/skat-

ing rink and a couple of sheets of ice for curling in a simple, basic building could cost half of what we are spending on a new library.

Let's revisit this concept and get with the program.

**DAVID ABLEY,**  
SALT SPRING

### Education

Regarding the Feb. 24 In Depth headlined, "Violence against women: Salt Spring men speak out" — What a wonderful article. I am assuming it is written by some men of Salt Spring Island in B.C. I hear it is a beautiful place.

I would recommend that these men arrange to have this article put in every major newspaper across Canada. They came up with some wonderful solutions for me to think about.

And, yes, the government needs to put more funding

nationally into groups that support the prevention of violence against women and children, and open more shelters, as we know it will take centuries to stop all of it, if ever. And... it should start in our education system, equally for males and females, right in the kindergarten grades.

We must start changing attitudes from birth to grave.

### Funding cuts challenged

This coming Sunday, March 7 at Salt Spring United Church, there will be a photo event to appeal for restoration of funding to Kairos from CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency).

The funding was abruptly discontinued in November 2009 after 35 years of

cooperation and support from CIDA, with no real explanation given.

This action by our government threatens the ongoing humanitarian efforts taken at home and abroad to support the human rights and safety of women, children and men, living under perilous conditions.

Kairos, meaning "moment of truth," is an ecumenical social justice organization comprising 11 mainstream churches and 10 other NGO (non-government organization) partners.

The event will be at 11:30 a.m. and will probably take about 15 minutes.

The photo of the banner and supporting group, plus an accompanying article, will probably appear in the following week's Driftwood. This will be forwarded on to CIDA.

I am hoping Salt Spring-

ers will be able to join us in this appeal for justice.

More info about the cuts can be found at [www.kairos-canada.org](http://www.kairos-canada.org).

**TOM MITCHELL,**  
KAIROS COMMITTEE,  
SALT SPRING UNITED CHURCH

### Reinstate gaming grants

Charities receiving gaming grants in British Columbia are bracing themselves for another unknown — "budget day" in B.C.

The March 2 budget leaves many charities wondering if they will even exist after the budget is tabled. Will they have a repeat of last year when grant levels were slashed?

The budget for 2009 seriously impacted many organizations throughout the province last year, environmental groups, sports groups, arts and cultural

groups, service clubs and schools, just to name a few.

These groups are in every community and represent the social fabric of these communities. It is this social fabric that is being threatened. We need to tell the government that funding levels need to be restored before permanent damage is done.

Provincially there is an active online petition addressing these concerns. It's called the Petition to Reinstate all Charitable Gaming Grants in British Columbia. It is addressed to Premier Gordon Campbell, Minister Rich Coleman and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. The online link is [www.petitiononline.com/VCBS2010/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/VCBS2010/petition.html).

**GERALDINE FOSTER,**  
SECRETARY, BINGO COUNCIL  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A9

## Making the most of internet scams from Burkina Faso bank

Well, that's it now. The 2010 Olympic show is over. Hopefully the glitter of all that Maple Leaf gold will continue to blind us for a bit longer so we don't have to think about how "own the podium" will inevitably mutate into "owe the podium."

However, that's not really my concern today. You see, this morning my life took a dramatic turn. Let me tell you how all this came about.

It started quite innocently when I decided to check out the junk mail on my Hotmail account. I do this occasionally to make sure that no real email has accidentally been screened out by the spam filter and been moved into the junk folder.

Usually my junk mail folder is full of three kinds of spam mail. Category 1 is the type that tells me the secret of how to consolidate all my debts into just one big black hole. I've never been able to figure out the advantage to this kind of financial strategy. Personally, I prefer to keep my debt load diversified.

The second category of spam mail promises to divulge the secret of how to obtain a university degree in only six weeks. What they don't say is that the degree is worth about as much as the match book cover it's printed on.

Category 3 is the kind of garbage mail that tries to show you how you can increase the size of your... er... ahem... assets. I won't delve any deeper into this subject except to say that a book shouldn't be judged by the size of its print.

This morning, however, I found a differ-

ent kind of email in the junk folder. It came to me from a Dr. Lassine Diawara, the Senior Auditor of the Foreign Remittance Unit of the Ouagadougou branch of the Bank of Burkina Faso, West Africa. Apparently, one of the bank's foreign customers, along with his entire family, had been killed in a plane crash in 2007. The customer's money had been sitting dormant in the account and would automatically be transferred into the government treasury if it remained unclaimed by next of kin within three years from the time of the accident.

According to Dr. Diawara, "the request of you as a foreigner is necessary to apply for the claim and transfer of the fund smoothly into your reliable bank account as the next of kin to the deceased."

If I agreed, I would receive 35 per cent of the "Fiveteen-Five million dollars." Ten per cent would go to expenses incurred by the various transactions, and the remaining 55 per cent would go to Dr. Diawara for, in his own words, "me to have being the pioneer of this business."

Wow! This was my lucky day. I have to admit that for a few moments I pondered the butchering of the English language by Dr. Diawara, but finally came to the conclusion that he had perhaps received his doctorate degree from Match Book U. in only six weeks.

It was all so simple. I was to become


**Shilo Zylbergold**

**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**

a multi-millionaire and all I had to do was supply the good Dr. D. with my name, bank, account number, PIN number and any applicable passwords I use in my banking transactions. Surely, there must be some kind of catch.

I replied to the email. I returned to my computer a half hour later and breathlessly checked my inbox. Disappointingly, there was nothing from Dr. Diawara, but I found instead a high priority message from Mr. Alim Ghani Mani, the operations manager of the Bank of "Afica" in Kampala, Uganda.

Amazingly enough, the details were very similar to the ones of the previous proposal, except that this time the deceased foreign customer had died (along with his entire family) in a car accident. According to Mr. Ghani Mani, "what matters most for me is to transact with a person with full trust and I have developed the trust on you after one week of fasting and praying." It's nice to be appreciated.

This time the spoils were US\$22,300,000. The breakdown was 37 per cent for me, 50 per cent for Mr. Ghani Mani, 3 per cent for transaction fees, and 10 per cent (\$2,230,000) "as a free will donation to charity and motherless babies homes in both our countries as sign of breakthrough and more blessings." Not only were we all to get rich beyond our wildest dreams, but we would also be helping motherless babies.

Eat your heart out, Bill Gates!

No sooner had I sent off the required information to Mr. Ghani Mani, when another email flashed in my inbox. I had to rub my eyes when I saw the name of the sender. This one was from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom.

Now I have to admit that I had once met our Queen. Well, perhaps the word "met" might be a bit strong. It was in the late 1950s and I was standing with my mother in a crowd along Spadina Avenue in Toronto. She and Prince Phillip were driving by in a motorcade. There was this moment when she looked in our direction and I'm certain her eyes caught mine.

Now, through a Mr. Richard Johnson, the director of information for "Her Majesty Revenue and Customs," she was offering me one million pounds sterling as compensation for my being among "the unpaid beneficiaries from 'Afica', Europe, and the United 'State'." I was advised "to maintain constant contact and avoid any interaction with unscrupulous agents, banks, security companies or lawyers."

I still can't believe my good fortune. Nobody asked me, but even if only one of these windfall proposals pans out, I should be set for life. As soon as my first deposit comes in, I intend to cut a cheque to VANOC to cover any Olympic overspending. Let's just call it my little way of "Going for the Gold."

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**What's for Dinner?**

**KALUA PORK**

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Kalua pork : pronounced the same as the alcoholic drink called Kahlua but there's no alcohol in Kalua pig. The kalua pig is usually the centerpiece of a Hawaiian luau, where it is traditionally cooked in an "imu," (an oven dug into the ground). You can approximate the flavor of kalua pig in your own kitchen using liquid smoke flavoring and Hawaiian salt. The flavor is delicious; smoky and salty, slow roasted & then pulled with two forks ,pork prepared like this is tender and juicy. The key to this recipe is the Hawaiian Salt has a natural mineral called "Alaea" (volcanic baked red clay) added to enrich the salt with iron oxide. The clay imparts a subtle flavor that is said to be mellower than regular sea salt. This is great for a crowd & easy on the budget.

**Shopping list:**

- One 5-6 Kg pork butt roast
- Hawaiian sea salt
- liquid smoke flavouring



Pierce pork all over with a carving fork. Rub 2 tablespoons Hawaiian sea salt over the pork butt . Place roast in a slow cooker. pour 2 tablespoons of liquid smoke over the meat. Cover, and cook on Low for 10-12 hours for a 5 to 6 Kg pork butt. Remove meat from slow cooker,let cool and pull with two forks until meat is shredded adding drippings as needed to moisten.Serve on a bun with a slice of pineapple & sauce of your choice.

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# OPINION



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**KEEPING AN EYE ON PASSERS-BY:**  
Goats on Shepherds Hill Road seem intrigued with the camera.

## MORE LETTERS

continued from A7

### Prorogation

The results of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's irresponsible use of the prorogue option are now evident in Ontario.

Premier Dalton McGuinty seems to feel it's OK for him to postpone facing the legislature for four days so that he can conveniently re-seat two MLAs banned for disruptive behaviour, take care of a few other little details and then pretend he is starting a "new session."

As the prime minister was well aware, the use of the prorogue was only intended for times of extreme stress in the country such as war time. He has now made it into an easy out for leaders who wish to avoid difficult situations, or simply have a time out from governing.

This has created serious decay in the strength of our democracy and it is autocratic and irresponsible leadership decisions that are the cause. Harper has seriously damaged this country and it will not be forgotten at election time.

**MELISSA SEARCY,**  
BITTANCOURT ROAD

### Cube van of roses

A 16-foot cube van full of every species, size and colour of roses to all the generous people on Salt Spring Island who made our Clothing Drive for Haiti such a success.

We filled (to the rafters) a 16-foot truck with 333 bags and boxes of clothing, shoes, bedding and towels. A special bouquet to Paul Large for providing the perfect drop-off location and box in the front of Country Grocer.

One hundred sweet-smelling bouquets to Donna and all the GIFTS family for allowing us to store those 333 bags and boxes at GIFTS (generously giving up most of their space) and then helping us sort the mountains of donated items.

A bouquet to each of the principals and staff of all participating schools for

their generous assistance in spreading the word to students and providing a drop-off point. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their weekend to help with the sorting, bagging, loading, etc.: Maddee, Val, Rachael, Holly, Karl, Karen, Maggie, Jake, Dale, Jeanne, Amy, Joi, Brittany, Gillian, Louise, Donna, Chrissie, Christopher, Peter, Shari, Jeffrey, Hannah, Elise, Sid, Reuben. If we've missed anyone, our apologies and many thanks.

