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ABSOLUTELY NO. 1: Salt Spring FC team basks in a well-deserved Challenge Cup victory on Monday after beating the Gnome Hunters in the men's competitive division of the island's annual soccer tourney. See Page 23 for a story, and our Facebook page for more photos.

B.C. ELECTION

Local riding candidates play waiting game

Final election results anticipated May 27

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich North and the Islands candidates are still holding their breath as they await the final result of last week's provincial election.

Once the dust settled on May 14, preliminary results showed fewer than 400 votes separated candidates representing the BCNDP, BC Liberals and Green party. The margin was even slimmer between NDP frontrunner Gary Holman, who received 9,681 votes and Liberal candidate Stephen P. Roberts, who received 9,629 votes. Adam Olsen had 9,294 votes and independent candidate Scott McEachern 567.

Although the 52-vote margin triggered an automatic recount, the riding's winner will only be determined when absentee ballots are tallied on May 27.

Absentee ballots were estimated at 1,600 for the riding in the 2009 provincial election. These include ballots cast by voters outside their designated polling areas, mail-in ballots and results from mobile polling stations.

Don Main, manager of communications at Elections BC, said he expects absentee ballots in this year's election to exceed the 2009 level, which represented roughly five per cent of the riding's total votes.

"We already know that the vote-by-mail is double [compared to the 2009 election] and votes at the electoral district office are higher," he said.

With so many uncounted ballots, Roberts predicted anything can happen in such a close three-way race.

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DONATION

Reimer earns Trump support

Crowd sourcing website aids difficult transplant wait

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A B.C. man waiting for his second double lung transplant in Toronto has received an unlikely financial boost in the form of \$40,000 donated by finance mogul Donald Trump.

James Reimer's plight has been closely watched by friends of his Salt Spring family since the lead-up to his first lung

transplant surgery and his body's ultimate rejection of the donated organs. He has been back in the ICU at Toronto General Hospital for almost a year, attended by his wife Adena and his mother Kathy.

Fundraising efforts and a social media campaign have helped support the family's living experiences to a small degree while they wait at James' side for a second lung donation to come through. Their

goal was to raise \$10,000 to help pay for rent, medications, food and transportation. But they didn't expect a world-famous celebrity would take an interest in their cause.

"We are both very grateful for the generosity and the support," Adena Reimer said on the phone from Toronto on Monday.

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FIRST NATIONS

Grace Islet in focus Sunday

Elders and other experts presenting

With a proposed residential development on Grace Islet in the news once again, a special forum has been organized on the topic.

This Sunday, May 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Salt Spring Public Library's program room, representatives from the Penelakut, Saanich and Cowichan First Nations will speak, as well as archaeologist Darcy Mathews, a specialist in Coast Salish burial cairns.

The issue at hand is that a private landowner has been granted a site alteration permit by the B.C. Archaeology Branch to build a home over ancient burial cairns on the islet off Grace Point.

"Local First Nations have asked us to help them reach a Salt Spring audience to express their concerns," explains a note from Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation and Salt Spring Islanders for Responsible Land Use.

"This islet is the last visible evidence of the Salish village of Shiyahwt. The rest has been either destroyed or covered by fill."

"Coming to Salt Spring to speak is a big deal for the First Nations speakers, and says a lot about how important an issue this burial ground is to them."

According to SSIRLU and SSIJR, an archaeological impact assessment of the property undertaken in 2007 confirmed two First Nations burial sites and as many as 15 burial cairns exist on Grace Islet.

Admission to Sunday's event is by donation.



PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

KNOT FOR EVERY GARDENER: Steve Lynch shows guests his boxwood knot garden to guests as part of his and wife Trudy's garden party on Saturday. Horticultural enthusiasts came from near and far for a tour of the spectacular Lynch garden.

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James says thanks to island

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"It will certainly make a huge difference in terms of transplant costs."

The donation came about through a new crowd-sourcing website Trump has partnered in called FundAnything.com. Like Indiegogo and Kickstarter, it helps connect people wanting to fund various projects with a network of possible donors. The difference with the new site is that Trump has committed to supporting some of the projects he finds worthy — and the Reimers were selected as one of three key causes to receive a cheque at the site's official launch in New York on May 8.

Adena was in the city for just 24 hours, flown in and out by the company, whose representatives had previously told her the donation was for just \$5,000.

"The entire experience was beyond



PHOTO COURTESY ADENA REIMER

Adena Reimer, front and centre, receives \$40,000 for her husband James' medical costs from Donald Trump in a New York City presentation.

words. It was exciting and overwhelming," she said.

"It was hard to be there without James," she added. "I ached for him to be there with me."

Reimer is unable to travel anywhere beyond his hospital room. He is breathing only because he is connected to an ECMO machine, or

extracorporeal artificial lung. Currently his condition is stable but not exceptional — he is fighting another infection and has experienced a small collapse in his right lung.

Despite his difficulties, Reimer was able to take the phone for a short time on Monday and took the opportunity to thank

the local community for its ongoing support.

"It's sort of breaking new ground — they've never had a patient like me," Reimer said, noting he is the first to be on an artificial lung system for so long while waiting for a transplant.

"The doctors are treating me exceptionally well. It's a very high level of care here."

His wife said that although the wait is very difficult, the family continues to be hopeful.

"He's strong and determined and he's going to fight to stay strong," Adena said.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Reimer's FundAnything.com campaign called A Year for James can find the link under Donald's Picks on the main page.

To follow Adena's blog about the quest for lungs for James Reimer, see <http://breathtoablog.blogspot.ca/>.



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SATURDAY MARKET

Petition seeks to increase vendors at Saturday Market

Space restrictions stifle creativity and opportunity

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A petition calling for expansion of the popular Saturday Market at Centennial Park has generated nearly 400 signatures in less than a week.

Brigitte Gonzalez, a market vendor and owner of Salt Spring's Rendezvous Patisserie, said the level of unsolicited responses from market vendors and Ganges business owners represents a groundswell of support from a broad range of islanders.

According to the petition, Gonzalez would like the Capital Regional District to consider adding another row of stalls, possibly along a stretch of Fulford-Ganges Road.

"It is unfortunate that, in these difficult economic times, Salt Spring residents who have worked to create a sellable product are unable to benefit from the exceptional opportunities provided by the Saturday Market," reads part of the petition, made available in businesses throughout Ganges and Fulford.

Gonzalez circulated the petition after as many as 20 new vendors were turned away from the market earlier this month. Despite waiting for up to two hours for a spot, vendors at the bottom of the



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Saturday Market as seen from Fulford-Ganges Road. A petition asking for expansion of the popular event is now circulating.

market's seniority-based registration queue were told they face little chance of making it into the market until the main season cools down in September.

"It made my heart ache to see them turned away," she said.

Failing to make way for new vendors, many of whom have original ideas and products, is a sure way to cut off the market's identity as a crucible for creativity and new small business ideas, Gonzalez said.

Like many other vendors, she's used the market to test new products and expand her operation with a bricks-and-mortar business.

"There's no longer any chance for new vendors to do what we have done," she said,

listing a string of successful island businesses, including Barb's Buns, that got their start at the market.

Besides stifling creativity and income opportunities for islanders, failure to expand the market doesn't help Salt Spring stand out in a business environment that's seen a proliferation of successful markets develop across southern Vancouver Island.

Amanda Spottiswoode was among those denied a spot on May 4, despite waiting two hours for a place to sell her recently completed sailing guide.

She agrees loosening the rules would improve the market for visitors, new vendors and longtime members by making the Saturday tradition

a more vibrant and attractive experience.

"Another row of stalls would ease the congestion and make going to the market a more relaxing experience, rather than the rugby scrum it's turning into," she wrote in a recent letter to the Driftwood.

According to market coordinator Rob Pingle, every effort is being made to fit as many as 160 vendors into the available space. Space restrictions are defined by CRD regulations and land-use requirements, he said.

"We try to be flexible," he said.

In recent years, the shift to accommodate more vendors has included an expansion along part of the boardwalk

and encouraging vendors to help squeeze in newcomers with smaller space requirements.

Although Pingle does his best to fit in as many vendors as he can, the current situation is not unlike what has transpired in recent years as the market nears its peak season.

"It really is one of those things that comes down to the hard luck of being too successful," he said. "[Having to turn people away] is my least favourite part of the day."

According to PARC manager Lorraine Brewster, the market is entitled to cover no more than 25 per cent of the lot.

Expanding onto Fulford-Ganges Road requires per-

mission from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to occupy part of the roadway.

"It's not an easy solution," Brewster said. "These are all questions and we would like to get feedback from all the vendors to get a feeling from the whole group."

For her part, Gonzalez will keep circulating her petition and present the collection of signatures to CRD director Wayne McIntyre as evidence that people on Salt Spring favour the expansion.

"There should always be a way to fit people in," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Trust Council delegations

Gulf Islands residents wanting to address Islands Trust Council at its next quarterly business meeting must register to do so by Monday, May 27.

Council next meets from June 11 to 13 at the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island, with time for delegations reserved from 1:35 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. To book a delegation space, send the topic, speaker's name and contact information to the attention of Marie Smith (msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca or fax 250-405-5155) by Monday.

The full meeting schedule is available on the Islands Trust website.

The agenda package for the meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria Trust offices on June 3.

Seniors exec named

Salt Spring's Seniors Services Society has elected its 2013 board of directors and executive following a recent annual general meeting at the seniors centre.

Re-elected by acclamation to the executive are president Vivian Dawson, past-president Bryan Daw-

son, vice-president Dorothy Kyle, treasurer Carolyn Evans and secretary Lois Sprague. Directors are Nel Meyer, Lewis Pitman and Ana Newall.

Farm stand thief sought

Police are looking for information on repeated thefts of cash from a farm stand on Blackburn

Road. Over the past several weeks cash has been going missing and recently the cash box was pried open and money removed. Anyone with information is asked to call the local detachment at 250-537-5555.

House Piccolo makes list

Salt Spring fine dining estab-

lishment House Piccolo has been named one of the best places to go in the country in the 42nd edition of Where to Eat in Canada.

Every June a new copy of the book appears, listing some 500 restaurants in more than 200 cities, towns and villages across the country. The authors base their reviews on personal tastings, without identifying themselves or accepting free meals.

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

In case of emergencies, please contact our Victoria office at 250-405-5151.

FUNDRAISER

Jade Bell story reveals drug tragedy

Film screening and fundraiser to benefit youth causes



Harpooned Soul film poster.

A Salt Spring-focused film meant to inspire kids to choose creativity over drug use will have its Canadian premiere on Wednesday, May 29 at The Fritz.

The screening of Harpooned Soul - The Jade Bell Story will launch a fundraising campaign for a special project of the non-profit Jade's KIDS Foundation. Salty Rock Studios will be a local music recording studio and mentorship program — something Bell says he wishes he had access to as a youth.

"With much filmed on Salt Spring Island, and a cast of many local students and musicians, [the film] is the tragic yet inspiring story of

one man's quest to find meaning in life after overdosing from a 'speedball' injection of heroin and cocaine mixed with alcohol as a young man lost in the abyss of his youth," explains a press release.

"With the loss of so many physical functions, yet with a mind completely intact, it seemed the harder the challenges became in Jade's life the more determined he became to overcome them."

Bell, who is blind, mute and bound to a wheelchair, has addressed more than 200,000 youth in Canada through presentations in schools, theatres and prisons, in hopes that they make smarter choices than he made.

He is an accomplished poet, songwriter and music

producer. Harpooned Soul's powerful soundtrack entitled Black Candy was recorded at Randy Bachman's studio with young Salt Springers, working together with artists such as Isaac Slade from the band The Fray, Bill Henderson, Aaron Trory, Jarret Holmes, Sara Brudner, Sabrina Aven, Paul Gil and many more.

Next Wednesday's screening begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets, at \$10, can be purchased in advance at Salt Spring Books or Morningside Organic Bakery, Cafe and Bookstore in Fulford, or at the door.

Charitable tax donations may also be made by contacting Bell directly at HarpoonedSoul@gmail.com or visiting www.Jadeskids.org.

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ART

Robert Bateman Centre opens

Decades of nature-inspired art on offer

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Visitors to Victoria will have the opportunity to access the ultimate treasure trove of work by Canada's most famous living artist when the Robert Bateman Centre opens its door to the public this Saturday.

The May 25 opening is a long-awaited event for the artist, who had at one point explored housing an archive and gallery at Royal Roads University. An invitation from the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority to become the signature tenant in its newly renovated CPR Steamship Terminal building has provided the perfect space at last to share Bateman's work and its strong message about conserving nature.

"It looks beyond my wildest expectations," Bateman said after touring the nearly finished facility last week. "I think I can say it looks quite spectacular."

Bateman names gratitude to all the people who worked to make the

centre happen as his single biggest emotion going into the opening — though as a world-acclaimed artist, he's known his fair share of triumphs. His previous career high was a solo show of 120 works at the Smithsonian Institute. Other important exhibits include shows at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection — the official home of the Group of Seven — and the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg. However, the new gallery and education centre will contain the most comprehensive collection of the Salt Spring artist's work to date.

Paul Gilbert is the centre's executive director, and comes to the project with experience in marketing and design with outfits such as the Art Gallery of Ontario. Under his guidance, the facility will offer a number of themed galleries in which visitors can explore various aspects of Bateman's art from his earliest works up to the present day.

