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Skater-heroes get their man, dude

Local youths aid police pursuit of thief

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Skateboarders hanging out in a downtown parking lot are being hailed as local heroes after helping police track down and subdue a thief hiding in Ganges Saturday afternoon.

"I knew something was up when this man tried to sell us a hat he'd stolen from the skate shop," said Will Cornwall, 16.

"He said that's how he made his money, by stealing things and re-selling them."

Within minutes of declining the offer, Cornwall and eight fellow skaters were on their decks searching high and low for the suspect.

"By the time I heard police were looking for him, he'd already run off into the bushes," said Kevin Coates, one of the skateboarders.

"Then we spotted him peeking out of the bushes near Island Escapades."

Pursued by the eight skaters and a lone Salt Spring RCMP officer, the suspect proceeded towards ArtSpring where he then hid in the trees between the Peace Park and the Salt Spring Public Library.

One witness recounted seeing a police officer chasing a shirtless man across the street from ArtSpring, as she relaxed in the arts centre lobby.

"It's not really something you're used to seeing," said



MEL'S SKATER BOYS: Store owner Melinda Divers hailed Kevin Coates, Will Cornwall and Eli Balec as heroes after they helped police chase down a shoplifter Saturday afternoon. Photo by Sean McIntyre

"Then we tackled him, one of my friends jumped on his back and Will pushed him over."

— Kevin Coates

Salt Spring resident Jana Roerick.

The suspect evaded capture on two occasions before

his run through Ganges met an abrupt end.

"We tackled him, one of my friends jumped on his back and Will pushed him over," said Coates. "He was kicking and screaming that he didn't want to go back to jail."

During the arrest, the suspect allegedly punched the arresting officer twice in the face.

Once in custody, RCMP charged Dalton Cole, a 32-year-old Parksville resident, with two counts of assaulting

a police officer, two counts of escaping lawful custody and a single count of theft under \$5,000.

He is scheduled to enter a plea in court at Victoria on April 30. Police recovered and returned the stolen hat, valued at \$40.

Melinda Divers, owner of B-Side Clothing, rewarded the youths' bravery with \$25 gift certificates.

"The reward is worth much more than the hat, but I was just so impressed with

these kids," Divers said from her shop on Monday.

"That's what makes it a positive story. It makes a statement about youth and how they feel about their island. They don't want that going on here and that is really amazing."

Cornwall was pretty unfazed by the experience.

"I'm a nice person and like helping out my community," he said.

"I didn't for one second feel like I was in danger."

Island incorporationists demand debate

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Judging from the estimated 100 people attending an Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) meeting at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club Sunday afternoon, the winds of political change are once again stirring across the island.

"As a group we believe Salt Spring is big enough and civilized enough to partake in local government," said Susan Russell, chair of Sunday's meeting and a founding member of ISG.

One of the group's top priorities,

Russell said, is addressing a lack of public debate coinciding with the release of the Islands Trust's governance report and preliminary recommendations of volunteers engaged in rewriting the island's official community plan (OCP).

Launched in 2006 to address concerns about the gap between taxes paid into the Trust by Salt Spring property owners and the services they receive in return, the Governance Task Force's recommendation ranged from doing nothing to increasing the island's number of elected trustees from two to four.

An Islands Trust-sponsored public consultation session on the recommendations is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, at Gulf Islands Secondary at 1:30 p.m.

It will include a 45-minute open house session, a formal presentation of the plan, and a question-and-answer period.

"At this point, we are trying to get input from the public," said Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams on Monday. "People will be able to get up and ask questions and others will be able to respond, so I guess that's a debate."

Participating in a separate event sponsored by a group such as the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, she said, would depend on the parameters and wishes of Salt Spring's two locally elected trustees.

"Right now, it's very speculative," Adams said.

As for the OCP review process, the Islands Trust will hold open-house sessions in Fulford on April 23 and in Ganges on April 25. Trustees hope to collect public input on information presented by OCP

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Aqua takes provincial top spot

Gulf Islands Driftwood publications earned a gold, bronze and two silver awards at the annual Ma Murray awards gala in Vancouver on Saturday night.

The Christmas edition of Aqua magazine was named the best special section entered by newspapers in the under 10,000 circulation category in the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association event.

Judges said "Excellent design, imag-

es and a strong sense of unity between advertising, layout and editorial content all make Aqua a very appealing publication that is sure to leave the reader looking forward to the next issue."