Huge thanks to our husbands Chris and especially Brian, who were involved in all aspects of the clothing drive and really made it happen.

Lastly, a very special rose to Gail Sjuberg for the excellent coverage she gave us in the Driftwood.

**ELIZABETH YAKE,**  
**JACKIE RIEDER,**  
SALT SPRING

### Props needed

Mounting a play with such an ambiguous title might indicate a lot of questionable activity going on behind the scenes. And you would be so right!

Thrift stores within a radius of 100 miles have been stripped of their assets so that others may shine. Costumiers struggle to maintain their dignity at the check-out while those in line behind them look on aghast. There are other more pedestrian items needed, however, and not half as much fun; one would be a set of French doors, preferably without glass, to avoid damaging the goods.

An empty bottle of Dom Perignon, anyone? Well, yes of course, if you insist. Too bad they hacked off the tops of all those champagne bottles at Whistler!

Anyone in need of having spirits lifted should attend Salt Spring Community Theatre's shows when it puts on Who's Under Where at Mahon Hall at the end of March. Please contact props mistress Susannah Devitt at 250-537-2570 or myself at 250-653-4425 if you can help.

**RUTH TARASOFF,**  
PRODUCER, WHO'S UNDER WHERE?

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## OPINION

# Conservative approach best for lake

BY MIKE LARMOUR  
SECOND OF TWO PARTS

Last week Mike Larmour outlined some constraints on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's aim to increase the water supply from St. Mary Lake. This second part concludes that investigation.

## Licensing constraints

The B.C. Ministry of Environment issues licences for water withdrawal and now requires storage to support large withdrawals.

The ministry also must consider impact on the environment and the interests of other licence holders and other affected people in adjudicating licence proposals, as well as the sustainability of the water resource.

Current withdrawal licences held by the NSSWD are (ministry figures) — St. Mary Lake, 943,000 gallons per day maximum; 172 million maximum gallons per year; Maxwell Lake, 500,000 gallons per day maximum and 91,250,000 maximum gallons per year.

It is uncertain at this time if any more large withdrawal licences will be issued on the lakes and what conditions may be attached to licences, if granted.

The Aqion Report (2003) noted that it was conceivable, although seen to be quite unlikely, that additional water supplies may be obtained

## INDEPTH

in the future from St. Mary Lake and Maxwell Lake.

### Self-imposed constraints on water demand within the NSSWD

Water licences granted to the NSSWD by the Ministry of Environment are important limitations on water availability, but do not provide a guarantee of the availability of water or its quality.

Instead, it is up to the community to decide, within the licence limitations, what risks, as well as economic, aesthetic and environmental costs it is willing to bear in obtaining more water. The community, the NSSWD and the Islands Trust all have an important role to play in this regard.

The community input is important because it is the community that has to live with the consequences of inaction or with bad decisions — water shortages or unreliability, high costs of water treatment or infrastructure, health risks, liability, etc.

The NSSWD has an important regulatory and legal responsibility in the delivery and treatment of potable water. Finally, the Islands Trust is the community planning body that controls land use and therefore

the potential water demand.

Unfortunately, the OCP of 2008 is ambiguous, and confusing in dealing with the question of water supply and demand within the NSSWD in the future.

The NSSWD continues to say (supply/demand study 2007) that there is lots of water to supply the district at build-out. Its conclusions are based essentially on turning St. Mary Lake into a reservoir, with large multi-year lake drawdown. Imagine the lake with 10 to 15 feet of shoreline exposed with rotting vegetation for prolonged periods.

The community does not need to accept this future. Instead, we can scale down our expectations of new development served by the NSSWD.

The NSSWD holds current withdrawal licences on both lakes totalling about 263,000,000 imperial gallons per year. Within this withdrawal licence limitation the district can serve its current customers, fulfill its obligations, provide for modest expansion of public facilities and allow some growth.

This more conservative scenario has obvious advantages in avoiding high costs and uncertainties of

obtaining more water, particularly in view of future climate change. A more conservative demand on the lakes is also more compatible with the preserve and protect mandate

of the Islands Trust and the lake management objectives of the MOE.

The writer is former manager of the NSSWD.

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 206 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, 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 bylaw at **1:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

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

**Bylaw No. 206 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2010”**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 206 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No.108, 1995 by inserting a target and objectives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw 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 March 3, 2010 and up to and including March 12, 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 bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing March 3, 2010 and can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gl/bylaws](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gl/bylaws)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be **sent on-line** by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gl/meetings](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/gl/meetings) and completing the **“Public Hearing, March 15, 2010, Submission Form”**, prior to **4:30 p.m., March 12, 2010;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., March 12, 2010** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., March 15, 2010.**

The public is encouraged 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 Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano 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 bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Planner, at (250) 405-5159 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 GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

A dirty toilet bowl full of brown trout to the turds who can't clean up after themselves. St. Mary Lake is everyone's fishing hole. Obviously you don't fish with your mom because maybe she would have cleaned up. The surgical glove pile for your fake bait was awful. Hopefully you're literate and change your Tripp Road littering ways. Reagan Dyck

### Roses

I would like to extend my thanks with roses for all those who helped with my show, especially Bob, Lynda and Chuck, who helped to hang, Meghan and staff at ArtSpring for the opportunity, and the painters guild folk who helped take it down. Roses, Leslie Corry

To everyone who attended the Girl Guides' 100th anniversary tea, we truly enjoyed your company. Thank you all for your generous contributions to our local food bank, and also to the Canadian World Friendship Fund. The money will be very useful to the Guides in Haiti as they help to rebuild their country. We hope to see you all again at the 200th! Girl Guides of Salt Spring

The staff and youth team in SWOVA's Respectful Relationships program would like to thank Thrifty Foods for their contribution to the youth team

snacks over the past few months. We all work together to keep our community safe for our youth.

A bouquet of roses to each of our supporters, who helped us on Sunday with our planting of trees in Heiwa Garden: Andy Hickman, Tak Yamaura, Peter Oro, Aki and Miki Kikuchi, Sugi Henson, Aki Otsu, Masa Ito, Chris Schmah of Foxglove and the SS Lions Club. SS Japanese Garden Society

Please send a bunch of your nicest roses to Bob of Apple Photo for finishing my husband's birthday present. He went way above the call of duty when he went in on Sunday morning to complete this, when it was my fault that it hadn't been finished. My husband was suitably impressed and I am forever grateful. Lori Teather

Pastures of spring flowers to all my friends and relatives who travelled from many distances to join me in celebrating my 100th birthday in January! Thanks to my daughter Trudy and friend Shirley for making this so great. I especially thank Derrick for the kindness he has shown in his photography, recording some of our family history over these years. Many thanks to all. Ethel Odlum

Golden roses and a huge cheer to Shaw's technical service team for restoring our TV service on Sunday morning before The Game. Dan C.

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**Happy Birthday Rosanne**  
 March 3, 1960  
**You don't look a day over 50!**

#### WHAT'S ON PAGE B6

##### COMING EVENTS

#### FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### DEATHS

**Elizabeth Lee Funeral Consultant 537-1023**

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
 Beaver Point Hall Committee,  
 Sunday, March 7, 2010, 2pm.  
 1365 Beaver Point Road.

#### MESSAGE NIGHT

A DEMONSTRATION OF CLAIRVOYANCE

*The Continuous Light Sanctuary*

Friday, Mar 5, 6:30 pm  
 506 Lower-Ganges Road  
 (Masonic Hall)

Suggested Donation \$10  
 Info: 250-537-2154

##### COMING EVENTS

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### COMING EVENTS

### Salt Spring Island Historical Society

will present the following program:

Wednesday March 10th  
 General Meeting

and

"The Story of The Driftwood"

Presenter: Peter McCully

2:00 p.m. Central Hall

Coffee and Tea to follow.

All are welcome!

##### DEATHS

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### COMING EVENTS

### JULIE MACKINNON CERAMICS

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##### DEATHS

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Arts Council**  
 will be held at  
 Mahon Hall  
 114 Rainbow Road,  
 Ganges on Sunday,  
 March 7, 2010  
 at 6:00 pm  
 To elect Directors, receive  
 and consider reports, and  
 transact such other business  
 as may be properly brought  
 before the meeting.  
 Dated February 16, 2010.  
 By Order of the Board of  
 Directors.

**LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 March 4, 10:30 am at ArtSpring  
[www.saltspringtrustees.ca](http://www.saltspringtrustees.ca)

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**Annual General Meeting**  
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IN MEMORIAM

*Edith Marilyn Sigmund*  
 June 18, 1986 - March 4, 2009

A soul so sweet, that from her birth the Angels all took note:  
 "There's one of us, upon dear Earth - a tiny, shiny mote."  
 "Come Edith dear, come draw near, come into the Above;  
 It's here, it's there, it's everywhere It's Mercy, and it's Love"

She turned back, turned back to see,  
 To see those she had left -  
 Parents, brothers, so many others  
 Heartbroken and bereft

Edith we love you and miss you so very much.  
 Perhaps some day we will understand the truths that never can be proved.

Your family and friends

**Dale Ostapowich**  
 July 8, 1951 - February 28, 2010

After a long battle with cancer, Dale Ostapowich passed peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital on Sunday, February 28, 2010. Dale was born in Russell, Manitoba, the only child of Lena and Mike Ostapowich. His early earthworks with childhood Tonka toys on a Manitoba farm became a lifelong vocation as a civil engineer, taking Dale to Alberta, northern B.C., the Yukon and ultimately to the west coast. Along the way he was joined by wife Glynis and then son Kevin. They settled on Salt Spring in 1993, where Dale enjoyed his other passions of boating, fishing and golf along with his continued engineering work.

An informal memorial will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic church in Ganges on Saturday March 27, 2010 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Dale asked that donations be made to the Lady Minto Hospital foundation or to the B.C. Cancer Society.

His family is grateful beyond words to Dr. David Woodley, the staff of Lady Minto Hospital and the Bessy Dane Hospice for their wonderful care and support in Dale's final days.