There are 160 pieces on exhibit with a mix of originals and prints. And with 600 reproductions in the bank of Bateman images, there's plenty of material to change things up as time goes on.

A documentary film screening area and digital technology allowing visitors to connect to the exhibits with smart phones or tablets make it a truly multimedia experience. Even small children have been considered, with a special area designed by the artist's daughter Sarah.

"Perhaps, because of the conspicuous nature of my work or the location of the gallery, we can be a beacon to attract attention to important issues."

These include the need for conservation and one of Bateman's favourite causes, getting kids back outside and into nature. The Bateman Foundation will therefore be supporting research and education initiatives in the centre's office space.

Opening events this weekend are timed to coincide with Bateman's 83rd birthday. The centre is offering free admission on Saturday and Sunday, with the artist in attendance Sunday afternoon to meet visitors. Open house hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m. both days. For more information on exhibits, regular hours and admission, visit www.batemancentre.org.

NDP's Holman currently in the lead

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"Ours is the closest [riding]," he said. "We're in uncharted territory."

Roberts called the atmosphere among the crowd at his campaign office on Tuesday night "euphoric" as the BC Liberals grasped a clear majority government. Although he noted the surge in Liberal support in the days ahead of Tuesday's election, Roberts said he was pleasantly surprised to see the party improve on its 2009 performance.

NDP candidate Gary Holman was less enthusiastic about the Liberals' comeback, which left the NDP in opposition for a fourth consecutive term.

"It's hard to take," he said, adding that expectations of many in the NDP camp were shattered when results began to roll in on election night.

For Holman, who lost his 2009 B.C. election bid by fewer than 400 votes, the number of uncounted absentee ballots means the race in Saanich North and the Islands is still a tight three-way one.

"I'm trying to keep my expectations up," he said. "I have a habit of losing close elections. It's happened to me before."

Though he's got a larger margin to overcome, the Green party's Adam Olsen has yet to throw in the towel given the number of absentee ballots.

"With a recount and the rest of the ballots yet to be counted, who knows what the final result is," he said.

Regardless of the final count, Olsen added, strong support for the Greens within the riding and in much of the region is a

tremendous vote of confidence, one he hopes to employ in the lead-up to the 2017 election.

"The Greens have become a serious force here in Greater Victoria," he said, noting the election of Green candidate Andrew Weaver in Oak Bay-Gordon Head. "With a federal election only a couple of years away, the Green wave can continue to build."

Final election results will be posted on gulfislandsdriftwood.com when they become available early next week.

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire trustee election pushed back

Cost estimate contract for hall approved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees will operate one member short for a couple of weeks longer than expected after changes to the election date were suggested by returning officer Thomas Moore.

Chair Bruce Patterson announced the delay at the board's regular monthly business meeting on Monday night, stating Moore did not agree with the board's plan to hold the election on a Wednesday and the advance poll on a Saturday, in a reversal of the regular pattern. The board agreed to amend the Wednesday, June 26 election date to Saturday, July 13 with an advance poll on Wednesday, July 10.

The nomination period for the open seat has not yet been opened.

The change of dates gives

trustees a bit more time to plan a referendum on borrowing money to build a new fire hall. Building committee chair Michael Schubart restated his opinion that having the election and the referendum at the same time would make the most sense; however, the board may not have all the information it needs to start a campaign so soon.

The board voted Monday night to approve a contract with John Granger for a cost estimate report on the hall. The estimate should be released to the public along with the building's design development drawings at the next public meeting with the architect, tentatively planned for the second week of June.

Trustee Ron Chamney pointed out that even with the cost estimate, however, it might be too early for the board to plan a referendum, for example if the number produced is higher than what the board is comfortable with.

Fire hall concerns continue to dominate the public

session at the end of the meeting. Wayne Tepper rescinded a previous request that the board provide the funds to hold a town hall session on the fire hall project, noting that if they did there would be no new point of view from what has been presented at other fire hall meetings.

But he asked the board to reconsider the size and the cost to taxpayers in light of many upcoming capital projects and no municipal oversight.

"I implore all of you sitting at that table to take a really good look at what you're proposing," Tepper said.

"And you need to act as your own checks and balances."

Julia Lucich, another member of the public, had a number of questions about what was included in the proposed budget under soft costs and what the architect's and construction manager's fees would be.

Schubart said the total architect costs would most likely be around \$400,000. A fee structure with construc-

tion manager Hans Hazenboom has not been negotiated because the building cost is not yet known, though Schubart said it would be included in the referendum amount.

In other fire department news, Salt Spring Firefighters Association president Lt. Eric Taylor reported the members had raised closed to \$5,000 in a boot drive held on the long weekend. The money will be donated to Lady Minto Hospital palliative care in memory of the late Lt. Travis Guedes. The association also recently donated \$500 to a young gymnast to help with travel fees to attend a tournament in Manitoba, where she achieved two silver medals.

Taylor also noted that firefighter Dan Olson is retiring after five years of service. Brent Dick is also retiring after serving for 12 years and will become an honorary member.

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CYCLING

Anti-cycling sticker meant as joke

Road safety still no laughing matter

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The maker of a bumper sticker from the fictional Salt Spring Residents Opposed to Cycling group says his creation was just a joke, but the problem bicycles and vehicles have sharing narrow island roads is something for serious consideration.

Gordon Bruce Smith confirmed he was behind the sticker that states "So many cyclists . . . so little time" and features a vivid graphic of a truck throwing a cyclist off his bike. He made it as a joke almost a year ago when Velo Village conference events were scheduled to bring hundreds of bike riders to Salt Spring — although it only came to the attention of island cycling groups last week.

Smith said even though the sticker was his attempt at humour, the people who advocate bringing cyclists to the island as a riding destination should be doing more to inform visitors about what it's really like.

"There should be an education class on riding these roads," he said, not-

ing groups of cyclists travelling the island's south end tend to stop in blind corners to look for directions, such as the dangerous intersection at Beaver Point and Stewart roads.

"You wouldn't see a car stopped like that," he observed.

Comments to a post on the Driftwood's Facebook page on the issue centre on everyone's responsibility to know the rules of the road and act considerably. But many of them also focus on the behaviour of large visiting groups.

"Maybe this sticker isn't towards all cyclists but just the ones who think they own the road. I love coming up behind six to eight cyclists and they are two to three across and impeding traffic," Kyle Fossett commented.

"It's dangerous for everyone," added Jenn Moffatt. "I think they should either have a pilot car front and back or simply ride single file. We have the same problem in the Okanagan and we come around a corner doing the speed limit to 20 cyclists riding side by side and sometimes three across taking up part of the other lane."

Smith said cycling advocates should put out information such as brochures

and signage, and also do more to provide amenities such as garbage cans and outhouses.

Salt Spring nonprofit organization Island Pathways has made advances on the education front, partnering with Mainroad Contracting and BC Ferries to produce a Share the Road brochure. The pamphlet has safety tips for both drivers and passengers when disembarking from ferries and while on the road, with reminders of the general rules and responsibilities and Salt Spring's particular challenges.

One of the key points for cyclists is to ride single file. Riding two or more abreast is frustrating for drivers and is actually an infraction of the Motor Vehicle Act.

John Wakefield, chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and a member of the advisory group that helped create a cycling master plan for the island, agreed there is more work to be done to ease driver-cyclist conflict.

"Part of the master plan identifies education. It's an area we can do a lot more on," he said.

However, Wakefield does not believe putting more

signs up, whether on ferries or at the terminals, is the answer. Instead, a community-driven solution must be worked at.

Discussion of the issue was on the agenda for the SSITC's Tuesday afternoon meeting. Community dialogue is also expected during Bike to Work Week events through the last week of May, such as a Bike to Cake celebration and discussion set for Wednesday, May 29. For more information or to register a team, visit biketowork.ca.

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Mahon Hall was hopping on Thursday for the 9th annual Women in Business event. The Driftwood-sponsored trade show format let business women and organizations share products, information, demos and contests. From left is invited guest Tanya Lester, who provided tea leaf readings; Driftwood account manager Drew Underwood with D.W. Salty, the lively Driftwood mascot who interviewed several participants (see the Driftwood Facebook page video); Arletta Byers of Moutat's Clothing; and Wellspring Spa (Hastings House) esthetician Gwen Davis.

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When undertaking a significant renovation you usually need to find a professional to manage it. Although there is much advice available for do-it-yourselfers, there are a myriad of pitfalls that regularly get exposed on shows like Holmes on Homes.

"Doing it right the second time" is a common mindset of homeowners ready to take on a renovation or addition. Building to Code is often not enough. Many "code" homes do not last very long and renovations are different from building new. The challenge is to integrate what is already existing with the new portion. That integration needs to consider the vapour pressure, the stack effect, the R-values and thermal bridging, exposure to material's toxicity, and of course the structure. In other words, it has all the challenges of building new, but it also has the pre-existing conditions to accommodate. Double the considerations plus integration issues. To ignore either the pre-existing conditions or integration issues is a high risk undertaking. We at TFB encourage doing it right the second time.



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Real Estate



MAKING AN OFFER & Time Clauses Part II

Price, completion dates, and the deposit & subject conditions are fundamental elements of any contract. Ask your agent to provide you with the "ideal" closing dates for the seller - maybe the price will be better if the timing meets the seller's requirements.

Typically, subjects are in place for two weeks and these may include a legal review of documents, arranging insurance and financing, and being satisfied with house, boundary, septic, woodstove and water inspections.

Many offers contain a "time clause" that is subject to the sale of the buyer's home. Once an accepted time clause offer is in place, the seller can accept another offer, subject to the collapse of the time clause offer. Once a second offer is accepted, the first buyer then has typically 72 hours to remove all subjects and proceed with the purchase or withdraw.

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ISLANDS TRUST

RAR adoption predicted by July 2014

Riparian maps unlikely to quell all concerns: LTC chair

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee plans to receive detailed mapping information for five more Riparian Areas Regulation-designated watersheds before the end of June.

Information will show how properties within the "high priority" watersheds of Weston, Stowell and Maxwell lakes, as well as Fulford and Bullock creeks will be affected by stream setback requirements enacted through the provincially mandated RAR bylaw.

The LTC is in the process of mapping the island's 26 RAR-designated watersheds. Mapping was initiated in the wake of protests over a draft RAR bylaw in 2011.

The new maps will bring the number of mapped watersheds to seven, representing 60 per cent of the area affected by RAR.

Although maps are hoped to provide residents with a better understanding about which properties would be included within the legislation, LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson said a similar mapping process on Gabriola Island wasn't enough to quell opponents' concerns.

During their most recent meeting, LTC members allocated \$8,500 to continue public engagement and bylaw preparation needs.

"I just know on my own island, we did the really detailed mapping, which is what the majority of the Salt Spring community asked in the previous term that we do, but I must say that having the detailed mapping hasn't made implementation any easier," Malcolmson said.

"There's still a surprising amount of resistance and a

lack of understanding of the foundation of it and, quite reasonably, concern about the costs associated, especially on small lots.

"So I don't want us to go all the way down the road and then find that we still have communication work to do because it's super costly. It's so much more than we thought when the initial suggestion was made to do this watershed approach..."

A Trust planner said a list of bylaw options will be presented to LTC members in June.

A draft bylaw is expected before the end of the year, with final adoption of RAR projected by June or July of 2014.

"We're sort of in the middle game of the project. We've set the baseline info and now we're looking at bylaw drafting. Passing the bylaw would be the end game, so to speak," planner Stefan Cermak told LTC members.

"If we don't start moving

on the implementation measures, then you're looking into the fall of 2014 to implement the bylaw and that puts you right into election season," he added.

Mapping of the island's 19 uncharted streams will commence in October or November at an anticipated cost of between \$46,000 and \$65,000, according to Cermak.

RAR legislation was introduced by the provincial government as a way to protect fish-bearing streams from development impacts. In most cases on Salt Spring, setbacks created as a result of RAR assessments have extended between 10 and 15 metres from the banks of RAR-designated streams.

The public consultation process has included public events and creation of a RAR information video which can be viewed by following the links on the Islands Trust's website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

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Salt Spring Island Foundation grants target identified community needs

Thirteen groups benefit from grant disbursal

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is pleased to announce the recent approval of \$103,500 in grants to 13 island charitable organizations.

Many of the funded projects address critical needs identified in the foundation's 2012 Community Needs Survey, notably housing and community health services; however, we have also continued with our commitment to support a wide range of worthy projects. Since 1984, the Salt Spring Island Foundation has granted more than \$1.4 million to local registered charities.

Canadian Mental Health Association: To deliver community-based training, public education, and community development programs. This multi-year grant is in response to the Community Needs Survey, which identified mental health services as a critical need on Salt Spring Island.

Farmland Trust: To improve access to the Shaw Family Community Gardens early in the growing season and increase the number of garden plots. This grant was made possible by a bequest from the Shaw family.

Gulf Islands Early Learning Society: Toward costs associated with the creation of a playground that will meet regulatory and licensing standards at the society's new centre on Drake Road.

Island Pathways: For a multi-year grant to assist in the completion of

the Ganges Village Pathway Network, which promotes safe, non-motorized transportation on Salt Spring Island.