The Gulf Islander earned second best for tourism guides, as did the paper's Gulf Islands Online website, and the Driftwood garnered third place for community service for its Breaking the Violence Cycle pages.

The paper finished fourth overall

in its circulation category of 4,001-13,000.

The Driftwood also earned seven first, second and third place awards in Canadian Community Newspaper Association competitions with winners announced last month, including third best in the country for the 4,000 to 6,499 circulation class.

Aqua also earned the top spot for special section nationally in the 4,000 to 12,499 circulation group.

OCP REVIEW

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review focus groups examining population, economy, environment, potable water, Ganges village and harbour, Fulford village, agriculture and energy use.

The open-house format is designed as a preliminary effort to engage the public, said Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb.

"If we wanted to have a dialogue, we could schedule a separate meeting for each group, but I don't know if there are enough people on the island interested in hearing that kind of depth," he said.

More public events, Lamb said, are on tap for the summer and fall when trustees, staff and focus group members narrow down the scope of proposed changes to the OCP.

"People will be able to get up and ask questions and others will be able to respond, so I guess that's a debate."

— Linda Adams

"I don't think we are going to surprise anybody before it's discussed [in the fall]," he said.

He and fellow trustee George Ehring received support from 1,900 voters in the November 2005 election on the basis they would not discuss incorporation but work to strengthen the Trust instead, he said.

ISG is an incorporated

association seeking to promote the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a municipality operating within the Islands Trust preserve and protect mandate.

According to annual budget figures released by the Trust in February, Salt Spring's contributions are roughly 40 per cent of the Trust's overall tax revenue.

Conversely, the island receives 30 per cent of the Trust's planning services. The remaining 70 per cent is spread among the Islands Trust's 12 other local trust areas.

Speakers at Sunday's event included Ken Marr, Doug Fraser and Norbert Schlenker.

They highlighted the advantages of redirecting tax money away from the Islands

Trust and towards projects that increase public safety, infrastructure and services available to residents of and visitors to Salt Spring if the island became incorporated.

"Why did the Chamber of Commerce have to go hat in hand to businesses and the community to come up with the cash for the control lights at the east end of Rainbow Road? Why did the Lions club have to step up with their hard-earned money for what is really a government responsibility?" asked Marr, a local businessman and ISG financial director. "More importantly, why did it take so many near misses for this to happen? Our local government should cover this."



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Island fire board 'cleans up house'

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board members spent a large portion of their monthly board meeting on Monday sorting through previous trustees' attempts to replace the aging Ganges fire hall.

To help put their house in order, members agreed to hold a special in-camera Wednesday night sitting to plan their new approach.

"I have the feeling the public is waiting anxiously for us to get going," said trustee Mike Arnott, reassured by a decision to expedite the matter. "We seem to be going at a snail's pace, in my opinion."

Discussions arose after trustees received a letter from Johnson Davidson Architects, the Vancouver-based firm hired last year to conduct a site study, asking for information about the project's status.

Following an outcry over a lack of public input earlier this year, trustees dropped

immediate plans to borrow up to \$5 million to purchase property and construct a new fire hall on Kings Lane.

According to the architect's letter, nobody informed the firm about the project's status.

"I think there has been a communication failure between us and the architect," said trustee Bruce Patterson.

"In the last while they haven't heard anything and are probably trying to figure out what's going on over on Salt Spring."

Trustees will spend "as long as it takes" to establish what information is required and whether to retain the architecture firm before a public meeting proposed for sometime during the next month.

When questioned after Monday's meeting, fire trustees could not confirm how much the district had paid Johnson Davidson Architects to date or provide details on any outstanding contractual obligations with the firm.



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A LOOK AT THE PAST: Charles Kahn shows off some of the artifacts at the new Cusheon Cove museum, established at Chris Hatfield's Meyer Road property that is now provincial park property. The event marked the launching of Hatfield and Kahn's historical book, *Forgotten Cusheon Cove*.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Asbestos change sparks response

NDP Member of Parliament Pat Martin kicked off a new campaign to ban asbestos when speaking before a full crowd at Saturday's special NDP meeting at Ganges United Church.

Despite asbestos being one of the greatest industrial killers the world has ever known, the Conservative government has changed regulations to allow asbestos in more products, including children's toys, Martin said to the approximately 60 party members gathered.