**Bud Morton**

Bud Morton passed away peacefully at the Moog and Friends Hospice House, Penticton, BC on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Born in Ladysmith, BC in 1928, he lived for many years in North Vancouver, Victoria and Salt Spring Island before moving to Penticton in 2000. He was a professional salesman all his life and loved it. He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 59 years, Rita (Ricky); daughter, Sharon of Foxboro, On.; granddaughter, Amberlee of Toronto and Lorna & Andy of Berkshire, England; sister-in-law, Dolores MacDonald of Penticton; brother-in-law, Norman (Ruth) of Seattle Wa.; good friends of 55 years, Vic & Day Gadsby and family of Penticton, Iona Larson of Victoria and his many friends on Salt Spring Island. Our grateful thanks to Dr. Kennedy, Colleen and the angels of Moog House for their care and kindness. No service by request. A memorial at a later date will be held on Salt Spring Island.

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Guest Speaker Bill Curtin visits to discuss "Restorative Justice" Sunday, March 7, 11 a.m. at S.S. Seniors' Centre. www.saltspringunitarian.com

INFORMATION

**DR. SHANE** Barclay's office will move to 164 Kings Lane on Monday, March 29, 2010. The office number will remain the same as 250-537-1828. Please help us welcome Dr. Ian Gummesson, Dr. Paula Ryan and Dr. Manya Sadouski to the office. Please be advised this is not a walk in clinic.

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LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND: LARGE,** white plastic attachment found on Lower Ganges at Norton Rd. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

**FOUND; RING** in library drop box. Owner can claim upon identification at the library.

**FOUND: SMALL** brown tabby, female cat. Estimated middle aged. Very sweet, spayed & tattooed, also has been de-clawed. Would love to find her owner. 250-537-4688.

**KEYS FOUND** behind St. Mark's early Feb. Red "Apple" tag. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

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**Annual General Meeting**

The Gulf Islands Seniors Residence will be holding its' Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at 9:30 am at Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence, 121 Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island. All members and those who may be interested in becoming members are urged to attend.

**PARC GRANTS-IN-AID**

Applications for Grants-In-Aid to assist with parks and recreation related projects, which directly provide additional recreation facilities, equipment, services or programs, are considered twice each year- in the spring and in the fall. Grants are usually awarded on a one-time basis, but under certain circumstances may be applied to ongoing programs. The deadline for the current applications is Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Application forms are available on our website [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or at the PARC office. Call 537-4448 or email [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com).

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This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$12.67/\$14.11 per hour plus 12% in lieu of benefits (\$14.19/\$15.80 per hour). First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue's Rachel Walker attends the scene during a simulated search and rescue operation on the shores of Burgoyne Bay on Saturday.

**ISLAND MEDICINE**

**Rural GP plans a hop: Galiano to Salt Spring**

Replacement being sought for Galiano Island

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dr. David Beaver doesn't foresee any problems when it comes to filling his position as Galiano Island's lone practising doctor.

"They say it's the gem of the Gulf Islands," he said in an interview from the Galiano Health Care Centre on Friday. "It's been a great place to work."

Though rural medicine in Canada can pose its share of staffing challenges, prospective replacements would be hard pressed to find a nicer place to work, he said.

A notice for Beaver's position has been posted and the Vancouver Island Health Authority has begun accepting applications.

Beaver announced his intention to cross Trincomali Channel and practice medicine on Salt Spring in early February.

His decision to switch islands stems from a desire to be closer to his wife and three school-aged boys.

"My family spends much of its time [on Salt Spring] and it has become

increasingly difficult to justify the strain it puts on them for me to be on Galiano whilst they increasingly live on Salt Spring," Beaver wrote in the February edition of Galiano's Active Page.

"The move will resolve this duality," he added.

Beaver has practised medicine on Galiano Island for 10 years. He said working as the sole GP in a rural environment of roughly 1,300 residents has had its fair share of interesting challenges, opportunities and experiences.

When Salt Spring's Dr. Daniel Leavitt announced his intention to leave his medical practice recently, Beaver couldn't resist the opportunity to undertake the transition.

Beaver will continue to work on Galiano until June 1 and intends to help VIHA and the Galiano Health Centre find a replacement.

"I am confident that there will not be a long wait before a doctor moves here to take over my practice," he wrote.

Leavitt was not available for an interview but a spokesperson from his office said he is leaving the island "with no particular plan in mind."



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**BUSKING:** SIMS students, from left, Jenna Dawson, Dustin Billwiller and Chloe Kaye busk their single Turn Back the Time. A CD recording will help raise funds for a band trip to San Francisco in May 2011.

## WORKSHOPS

# Creative Fire Studio offers slate of spring break workshops for kids

Jungle animals inspire new sessions from Tracy Harrison



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Projects from past kids' Creative Fire Workshops.

March Break is coming up fast this year and again it is two weeks long, so many parents will be looking for something fun for the kids to do.

Creative Fire Studio's Tracy Harrison suggests clay classes as a good choice, for a fun experience that will introduce kids to the art and fine craft of clay and develop important life skills.

Recently back from a vacation in the jungle, visual artist and art therapist Harrison is offering a cornucopia of clay classes inspired by the animals she saw. Harrison will teach children seven years and older how to make monkey mugs, toucan pitchers and "hot diggity dogs." For those keen on drifting into the fantasy world, she will teach how to make clay fairies, wizards, amulets, mandalas, angels and even leaping leprechauns.

Press material explains that Harrison teaches the classes through demonstration and hands on assistance which helps each student make a suc-

cessful piece at their own skill level. More advanced students are encouraged to develop aesthetic and design skills, while "newbies" can learn the basics and how to avoid blow-ups and cracking. Clay can be a challenging material to work with and although there are many wonderful successes and unexpected surprises there are some frustrations, disappointments and tricky challenges to face sometimes too.

As an art therapist, Harrison is well equipped to help children move gently through any frustration or emotional upset that may occur, and as an artist she can help problem solve, offer technical recommendations

and suggest successful ways to approach a piece of clay work, the release states.

"For the most part, clay-making offers children an opportunity to get messy, create wonderful and wild things that delight all their senses and boost their self-esteem, confidence and social skills," Harrison said.

"Sometimes a piece breaks or collapses or comes out of the firing cracked — however with support most children can weather these challenges well and rise to a successful final piece. The struggles can help children develop solid problem solving skills, strong resilience, and the ability to transform a disappointment into a celebration."

For those who have difficulty accepting mistakes, Harrison has a workshop where children make a "mistake cupcake" with a spot for a candle. The idea is that when they make a mistake they can celebrate what they learned from the mistake by lighting the candle. This helps children identify what they can learn from their mistakes and realize it is all part of the learning process. Harrison stated, "It's a great way to shake up the perfectionists!"

For a list of workshops, dates, times and the cost, see [www.creativefirestudio.org](http://www.creativefirestudio.org) or contact Harrison at [tracy@creativefirestudio.org](mailto:tracy@creativefirestudio.org) or through her studio, 250-538-0144.

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**Where the Wild Things Are glitters brightly**

Where the Wild Things Are is of course the filmed version of Maurice Sendak's classic children's book. Since the book itself doesn't actually have much of a narrative, the film is forced to come up with a story of its own. ax (Max Records) is our hero, a lonely boy whose single mom (Catharine Keener) and adolescent sister (Pepita Emmerichs) seem to ignore him just enough to make him more than a little angry inside.

After acting out in front of his mom's new boyfriend and actually biting her, Max runs off into the night and climbs into a small rowboat on the ocean. After a night's ride he ends up on a deserted island populated only by the titular "wild things," big semi-scaricary monsters that would probably have eaten Max had he not convinced them that he was their King. Max promises to make them happy, but finds that it takes more than boastful energy to get a family to truly get along.

Where the Wild Things Are is in so many ways the creative genius of director Spike Jonze, whose distinctive music videos are bested only by his work on the brain-twisting films Being John Malkovich and Adaptation. I can't think of a better person for the job. Jonze expertly matches a realistic, nearly documentary-style visual aesthetic with some of the most amazing special effects I've yet seen.

As created by Jim Henson's Creature Shop, the Wild Things themselves are marvellous combinations of computer-effect and puppetry. Voiced by a fantastic cast of voices you know but can't quite pinpoint, these surreal, cuddly monsters are amazingly evocative. They look so, well, weird, but at the same time you can't help but see genuine humanity in their expressions.

Proving again that there should be an Oscar category for voice work, James Gandolfini (of Sopranos fame) turns in a tour-de-force showing as the bad boy Carol. Carol's all tough, but under the sharp teeth and powerful claws is a tender, inspirational antihero. His scenes with Max are pure magic, culminating in a powerfully emotional climax that nearly ripped my already-shaking heart from its cage.

Where the Wild Things Are is much more than just for kids. It's a film with a depth that rivals that of any supposedly "adult" film, a work that glitters brightly with the love and energy of its creators. Movies like this keep me writing, and caring.

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Band students at Salt Spring Island Middle School have recorded a potential local hit with the song Turn Back the Time.

Composed and performed by four SIMS students, the CD single was recently recorded at Acoustic Planet Music Studio.

The students are Phoenix Emery, Chloe Kaye, Dustin Billwiller and Jenna Dawson (and their photo is on Page B1 of this issue of the Driftwood).

Sales of the CD will help fund a trip to San Francisco in May 2011. Around 70 students will go for the six-day trip, during which they will perform a half-dozen times around the city and watch the San Francisco Symphony perform.

The CD will be available after spring break (March 8 to 19 this year) by calling Bruce Creswick at the SIMS music room, 250-537-1159, ext. 248.

The CD cost is \$5, or three for \$12.



**EYE ON EYE:** Island newcomer Derek Christian Heaton is seen painting as he sits at a table at Salt Spring Coffee Company.

**GALLERIES**  
**Gilean Proctor joins ranks of Starfish Gallery exhibitors**

Other new and upcoming artists also released

Starfish Gallery has announced that Salt Spring's Gilean Proctor is the latest addition to its growing list of artists.

The photographer's newest works include large and colourful botanical images.

Also recently added to the gallery are Skip Smith from Whidbey Island, who specializes in taking pictures with a "Holga" camera to create dreamy landscapes; David Denning, a biologist and photogra-

pher whose work will be featured in the upcoming issue of Aqua magazine and whose photographs will be for sale in the gallery at the end of March; and Tess Fama, who shows a series of paintings inspired by live musical performances.

Also featured are new woodcut prints by emerging artist Anais la Rue, beautiful bronze sculptures by Saanich-based wildlife artist Paul Harder and new works by local photographers Ken Ketchum and Susan Huber.

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On Friday, March 5, at the invitation of the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild, she will offer an open-to-the-public talk called the History and Future of Knitting.

It's at Lions Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m.

According to guild member Susan Berlin, Bordhi is "a knitter, writer and phenomenal teacher whose followers are legion and firmly of the opinion that Cat is one of the best teachers and speakers in North America."