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)/Salt Spring Island Abbeyfield Housing Society: For connecting The Cedars affordable housing project to Ganges sewer service, thereby increasing the number of housing units for women fleeing violence and for low-income senior women. This grant is supported by funds from the Unger Family Fund for Children and their Mothers and Senior Women in Need.

Salt Spring Island Community Education: To assist with the merger of SSICE and Volunteer Salt Spring, which will provide Salt Spring with a community resource centre for information and volunteerism.

Salt Spring Island Community Services: For a multi-year grant for the Yellow Submarine/New Beginnings programs, which provide support services to people with mental illness and/or addiction issues. New Beginnings provides vocational rehabilitation, employment mentorships, and work opportunities for those deemed hard to employ.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy: To support the acquisition and protection of the Blackburn Lake property, which is critical to healthy drinking water for many in the community and provides essential habitat for a rich diversity of wildlife species.

Salt Spring Island Historical Society: For the purchase of acid-free storage boxes, photograph sleeves

and paper for the preservation of historical documents.

School District #64: For a rain-water collection system for the GISS garden to educate students about irrigation and water conservation and enable them to grow salad greens year-round for the GISS cafeteria.

Shared Space Salt Spring Society: For organizational development for Shared Space, a project aimed at providing affordable space and services to community non-profit organizations.

StageCoach Theatre School: For a banner to advertise the school's productions. StageCoach Theatre is an after-school theatre arts program for children aged 5 to 14.

SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) Community Development and Research Society: To assist with the Peace Kids program, an anti-bullying initiative that will engage students in Grades 4, 5 and 6.

These grants would not be possible without the ongoing support of community members who share the foundation's goal of improving the quality of life for all Salt Spring residents.

If you would like more information about how you can help the foundation support worthy island charities like these, please go to our website at www.saltspringisland-foundation.org or call 250-537-8305.

Article provided by the SSI Foundation.

A home inventory can save you a headache if disaster strikes



KIM KNIGHT
Manager, Insurance
Island Savings Insurance Services

You've invested a lot in your home, and you deserve the comfort of knowing that if anything ever happens, your insurance will cover the cost of replacing your belongings.

You never know when you might need to make a claim. A home inventory makes the process easier if you do.

To make an inventory, list your possessions along with their date of purchase, purchase price and identifying information.

Choose the method that works best for you:

Paper: Ask your insurer for a personal inventory record or make your own list organized by room.

Spreadsheet: The Insurance Bureau of Canada website has free worksheets that include a list of common items to get you started.

Software: Some programs provide the option to include digital photographs and scanned receipts or warranties.

Photos and video: Take a tour of your house with your camera and capture the important details about your possessions.

Whichever method you use, it's important to make a copy that you keep offsite or save online.

Now all you have to do is keep your inventory up-to-date and the next time your policy comes up for renewal, talk to your insurance advisor to make sure you have the coverage you need.

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EDITORIAL

Room to improve

Ask anybody from off island what they think about Salt Spring and you'll probably get a handful of stereotypical responses that are sure to leave most of us rolling our eyes in dismay.

While Salt Spring is neither a hippie commune nor a country club, one thing many outsiders do get right is the popularity of the island's weekly Saturday Market.

Since its inception, the market has underscored so much of what Salt Spring is all about. It's a place where creativity is encouraged and people are able to pursue life on their own terms.

Where else but at the market can islanders unite in solidarity to support the locally grown free-range organic egg?

THE ISSUE:

Saturday Market in the Park

WE SAY:

Expansion should be explored

It's also been the centre of more than a few controversies, the most recent of which is whether to expand and allow additional vendors.

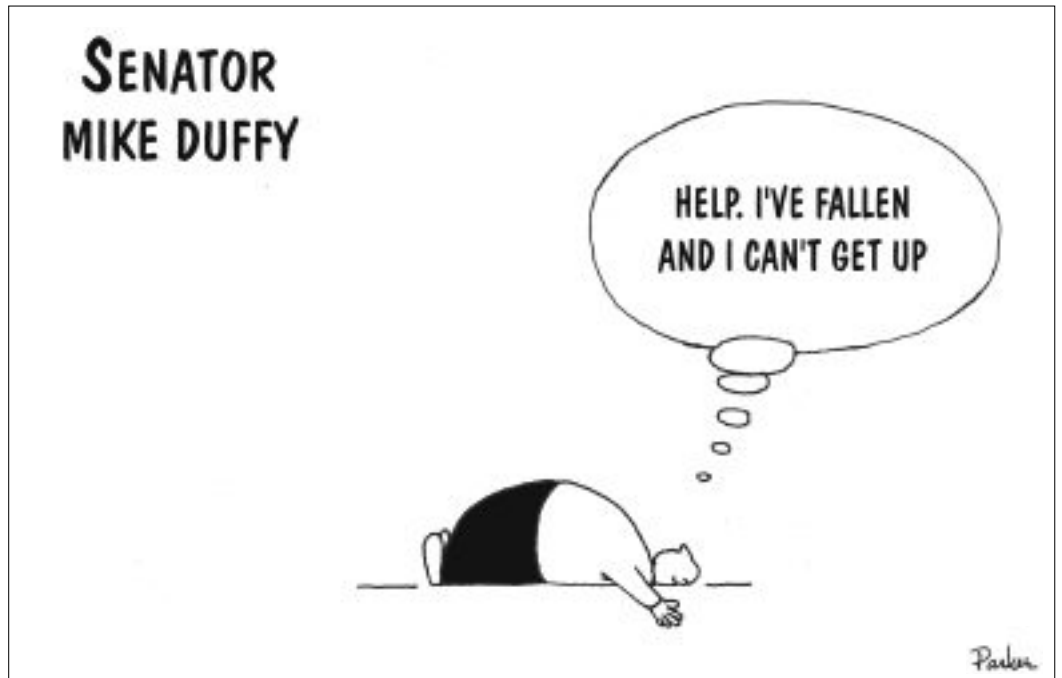
In a world hellbent on the generic shopping experience —

where store clerks are replaced by self-scanning terminals — Salt Spring's Saturday Market in the Park offers the increasingly rare opportunity for visitors to connect with their destination while islanders can make new friends and revisit old acquaintances.

That the Saturday Market is a victim of its own success and has to turn potential vendors away is a fortunate conundrum to face at a time when other seasonal tourism destinations are fighting to stay on the map.

The Saturday Market set the standard followed by so many others across the province. Now that farmers and artisans in Greater Victoria and the Cowichan Valley have caught on, the onus is on Salt Spring to up the ante and explore the next step in the evolution of the market experience.

Expansion of the market is necessary if the island is to encourage visitors and locals to keep coming back, and to foster new forms of creativity on behalf of a younger generation of farmers and artists who've patiently waited for their turn to contribute to the ongoing and ever-changing story of island life.



VIEWPOINT by Phil Vernon, et al

Sacred ground or development?

Grace Islet, just off Grace Point in Ganges Harbour, is the last visible evidence of the ancient Salish village of Shiyahwt that underlies Ganges.

In these islands over the years, there's been a growing awareness of First Peoples' heritage and the importance of protecting sites that are hundreds and even thousands of years old.

We live in an extraordinary place of great natural beauty, but this region is extraordinary in another way: it is home to the highest density of archaeological and ancient cultural sites in British Columbia.

For thousands of years the sea provided an almost unimaginable abundance of food, and the versatile western red cedar provided raw material for everything from freight canoes to clothing. Coast Salish societies of great art, culture and wealth flourished here, with populations at least 10 times those encountered by the first Europeans.

Stonehenge: 4,500 years ago. Pyramids of Egypt: 4,700 years ago. Syuh'e'mun - Walker Hook, Salt Spring Island: 3,500 years ago. SMONE village - Poet's Cove, South Pender Island: 5,000 years ago.

It takes a while to sink in. In the 1970s, islander Beth Hill documented many of the archaeological sites here, and archaeological research "digs" pushed back the dates of human habitation to 5,000 years. Some sites contain rock cairns, the distinctive burial markers with dates reaching back 1,500 to 1,000 years. Grace Islet is one such site. A human jawbone was discovered on the islet in 2006 by kayakers, and in 2007 an archaeological impact assessment confirmed two burial sites and as many as 15 burial cairns.

Despite these findings, the province's Archaeology Branch granted the owner a site alteration permit to build a residence over top of the cairns. When contractors for the owner removed trees and excavated soils on the islet with a small machine excavator last summer,

the RCMP were called as the work was done without archaeological monitoring and unlawfully in breach of permit conditions.

The owner has now applied to extend the permit to allow construction to begin, again with the house sited directly over a number of cairns. The Penelakut Tribe and Tsartlip First Nation have from the outset repeatedly voiced their strong opposition to any development whatsoever on the islet.

Should British Columbia allow such land use at this culturally sensitive place over the protests of First Nations? We say "no," but sadly it's happened before. In 2003 an ancient village and burial site at Walker Hook was approved for a commercial fish farm wastewater treatment system, and ancient human remains of at least 13 individuals were dug up and desecrated for the installation of a sewage pipe.

The current situation appears complicated, but in one way it's quite simple: Grace Islet is shmkw'elu, a graveyard, clearly marked with stone cairns. It must be respected.

We stand with the elders, chiefs and councils of the Hul'qum'num and WSANE (Saanich) First Nations to oppose any further disturbance of the islet, and call upon the Archaeology Branch and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to reject the latest permit application.

Join us on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Salt Spring Public Library to hear elders from Penelakut and WSANE speak about Grace Islet and what it means to them. Also hear Darcy Mathews, UVic doctoral candidate and expert in Coast Salish burial cairns, speak about cairns and customs. Admission is by donation.

The piece was written by Phil Vernon and Bob Wild of Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation, and Donna Martin and Sharon Bywater of Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
Should there be room for more vendors at the market? Yes No
 Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:
Can Salt Spring actually improve cycling safety? NO YES 81

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The problem with Salt Spring is that it has a lot of lumps."

DAVID QUESTO, ABOUT THE ROUND SALT SPRING SAILING RACE

SALT SPRING SAYS

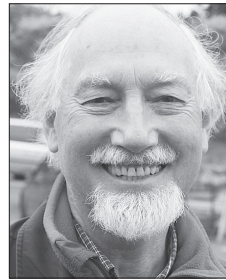
We asked: How do you explain the provincial election's low voter turnout?



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It's really hard to make good choices.



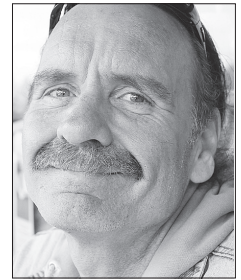
JANET SIMPSON
They're not happy with the choices.



SIMON ROOK
People must be happy.



JENNY SVENDSEN
They don't think it matters.



STEVE SIGURGEIRSON
Complacency. People are fed up.

Letters to the editor

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Candidate thanks

While the outcome of the election in this constituency is still uncertain, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the voters, my fellow candidates, and to all of the incredible supporters and volunteers on my campaign.

In this age of cynicism about the political process, I am also very proud to have represented the progressive platform and positive campaign put forward by our party and leader.

GARY HOLMAN,
BC NDP CANDIDATE,
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS

CBC must be independent

Jian Ghomeshi, Peter Mansbridge, Anna Marie Tremonti, Michael Enright, Carol Off, Tom Allen, David Suzuki and a host of other creative journalists have one thing in common: Stephen Harper.

Buried in a few pages at the back of Harper's most recent, sweeping omnibus bill is the most sinister media takeover Canada has ever seen.

Harper has no mandate to turn Canada's national public broadcaster into a state broadcaster. Instead of delivering on his promise to maintain or increase CBC funding, he is seeking to control and silence

it. It would give the government complete control over the working conditions of CBC staff.

CBC must operate at arm's length from the government. Even the perception that political masters are pulling punches, making program decisions, vetting or omitting significant public information would be disastrous for democracy, making us increasingly uninformed puppets, like public broadcasting tends to do in the U.S., for example, or China.

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RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING

Let the dead rest in peace

If a group of First Nations people came and began digging up our pioneers' graveyard behind The Fritz theatre to build themselves a long house, how would we respond?

Are their sacred places and departed loved ones less valuable than ours? I don't think so.

Grace Islet should be left in peace.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

Benefits of cycling

Cycling regularly has been shown to be one of the most effective activities a person can do to improve their health,

and live longer.

The health benefits of cycling outweigh the risks by a substantial margin.

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Cycling more makes individuals healthier, saves dollars on our health care system, and encourages individuals to take responsibility for their health.

The more people leave their cars at home and cycle or walk the fewer greenhouse gases we are putting into the atmosphere.

The fewer cars we have in

Ganges, the easier it will be to find a parking spot. And if you drive less you save money.

Some people in our community do not have the luxury to be able to afford a car or want to own a car. Some can no longer drive but want to maintain their independence. We all have the right to be safe.

It has been shown that the more people get on their bikes or walk to work and school, the safer these methods of transport become. Cycling becomes safer as more people do it.

Here is hoping that many Salt Spring Islanders will bike to work and school during Bike to Work Week from May 27 to June 2.

See Biketotowork.ca.
JEAN GELWICKS,
WOODLAND DRIVE

Don't buy the argument about 'wasted' votes

Another election come and gone and, thankfully, we survive to live (and vote) another day.