Local Conservative MP Gary Lunn is behind these initiatives, Martin said, which is why he kicked off the program in Lunn's backyard.

He distributed petitions to attendees, asking the completed ones to be mailed to

the House of Commons, where Martin vowed to stand up in parliament with the surveys and criticize the new regulations.

During his 45-minute presentation, Martin also touched on a number of the initiatives the party is working on in Ottawa, including the unnecessary use of pesticides in make-up, the investment of Canadian Pension Plan funds into unethical products and ATM fees.

Candidates vying for the federal NDP nomination in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding also attended and spoke at the event, seeking support from NDP members who will get to vote.

Four declared individuals are Mehdi Najari, Hanne Pannekoek, Mark Walsh and Julian West.

Harbour gridlock just getting started

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Boats, planes and crab pots aren't the only things jockeying for a place in Ganges Harbour as organizers prepare to discuss the Ganges Harbour Management Plan on April 24.

"The goal is to create a plan that will both complement the official community plan (OCP) and also take into consideration the community's vision for the harbour," said Bart Terwiel, manager of Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island.

The event comes two weeks before OCP focus group volunteers hold an open house outlining their draft recommendations on their vision of the harbour.

While OCP volunteers may have the right intentions, Terwiel said, their report comes up short in a number of areas.

"We all know where that is headed," he said. "People argue about the environmental impact of expanding the marinas, but every boat not tied to a dock is running a generator for its power and dumping sewage directly into the harbour."

Marina operators like Lesley Cheeseman at Salt Spring Marina could not agree more.

For years, Cheeseman has sought to provide additional moorage for residents and visitors. As things are, the marina has a three-year waiting list for resident moorage.

The Salt Spring Sailing Club's moorage waiting list is several pages long and it's the same story at Centennial Dock.

The Fulford Marina provides some relief, though its location doesn't float so well with north island boaters.

"The situation is so bad it isn't even worth thinking about buying a boat unless your moorage arrangements are secured and confirmed," Cheeseman said.

Everyone with links to the marina will undoubtedly be swayed by results of this week's three-day trial pitting B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. versus the Islands Trust starting today (Wednesday) in Vancouver.

The decision should settle who controls the island's shoreline zones — the Islands Trust's land-use bylaws or the Province of British Columbia.

"Whichever way it goes, it will have a precedent," said

George Leukefeld, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer. "Ultimately this

is a jurisdictional dispute on whether the Islands Trust has control over the shoreline zone."

For Terwiel, however, an adequate management plan must provide a thorough review of all harbour activities.

"It's more than just moorage, it's a major economic hub for the island," he said. "We've got between 40 and 50 planes flying in and out each day in the summer, gravel barges coming in once a week, a coast guard station and a small fleet of fishing vessels."

The plan entails meetings with each group to obtain a comprehensive list of concerns.

It all begins Tuesday, April 24 at the Harbour House between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration is required. For information, contact the harbour authority office at 537-5711.



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Power line case lost in appeal

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

The B.C. Court of Appeal denied appeals by Tsawwassen and Gulf Islands residents challenging the construction of the high-voltage overhead power lines along the existing right of way Friday.

B.C. Hydro and British Columbia Transmission Corporation's (BCTC) Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement (VITR) project will go ahead as scheduled, with a planned in-service date of October 2008. The project, which runs from the mainland to Vancouver Island, including Galiano, Parker and Salt Spring islands, will increase power to meet the needs of Vancouver Island.

The right to appeal has been granted on two grounds: whether the existing right of way agreements permitted the construction of new overhead transmission lines, and whether the "precautionary principle" should have come into effect due to the controversial potential health impact of electromagnetic radiation fields.

According to an Environment Canada website, <http://www.ec.gc.ca/econom/pp/e.htm>, when it comes to government decisions, the precautionary principle states that while "the absence of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason to

postpone decisions, when faced with the threat of serious or irreversible harm . . . guidance and assurance are particularly needed."

The Court of Appeal dismissed both appeals, ruling that the appellants had "recast the issue" on which the right to appeal had been granted.

It also stated the right-of-way issue must be decided by a lower court on a contractual dispute concerning the terms of such agreements.

"With all regulatory and legal avenues for review and comment having been exhausted, and with the endorsement that this process has provided, the VITR project will move into construction," stated a BCTC press release.