Bordhi has said although her first two sweaters were abandoned unfinished, and there were years when she scarcely knit at all and other years where she knit obsessively, she has always loved the mystery of pulling loops through loops to make a shaped fabric, and continues to delight in the endless possibilities that keep appearing.

"She likes nothing better than to have a knitting experiment go awry because it means very interesting, possibly never-before-seen things are probably hiding nearby."

Berlin says that during Bordhi's years as a school teacher, she taught a form of math that required students to deepen their understanding by explaining their investigations and insights with graphs, pictures, numbers, and words. Once she began to write knitting books, she realized that she was using the very same skills she had taught, and so her books are known for their thorough explanations.

Bordhi is coming to Salt Spring primarily to teach two day-long workshops: on Saturday, March 6 (that workshop is full) and Sunday, March 7 (only one space left). She has also agreed to offer her Friday night talk to the general public on the Friday night. Admission is by donation.

For more information, contact Berlin at 250-537-1346 or [susan@susanberlin.ca](mailto:susan@susanberlin.ca).

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



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**SIMS SOUND:** Dexter Nash concentrates on the music as middle school music students entertained at an annual concert last week.

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## ARTS COUNCIL

# Revamping of ArtCraft talk, dance performance part of upcoming arts council AGM

Sunday meeting the place for ideas

Salt Spring Arts Council promises something a little different from its annual general meeting at Mahon Hall this Sunday, March 7 at 6 p.m.

"Traditionally, AGMs can be notoriously dry affairs with election of new officers and annual budget issues, but they are necessary," notes a press release from the council.

"In keeping with the great success and attendance of last year's meeting, this AGM will feature refreshments and entertainment along with the business at hand, in a celebration of the creative and engaging people who make up our community."

Each year, the council tackles one "big and exciting" item. This year, the membership will have an opportunity to contribute to a vision for the future of ArtCraft.

The council has long recognized that this annual show and sale of fine art and craft, now in its 42nd year, has been a vital activity for arts on the island.

"At the same time we feel that it needs something of a facelift, a subtle revitalization. A three-year plan for ArtCraft will be implemented beginning with the 2010 season under the direction of the enormously dedicated and hardworking ArtCraft committee."

Still in the works, the final look and feel of this plan will be crafted with the input of the membership, and the AGM will be the place to voice ideas.

After the formal business is over, the membership will have an opportunity to form small groups and dialogue with each other and members of the board, giving valuable insight and feedback.

To celebrate the island's tremendous creativity, a special dance performance titled D-VOT (Phase 1) will run at this

year's AGM. Robbyn Scott has conceived this performance and created it in collaboration with artist Stefanie Denz, along with Salt Spring Island dancers Sarah Atkinson, Isabelle Ma and Barbara Siegele.

This 15-minute performance, Dwellings, Vertebrae and Other Tales, stems from investigations into the movement impulses experienced from deeply stored memories and a sense of "being home in our bodies."

It further explores connections with the dancers' outer environment and spaces around them, as well as their relationship with each other and a moveable sculpture created by Denz.

"If you ever thought you couldn't sit through another AGM, then allow us to win you back with this highly creative, inclusive and engaging evening. Become a member and help support the arts council in its support of all the arts on Salt Spring Island."

## ART &amp; NATURE

# Students invited to get creative in broom, gorse education campaign

Poster contest deadline is April 8

BY JANE PETCH  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It's pretty, it can be deadly and it's spreading.

It's a big fire hazard, especially during the long dry days of summer.

For students, it will also provide an opportunity to win \$50 and to make their community safer.

As a kick-off to its new campaign to get rid of Scotch broom (and gorse), the Salt Spring Island Conservancy is holding a poster contest for students from grades six to 12.

A prize of \$50 will go to a high school and a middle school student who design the best posters.

The conservancy is looking for a poster that motivates islanders to get rid of broom and/or gorse, and educates the public about the fire hazard of these noxious weeds. The contest deadline is April 8.

While it is well known that Scotch broom invades natural habitats, kills native plants and poisons the soil, it is not well known that broom is a fire hazard.

Googling broom as a fire hazard brings up 10 pages of different sites which describe the plant's high oil content and its extreme flammability.

Gorse as a fire hazard brings up another 10 pages, many from Australia.

Broom invades dry sunny sites, where it crowds out native vegetation and spreads. While

the conservancy is battling broom and gorse on its ecological reserves, it also believes that the only way to eradicate broom on the islands is for everyone to do their part in getting rid of this pretty but very dangerous weed.

The winners of the poster contest will be announced April 23 at Community Gospel Chapel, at the Glenn Miller presentation. Miller is a highly respected invasive weed expert who will speak on Reclaiming Your Back Yard and Acreage from Invasives.

Details of the poster contest are available from the library, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy office, online at [www.saltspringconservancy.ca](http://www.saltspringconservancy.ca), the conservancy Facebook page and from the schools.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### BOOK REVIEW

# Debut novel explores timeless theme of family relationships

Publisher's first novel has local March 21 launch

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sweetness from Ashes is the debut novel from Marlyn Horsdal, a Salt Spring resident whose contribution to the Canadian publishing industry has been marked as a publisher and editor.

In her first foray into the other side of the book business, Horsdal has created a timely portrait of Canada's evolving cultural perspective on what family can mean, while examining the timeless complications that family connections bring.

The novel's main story arc follows Vancouver residents Jenny, Sheila and Chris, who are instructed in a will to bring Pat's ashes back to the family farm outside Ottawa.

How the three protagonists relate to each other and to Pat is kept purposely unclear for most of the book — just who Pat is and even whether male or female is likewise a mystery. However, three adults with a shared childhood agree to bring the ashes to the designated location: Juniper Farm, home of their cousins Ben and Grace Muir.

**This is an unabashedly Canadian book, and it's fun to see the characters eating Cowichan Valley cheese, dividing the Robert Bateman paintings between themselves or ruminating on the symbolic importance of Parliament Hill.**

An age-old family rift has kept the B.C. and Ontario branches from knowing each other, and Pat's bitter departure from the farm years before makes Jenny, Sheila and Chris somewhat reluctant to visit. But what they find begins new connections with people they had never heard of, a healing process that redresses the wrongs of generations past.

Interwoven with the cousins' tale is the fictional memoir of a British colonial officer who was stationed to the Gold Coast — now Ghana — in the early 1950s.

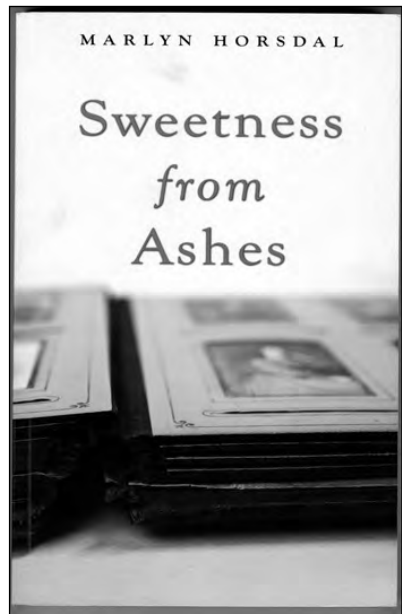
His memoir relates how his wife tried to help establish a school in a remote village, despite the unwritten policy of women not getting involved in the colony's affairs. The history helps provides the background for understanding Ben's Ghanaian wife Grace.

Horsdal's linked narratives assemble into a picture of the cultural mores that once guided relationships, both in Africa and Canada.

The grandfather of Ben and the Vancouver cousins was a strict Scots patriarch who was not interested in mixing "pure" bloodlines.

The author contrasts that colder emotional climate with the warmer and more fluid arrangements allowed in modern times.

Horsdal is good at contrasting the sleek Vancouver of urban profes-



sionals with the Ontario farm, where generations of farmers and their dogs have continued together for so long they seem to have it implanted in their DNA.

This is an unabashedly Canadian book, and it's fun to see the characters eating Cowichan Valley cheese, dividing the Robert Bateman paintings between themselves or ruminating on the symbolic importance of Parliament Hill.

The interesting story is sometimes hindered by unwieldy dialogue, however — using dialogue for exposition purposes makes its content ring false in several cases. Can it really be true that anyone doesn't know what maple syrup is, for example, even if they're from B.C. where sugar maples don't grow?

Another quibble is the unnecessary mystery attached to certain family relationships and characters.

The Ghana memoir is introduced by watching an unknown woman read it over. Later on it's revealed she is the memoirist's widow and the main subject of its text — I think it would have been less distracting to just introduce her as such at once.

Likewise, the relationships between Chris, Jenny, Sheila and between them and Pat could have been laid out from the beginning without sacrificing their complexities — and may have been less frustrating for the reader.

Horsdal has done well at creating a cast of nuanced, likeable characters, especially in Jenny and Sheila.

The Ghana portions are also very well crafted, with a believable and distinct voice for the fictional memoirist, Gerald Hatley-Thorpe. Equally believable are the exuberant emails from Ben and Grace's daughter, Elly, who is spending the present time in Ghana.

The exposition works well here because she's describing the country to friends and family at home who have never seen it, and her perspective comes from being an outsider with insider connections.

An insider's view of the publishing industry is another welcome element, with Jenny standing in for Horsdal's experience. At some point it is explained that for a book to work, it must have an appealing story as well as good writing. For this debut novel, Horsdal has gone far in accomplishing both.

An official launch event is set for ArtSpring on Sunday, March 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. More details will be released closer to the date.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## FESTIVALS



PHOTO BY NEIL HODGE

Robbyn Scott, left, and Isabelle Ma rehearse D-VOT (Phase 1), which will be seen as part of Saturday evening entertainment at the Farmers' Institute.

# Action non-stop at JAGWE

Schedule includes workshops and entertainment

The Farmers' Institute is the place to be this weekend for an entertainment and workshop extravaganza forming the Juicy Amazing Goddess Women Event.