I'm not going to bore you with yet one more post-mortem on the results or an analysis on what the outcome means to our collective future. The thing that did irk me the most about our recent exercise in democracy was having someone lecture me that I would be wasting my vote if I were to place my "X" beside the name of the person or party that best agreed with my own principles and sentiments. The reason why this would be a waste, I was scolded, was because my choice had no chance of winning. I might as well cast my lot in with "the Evil Empire" unless I was to change my mind and get behind the only party that has a chance of knocking off the incumbent.

This is the "advice" I received this provincial election when the NDP were trying to woo Green voters over to their side in order to bring down the Liberal majority. Back in 2008, the federal Liberals used the same argument to try to get NDP and Green backers to ignore their consciences in order to help sweep out the Conservative government.

You can't say the strategy has been very successful. In both elections, the party in power not only won but actually increased the amount of seats it already controlled in Parliament or in the Legislature. It seems I wasn't the only one making a habit of wasting my vote.

Why do we have to limit our possibilities so that it ultimately becomes a choice between

two options? Do we really need to copy the American template? Why not make the race a wide open affair?

Take Italy for instance. When the Italians hold a federal election, voters get to choose from between seven major parties and 29 (that's right, I said 29) minor ones. Among the major options (parties that received at least four per cent of the popular vote last election) are The Five Star Movement, The Left Ecology Freedom, and The Union of the Centre parties. Italians with slightly more esoteric tastes could cast their votes for The Popolars of Italy Tomorrow, The Italy of Values, and The Stop the Decline parties.

Italy is not the only country offering wide choice and multiple selection options come election time. The Israelis sport as many as 12 major political parties as well as 22 less popular ones. The choice is so great in Israel that citizens get to pick between two separate green parties: The Greens and The Green Movement.

Does all this choice provide better government? It's hard to really tell, but you can be sure that by the end of election night nobody has a smile on his face because there is no clear winner. What it does do is force the parties to climb into bed with each other to form an unholy coalition government that guarantees that no single party gets to rule the way it wants.



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

The many parties forming the ruling coalition are compelled to make compromises they wouldn't even have dreamt of before the election. The theory here is that although nobody is really happy, everybody is happier for it.

It seems to me that the multiple option party system would work here as well. Why should we feel obligated to choose between three or four parties and then be castigated if our vote went for somebody who did not finish first or second? I say, "the more, the merrier," but let's come up with a few good names that reflect the ideals of the parties better than what we have now. After all, how liberal are the Liberals and how much conserving do the Conservatives do? And what's so "new" about the New Democrats?

In general, political parties can be divided into three categories: left, right, and centre. Generalizing again, we can say that the left value the welfare of the many over the rights of the individual. On the other hand, the right maintain that the interests of society as a whole are best served by preserving the rights and privileges of the individual. The centre can't make up its mind about what it believes and usually tangos its way intricately between the two extremes, depending on what it perceives "the mood of the masses" happens to be.

If you think about it, wouldn't it feel more

gratifying if political parties had names that were more representative of what they stood for. A vote for the We Suck but We're Still Better than Da Udder Guys Party would make you feel satisfied that you chose the best option available. Similarly, you would expect to get the "straight goods" and not any circumlocutious doubletalk from the Pay Us Now or Pay Us Later Party. On the other hand, you might find your loyalties torn and having a tough time choosing between the Always Against Everything Party and the In Favour of Nothing Party.

Nobody asked me, but this time I'm telling you anyway. The next time an election rolls around, I don't want anybody sidling over to me to tell me that I'm wasting my vote if I don't vote for the party that has the best chance of knocking off the government in power. This is a warning. If you ignore it, you run the risk of a third degree Indian arm burn and a major noogie to the head (not easy to inflict at the same time).

If my sensibilities tell me to vote for the We Don't Know What We're Doing But At Least We Admit It Party, then that's my prerogative even if my vote is the only one it gets. Conversely, if you decide to put your support behind the Lies 'R Us Party, I have no right to belittle you just because you made an idiotic choice.

It's called "democracy" and in the words of Winston Churchill, "it's the worst form of government except for all the others ever tried."

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Provincial election analysis: NDP vote stalls in reverse

BY DERMOT TRAVIS

The great thing about political punditry is the ability to be right and wrong at the same time and get away with it, which is why the pundits who were no better at predicting the outcome of the B.C. election shouldn't be expected to be any better at interpreting the results.

It's quite simple: the B.C. Liberal party set out to win at all costs and did. They ran the better campaign, got their vote out and won. They were even willing to throw a candidate or two under the bus to do it, as witnessed by two full-page ads in Victoria's Times Colonist extolling the virtues of Green party leader Jane Sterk paid for by none other than the B.C. Liberal party.

Fault them for their tactics, but not even the huffing and puffing of political observers over those tactics seems to resonate long with the voters who ultimately

decide elections.

What should be of concern though is the emergence of an almost constant pool of voters in B.C. and an equivalent block of non-voters.

In 2009, 1.65 million voters cast a ballot. In the 2011 HST referendum, 1.61 million mailed-in their vote. And last week, 1.63 million made the trek to the polls, although that number will rise slightly when absentee ballots are tallied.

Looked at another way: close to half of the province's eligible voters continue to turn their back on the ballot box. That's not a good thing.

And what lurks beneath these numbers should worry NDP operatives.

In 1979 at the crest of its support, Dave Barrett and the NDP won 46 per cent of the popular vote or 646,188 votes out of 1.4 million cast. They still lost the election. Last week,

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Adrian Dix and the NDP won 39.5 per cent of the vote or 643,399 votes out of 1.63 million cast.

Over 35 years, the NDP has seen its share of the popular vote steadily decline and its actual vote stall, despite an electorate that has nearly doubled in size over the same period.

Parties that don't grow their base lose and risk withering away.

While the Liberals grew their vote marginally over their 1979 Socred brethren, they don't have too much to boast about either. In 1979, the Social Credit party won 677,607 votes. The B.C. Liberals pulled in 723,618 votes.

B.C. voters are opting for "anything but"

So who was the real winner in the voter sweepstakes

last Tuesday? Anything but. In 1979, 81,282 voters opted for anything but the Socreds or the NDP. Last week that number more than tripled to 262,405.

As a share of the popular vote, the percentage choosing "anything but" grew from 5.6 per cent of the popular vote to 16.1 per cent.

But it's not just the province-wide numbers that are telling. As the Liberals showed on election night: "It's the ridings that count, stupid."

Twenty-five of B.C.'s 85 ridings had a turnout of less than 50 per cent and 19 of those were in the Lower Mainland. The award for most apathetic riding: Richmond-Centre at 38.9 per cent.

Only seven ridings saw a turnout of over 60 per cent and of those the top three had one thing in common: races that engaged voters.

In Oak Bay-Gordon Head,

the Green party won its first ever seat in the legislature; in Delta South, Vicki Huntington was re-elected – the first independent to be so in B.C.'s history; and in Saanich North and the Islands, the NDP may very well have eked out a victory in the province's tightest three-way race.

Of course, there were the

The NDP has been nothing if not short of leaders.

Wednesday morning quarterbacks who tried to bend the votes of other parties so far out of shape as to claim that such-and-such a party cost such-and-such a party the election.

It may provide comfort to the defeated, but it's an argument based more on wishful thinking than political acumen. Vote tallies can easily

be moved from column-to-column after the fact, voters aren't so easily moved before the fact.

But the message for the NDP in all these numbers is ominous and it's not just about Adrian Dix.

The NDP has been nothing if not short of leaders. In the last nine elections, no less than seven have been put to the electoral test.

It may have more to do with the brand. Something isn't connecting with the voters that the NDP needs in order to win. And that soul-searching is going to be far harder on the party faithful than a leadership race ever will be.

The writer is the executive director of IntegrityBC, "a non-partisan non-profit organization dedicated to help restore a bond built on trust and confidence between citizens and their elected officials."



SANSUM NARROWS TRANSMISSION LINE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Location: Sansum Narrows

Start: Thursday, May 9

Anticipated Completion: Saturday, June 1

Working days and times: Seven days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND AND MAPLE BAY RESIDENTS

Please be advised that BC Hydro will be doing work on transmission infrastructure in and around Sansum Narrows. The work requires the use of helicopters and large equipment.

To ensure the safety of our crews and the public, Sansum Narrows will be closed to marine traffic on May 9, May 10, May 13 and May 14. For the duration of the project a water taxi will be used at the work zone to manage marine traffic. Delays and temporary closures are expected. We appreciate your understanding while we undertake this important work and apologize for any inconvenience.

For more information please contact:

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BC Hydro
FOR GENERATIONS

Central hall cannot be closed

BY BRUCE PATTERSON

The proposed new fire hall #1 (fire service main headquarters / shared emergency centre) will be located closer to the current fire hall #3 at Central. "Will fire hall #3 be closed?"

The short answer is "No, it will not be closed."

Hall #3 was built to serve the northern areas of Salt Spring in 1994. It houses a pumper truck and a tender (water tanker truck) and has a small office space and washroom. Storage is limited forcing the use of exterior storage containers. As well, the communications tower on site is critical for north island emergency services communications.

In order to retain our Superior Tanker (Water) Shuttle Service Accreditation (see below), we must continue to house all of the current equipment on Salt Spring.

Reviews by Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) noted that the location of the Hall #3 apparatus is a critical component of our Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation and is required to meet the current fire equipment needs of the Island. Hall #3 is often one of the fastest responding stations outside of regular office hours due to the response time of firefighters to that hall.

Records for call assistance clearly indicate that the majority of the calls for the SSIFR services are more concentrated to the central and northern

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regions of the island. Hall #3 might be relocated in the future if community growth continues (possibly Channel Ridge) as it has in the northern region of the Island.

On April 9, 2011, Salt Spring Island Fire/Rescue accomplished a true milestone in successfully completing the Fire Underwriters Survey Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation Certification testing requirements.

By the time the new fire hall is completed, savings in insurance may well equal its cost.

The accreditation is in effect for five years as long as the fire rescue service maintains the same level of apparatus to ensure delivery and pumping capabilities to retain the accreditation. The department is continually training to accreditation / operational standards in order to be ready to conduct and pass all the tests again, with the Fire Underwriters present, to reaccredit for five more years.

Since accreditation,

many Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ratepayers whose residential address falls within the insurance companies' coverage zone (which can vary among the different companies) — and who weren't previously considered to have been in a "hydranted" area — have benefitted from reductions in their insurance premiums.

It's been estimated that at least 3,000 properties benefitted and a conservative estimate of \$400 annual savings per property translates to \$1.2 million per year in insurance premiums saved by SSIFPD ratepayers because of this accreditation. By the time the new fire hall is completed, savings in insurance may well equal its cost.

The fire protection district and SSIFR members are proud to provide our community with this opportunity for savings. In fact, only two other fire departments in B.C. (and at that time, only six in Canada) have passed the rigorous testing required.

Take a look at our Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation page to view the coverage map and associated documents and call your insurance company to make sure that you are being given the annual savings if you qualify. See <http://www.saltspringfire.com/fus.php>.

The writer chairs the SSI Fire Protection District board of trustees.

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COUNTRY ROOTS

Folk club hosts bonus show with Russell DeCarle trio

Monday night at Fulford Hall

Although the regular Salt Spring Folk Club season has come to a close, one famous performer is

“back by popular demand” under the club’s banner on Monday, May 27.

“The last time I played on Salt Spring was the best concert of my tour,” said Russell deCarle in explaining why he wants

to perform on the island again.

DeCarle is the lead singer and bassist for the iconic Canadian country roots band Prairie Oyster that has earned many awards, including Junos, gold and

platinum-selling records and number-one singles.

DeCarle has been honoured with two SOCAN Song of the Year awards and is a prolific songwriter.

His recent solo record

called *Under the Big Big Sky* is a fluent mix of blues, jazz and R&B.

Steve Briggs and Denis Keldie will join deCarle on the Fulford Hall stage. Tickets (\$20) are available at Salt Spring Books,

Acoustic Planet and Stuff ‘n’ Nonsense.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30.

Desserts from Fiddlehead Catering will be available for purchase.

HOUSE CONCERT

Tony Furtado at Grooveyard venue

Genius of slide guitar and banjo

Fans of Americana, folk-rock and fine guitar picking won’t want to miss Friday night’s South End Grooveyard concert.

The Grooveyard’s David Youngson has brought in the acclaimed Tony Furtado to play at the house concert venue at 128 Holmes Rd. beginning at 7:30 p.m.

“Tony Furtado is an indie record label’s dream artist,” explains press material. “He has lived primarily on the



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Tony Furtado performs Friday night.

road for the last two decades. He is gregarious, engaging and entertaining, on and off stage. He’s been called a genius on banjo and slide guitar

and his own creative interpretation hybrid of Americana and indie rock is captivating.

“Onstage, whether playing with a band or

solo, he owns the room, mixing stories of his travels with musicianship that is off the charts.”

Furtado’s most recent release is a CD and DVD called *Live From Mississippi Studios*, when Furtado teamed with some of the finest young musicians in Portland, Ore. for a packed-house show in that city.

“The whole project was funded by an interactive Kickstarter campaign where Tony offered up concerts, CDs and even some of his sculpture-work as incentives for pledges. Feeding

off the thread of energy from the crowd, the performance was riveting and sincere, and the filmmakers captured that on-stage intimacy and raw emotion rarely accessible to the audience.”

With only 70 seats at the Grooveyard, people should grab their tickets now at Fever Tree, Salt Spring Books or Stuff ‘n’ Nonsense. They can also be reserved through 250-526-1295.