According to Jane Peverett, BCTC's president and CEO, residents may choose to challenge the decision or explore other legal options, but as of now, BCTC has not contemplated other legal issues.

Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines was one of the case's appellants. According to an e-mail from group representative Daria Zovi, the organization currently has no comment except to say: "We are very disappointed in the Court of Appeal decision and we are exploring all options, including a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada."



APRIL AT THE BEACH?: Reed Branscombe says the water, the weather and the sand are just fine this spring as he hangs out at the beach at Drummond Park last weekend.
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Spring break changes cause a stir

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

It was not the adoption of the four-day instructional week for the 2007/2008 school year that evoked a public response at last Wednesday's school board meeting, but a change to the school calendar and non-instructional days.

The proposed two-week spring break and the board's method of addressing it caused concern for some parents.

The proposed provincial spring break next year is Thursday, March 13 to Wednesday, March 19 and Easter weekend is March 21 to 24, meaning students would return for one day of school on Thursday before leaving again for the long weekend.

To combat absenteeism, the district proposed spring break run from Monday, March 17 to Thursday, March 27, with a non-instructional day on Friday, March 28, meaning students would not return until March 31.

Alternately, the district is thinking of moving the break back a week to even out the length of the two terms, meaning students would be

off starting Good Friday, March 21 and return Monday, April 7.

The district followed a similar two-week break plan two years ago.

But jokes tossed around about cheaper ski vacations to Mount Washington thanks to the later date left some parents less than impressed.

"It seems to be misguided and short-sighted from a policy point of view," said Robert James of the two-week break. He went on to say two straight weeks of break is unfair to those families who cannot afford to take time off work and are forced to find childcare.

Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray said despite not being wealthy, she and other Galianites embrace the two-week break.

"They can diffuse and chill out or whatever they do with their kids and then get ready for the hustle and bustle of the next term," MacGillivray said of residents. "Because we're poor doesn't mean that we don't enjoy having our kids at home together for two weeks."

Parent Rob Irving said the board's lack of consultation with parents was faulty. Board members argued

a notice was placed in the paper and sent home with students, however, neither specifically stated spring break would be changed to a two-week block.

"I thought that was a major enough change that it should have been communicated with the parents . . . I would suggest the board postpone their decision on this," Irving said.

Although the board passed the motion to adopt the four-day week, the non-instructional days are not yet cast in stone. The board will confirm dates at next month's meeting on May 9.

Superintendent Jeff Hopkins said further consultations will take place between parents and the district before the board makes its final decision on the calendar.

Although the calendar itself was a big topic, discussions specifically concerning the four-day instructional week had all but dried up.

Salt Spring trustee Wolfgang Temmel questioned whether community opposition had been quelled due to an "acceptance of the status quo" or a "surrendering to the inevitable."

He nonetheless voiced his worries about the implica-

tions of the four-day week on younger students.

"We're not doing anything for students at a primary level [which is] where we need to be concentrating our efforts," said Temmel, adding this is where the foundation for a life of literacy is developed.

Irving, a former elementary school teacher, shared similar sentiments.

"If they haven't locked in their learning habits by Grade 5, they're out of luck," Irving said of students.

Although stating the four-day week was adopted for financial reasons, Hopkins said many benefits are now being seen, particularly through John Abbott and the 21st Century Learning Initiative.

He also cited feedback from a recent ministry satisfaction survey in which students and teachers were asked if the four-day week provides a satisfactory learning schedule and pace.

According to survey results, 67 per cent of students indicated they were satisfied all the time and 20 per cent said they were satisfied many times. For teachers, these numbers were 38 per cent and 38 per cent respectively, Hopkins said.

Local teacher librarian time on the rise

It's a hurrah, albeit a hushed one, for school libraries across the district: almost every island school will see increased class time for teacher librarians next year, but not by much.

"My prediction is that you will see a slight increase and a more equitable distribution" of teacher librarian time across the district, said superintendent Jeff Hopkins at last Wednesday's school board meeting.

Total time allocated for teacher librarians across the district will be evaluated in June or early September, Hopkins said.

The announcement came after teacher librarian Carole Eyles and retired

teacher librarian Elaine Jacobson made a presentation to the board about the importance of their role.

Librarians teach literacy and life skills and provide a sanctuary for students, they said.