JAGWE is open to men, woman and children of all ages, weekend passes are \$8; day passes \$5; and children under 12 free. The schedule is as follows:

### Friday, March 5

- 5:30 to 11 p.m. All Ages Toonie DJ'd Family Dance (\$2)

### Saturday, March 6

#### Presentation Schedule

- 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Robbyn Scott offers a Dance Class for Youth
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Lisa Lipsett - Experience the JO and Y of Natural Painting (outdoor workshop)
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Karen McMullen - The #1 Biggest Blunder Professional Women Make that Keeps Them Drained, Depressed and Dreading the Next Day of Work
- 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. - Emma-Louise Elsey - 7 Steps to Boost Your Energy From Within!
- 2 to 3 p.m. - Lynda Monk - Life Source Writing Workshop
- 3:15 to 4 p.m. - Sarah Atkinson - The 4 Habits that Will Harm Your Relationship, and Their Antidotes

**Entertainment Line-Up** - 5:30 to 11 p.m. Stories, music, dance, comedy and theatre with Susan Cogan, Toko-Pa Turner, D-VOT Dance Troupe, Sue Newman, Island Women Against Violence, Barb Slater, Astara Soleil, Naomi Jason, Andrea Ernst and more!

### Sunday, March 7

- 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Robbyn Scott offers a Dance Class for Children
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Kaia Mitchell - Kundalini Dance Workshop
- 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. - Linda Ermineskin - Weaving a Cedar Rose Bracelet
- 2 to 3 p.m. - Shelley Lawson - Nia Dance Workshop
- 6 p.m. Special Presentation with Three-Time Olympian Silken Laumann. Reception, followed by The Courage to Shine at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$30)/info: SS Books at [www.BestAbundantLife.com/Events.html](http://www.BestAbundantLife.com/Events.html)

### Monday, March 8

- 5:30 p.m. - Meet at the United Church where we will join together with The Raging Grannies, SWOVA's Lynda Laushway, Women of Note and Barb Slater in collective song, voice, intention and vigil walk as we honour women through our lineage. Bring a dish for the community potluck. Free!

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### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Hector and Friends.** Men's vocal group from Victoria perform for Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Taize Worship Service.** Meditative singing at SS United Church. 2 p.m.

**Stephen Lewis Foundation Scrabble Tournery.** Games at Salt Spring Elementary from 7 p.m. and Fulford Hall downstairs at 1:30 p.m.

## Thurs. Mar. 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic.** Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.  
**Blues Night.** With Soul Shakedown & Friends at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bingo.** At Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.  
**SS Local Trust Committee Meeting.** ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.  
**Stephen Lewis Foundation Scrabble Tournery.** Games at Salt Spring Inn from 2 p.m.

## Fri. Mar. 5

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**All-Ages Family Dance.** With DJ Reisha and part of Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event at the Farmers Institute. 5:30 to 11 p.m.  
**Daryl Chonka.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**DJ Hotness.** DJ music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Paul Bram.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 p.m.  
**World Day of Prayer.** United, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches joint service followed by tea and goodies. All Saints By-the-Sea. 1:30 p.m.  
**The History and Future of Knitting.** Talk by Cat Bordhi at Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.  
**Stephen Lewis Foundation Scrabble Tournery.** Games at Salt Spring Elementary from 7 p.m.  
**StoryTime at the Library.** Ready for spring. Stories, activities and fun for early grade and preschool children. At the library. 1-2 p.m.  
**Rollerblading.** Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

## Sat. Mar. 6

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Sunyata.** Live band at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Billie Woods and Rodrigo.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 p.m.  
**Pat Ferguson.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Let's Grow More Food This Year!** Community Action Dialogue. Mahon Hall. 12:45 to 5 p.m.  
**Prostate Cancer Support Group Meeting.** Victoria urologist Dr. Gary Steinhoff is guest for an interactive session. Farmers' Institute meeting room. 1:30 p.m.  
**Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event.** Exhibitions, presentations, music, theatre, dance and food. Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Day of Mindfulness.** With venerable Thay Thich Thong Tri. Zen teachings and meditation. United Church. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Marcelle, 250-537-0748.  
**Spanish Conversation.** Community Ed course with Evelyn Nasarre begins. info@sscommunityed.org  
**Stephen Lewis Foundation Scrabble Tournery.** Games at ArtSpring from 7 p.m. and at SS Seniors at 1:30 p.m.

## Sun. Mar. 7

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Preston and Bonkowski.** Live jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event.** See Saturday listing. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Silken Laumann - The Courage to Shine.** Olympian and author speaks at the Farmers Institute as part of Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event. Advance tix at SS Books, or through www.BestAbundantLife.com  
**Kairos Funding Photo Event.** Banner and photo event to protest Kairos funding cut. SS United Church. 11:30 a.m.  
**Beaver Point Hall Annual General Meeting.** 1365 Beaver Point Road. 2 p.m.  
**SS Arts Council.** Annual general meeting at Mahon Hall. 6 p.m.  
**Argentine Tango Practica.** Sundays at the Core Inn, third floor. \$5. Beginners welcome! Bring clean, smooth-soled shoes. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Introductory Astrology.** Course with Gwenyth Luptak begins. info@sscommunityed.org

## Mon. Mar. 8

### ACTIVITIES

**Community Potluck and Intentional Song Circle.** Begins at 5:30 at SS United Church. Part of Juicy Amazing Goddess Women Even weekend.

## Tues. Mar. 9

### ACTIVITIES

**Beginning Adult Tap Class** Tuesdays at Mahon Hall. 6 to 7 p.m. Info: manningburton@hotmail.com; 250-537-8598.  
**SS Transportation Commission.** Meets at 118 Fulford-Ganges Rd. (off of the hallway near the CRD office). 7 p.m.

## Wed. Mar. 10

### ACTIVITIES

**The Story of the Driftwood.** SS Historical Society presentation. Central Hall. 2 p.m.  
**SSI Painters' Guild Workshop.** Reduction Relief Printmaking presented by Susan Underwood. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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- **ArtFully off in all Directions**, an exhibition of visual art by Salt Spring school children, runs March 8 to 19 at ArtSpring.
- **Starfish Gallery & Studio** is featuring new work from local photographers Gillean Proctor, Susan Huber, Ken Ketchum, Skip Smith and emerging artist Anais La Rue.
- **Expose:** Alanda Nay with Emily McPhee is the March exhibit at Salt Spring Coffee Company in Ganges.
- **The Salt Spring Painters' Guild** shows an exhibit of flowers in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of March.
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** — soon to be known as Gallery 8 — has re-opened its doors in Grace Point Square with a fresh new look.
- **Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by Halukwii from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
- **The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** is showing and selling works at Bruce's Kitchen.
- **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at Salt Spring Books.
- **Lisa Lipsett** is exhibiting her work at Island Savings Credit Union.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at Jana's Bake Shop.

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# People & Community

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## JAPANESE GARDEN



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Hard at work planting trees at Heiwa Garden last weekend are, from left, Sugi Henson, Aki Otsu, Aki Kikuchi, Masa Ito and Peter Oro.

## Full-sized bonsais complete design at Ganges' Heiwa Japanese garden

Society grateful for Yamaura donation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The planting of two rare Japanese black pines and the transplanting of four other trees on Sunday has completed the design plans at Heiwa Garden, representatives say.

B.C. Bonsai Society president Tak Yamaura and his wife donated the pines to the local Japanese Garden Society after reading about

Heiwa Garden in a Vancouver Japanese language newspaper last summer.

The mature, full-sized pines have been cultivated as bonsais over a period of 30 and 20 years each. They are trained so that the trunks lean out, resembling a swaying dancer, while the branches and greenery lift upwards.

Sheryl Taylor-Munro, JGS secretary, said while people "may be familiar with the small, table-top bonsai, trees like these are large, mature specimens which are rarely seen outside Japanese gar-

dens.

"We are very fortunate in receiving these trees as donations."

Taylor-Munro said the Yamauras' donation fulfills plans the society had for the plot, but so far were financially unable to pursue. The bonsai specialist will visit the island in May to show the garden society how to trim and maintain the trees. The group will announce the public event when the date is set.

Japanese landscape architect Maso Ito, who has worked

with the society for the past five to six years, oversaw the planting process. The work coincided with the transplanting of four trees planted a decade earlier by the group The Voice of Women, now set in their permanent positions.

"This completes the design except for some lower shrubs," said Taylor-Munro.

The final touch will be lamp-posts and lights for the pathway, designed by the garden society and provided by Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission.

## PERSONAL HEALTH

### Homeopathy at Home class offered

Five Tuesday nights with Jamie Capranos

Local herbalist and homeopath Jamie Capranos will offer her annual class, Homeopathy at Home, scheduled to take place on five consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning March 16.

According to press material, homeopathy is a natural form of medicine practised by over 25 per cent of physicians in France and an even higher percentage in Germany.

Homeopathic remedies are naturally derived from plant and mineral essences that stimulate the immune system and energy body, which speeds recovery time and overall ability to heal.

Participants in the class will

have the opportunity to have their questions answered by a skilled practitioner and to develop the confidence and knowledge required to successfully treat minor ailments and first aid situations, press material states.

Each individual will learn how to apply the correct potency and dose, learn which remedies to have in their home remedy kit and be taught the basic principles of homeopathy which will allow them to come away with a fundamental understanding of this powerful system of medicine.

Capranos is currently in private practice at the Green Raven Centre for Body, Mind and Spirit on Blackburn Road.

Along with helping people select natural alternatives to improve their quality of life,

she has a passion to empower and educate people to take their health in their own hands and believes everyone should have the basic knowledge to treat minor conditions at home.

"Women in particular have been healing their families for generations," Capranos said.

"While these traditions being passed down generation to generation have been lost within the family unit, it's essential that those who do dedicate their passions to the fine art of healing share this wisdom."

The class will take place at the Green Raven Centre, 298 Blackburn Rd., from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening.

The cost is \$175 and pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Phone Capranos at 250-537-0602 to register.

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6 Mondays March 22, 29, April 12, 19, 26, May 3 7 - 9 pm  
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**Instructor:** Philip Benson has over 20 years experience teaching computing in his own private business college in the UK and here on Salt Spring. You will get plenty of practice and encouragement.



**SPR.10.24 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2 - INTERMEDIATE LEVEL**  
Are you ready for the next step to better your photography? This course is for students who already have a basic understanding of their camera's operation and wish to further their skills in both design and technique. Get the most from your lenses, experiment with light and develop your visual awareness.  
6 Tuesdays Mar. 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 7 - 9 pm  
GISS S211 AND  
Saturday May 1 Field trip 4 hours TBA  
**Fees \$130**

**Instructor:** Simon Henson received his National Diploma of Design in England. Since then, he has spent over 45 years capturing the natural world in pottery, sculpture, painting and more recently, photography. Visit his web site at <http://www.simonhenson.ca/>

**SPR.10.25 PHOTO EDITING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS - PART 2**  
Learn how to edit your photos to create beautiful, powerful images. Fix defects like incorrect exposure and red-eye, understand key concepts including dynamic range and resolution, and explore special techniques such as painting with light, restoration and photo montage. **PREREQUISITE** - Intermediate computer experience, including the ability to open, save and organize files.  
6 Tuesdays March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27. 7- 9 pm  
GISS Room S111  
**Fees \$150**

**Instructor:** Charles Buchwald has 20 years experience in graphic design, web development and photography projects for clients including BMW, Disney and Pillsbury. He has taught image editing and other classes in the U.S. and Canada.