All proceeds benefit the artist, with a minimum \$20 donation suggested.

LIVE THEATRE

Pinocchio explores virtues

SSCS play at Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Themes of conscience, ethical behaviour and the power of love will be developed under a shroud of lively music, beautiful sets and clever costumes when the Salt Spring Centre School presents *Pinocchio* at Mahon Hall this weekend.

The annual whole-school production involves every child from the pre-kindergarten class to those about to move on to middle school. The event is an important part of the school’s curriculum and a much-loved community event for anyone with children — or who shares an appreciation for childlike wonder and imagination.

Adina Hildebrandt, who sits in the director’s seat for the ninth year in a row and adapted the script, explained that each year the school selects a play with a strong underlying message, in addition to having strong dramatic potential with room for everyone to participate.

“The story of *Pinocchio* we’re focussing on is about telling the truth, being brave and helping others,” she said.

“Like all the work of the school, it really is a reflection of the values we try to foster in the children.”

The school’s *Pinocchio* follows a storyline that will be familiar to those who have seen the Disney movie, as well as some of its songs, but it is not as dark as the film or some other versions.

“It’s the story of *Pinocchio* without being as

scary as the traditional story — so he gets into trouble but he gets out of it again quite quickly,” Hildebrandt said, adding that the play is suitable even for young children.

Music director Oona McOuat has put together an exciting song and dance component, which will include an original song written by her and sung by the Grade 1 class, who appear as a school of fish that helps *Pinocchio*.

The older students fill the challenging lead roles, now ready to command the stage after years of performance experience.

“Quite a few of the kids who are leaving the school have become quite talented and capable performers,” Hildebrandt noted.

Not-to-miss moments are the youngest students appearing as the stars in the night sky, and a show-stopping finale medley sung by the entire school that puts together *Twinkle Twinkle* in Hawaiian and English, *When You Wish Upon a Star* and *Catch a Falling Star*.

Other special touches to make the production complete include set design by LeeAnn Norgard, who has created, with help from other artists in the community within and beyond the school, a beautiful Italian village and a carnivalesque Toyland.

Costuming has received help from another professional artist, with silkscreening by Shannon Wardroper adorning the school of fish, and representing the giant whale.

For the second year audiences will have three performance dates to choose from, with shows running Friday and Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee set for 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door only.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Blues Caravan guitar prodigies roll onto Salt Spring

2013 version of annual tour

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Canadian guitarist with an amazing pedigree is on the bill of Ruf Record's 2013 touring event, which rolls into town as the Blues Caravan on Friday, May 31.

Jimmy Bowskill was only 11 when he caught the attention of Jeff Healy while playing Robert Johnson tunes as a busker outside a club where the guitar legend was playing. Just over a decade later, the blues prodigy from Peterborough has put out five studio albums and was the youngest person ever to be nominated for a Juno, earning him a berth on the Blues Caravan as one of "Tomorrow's Guitar Heroes."

One the road since January with Nashville-based Bart Walker and Joanne Shaw Taylor, an English blues artist now living in Texas, Bowskill spent the first part of the year playing Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. The Driftwood caught up to him during a pit stop in L.A. before the tour heads to western Canada and then down into the American heartland.

"Blues has a freedom playing-wise and it's very soulful — it's honest," Bowskill said of the genre's ongoing appeal to music lovers of all ages.

"It's just the soulfulness and the honesty of it."

Bowskill credits his parents for having an excellent record collection that led to his early love of the blues. While they were more into '70s rock, he was able to find the roots



From left, Jimmy Bowskill, Joanne Shaw Taylor and Bart Walker will perform as the Blues Caravan on May 31.

of the music that inspired Led Zeppelin, Jimmy Hendrix and Cream.

"That's such an incredible world of music — and to discover it at such an early age, it really blew my mind," Bowskill said. Listening to the music of Robert Johnson and Willie Dixon has in turn inspired

his own take on classic rock as he's matured as an artist, though he maintains a definite blues edge.

While Bowskill has benefitted from some extremely well-placed industry support, gaining Healy as a mentor and sharing the stage with

musicians like Jeff Beck and Bonamassa, he's also been able to develop his craft with peers closer to his age — both in his own band and as part of the Blues Caravan tour.

"It's been really nice playing with similar-minded, like-age guitar players," he said.

"For one thing, doing this many dates, you're playing guitar for a few hours every night. You really get your chops built up, so to speak."

The concert features a few songs with all of the future guitar heroes together, and individual sets by each. Bowskill said his set will be mostly originals with a '70s trio sound, but will also include more traditional blues and even country.

"It's nice to play stuff that's a little more close to the heart — but a lot

of those old standards are close to my heart as well," he said, after explaining that as a young person he tends to want to rock out.

Bowskill describes Walker's sound as having a touch of Texas boogie. The Nashville star took home the best guitarist award from the 2012 International Blues Challenge. Taylor has been playing clubs since her early teens and played lead guitar for Annie Lennox at the Diamond Jubilee Concert for Queen Elizabeth II. Her modern blues sound has a psychedelic Hendrix twist.

"It's a pretty diverse show and good time," Bowskill said. "These guys are great players."

Tickets to the show are available at the ArtSpring box office and online. For more information visit bluescaravan.de.

ART SHOW

Brusatore shares visual poetry on canvas with Imaginarium

New exhibit at SS Gallery of Fine Art

Leanne Brusatore is the next artist to shine at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art in Ganges.

Brusatore creates mixed-media pieces described as "visual poetry on canvas,"

as she weaves "threads of metaphor combined with bold colour and luscious texture."

Her show called Imaginarium opens Friday, May 24 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., and then runs daily to June 12.

As her website explains, "Works are sometimes of a serious nature reflecting on this inner journey called life, while

other times playful and joyful works emerge as a sharp contrast depicting humour in the ironies of daily living and human nature."

After a variety of career pursuits, Brusatore decided to focus on becoming a professional artist, pursuing post-secondary studies at Malaspina/Vancouver Island University from 2004-2008.

In 2012 she was selected to represent Canada at an international art show in Italy, completing a residency during her stay. Her work has also been part of various solo and group shows in the region.

Brusatore now lives on Salt Spring Island.

For more information, see www.leannebrusatore.com.

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Kaylee Lapierre
Mischa Engel

And Eve Green who won a West of the Moon Gift Certificate

See you there next year!

PROFILE

Viva Voce's leader inspires

The woman behind one of Salt Spring's community choirs

BY PAT GOULD
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Dynamite! "Dynamite Debbi Toole." A fitting term for the effervescent conductor of Viva Voce!, Salt Spring's outstanding choral group.

Last fall's concert at ArtSpring showcased the 52 singers on stage, yet all eyes were riveted on the sassy figure prancing across the stage in gold slippers, raised finger stabbing the air in the direction of the tenors, then a hop-skip towards the altos, voices soaring in response. Too soon the hour-long first half of the concert was over.

As the singers exited the stage their conductor picked up the mike.

"Stay tuned," she called out. "The next half will knock your socks off!"

A few weeks later our interview took place over tea in my condo at Kingfisher Cove. Wearing a jaunty sequined tam, Debbi Toole settled herself in an armchair, a woman clearly at ease in her own skin. I was charmed... and intrigued.

"Why are you here on Salt Spring instead of conducting a choir in Massey Hall, or Carnegie?" My surprise was genuine.

"The love of my life is here," was the instant response. "My husband."

The peripatetic Debbi was raised in rural Saskatchewan. From an early age she showed a musical bent, settling on the flute. After graduating from high school she attended a university in North Dakota (low fees were the attraction) where she obtained a degree in music education. At the same time she showed promise as a singer, a talent that has benefited

her in leading choral groups.

After graduation she moved to Edmonton to join a professional wind instrument ensemble. As well, she taught flute, gave voice lessons and organized a choir. Conducting seemed foreordained.

Enter "The love of my life," Mark Toole. It was 1984. A few months later they eloped. (Fitting for this multi-talented narrator.) Two daughters were born to the couple — Meaghan and Erin, both now living in Victoria.

Sometime during the long, bone-chilling Edmonton winter they watched a TV documentary on British Columbia, with scenes of the Gulf Islands and their many attractions appearing on screen. They liked what they saw. When the summer holiday period loomed, their destination was now pre-determined: Salt Spring. They came; they saw; they bought. Lakeside Gardens Resort was now under a new owner — Mark Toole.

Salt Spring embraced the newcomers. Or was it the other way around? Debbi began giving voice lessons, all the while looking out for an opportunity to conduct. That came when Mitch Howard, the popular leader of Salt Spring Singers, became ill and a temporary replacement was needed. Debbi was available. A year later, Mitch resumed his place on the podium. Fortuitously, another opportunity arose.

Tuned Air needed a new conductor for their 14-member choir. Would Debbi take it on? She would, with the proviso that the name be changed to Viva Voce! Seemingly overnight the membership grew to 52 voices, although not all, surprisingly, could read music. Not a problem, the new leader declared.

She explained: "Those singers build strate-



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Debbi Toole during a Viva Voce! rehearsal.

gies. If they've been singing in a choir for some time, they adapt. They learn their part by listening." She makes it work.

Rehearsals in the Baptist church are held weekly for two-and-a-half hours. I attended one, once again captivated by the familiar figure holding sway on the podium. As in an actual performance, Debbi is seemingly everywhere — coaxing, cajoling, sometimes smiling, occasionally frowning. The air is electric. The singers, from ages 78 to 15, raise their voices. The conductor beams.

Flash back to the second half of that ArtSpring concert. She was right — conductor Debbi Toole. It really was hard to keep my feet from tapping to the rhythm. It almost "knocked my socks off."

Concert on tap

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Viva Voce! choir members fresh from an award-winning performance at the Victoria Arts Festival last month will create more on-stage magic this weekend with their spring concert, Our Spirits Sing.

Led by choral director Debbi Toole with accompanist Chris Kodaly, the choir will be joined by the Viva Voce Youth choir in a program celebrating the uplifting of the human spirit Saturday, May 25 (8 p.m.) and Sunday, May 26 (2 p.m.) at ArtSpring.

"It's quite sophisticated music — it requires an open heart and open mind to really absorb. The singers have really invested themselves as musical people."

Among the program's piece is Shen Khar Venakhi, a 13th-century wedding song from the Georgian Republic. Translated as Thou Art a Vineyard, the hymn dates back to the days of all-male choirs whose task it was to accompany all significant community events.

"I was just so enraptured with that," Toole said of the song's lineage.

The "timelessness of joy" will be explored in selections such as Scarlatti's Exultate Deo, while the beauty of Morten Lauridsen's Sure on this Shining Night and Josef Rheinberger's Abendlied will expand on the theme and showcase the choir's growth in ensemble work.

At the other end of the musical spectrum is an edgy jazz version of Lennon & McCartney's Blackbird, and the gospel-style Ain't That Good News.

Viva Voce Youth will perform excerpts from Schubert's An die Musik, Mozart's Laudamus Te and a collection of folk songs before joining the senior choir for the finale.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

Opportunity for education

Nature programs planned for Blackburn site

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy's plan to purchase 32 acres on the east side of Blackburn Lake contains many potential benefits to the community: in addition to protecting natural species and an important component of the Cusheon Lake watershed, there are exciting educational possibilities ahead for locals and island visitors alike.

Education is a strong part of the conservancy's mandate, and ongoing guided tours of the property led by avian expert Susan Hannon and botanist Carrina Maslovat have already given participants a taste of what can be expected. Even those with a strong knowledge of local species will find something to learn, as demonstrated during a recent tour for the nearby Salt Spring Centre School.

Centre School kids, like most island children, already know a fair bit about native plants and animals, and can advise less-informed adults which plants are edible and why you shouldn't handle a frog. But even still, savvy youngsters were disgustingly thrilled to learn that First Nations used the soft fibres inside a bullrush to make diapers. Bark from the abundant sitka willows on the property can be chewed for pain



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
SS Centre School children get a tour of the Blackburn Lake property the SS Conservancy hopes to purchase with community support.

relief in an emergency — they contain salicylic acid, the same chemical as modern-day aspirin. This type of species information will likely be included on an interpretative trail, once the property has been designated as a nature reserve.

The property will also join the roster of ecosystems on the conservancy's Stewards in Training program, through which the organization brings school children into nature for fun hands-

on study days.

Ideas for educational components in the long term — still to be decided — encompass everyone from young children to scientists. Possibilities include building a public nature centre with learning stations and interpretive displays. A research project on watersheds and related species, to be done in partnership with one of the nearby universities, has also been suggested.

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DRINKING WATER WEEK

Rain harvesting catches on

Workshop to highlight strides in water catchment

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Island Water Council invite anyone with an interest in the preservation of the island's precious drinking water resources to join a one-day event that coincides with Drinking Water Week on Saturday, May 25.

"Water is an issue on the island and it will continue to be an issue, but we can supplement sources by having people use the water they collect," said Water Council co-ordinator Suzan Chamney.

Design improvements and more widespread public use of rainwater catchment systems in recent years have brought the technology within the reach of homeowners who want to use the region's abundant rainfall to preserve source water and lower their utility bills.

Chamney said the May 25 session will be a trade show-style event with a variety of speakers scheduled throughout the day. Participants are welcome to linger or drop-in for a quick peek at the latest rainwater harvesting systems and information.

"The information will offer a little piece of the puzzle," Chamney said.

Already confirmed for the event is Bob Burgess, owner of Rainwater Connections, who will talk about the design and benefits of rainwater catchment systems; Capital Regional District staff, scheduled to address safe installation and maintenance; and a representative from the Canadian Association for Rainwater Management, slated to explain the group's role in promoting rainwater use.

Chamney said the ranges of different uses for stored rainwater is surprisingly broad.

Given that all of Salt Spring's freshwater is supplied by rainfall-dependent lakes, streams and groundwater, it should be no surprise that more attention is being given to harvesting

rainwater for irrigation and non-potable uses in residences and businesses.

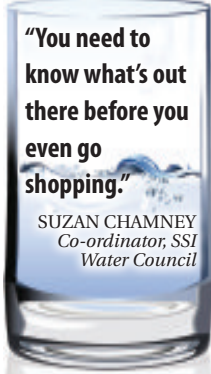
As an added bonus, participants will get a hands-on demonstration of the necessary components for storing, filtering and treating rainwater by local suppliers from Windsor Plywood, Slegg Lumber and Mouat's Trading.

Suppliers will also provide valuable advice for people who are at work on or thinking about installing a system on their property.

"You need to know what's out there before you even go shopping," Chamney said. "That's why these guys are there."

Admission to the event, which takes place at Meaden Hall between 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, is free, although donations are encouraged to help offset costs.

Water Council acknowledges the financial contribution from the BC Water and Waste Association and local suppliers. For more information, see the Water Council website at www.ssiwatercouncil.com or contact Chamney at ssi-watercouncil@shaw.ca or 250-537-9570.



Bob Burgess of Rainwater Connections will attend the free event at Meaden Hall between 1 and 4 p.m.



Salt Spring Water Council display. The council is hosting an info session on rainwater harvesting this Saturday.



Salt Spring Island WATER COUNCIL

Rainwater Harvesting OPEN HOUSE at Meaden Hall Saturday May 25 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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DANCE & BBQ

Mark and Meatdraw play derby fun-raiser

Roller derby girls host dance, BBQ

Salt Spring's roller derby team has attracted a great Victoria performer and friends for their second annual hootenanny BBQ and dance at Fulford Hall on Saturday, May 25.

Carolyn Mark and Her New Best Friends band, which includes one-time

Salt Spring resident Joel Fernandez, and the band Meatdraw will get the music going at 9 p.m.

Starting off the evening at 7:30 p.m., The Committed team members will serve up a southern-style BBQ complete with slow roasted brisket, corn bread, corn on the cob, chili, ice tea and coleslaw. For dessert there will be pecan and lemon meringue pie.

"Mark is well known for her distinct voice, intelligent and hilarious song writing, and fire cracker witty stage presence," says press material from The Committed. "A veteran of the musical road, she brings to the stage a show that is fringe theatre meets Grand Ole Opry. Her song-writing twists and turns from soulful to irreverent and back again."

Meatdraw is described this way: "It is as if the world as we know it had ended, and a group of lost travellers with a musical thirst ran across a barn full of random instruments and potentially musical tools. Upon discovering this they took up their musical gold mine and began a cacophony. Horns, strings, saws, all things percussive became a venue to

unleash the pent-up emotions of a lost world."

Refreshments will be available and served up to thirsty dancers by The Committed and friends. As a 19+ event, people must bring ID.

Tickets are \$12 in advance available at Salt Spring Books and \$15 at the door. Tickets cover admission to the dance only.

THEATRE REVIEW

GISPA dreams fly high in Sogno di Volo

End-of-year production reveals mature group

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students of the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts have completed their year with another exciting production uniting the streams of theatre, music and dance, with three performances of Sogno di Volo at ArtSpring last week.

Translated from the Italian as Dream of Flight, the play explored themes that are no doubt very close to the young performers' hearts: the desire to be known by one's creations and the inherent urge for artistic expression weighed against the cost of society's approval.

The student-written story portrays a Renaissance-era atelier of artists working under Signore Verocchio (played by Mateos Jabbar-Mouammar), a master driven by a desire for fame. His sponsorship of Daedela (Hannah Pearson), a talented street urchin, is motivated mainly by his wish to take her creations for his own.

The story of Daedela's betrayal is discovered centuries later by Jean (Jonah Grindler), a would-be artist working as a

janitor in the Louvre. Jean's wish to someday go to art school is endangered when he finds scraps of letters from Verocchio, getting him into trouble with the militarized Parisian Art Council.

The scene was set with simple but effective costumes and props such as the Da Vinci-inspired checkerboard flooring tapering into perspective's vanishing point. Brown smock dresses and work tables were set off by a rosy golden lighting that beautifully suggested the golden glow of Renaissance Italy. The more intense recreation of one of Da Vinci's flying machine sketches as a full-sized work with curved sails and a heavy mast was truly impressive.

"Modern" Paris dress was represented by berets, striped shirts and black pants, while the Louvre was instantly created by students holding framed works of art such as Da Vinci's Last Supper and Mona Lisa.

The dance part of the program was integrated nicely with illustrative sessions between scenes performed by Zoe Hasenfratz, Indigo Porebska-Smith and Stephy Tsang. Their use of classic forms help kept the right atmosphere in the Renaissance period scenes. An energetic and dramatic piece using the workshop tables as props was beautifully

synched with the musical elements, which included vocals by Carly Davenport and Phoenix Lazare and a trumpet solo by Sam Lewis.

It was nice to see that band members, which also included Daniel Hunter, Noah Sherin and Elijah Stepaniuk, were ranged across the back of the stage and visible for the entire performance instead of being hidden in a dark corner. The musical side of the production was also more integrated this time around than it has sometimes been, with no break-away solos for aspiring divas or rock stars.

Standout moments included a piece heavy on the drums with a rhythm suggesting cannons or gun fire, which introduced the marching arts council militia. Another impressive song started with a sort of rap by Lewis and Jabbar-Mouammar and ended with Lewis screaming "Don't let them into your head!"

On the acting side, students clearly had fun with their over-drawn Parisian accents and Da Vinci Code moments during the Paris scenes — including a hilarious and ingenious semblance of the laser alarm lines common to spy movies.

Grindler added to his solid reputation as a young actor without evincing any need

to show things up as a star. Nicole Jory, in the role of Verocchio's top apprentice, offered a nuanced delivery that included the desire to maintain her privilege, a secret level of disrespect and a real concern about taking over someone else's hard won achievement. Pearson and Jabbar-Mouammar had good rapport in the master and student relationship, while Gwen Patrick played a believably stuffy French mother and Florence De Jardin brought terror to the art world.

While the end message was optimistically positive and inspirational — follow your dreams of self expression for true happiness — in the end the production itself was one of the more grounded and mature offerings to come from GISPA in recent memory. The angst and darkness that tend to drive teen productions seemed almost wholly absent this time — perhaps speaking to a group that's fully comfortable in its current state and has reasonable expectations of good things to come.

In all, Sogno di Volo showed another impressive example of island youth in collaboration, along with the strong guidance offered by GISPA teachers Jason Donaldson, Sonia Langer and Bruce Smith.

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NIGHT LIFE

Tree House hosts acoustic trio from Alberta

Scott Cook Trio on stage Thursday

Another season of nightly music at the Tree House Cafe has returned, with dozens of acts from Salt Spring and beyond on stage.

One of this week's visiting performers is Edmonton-based Scott Cook, offering an acoustic show with Melissa Walker and Bramwell Park on Thursday, May 23.

Cook and company are currently on a major tour through B.C. and Washington state.

"Scott loves being a full-time musician, even with all the ups and downs that vocation brings in the digital age," writes Cameron Fairbairn in a recent article.

Cook is a musician who is passionate about the words of his songs.

"His passion for words resonates from his 2009 album, This One's On the House, to the 2011 Moonlit Rambles, and now even more in the new CD, One More Time Around. This 10-song stripped down CD is simply beautiful; beautiful to look at, lovely to read the stories behind the songs in the 32-page insert, and of course, beautiful to listen to." Fairbairn also notes that Cook's live show is "outstanding for its fun and energy."

Bass player Walker has played electric bass for a number of years for a variety of bands, and enjoys the sound and challenges of playing the upright bass.

"Her charming intensity and concentration during the show is lovely to

watch," said Fairbairn.

Park will play banjo, guitar and mandolin, and maybe even mouth harp.

Music runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

For more information about Cook and his music, see www.scottcook.net.

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what's on this week



Wed. May 22	Fri. May 24	Sat. May 25	Sun. May 26	Mon. May 27	Wed. May 29
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Vaughn Fulford. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Garden Club. Chris Chadwell, a modern-day plant hunter specializing in the Himalaya, is guest speaker. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Pinocchio. Annual whole school production by the Salt Spring Centre School. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m. Tony Furtado. Guitar and banjo master, accompanied by a guest fiddler, in a Southend Grooveyard house concert. 128 Holmes Rd. 7:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Creativity, Play and Possibilities. Weekend-long retreat for women with Ahava Shira starts today. Register 250-537-8767 or email ahavashira@gmail.com. Butterstone Farm 7 to 9 p.m. Imaginarium. Opening reception for Leanne Brusatore exhibit. Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art. 5 to 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Viva Voce! Presents Our Spirits Sing. Spring concert, plus Viva Voce Youth choir. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. ACTIVITIES Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m. Anglican Parish Garage Sale. Annual fundraiser. All Saints By-the-Sea. 9:30 a.m. Rainwater Harvesting Trade Show. Free event for Drinking Water Week. Meaden Hall. 1 to 4 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Half-Day Meditation. Zen practice. Info & registration: Simon, 250-537-172. 340 LePage Road. 7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. BC SPCA Open House. An animal-themed day of fun with kids' activities, educational displays, shelter tours and refreshments. Plus half-price adoption fees on all cats, kittens and rabbits May 24-26. SPCA office. Noon to 4 p.m. Cooperative Preschool's Spring Carnival. Music, food, games, crafts, magic show, petting zoo, etc. Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk for Guide Dogs. Lions Foundation of Canada fundraiser. Meet at ArtSpring park at 1 p.m. and walk the town at 2 p.m. Prizes, gifts and dog info tables.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Leeroy Stagger. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. ACTIVITIES Harpooned Soul - The Jade Bell Story. Canadian premiere of Salt Spring-based film about young man physically disabled by drug abuse, and fundraiser for youth recording studio and mentorship program. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 p.m. Bees 'n Teas Grand Opening. Teahouse and Honey Emporium. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Advanced Care Planning - Your Voice, Make it Loud and Clear. Dying with Dignity Salt Spring presentation with VIHA RN Dawn Dompierre. Public Library meeting room. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Bike to Cake and Dialogue. Celebration of Bike to Work Week. Location TBA. 4 to 6 p.m. GLOSSI Movie Night - Romeos. The first film in a series of LGBTQ-themed nights, to be held on the last Wednesday of each month. RSVP gbtyman@shaw.ca with subject line 'GLOSSI Movie Nights'. 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 23 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Scott Cook. Edmonton trio with Bramwell Park and Melissa Walker. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting. Public business meeting. Town hall session at noon. Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. Open Stage Night. Hosted by Richard Cross. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m. Art on Paper. Artists' reception. Pod Contemporary gallery. 6 to 8 p.m.	ACTIVITIES StoryTime at the Library. Jim Raddysht entertains with songs and stories, for children 4 to 7 years. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m. Customer Appreciation Day. Free hot dogs (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), specials & draws, and equity statement/cheque pickup. Mid Island Co-op. Blackburn Property Guided Hike. SSI Conservancy event with birder Karen Ferguson. Meet at 265 Blackburn Rd. 3 p.m. Shine. An evening of ecstatic dance with all-female DJ line-up featuring AppleCat, Erica Ross and Jelena Marda. Beaver Point Hall. 7 p.m. to midnight.	Sat. May 25 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Barley Brothers. The Local, 3 to 5:30 p.m. Richard Cross. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Pinocchio. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. Double H. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Roller Derby Hootenanny. Second annual BBQ and dance, with Carolyn Mark and Her New Best Friends and Meatdraw. Southern-style BBQ starts at 7:30 p.m., music at 9 p.m. Fulford Hall. 19+ event.	Sun. May 26 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Pinocchio. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 2 p.m. Viva Voce! Presents Our Spirits Sing. Spring concert, plus Viva Voce Youth choir. ArtSpring. 2 p.m. Piano Bar with Diana English. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.	Tues. May 28 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Open Stage with David Jacquet. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. ACTIVITIES Family Fitness at Portlock Park. A Family Place activity. 10 a.m. to noon. Salt Spring Special Olympics. AGM. Choices. 7 p.m.	Mon. May 27 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m. Russell deCarle. Prairie Oyster Band member performs with Steve Briggs and Denis Keldie. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

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- **Leanne Brusatore's** exhibit called Imaginarium opens at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art on Friday, May 24 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show runs until June 12.
- **The Grand Visions Exhibition** of new work by Daniel Tibbitts and Kevin Peters runs at Gallery 8 in Grace Point Square, continuing daily through June 5.
- The opening exhibition of **Pod Contemporary** is Art on Paper, featuring eight local artists. It runs daily to June 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 102-120 Fulford-Ganges Rd. (Opening reception on May 23, 6 to 8 p.m.)
- West Coast painter **Wesley Clark** exhibits recent selected acrylics from four favourite themes at the Harbour House Hotel gallery during May.
- **Fernwood Road Cafe** hosts a show of paintings called Hockey is Alive on Salt Spring Island by **Bill Brownridge** until June 15.
- **Peter Eyles'** recent oil paintings are exhibited during May throughout the ArtSpring lobby, with inspiration from the natural beauty of the West Coast environment.
- **Lisa Lipsett** shows Nestling paintings at **Cafe Talia** until May 31.
- **Alli Hames** and **Luke Loiselle** show work at Barb's Bakery and Bistro during May.
- **Shutterjunkie** (photography by **Gregor Alan**) is at Salt Spring Coffee Co. through May and June.
- **Duthie Gallery** features photos by celebrated photographer **Alex Waterhouse-Hayward** until May 30.
- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** presents photos by **Judy H. McPhee** at the Country Grocer Café through May.
- **David Moss** has paintings at Penny's Pantry

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PETS Rescued lamb brings smiles to Salt Spring

Martha Lamborghini's town visits appreciated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Burgoyne Valley residents Helga and Michael Bagnell have welcomed a new baby into the family, despite being of advanced years.