**SPR.10.26 WEBSITES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**  
Create or remodel your community group website. Cover domain names, menus, static and dynamic pages, graphics, links, connecting to mailing lists, photo sites and promotional sites such as Facebook or MySpace. **PREREQUISITE** - Membership in a Salt Spring community group with permission to create or remodel the group's site. Intermediate computer skills.  
6 Thursdays March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7-9 pm.  
GISS Room S111  
**Fees \$150**

**Instructor:** Charles Buchwald has 20 years experience as a creative professional, including graphic design, web development and photography projects for clients including BMW, Disney and Pillsbury. He enjoys sharing the experience of learning and has taught image editing and other classes in the U.S. and Canada.

**SPR.10.27 INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHIC DESIGN**  
Learn how to advertise graphically with this course, aimed especially at business owners (including artist businesses) and students considering a career in Graphic Design. You will touch base on graphics software and Photoshop techniques while learning the elements of graphic design and typography, but this is not a computer course.  
2 Mondays March 22 and 29 6:30 - 8:30  
GISS Classroom S104C  
**Fees \$50 Materials: \$3 for photocopies paid to instructor at first class.**  
**Instructor:** Sandi Poystila has been doing graphic design for 20 years, with experience in print shops, newspapers and fine arts reproduction. She is the Publisher of Islands Marketplace ([www.islandsmarketplace.com](http://www.islandsmarketplace.com))

**SPR.10.28 INTRODUCTION TO OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY**  
Explore the night sky! Learn about solar maps, sky motions, the scale of the universe, constellation identification, objects visible through small telescopes and telescopes themselves. Apply what you learn in the classroom on our Observing Nights, weather permitting. Suitable for beginners.  
6 Tuesdays March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 7 - 8:30 pm  
GISS Room N105  
**Fees \$90**

**Instructor:** Larry Nelson has a B.Sc. in Physics and is currently a teacher at GISS. He has had a life-long interest in astronomy and loves to share his wonder and enthusiasm for Physics and Astronomy.

**SPR.10.29 NAME THAT BIRD - SPRING BIRDS**  
When you can identify a bird, you become closer to the natural world. This is an introductory two-and-one-half hour classroom session on the spring and summer birds that visit Salt Spring, and a morning 2 hour walk to practice bird identification. Learn to identify birds visually, by ear, by season, by habitat and behavior. Presented by John and Heather Neville.  
Thursday March 25 6:30-9:30 pm SS Elem.  
Multi-Purpose Room AND  
Saturday March 27 8am - 10 am. TBA  
**Fee \$75**

**Instructor:** John Neville is a nature recordist and has produced 13 cds of bird song, and the Beginners Guide to Birdsongs of BC and North America. Cds will be available for sale. Visit John's website: [www.nevillerecording.com](http://www.nevillerecording.com).

**SPR.10.30 INTRODUCTORY BRIDGE - PART 2**  
An enhancement of the fundamental bidding systems and an introduction to "slam bidding". Emphasis on "playing the hand" and defending techniques. Some elementary signaling techniques for partnership defending. A very hands-on approach. Enjoyment is key!  
8 Thursdays March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13. 2-4 pm.  
PARC module  
**Fees \$130 Materials: photocopies \$5 paid to instructor at first class.**

**Instructor:** George Laundry is an experienced, easy-going teacher, and a bridge master at the national level.



**SPR.10.31 RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS**  
Balance a peacock feather on your nose, juggle balls, rings and scarves, twirl batons, and practice poi with balls and ribbons. All ages are welcome to have fun while learning hands-on circus skills. Class limited to 25 participants.  
6 Thursdays March 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6 7-9 pm  
Mahon Hall  
**Fee: \$130 for individuals or families**

**Instructor:** Johanne Boisclair, known as Semance, performed in North American circuses for 20 years and now loves teaching circus arts.

**SPR.10.32 NURTURING CHILDREN'S HEALTH**  
Learn safe and effective natural remedies to support children during seasonal illnesses and discomfort. Herbal and nutritional guidelines, immune system boosting and in-home care will be discussed.  
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**Instructor:** Saci Spindler is a Community Herbalist & Wellness Consultant who has been working with plant medicine for over 15 years. She currently teaches a 10-month Herbal apprenticeship annually on Salt Spring Island.



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5 Sundays April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2. 7- 9 pm  
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**Instructor:** Steve Coopman has, for the last 15 years, been spreading his enthusiasm for wine, conducting tastings, and writing about wine for a variety of publications.

**SPR.10.34 HOME BUYING AND SELLING - THE CONTRACT OF PURCHASE AND SALE**

Before you are bound by a very expensive legal commitment, you should be aware of the zoning, septic, water, house inspection, title search and financing issues that can make buying or selling a home an "interesting" experience. The Contract of Purchase and Sale will be discussed from buyer's, seller's and lender's points of view.  
Thursday April 8th 7-9pm  
GISS Room S211  
**Fees \$25**

**Instructor:** Jim Pasuta has lived on Salt Spring Island and practiced law here since 1986. He has handled over 6600 real estate files in that time.

**SPR.10.35 THE JOY OF COMPOSTING**  
Instructor Carol Wagner will share the technical and not so technical aspects of composting. She'll cover everything from a worm bin to a hot pile.  
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**Instructor:** Carol Wagner is currently the Farm Steward for an organic co-operative farm here on Salt Spring, and has been composting for over 20 years. She is a Master Gardener, a Master Composter, and has both a Design Certificate and Teacher Training in Permaculture. See [www.ecoreality.org](http://www.ecoreality.org)



**SPR.10.36 WOMEN WRITING MEMOIR: FOR ELDER WISE WOMEN**  
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6 Wednesdays May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16. 2-4:30 pm  
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**Instructor:** Wendy Judith Cutler, teacher, writer, activist, has taught women's studies and writing for 25 years. She relishes the opportunity to inspire others to honour the power and wisdom of their own words.



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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring went Canada crazy Sunday afternoon, following Team Canada's Olympic gold medal hockey win over the USA. Above left, seen cheering in the grocery store were, from left, Hana Mulder, Aaron Kyle and Austin Steffich-Rosling; above right, the Peters family revels in their car; below left, the RCMP's Const. Budolph is ready for gold; and below right, hockey enthusiasts at Shipstones cheer the victory.



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### ISLANDS TRUST

## Stewardship nominations open

Trust program in its ninth year

The Islands Trust's 2010 Community Stewardship Awards program is now open for nominations. The Trust asks that anyone who knows of a person, business or group that has made a big difference to life on their island to consider nominating them.

"This program is designed to celebrate the achievements of people who have worked on a project that supports the mandate of the Islands Trust," Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust, said in a press release. "Preservation and protection doesn't happen without our island partners, and islanders all over the federation are inspired to hear about everyone's good work."

"The program is about more than the environment — it's also about community life," added Malcolmson. "If someone or an organization has contributed to protecting the environment, improving the community, culture or economic sustainability of an island we want everyone to know about them."

The Islands Trust added new criteria to the Community Stewardship Award program last year to recognize and encourage the actions of indi-

viduals and organizations that are working in the area of climate change.

Nominations can relate to either a single project or to work carried out over the last 12 months, and can be made for work conducted by individuals or organizations.

Projects or actions that are innovative, support the Islands Trust mandate, benefit a community or the Trust Area, have some level of community involvement or address climate change can be nominated for an award.

This is the ninth year of the annual award program, which is open to any individual, school or classroom, community group, non-profit organi-

zation or business.

Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: relationship of project or work to the Islands Trust Policy Statement, benefits to the community or Trust Area, collaboration with others, innovation, and the level of community support and involvement.

Nominations can be for a specific project or work carried out over a period of time. The project or work must be ongoing within the previous 12 months. Last year there were 13 nominees for the awards. Previous submissions have included environmental conservation, community improve-

ment and public education.

Stewardship awards will be given to two individuals and two organizations, providing there are sufficient qualifying entries to justify an award. Each nominator can submit two nominations per category. The deadline for nominations is April 30.

Nomination forms and more details are available on the Stewardship Awards page of the Islands Trust website at [islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm](http://islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm) or from Islands Trust offices. Award recipients will be announced following the June Trust Council meeting and presented with their awards in the fall.

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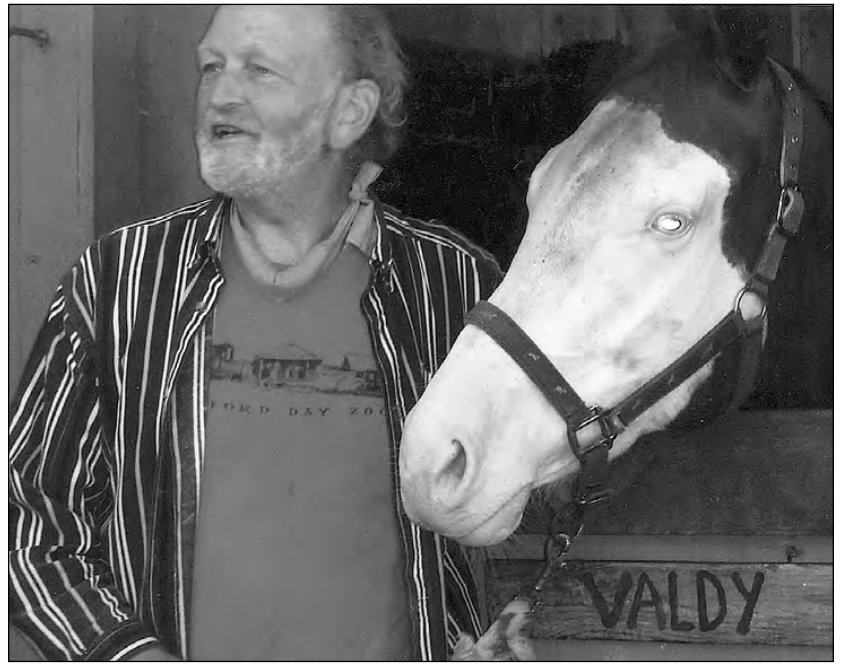



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**VALDY MEETS VALDY:** A young quarter horse belonging to Ted Scott meets his namesake. Valdy (the horse) was staying at Denton Farms (luxury accommodation) for a spell and Valdy (the man) lives just down the road.