Martha Lamborghini, now three weeks old, is a pure white Cheviot lamb who was rejected by her mother in favour of a more dominant twin. She was found in a farmer's field by the Bagnells' friend Sharon Williamson and adopted with the owner's consent.

Martha is bottle fed every three hours, wears newborn-sized diapers

and even sleeps with her new parents for the time being.

"Eventually she will be moving outside and have her own pen — very close to the house, because she thinks she's a human now," said Helga Bagnell.

"I bring her to town and everyone gets a smile on their face, and she enjoys it. A lady came up to me today, she said she'd had a depressing week, but this made her really happy."

Bagnell said her husband is more like Martha's actual mother. They intend to keep her forever, along with a collection of handicapped pets, including a one-legged chicken.

"We live in sheep country and we can't have a dog, so we're going to have a sheep," Bagnell said.



Helga and Michael Bagnell with Martha Lamborghini, a three-week-old Cheviot lamb rejected by her mother and adopted by the Bagnells.

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ANIMAL WELFARE Affordable adoption campaign aims to end long waits for cats

Open house on May 26

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's BCSPCA branch is gearing up for its annual campaign to find homes for some of the shelter's long-term residents.

"We have cats in care that have been here too long," said branch manager Sean Hogan. "Long lengths of stay are not beneficial to animals in shelters."

Between May 24 and 26, the local animal shelter will join branches across the province as part of the End the Wait campaign. While typical fees are \$95 for adult cats and \$120 for kittens, cats, kittens and rabbits can be adopted from a local shelter for half the normal adoption fee during the campaign.

The Salt Spring branch has 15 cats ranging in age from

two to 14 years available for adoption.

"In our branch, we have a group of cats that have been with us for an average of 75 days," Hogan said. "We hope to end the wait for these cats who have been waiting for a loving home by offering a reduced adoption fee."

Hogan notes that normal adoption counselling and matching takes place to ensure that the animals go to good homes.

The longest in-care cat, Quadra, has been at the shelter for 140 days.

"It's much too long for an animal to wait for a positive outcome," Hogan said.

"Longer stays mean that an animal has less of a chance being adopted, bottom line."

"We hope the adoption promotion will encourage Salt Springers to come forward and offer a permanent situation. A shelter is not



Pirate (top) and Qtip are awaiting adoption on Salt Spring.

a home."

Community members are encouraged to visit the local branch to meet adoptable animals, participate in family activities and learn about the work of the BCSPCA.

The BCSPCA cared for nearly 30,000 animals in 2012 in 36 branches across the province.

According to branch manager Hogan, in 2012, the

small cat-only facility behind the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic on Lower Ganges Road adopted out 130 cats and kittens — nearly 40 per cent more than in the previous year.

Already in 2013, Hogan says adoptions have been slow-going, but not the influx of animals.

"We were hit with two large-scale cat hoarding situations at the end of 2012, which brought 125 cats and kittens into our custody," Hogan states. "While we found homes for most of these little souls through the help of networking with off-island rescues, we still have some of these adoptable pets in care."

The BCSPCA's open house will be held on Sunday, May 26 between noon and 3 p.m.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Church holds flapjack fundraisers



Long weekend sales set for summer

The Anglican Parish hosted the first in a series of long weekend pancake breakfasts on Saturday, supporting several fundraising projects this summer.

Money raised will be used locally and globally to support work in Mexico, Kenya and India, as well as projects on Salt Spring Island.

Breakfasts will be held in All Saints church on Park Drive from 9 to 11 a.m. on the long weekend Saturdays, while from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a bake/craft sale will be held.

"There will be lots of shopping opportunities with the sale of frozen homemade meat pies, home-baking and over 100 craft items," said parish spokesperson Doreen Hewitt.

Coffee with pastries will also be sold over the five-hour period.



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

From left, Heather Cutten gives Rev. Richard Stetson a tasty break from his kitchen duty at Saturday's pancake breakfast fundraiser, while Doreen Hewitt gets set to serve more plates.

GISS

Antagonism part of the job for Nickson

Eco-Fascists author gives GISS talk

BY BROOKE MIDDLETON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

"I hope you at least enjoyed some toast with your hate mail this morning" is hardly a recommendable conversation starter.

On Thursday, May 9, however, that was my opening line. Sitting next to me with a smile and a cup of carbonated water was Elizabeth Nickson, celebrated author (*The Monkey-Puzzle Tree*) and columnist ("I Eat Hate Mail for Breakfast") for a multitude of papers, including *The Globe* and *Mail*.

Nickson had just concluded delivering a presentation about her newest book *Eco-Fascists: How Radical Conservationists Are Destroying Our Natural Heritage* to our class at Gulf Islands secondary. After hearing what she had to say it came as no surprise that she had received negative feedback from the environmentalist community.

"Over 40 million rural people . . . have been cleared from the countryside by the environmental movement since 1980. Hundreds of once prosperous and healthy counties are now welfare counties," Nickson said before quoting Amy Ridenour, president of the National Center for Public Policy Research: "It's no surprise these industries are in serious decline."

One of her slides referred to Mark Dowie's statement that more than "20 million indigenous and traditional peoples have been cleared from their



PHOTO BY STEVE BERRY

Elizabeth Nickson at GISS.

lands by the World Wildlife Fund, Conservation International and The Nature Conservancy."

"I'm not anti-green, though," Nickson assured. "And these organizations have certainly been conserving land."

This is quite true. According to the *Conservation Almanac*, the Trust for Public Land, "as of 2005, 20 per cent of the U.S., or 473,653, 970 million acres [have] been placed under no-use or limited-use restrictions."

By 2010 "the figure stood at 700 million acres. Adding the spotted owl forests . . . more than 800 million acres lie under conservation," said Nickson. "However, many people are concerned about the 27,000 predicted extinctions each year."

"Of the 4,428 known mammal species . . . only three mammals have gone extinct in the last 500 years. These were the Bluebuck antelope, South Africa; the Algerian gazelle, Algeria; and the Omilteme cottontail rabbit, Mexico."

When I inquired about the results

of this ecosystem management, Nickson was prepared with her research.

"Because firebreaks, thinning, salvage harvesting, etc., are expressly forbidden by the environmental movement, between 90 and 200 million acres of Western forest are considered by the Forest Service itself to be in immediate danger of exploding into fire. [The] speedy removal of trees could have stopped the pine beetle and budworm, but environmental assessments took so long [that] the pine beetle spread to a point that was unstopable.

"The now overgrown forests reduce water flow to communities, farms and ranches below the forest. As much as 50 per cent of deadfall piles reach more than 20 feet high, creating barriers that force large predators down into human communities to look for food."

Nickson explained how she came across this information.

"A few years back I began reading about the struggles of these outcast people. I have a lot of sympathy for common working-class men and women. I figured these cases required some looking into."

She added that the result of her research has earned her a fair number of antagonists.

As our pleasant interview came to a close I could not help but recall one of Winston Churchill's more popular quotes: "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

The writer is a Grade 12 GISS student.

ZEN Time to spring ahead and sit down

Half-day meditation
event coming up

To sit quietly without listening to music or checking for messages may seem daunting. But many Salt Spring Islanders have found that practising meditation and mindfulness helps us to cope with stress, whether our own or others'.

On Sunday, May 26, the Salt Spring Zen Circle invites both beginners and experienced meditators to a gentle half-day of meditation at Ango Retreat, 340 LePage Rd., from 7:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction is offered for those who would like it, with both chairs and cushions provided.

Sitting meditation is only one part of this half-day. Walking meditation plus the opportunity to be outside in the peaceful setting at Ango Retreat (while helping with light gardening as a traditional part of the practice) will make this a very relaxing morning break, far from the stresses of daily life.

Zen teacher Peter Levitt, who has been practicing Zen meditation for close to 40 years, will guide the meditation and give a talk that shows how Zen practice and daily life are really old-time friends.

While in the Zen tradition the teacher receives no remuneration, voluntary donations for the teachings are gratefully accepted. To register or enquire, please call Simon Rompre at 250-537-1721.

Article submitted by the Salt Spring Zen Circle group.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

BANISH THE BROOM: Dan Logan helps clear Scotch broom from a spot on Long Harbour Road adopted by the Salt Spring Rotary Club.

This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A full spectrum on your to do list is keeping you busy now, perhaps too busy. Yet, it is also inspiring creative expression. In the weave will be social interests. In the bigger picture, deep changes continue to unfold. These are activating you to want to push through and beyond the existing status quo. Yet, it is important that you take an extra strategic approach.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Opportunities to enter new territory somehow are on your radar. An expansive time continues and for the sake of productivity and progress it is important that you be in-tune and responsive. This cycle began last year yet a resurgence of it is rolling in now. The good news is that these waves will remain steady. Take full advantage now!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

An expansive and abundant cycle continues. Yet beyond sweet dreams it seems that it is genuine needs that want your attention. Feeling secure about it all may be a challenge. Health concerns, yours or those of significant others are on your mind. It may be that these are beyond your immediate control anyway. Still, an added measure of disciplined response is required.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)

Sowing the seeds of new friendships and associations is a current theme. Looking to the future, it probably feels important to be proactive and open-minded. This includes working behind the scenes. Drawing from your deeper well of faith in the changes that are unfolding is probably easier said than done. So, do your homework and clarify your options.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

A good deal of shifting is shaking your status quo. Your public and professional life is in focus. It is important that you take a visionary and creative approach. This includes reaching out to make key connections. This will require some innovation and extra diplomatic efforts for best results. The key is to decipher then clarify how your interests will benefit theirs.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

New visions and dreams are dancing in your mind. Yet your scope is very practical. This includes adjustments and changes close to home and in your profession. The path may seem clear yet it is not altogether obvious. Taking key risks is ideal yet it feels important that these be calculated ones. Extra efforts and research is required.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

The time has come to make some new moves in the money game. There may be more than just money at stake, but it is a central theme. This includes making investments and paying dues. What is coming up fast now is the prospect of travel, adventure and perhaps even relocation. You could go far and to great lengths to achieve your goals over the coming weeks.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Some promising new developments on relationship fronts are reason for excitement. You feel committed to realize your dreams. One of the bigger challenges includes deciphering clearly what you want and need. The main issue to overcome is sending out mixed messages. The other challenge involves deciphering the difference between the lower and the higher way.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Changes in your overall lifestyle continue to roll in. This includes your work and key relationships. Cultivating healthier rhythms is also a key theme. There are indications that you have and continue to enjoy some perks. This is an expansive cycle overall. Yet, the deep end includes clearing the old to make way for the new.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

A creative cycle has been a source of energy and inspiration for your ambitions. You have had to take some very calculated risks not all of which leave you feeling so confident. Are your efforts truly conducive to meet your needs? This sort of critical analysis is a sobering task. A review of your dreams and goals will lead you to make some key adjustments.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

The seeds of change have been sown very close to home. At best, these are inspiring you to take a few risks, perhaps even a leap of faith. The time has come to push through resistances, especially that of your own attitude and perspectives. Fortunately, this creative wave of risk venture will continue. The next step includes communicating your aspirations effectively.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Many thoughts, ideas and plans are on your mind. With your confidences running pretty high, the time is right to act upon them. Your entire philosophy of life and subsequent visions of what you want and what is possible is changing. You are ready to experience a whole new quality of connections. Trust what you feel you 'should do' and do it!

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Marjorie Joan Dowsley

Dowsley, Marjorie Joan, (nee Thatcher) born November 15th, 1930 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, passed away suddenly May 09, 2013 on Salt Spring Island.

Joan is predeceased by her brother Ross and Clarke. She leaves to mourn, her loving and devoted husband Donald, sons Gordon and John, daughter Alexandra, brother Ronald, daughters in-law Lynn and Shauna, granddaughter Jennifer, grandsons Christopher, Michael, Stephen, Patrick, Thomas, great grandsons Carter, Colton and Gavin.

Joan cherished Salt Spring and loved having family and friends visit and enjoy their botanical paradise. We will always remember her passion for life, learning, gardening and sense of humour.

Forever in our hearts, Joan loved and was loved by her family and friends, and will be so dearly missed. No service by request, in lieu of flowers, a donation could be made to the charity of your choice.