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# Two-lines versus zebras

Crosswalk paint choices explained



Amy Geddes

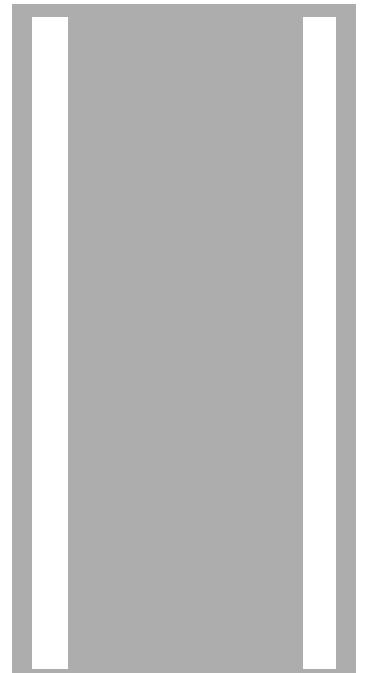
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— SH, Salt Spring Island



ZEBRA CROSSWALK



2-LINE CROSSWALK

The Ministry of Transportation of Infrastructure refers to these two types of pedestrian crosswalk markings as 1) two-line crosswalks and 2) zebra crosswalks.

The ministry uses the more highly visible zebra pattern for "added emphasis for the pedestrian crosswalk required," according to an MoTI fact sheet.

The zebra pattern is often used at mid-block crosswalks,

### FUNDRAISING

## Dry grad liquor store campaign on

Island patrons asked to be generous

The government liquor stores' annual dry grad fundraiser began last week and continues through March.

BC Liquor Stores on Salt Spring and Pender islands will again participate in the event, where patrons can donate \$1 or more to local alcohol-free graduation celebrations and get a chocolate in exchange.

Judy McPhee, a 2010 dry grad

parent committee spokesperson, said Salt Spring liquor store patrons are asked to be extra generous this year since competition from the new Upper Ganges Liquor Store has seen business drop at the government liquor store in Grace Point Square.

Contributions by liquor store customers top up funds raised by parents, students and teachers, who work all year to raise funds for dry graduation activities. Last year, BC Liquor Store customers across the province donated a total

of \$594,517 in support of dry graduation events.

The annual Support Dry Grad campaign is part of BC Liquor Stores' corporate social responsibility program. This program promotes the responsible use of beverage alcohol — a program that includes the prevention of underage drinking and promotion of zero consumption for minors. Now in its 10th year, BC Liquor Stores' award-winning Support Dry Grad campaign has raised \$2.8 million towards alcohol-free grad events.

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### LOCAL HISTORY

## Driftwood history at historical society event

All welcome to attend March 10 event

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society's March 10 program features Driftwood publisher Peter McCully presenting the Story of the Driftwood.

The event at Central Hall coincides with the 50th anniversary of the local award-winning newspaper, and precedes a

special publication on March 24 and an anniversary celebration at ArtSpring on March 26.

McCully will talk about the Driftwood's past, explaining "how we did it then" when the paper started in 1960, the paper's ownership and management in the early years, the staff who created the paper — including old staff photos — and the equipment they used. A slide

show will be incorporated into the program.

McCully will also discuss the changing face of publishing, including the use of Twitter, Facebook, and online efforts. A question period will follow the presentation.

The program follows the society's general meeting at 2 p.m. Refreshments will follow the program and all are welcome.

## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

### HEALTH CARE

# Medical centre attracts new physicians

Kings Lane clinic just needs Trust approval

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The fire that destroyed the ambulance station on Kings Lane last spring may have meant the loss of an island institution, but a new structure nearing completion is causing hope to rise from the ashes.

A handsome two-level building that resembles the original home, the new construction combines a multi-doctor medical clinic on the ground floor with two residential apartments above. By the end of March the site will house the new offices of at least two local physicians, Drs. Shane Barclay and Paula Ryan.

Three additional physicians from off-island have also expressed their intention to open permanent practices in the space, depending on the results of a temporary use permit application on the agenda for the Islands Trust meeting tomorrow (Thursday, March 4).

On a recent tour of the facility for the Driftwood, Barclay expressed his enthusiasm for the potential benefits to island residents.

"It's probably the best thing medically that's happened to Salt Spring in a long time," Barclay said.

"Attracting three physicians — that's big news. That's huge news."

The Kings Lane acreage owned by realtor Myles Wilson and his partners has been the longtime home to the island's bowling alley, and recently housed the ambulance station on the adjoining lot.

Barclay said Wilson had that site in mind as a potential location for a medical building long before the existing building was destroyed. But after meeting with insurance agents he knew the possibility could be a reality.

The only restriction for insurance purposes was that the new building had to follow the footprint of the older one.

Wilson asked Barclay if he thought a clinic could work in that space, and Barclay met with local builder Tony Hambrook to create a design that would work.

Following the older house's footprint has meant some interesting design features, such as a secondary wait-



Dr. Shane Barclay outside a new medical clinic on Kings Lane.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**"It's probably the best thing medically that's happened to Salt Spring in a long time."**

DR. SHANE BARCLAY  
*Salt Spring physician*

ing room where the original home's garage once was.

With its wide profile and gabled roof, the overall building also looks more like a home than a medical centre.

With plenty of room for parking on flat, level ground, the space is ideal for elderly and disabled patients, notes Barclay.

The clinic is also completely wheelchair accessible. The biggest advantage, however, is that it will potentially group five doctors with regular practices under one roof.

Barclay said two physicians have already made plans to move to the island and take on new patients.

Some 150 families needing

a physician have signed a waiting list posted at Barclay's current office.

(Contrary to island rumours, the centre will not be a walk-in clinic — doctors will see only patients who are part of their practice.)

Salt Spring and Canada are both experiencing a shortage of doctors, and it's difficult to attract new people because setting up an independent practice is financially expensive, said Barclay.

Salt Spring has lost three regular practitioners in the past 18 months and gained only one in return.

Keeping physicians can also prove challenging, in part because they can rarely schedule a break.

Barclay said locums, or doctors who can travel and take over a practice temporarily for physicians who are on holiday, are more likely to go up north where they can earn much more money.

With the new clinic, when one physician wants to go on vacation, there will be several others there to help cover.

And financial benefits will arise from the physicians sharing a communal office room, and the costs of space rental and reception staff.

With an on-site minor

treatment room, the new clinic will also relieve some of the pressure currently put on Lady Minto.

The physicians will be able to perform procedures such as stitching up wounds and taking biopsies.

Thursday's local Trust committee meeting poses the only potential snag, since the site's current zoning allows for only two doctors to rent the space — not the hoped-for five.

Barclay and Wilson will be at the meeting to present their case, but so far, said Barclay, public opinion has been completely supportive of the project.

Barclay said that a meeting with the clinic's neighbours brought only positive response.

In fact, most people were just hoping that their own doctors would be moving into the building.

About 150 people have signed a petition in favour of the clinic and several people have written letters of support to the LTC.

A temporary use permit would allow the clinic to go ahead as planned for a couple of years while the partners work on a rezoning application to make it permanent.

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### HEALTH CARE

## Prostate cancer group hosts urologist

Dr. Gary Steinhoff on island this Saturday

On Saturday, March 6, the Salt Spring Island Prostate Cancer Support Group welcomes its first guest of the year when Dr. Gary Steinhoff visits the Farmers Institute meeting room.

"We just couldn't get him any sooner," said group facilitator Chris Rieder in a press release.

"Urologists are very busy

people and Dr. Steinhoff is one of the most prominent in the region. We're lucky to get him at all."

The society says this meeting will be unique in that it will be entirely interactive.

"Over the last 13 years, we've noticed a great response to the question-and-answer periods that have followed presentations.

"It has been obvious that really pertinent information has been communicated at these times. You can only

absorb so much in a short doctor's appointment after all. A meeting like this will be a real opportunity for anyone concerned about this kind of cancer."

The meeting kicks off at 1:30 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road and goes until about 3:30.

Admission is free and a light refreshment will be served at the break.

Any questions may be addressed to Rieder at 250-537-2720.

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## every WEDNESDAY

**WATER FIT CLASSES** at Rainbow Road Pool. 8 to 9 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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**BINGO** at Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

## every THURSDAY

**FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES** with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: [blake@telus.net](mailto:blake@telus.net); 250-537-1638.

**PARENT-CHILD DROP-IN** at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; [familyplace@ssics.ca](mailto:familyplace@ssics.ca)

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**ROLLERBLADING** at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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## every SATURDAY

**DAD 'N' ME** Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Info: 250-537-9176; [familyplace@ssics.ca](mailto:familyplace@ssics.ca)

## every SUNDAY

**WATER POLO** at Rainbow Road Pool. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for youth and 5:30 to 7 p.m. for adults.

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## every MONDAY

**LIFE DRAWING** every Monday at the Core Inn upstairs. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121.

## every MONDAY

**TOASTMASTERS** public speaking group meets Mondays at the Harbour House Hotel, Crofton Room. 7 p.m. Members of the public welcome.

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## TUESDAY

**CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASS** March 3 and 10: at Antler Ridge Studio with Robbyn Scott, 211 Horel Rd. West. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$10 drop-in.

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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

# Local mom driving force behind community fundraising event

Silken Laumann  
special guest

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

International Women's Day is about to gain local prominence with a community fundraiser created by a local mother and businesswoman, Leah Hansel.

Hansel is the dynamo powering the upcoming flurry of activities slated at the Farmers' Institute from Friday to Sunday as part of the Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event. The extended weekend program includes entertainment, workshops and community activities, a special presentation by Olympian and author Silken Laumann, and a candlelight vigil for the evening of Women's Day on Monday, March 8.

Hansel has past experience in bringing high-profile events to the island that unite women and community building: she produced the successful inter-island run of the Vagina Monologues in 2001-2002, which raised \$30,000 for community organizations.

More recently she has opened her practice, CORE Success Coaching, at the same time as mothering two small children. Hansel is also the instigator of community health projects like last fall's Wellness and Eco-Sustainability Fair and the MamaIMama information and support organization for new mothers.

The upcoming events surrounding Women's Day have seen six months of planning by Hansel and a small group of dedicated volunteers — all busy mothers themselves. That the work has been worthwhile has never been in question.