StageCoach Theatre School shares a rainbow of roses to those that made our Annual Show - Aladdin and Presentations - such a success:

Maria at Rainbow Road Trading for loaning the "Magic Carpet". Michele MacKenzie and Rebecca Niedziela for the amazing costumes and make-up. Karen Arney, Dave Milutinovic and Doug Rhodes for being the best band ever! Carolyn Walkner our stage manager extraordinaire! Alexander MacKenzie, David Chan, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Sebastian Howe for filming, editing and creating DVD's of the Annual show.

Salt Spring Centre School for the loan of costume pieces.

- Jen MacLellan Photography for the wonderful pictures.
- The Government of BC for the gaming grant of \$7,000 for this year's programs
- Country Grocer for jumping on board as our FIRST Star Patron sponsor!
- The SS Chamber of Commerce for their \$1000 donation from the Sip and Savour Event.
- The Salt Spring Foundation for the purchase of our brand new Fire hall banner!
- Salt Spring Community Theatre for their donation.
- Penny Burton for her thoughtful donation.
- The Salt Spring United Church for housing our school over the past four years!

(Thank you for putting up with our shenanigans.)

- Lions Club and SD64 for venue rentals.
- All the board members and parents that made goodies and ran our concession, helped set up the silent auction, got their kids to rehearsals and helped them run lines for months!
- All of the individuals and businesses that make donations to our silent auction.

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Registrations for next year's programs begin May 15, 2013.
www.stagecoachtheatreschool.ca

BLAIS, MARGUERITE
 celebration mass will be held at 2pm, Friday, May 31, 2013 at our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 135 Drake Rd, Salt Spring Island.

DEATHS

CRAIG, NORAH
 May 28, 1916 - May 2, 2013

Our amazing Mom, Gramma, GG passed away in Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island after a brief battle with cancer. She will be missed by everyone who's life she touched.

A celebration of life will be held at the O.A.P. hall in Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island from 2pm till 4pm May 27, 2013.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the S.P.C.A. would make Norah smile.

A special thank you to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and Beacon Community Services.

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Location: the hall at the Legion

DEATHS DEATHS


Elizabeth Agnes Emily Bongie
 28 September 1930 - 18 May 2013

Elizabeth ("Bettye") passed away at the age of 82 in Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island. She is survived by Larry, her husband of 54 years, her son Chris (Ishita), her brother William (Joan), and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born in Victoria, the daughter of William and Alice Bryson, Bettye did her undergraduate studies at Vic College and UBC, winning upon graduation in 1951 the coveted Governor General's Gold Medal. In the following years, she pursued doctoral studies at the University of Illinois and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, receiving her PhD in Classics in 1956. On her return to British Columbia, she was appointed the first woman tenure-track member of the Department of Classics at UBC where she taught until her retirement in 1992.

The award of a Master Teaching prize was but one sign of the high esteem in which she was held by students and colleagues alike. In addition to her contributions to the teaching of Greek and Latin language, literature, and mythology, Bettye was a pioneering contributor to both the Medieval and the Women's Studies programmes on campus. Over the course of her career, her scholarly and teaching interests ranged widely, from an early concentration on Greek paleography to an evolving focus on the spiritual lives of women in antiquity, well evidenced in her translation of the Life and Regimen of the Blessed and Holy Syncretica. Widely travelled, most notably in her retirement years, she and Larry eventually moved from Vancouver to Salt Spring, where she had spent many happy summers as a child. Gardening, reading, and embroidery filled her days and even in the midst of increasing health difficulties she held true to the words of Julian of Norwich, one of her favourite medieval woman mystics: "All Shall Be Well, And All Shall Be Well, And All Manner Of Thing Shall Be Well."


The family wishes to thank Dr. James Franklin White, the Home & Community Care nurses of Salt Spring, and the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their unstinting care and assistance. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or to a charity of choice are welcomed. A private memorial will be scheduled at a later date.



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

RUMSEY, Arthur George
 April 25, 1921 - May 11, 2013



Art passed away peacefully, on Saturday, May 11, 2013 with family by his side.

Survived by wife Lou, daughters Sue (Don) Michiel, Judy (Joe) Battista, Pam (Paul) Hinton, and Debbie (Wayne) Derksen as well as grandchildren Jason (Christie), Spencer (Dawn), Mike (Suzanne), Donato (Angela), Andrew (Chelsey), Simon, Jeremy (Michelle), Sabrina (Dan), and Caroline (Steve) and great grandchildren Nate, Jack, Aria, Morgan and Maxwell.

He was predeceased by parents Lionel and Violet, brothers Jack and Roy, and daughter Wendy.

Art served as a member of the Canadian Militia during World War II in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. It was during that time that he met and married his wife of more than 65 years, Lou.

Art worked with BC Telephone Company in Vancouver for many years and then was transferred to Salt Spring Island in 1970. It was a dream come true for he and Lou, and they enjoyed many happy years together there. Dad especially loved his garden, stained glass projects, woodworking, and his art classes.

People who knew him remember him as kind, gentle, reliable, extremely honest (sometimes more than necessary!), and always loyal. His cheerfulness and "unique" sense of humour will never be forgotten.

The family would like to thank the very kind and caring staff at West Vancouver Care Centre, Dad's "home" for the last year.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

IN MEMORIAM GIFTS

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Salt Spring Island CONSERVANCY

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COMING EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. Donald MacGregor announces that effective May 31, 2013 his Salt Spring ophthalmology office, which has been in operation for 23 years will close.

Medical files at the office located at Lady Minto Hospital will be integrated into his Duncan office located at 203 - 300 Brae Rd, telephone (250) 748-2922. All existing appointments will remain unchanged but will be transferred to the Duncan office and will be confirmed by his office staff. Dr. MacGregor regrets the inconvenience to patients and appreciates their understanding.

INFORMATION

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of THOMAS NELSON VODDEN, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., V8K 2W1 on or before July 3, 2013, after which date the Executors will distribute the Estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executors then have notice.

James Pasita
Solicitor for the Estate of THOMAS NELSON VODDEN

PERSONALS

REHABILITATION COUNSELLING: An Introduction Mount Joy College is providing a series of seminars introducing a Christian-based rehabilitation program for drug addicted youth. May 25, June 8, June 22, 9 am to 4 pm. To register call 250-642-2844 or www.mtjoycollege.com.

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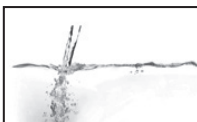
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SAILING Mixed bag greets Round Salt Spring race sailors

52 per cent of racers complete course

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Participants and spectators are heralding the weekend's Round Salt Spring race as another great event both on and off the water.

"The thing about the Salt Spring race that is different from most races is the whole ambience, the barbecue and the shore thing," said competitor David Questo. "Very few races have a shore component that is so welcoming."

Questo, a veteran of the Round Salt Spring and numerous other long-distance races in the region, said the Round Salt Spring's special atmosphere attracts a variety of sailors who make sure the event is a great experience.

"It's always a relaxed race," he said.

Even though Questo was among the 48 per cent of racers who did not cross the finish line within the allotted time, he said,

the event still offered a fun and rewarding set of challenges.

"It varies because it's all about catching enough breeze. The problem with Salt Spring is that it has a lot of lumps," he said.

Timing one's passage along the course to coincide with the currents, he added, is essential to avoid having the door of opportunity slam shut.

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DAVID QUESTO
Race competitor

Fifty-five of the 107 registered vessels finished the 42-nautical mile course by 10 a.m. on Sunday, after a mixed bag of sailing conditions were encountered around the island. The Royal Victoria Yacht Club's Baaad Kitty! earned the Marshall Sharp Trophy and first place overall while defending



From left, Charles Melanson, Jim Frisku and Marilyn Kerr cheer on "Annie" (with captain Roger Aubin) at the Round Salt Spring race on Saturday.

champion My-Tai, representing the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, placed second and Tripp

Tease, from the Comox Bay Sailing Club, finished the race in third position.

The top three boats crossed the finish line with corrected times of 8:23:09, 8:26:07 and 8:31:34, respectively.

Imp, the top vessel from the host Salt Spring Sailing Club, finished 26th overall with a corrected time of 20:33:30.

"This year's Round Salt Spring Race got off to an exciting upwind start, and before the race was over, competitors were challenged with a wide range of conditions that brought the first place winner home with a corrected time of 8:23:09, and the last place boat over the line with a corrected time of 22:23:45," wrote the Salt Spring Sailing Club's Silk Questo in her post-race report.

"In between were a fast downwind leg that filled Trincomali Channel with a parade of spinners, some drenching showers, lots of strategic current play, a gorgeous sunset and a frustratingly calm, moonlit evening that rewarded only the patient."

A full list of results is available at www.saltspringsailing.ca.

CHALLENGE CUP Salt Spring FC crushes Comox



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Competitive women's division-winning Sanchez team member hoists the cup.

More than 1,000 attend games

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring teams competing among 32 squads in five divisions at the 28th annual Challenge Cup gave hundreds of fans plenty to cheer for during three days of soccer excitement over the Victoria Day long weekend.

"It was amazing," said Tami Benoit, a Salt

Spring United player who competed in the women's competitive category.

The weekend's highlight, she said, came during Monday afternoon's final when Salt Spring recaptured the men's competitive title in a hard-fought match against the Gnome Hunters, the Comox Valley's three-time defending champions.

Salt Spring FC forced their opponents to swallow their pride — along with the "dynasty" emblazoned jerseys — following a 2-1 victory.

Perhaps even more remarkable, Benoit said, was FC's dramatic semi-final shootout victory. Chris Jason footed the winning goal as keeper John Macdonald skillfully guarded Salt Spring's net. Benoit called the match nothing short of spectacular.

Salt Spring's youthful Sons of Pitches squad finished second in the men's recreational division, while the island's two women's teams bowed out of the competition during Sunday's semi-final action.

"We worked hard but didn't make it," Benoit added. Likewise, the Old Boys and Salt Spring Alumni failed to advance to the finals of their division.

Benoit said she suspects more than 1,000 people stopped by the main playing fields at Gulf Islands secondary and Portlock Park to take in the action between May 18 and 20.

"I'd like to send a good shout out to the community, especially Salt Spring United for putting it all together," Benoit said.

She said the beer garden, sponsored by Gulf Islands Brewery and Lonetree Cider, along with food catering by Salt Spring-based Fresh Coast Catering, were a welcome addition to the sideline atmosphere.

As always, tournament proceeds will get invested in sports-related causes and organizations on the island and internationally.

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RECREATION

Salt Spring Golf Club celebrates 85 years of action

Specials include low green fee this weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club began with a good idea that was shared between 33 people at Mahon Hall in 1928.

Island golfers who didn't feel like travelling to Victoria anymore convinced local orchardist Norman Wilson that his Barnbury Farm was the ideal spot for new greens. He agreed — setting a course of history into action that would still be going strong 85 years later.

Boasting reasonable green fees and a nine-hole course that's both inviting to newbies and challenging enough for the pros, the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club is a rare success story in a tough climate for many larger courses, says general manager and head professional Steve Marleau.

"It's the combined effort of the

board of directors, management and the employees teaming up with the members," Marleau said, noting a small but committed staff puts in many hours of hard work to make the facility run smoothly.

"We are known for our friendly, relaxed atmosphere with very friendly members," he added.

The golf course was acquired in 1961 after a series of changes in ownership had occurred and an alarming proposal for subdivision and development was suggested. The club house was completed in 1964, as were new greens and a new water system. The club currently has a membership of around 340 people ranging in age from five to 93.

For golfers, the course offers a beautiful setting that keeps play interesting beyond visits from local wildlife like geese and deer.

"The uniqueness of this course is the small greens and the undulating fairways that create uneven lies," explained Marleau, who has lived on Salt Spring for 43 years and been



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Golfer enjoys Salt Spring Golf and Country Club during a recent outing.

playing golf at the course since he was 12.

"Our terrain is rolling. Good golfers find our golf course challenging to score on."

The club features full amenities such as a well-stocked pro shop, a driving range, a practice putting green and lessons, power cart rentals and a recently renovated club house. The club restaurant seats up to 150 people, making it great for small and large gatherings, and had a change in caterers last year.

New additions will ensure that current members and visitors stay happy. A new irrigation system will be fully completed by the summer, while a massive three-year drainage upgrade is expected to be complete in 2015. Meanwhile, a new golf management system that includes online reservation for tee times will help improve scheduling. Marleau expects these combined changes will transform Salt Spring into a golf destination within the next three or four years.

The club is also a good community member. It has a self-sufficient water source for irrigation so it doesn't have to draw from local lakes, and is not on the Ganges sewer system. In addition

to drawing visitors to the community for special events and tournaments, the club frequently hosts events for charities such as Lady Minto Hospital, the Royal Canadian Legion, Golf for the Cure and more.

Other groups have also benefited from the property: Salt Spring Tennis Association found a home there for its indoor court after a long search.

Marleau notes that walking the course is exceptional exercise, and when done properly, swinging a golf club can work every muscle in the body.

"And it's a great way to spend a couple of hours outside," he added.

To help encourage more people to spend some time on the course, the club is offering a special introductory membership rate of \$85 for 2013, a substantial cost savings from the usual \$950 fee.

As well, anniversary celebrations this weekend will offer golfers an \$8.50 green fee on May 25 and 26. For more information, visit saltspring-golf.com.

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