"What really inspires me to do this stuff is because I love this



Olympian and author Silken Laumann is the special guest at this weekend-long event.

community," Hansel explained.

While International Women's Day is providing a focus for the events, Hansel said building a stronger overall community is the real goal.

"It's more about bringing out the best in people — starting a dialogue about what it means to be human. It's been a really tough year for a lot of people, and I think the more things like this people get out to, the more the know they're not alone."

The weekend opens Friday with a family dance with DJ Reisha starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday daytime schedules offer a program of workshops and activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. that can be enjoyed by women, men and kids.

On Saturday night, an evening of entertainment features local women in music, song and story. Events happening from Friday to Sunday afternoon are all covered by a weekend pass of just \$8 (kids under 12 are free), or \$5 per day pass.

Sunday night's pre-

sensation with Silken Laumann is a fundraiser that will benefit local and international aid organizations. Laumann is a three-time Olympian who has shifted her entire career to support women and children in need. Her presentation will include viewing her Olympic medals, a discussion with her after her keynote and checking out the 2010 Olympic torch.

Hansel said Laumann's "claim to fame as a speaker is she inspires others to do what they didn't think they could do themselves.

"It's about mapping over the qualities that Olympians possess, and understanding that we have those qualities as well."

Twelve weeks before her Olympic race, Laumann suffered a horrific accident and was told she would never row again — but she went on to win the bronze medal.

"She's an amazing woman, a local just over the water in Victoria, and we would be remiss as a community to not come out and enjoy her pre-

sensation," said Hansel.

Proceeds from the \$30 ticket (dropped from the original \$50) will benefit local community groups like SWOVA, Community Services, Copper Kettle, IWAV and MamaIMama. Funds will also go to the Canadian Haitian Relief Coalition, which includes the Canadian Red Cross Society, UNICEF, World Vision Canada, Save the Children Canada and OXFAM Canada. These funds will not only go to Haiti, but also the new efforts that will be required in Chile.

Monday evening features a free community potluck at the United Church at 5:30 p.m. and continues with a candlelight procession and intentional song circle beginning at Centennial Park at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the weekend workshop events are available at Salt Spring Books and at the door. Tickets to Laumann's presentation must be pre-ordered at Salt Spring Books (cash or cheque only) or by credit card through [www.BestAbundantLife.com/Events.html](http://www.BestAbundantLife.com/Events.html).

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

## Local boy's opportunity spells excitement

Jackson Sweet joins Alyssa Andress as Canwest Canspell candidates

Nine-year-old Jackson Sweet can be forgiven if he's found spelling out any of the estimated 1,150 words that may pop up during a regional spelling bee championship event in Victoria next week.

Jackson's mother, Dominica Sweet, said her son has spent most of his free time of late reading over the dictionary in preparation for the big day.

"He carries around his cue

cards and has his friends quizzing him and throwing him words all the time," she said.

In addition to the 1,150 target words, organizers will throw in a few random words to keep competitors on their toes during the day-long spelling competition for students in Grades 4 through 8.

Even Dominica Sweet has been forced to consult the dictionary on several occasions to double-check some of the competition's more esoteric entries.

Sweet, a Grade 4 student at Fernwood Elementary School, will be among the youngest of 61 competitors at the 2010 Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee

event at the University of Victoria on March 6.

The winner of the Victoria round proceeds to compete at a national championship in Ottawa from March 24 to 29.

Sweet earned a spot at the Times Colonist-sponsored preliminary round by out-spelling students from his school and will now compete with 65 school reps from Vancouver Island.

As reported in the Driftwood in January, Alyssa Andress of Salt Spring will also participate in the spelling bee.

The Grade 6 Queen of Angels School student qualified to represent her school from among several grades of students.



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**Saturday, March 13:** 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
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Anthropology and religion go hand-in-hand—we'll investigate human societies' need to explain the world around us and within us through some sort of belief system.

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**Saturdays, March 20 to April 24:**  
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**MEN'S SOCCER**

## Salt Spring FC lands big performance

Division lead within reach

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC took over lone possession of third spot in its division after beating the Gordon Head Blazers 4-2 at Portlock Park on Saturday afternoon.

The win puts Salt Spring three points out of second and five points behind division-leading Juan de Fuca in Division 2 of the Vancouver Island Soccer League.

The huge win gives Salt Spring a three-point lead over Gordon Head. Salt Spring defeated Gordon Head 3-1 in the teams' inaugural match in October.

Chris Byron got Salt Spring on the board early and ended a three-year scoring drought after sliding a shot past an outmaneuvered Gordon Head keeper.

Salt Spring increased its lead 10 minutes later when Gord Akerman took advantage of a botched play by a Gordon Head defender.

"At that point we were



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Leroy Coombs moves the ball ahead of a Gordon Head opponent in FC's win.

free kick with only minutes to play in the first half.

In spite of multiple show-stopping saves by Salt Spring's Miguel Alvarado, Gordon Head tied up the score on a corner kick early in the second.

Salt Spring FC regained its composure midway through the second and rediscovered the Gordon Head net on a goal by Sean Norgard.

"It was huge for us to get back the lead because we felt it was slipping," Morrison said.

A late-game penalty paved the way for a fourth and final goal from Jeremy Byron with fewer than 10 minutes left on the clock.

The victory gives FC four consecutive wins and an appetite for more as the season's end draws near.

Morrison said he hopes to have a game scheduled in time for the weekend so that the team can have a shot at moving into second spot.

In other news, Ganges Gremio, the Salt Spring Old Boys and Salt Spring United FC had their games cancelled. All are expected to resume league play on the weekend.

feeling pretty comfortable, but they didn't go away," said player and team spokesperson Jor-

don Morrison.

Gordon Head came to within a single goal after connecting with a

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## Islanders nab two shut-outs

U10 boys and U14 girls win mudbowl matches

for possession of the ball. Midway through the first half, Zorah Wiltzen used her skilled footwork to move to the goal and sent the ball into the net with a beautiful kick for the 1-0 lead.

The midfield, including powerhouse Maggie Birch and energetic Abi O'Donnell, intercepted Peninsula's strong kicks while the offense continued to drive the goal. Jade Beauvais sent one of her flawless corner kicks towards the goal and caught the edge of the net for 2-0 just before the half.

After the break, Peninsula came back determined to score but the tough defensive play of Birch, Jenna Dawson and Iminah Amal-Hill shut them down, including blocked shots on goal by O'Donnell and Zoe Savage.

Midway through the second half, a Peninsula player passed back to her goalie who caught the ball, leading the referee to call for an indirect kick for Salt Spring directly in front of the goal. In one of the most impressive plays of the season, Jade Beauvais flew over the ball, gently tapping it, and Becki Steel slammed it into the net over the heads of a line of defenders for 3-0. Keeper Cassidy Fraser delivered the shut-out for the U14 girls.

Salt Spring's U10 (Morgan) team took on Gorge at a very muddy Portlock on Saturday. Neither the mud nor the Gorge defence could stop a rampant Salt Spring from winning convincingly.

Lily Campbell and Darby McIntyre scored the first two for the home side, whilst Mira Byron controlled play from deep in the zone. The boys caught on quick, with Kaleb Morgan scoring twice, before half-time offered Gorge a break.

In the second period, Max Temmel carried the defence whilst Will Hollingsworth came out of goal to add his strength to the attack.

Obleo Demandre worked hard on the wing creating space for Jimmy Steel to come forward and score twice, and Sander Keil to hit the net and take the score to 7-0.

Gorge pulled back a consolation goal near the end, but were no match for the powerful and exciting Salt Spring team.

• Salt Spring's U14 girls hosted Peninsula on a muddy home field. The game started with Salt Spring driving hard and fighting their opponents

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## BASKETBALL

### SIMS takes aim at B.C.'s

Tsunami heads to provincials

Fourteen members of the Salt Spring Island Middle School's boys' basketball team await their chance to cap a stellar season when the Grade 8 Provincial Basketball Championships begin in Pitt Meadows on Thursday, March 4.

The three-day tournament will bring together the top 16 teams from across the province.

After finishing off a great season by sweeping the mid-island championships on Vancouver Island last week, the Tsunami players have good reason to feel confident ahead of this week's tournament.

"We had an outstanding basketball season this year," said Jude Shugar, who coaches the team alongside Diane Weatherby. "They are a very strong group."

The team ended last week's event with a decisive 74-36 win over Duncan Christian. Shugar said he and his team are prepared to meet up with some pretty stiff competition when they take to the court against the Fraser Valley's second-ranked squad on Thursday.

The SIMS boys' trip to the provincial finals marks the third time in as many years that the school has made an appearance at the elite tournament.

Last-minute fundraising efforts are underway ahead of Thursday's trip to the Lower Mainland. For more information about how to contribute, contact SIMS at 250-537-1159.



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**WORKING IT OUT:** Seen pumping iron at North End Fitness is Tony Tennant.

## YOUTH SOCCER

### Operation Super-Nova puts U17 boys on top

Everything comes together against Raiders

Having lost their first game to the formidable Peninsula Raiders 5-0, Salt Spring's U17 boys silver team played their best game of the season in a rematch on Sunday.

Playing a man down, Salt Spring opted for a defensive formation, and with Thorge Profitlich as centre-back, the Raiders found it nearly impossible to break through the back-line, say parent reporters for the team. Meanwhile, Liam Budd was continually attacking the net, giving Peninsula little time to focus its attack. Salt Spring controlled most of the play in the first half, but Peninsula managed to score off a fluky deflection, leaving the score 1-0 at half-time.

Salt Spring changed to a more attacking formation for the second half, and immediately dominated the field with coordinated offensive play. Mackenzie Pearson set up Oli-

ver Cannon with a perfect pass to put Salt Spring on the score-board shortly into the half. Minutes later, Budd sent Cannon on a blazing run to the corner. Cannon crossed the ball to Pearson who forced the ball past the Peninsula keeper. With impeccable ball control and dazzling foot-work, Noah Van Hullebush was larger than life and kept the Raiders' defence reeling. His outstanding play throughout the game was topped off when he juggled the ball over the keeper's head for goal #3.

With 15 minutes left in the game, the frustrated Peninsula side ramped up their attack, as fatigue took hold of the undermanned Salt Spring squad. Under constant assault, keeper Byron Mussell and his team of defenders did well to concede just one goal, making the score a nail-biting 3-2. With just minutes to play, Budd was tripped inside the box and awarded a penalty kick. He scored with an expert shot to the bottom corner, making the final tally 4-2.

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