Citing a number of recent studies, including a Queen's University report published last year, Eyles said cutbacks of teacher librarians have been demonstrated as detrimental to student literacy.

"It's important to our kids that we keep them reading, that we keep all the support in place for them."

Jacobson said cutbacks have occurred throughout the district, and schools

have been forced to choose between allocating time for teacher librarians or counsellors in the past.

"[We are] concerned there will be a continuation or even greater slide of teacher librarian time in the district."

The pair made three suggestions to the board: look at teacher librarian services and their importance as a district; provide teacher librarian time for each school; and ensure that teacher librarian time can't be used for anything else.

The only school that will not be receiving increased librarian time is Saturna, where the principal feels the time is not needed given the school's small size, said Hopkins.

Mobile abattoir visits Salt Spring for intro to local meat producers

A mobile abattoir presentation of interest to red meat producers visits Salt Spring on Monday, April 23.

"Gate to Plate" is the name that Lars Jorgenson, a former Hastings House chef, has called his mobile slaughter business.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 23 his 53-foot customized trailer will be on view at the Farmers Institute, and Jorgenson will explain the process.

"It has taken several years of planning and great persistence by Lars to do what has never been done before in B.C., and rarely in other parts of the world," said

Margaret Thomson, chair of the Salt Spring Sheep Breeders group, in a press release.

"His first mobile abattoir was built for bison in the Fort St. John area. Shipping such powerful animals to a distant slaughterhouse is difficult and stressful, and results in poor quality meat, so taking the slaughter truck to the animals makes good sense."

Monday's event is not a slaughter demonstration, notes Thomson.

Changes to provincial meat processing regulations proposed more than two years ago come into effect

this September.

"This has caused much anxiety to producers in areas such as the Gulf Islands, where there is currently no inspected meat processing facility," said Thomson.

"Gate to Plate plans to build more mobile abattoirs, smaller than the prototype, but providing the same service for sheep, cattle and pigs. These vehicles would visit approved sites at regular intervals and process up to 15 cattle or 50 sheep per day."

For more information about the event, contact Thomson at 537-4669; or windrush@telus.net.

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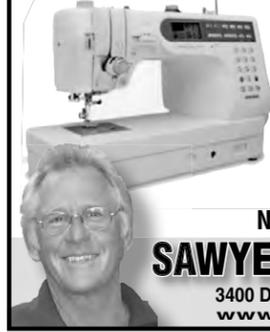
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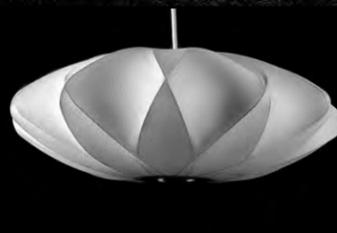
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Smokers: speak up or butt out

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

With the first of three public hearings set for tomorrow afternoon in Sidney, time is running out for people who want to make their voices heard on whether smoking should be permitted on public patios within the Capital Regional District (CRD).

"I have an open mind and am going there to be educated one way or the other," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring's CRD director. "If there is new information, I'm ready to hear it."

The decision to proceed with public hearings on amendments to the Clean Air Bylaw No. 1 passed by only three votes at a CRD meeting last summer.

"Whatever the result, I expect a lengthy discussion on the matter," Holman said. "Both sides have expressed very valid points."

With a possible vote to come as early as May 9, smokers may not have long to light up on restaurant or pub patios between Sooke and the Gulf Islands.

Combined with prov-

"We all know that smoking is bad for you, but so are french fries. Should we make them illegal?"
— Steve Knight

ince-wide legislation to ban smoking in and around public doorways also in the works, it appears tolerance for tobacco use is at an all-time low.

When the CRD Clean Air Bylaw No. 1 was amended in 1999, Salt Spring's Margo Greggains worked at Moby's Pub. Today, she's the lead organizer behind this year's Relay for Life, an overnight walk-a-thon for cancer research held in June.

"At that time we were unsure what the result would be," Greggains said.

"We were happy to work in a non-smoking environment, but I also respect having a place where smokers can go."

Greggains won't attend

the public hearings, although she said the Canadian Cancer Society officially supports all efforts to reduce secondhand smoke.

In 1999, nothing like the Clean Air Bylaw amendment had ever been passed, but since then several municipalities have caught up and gone beyond the CRD's regulations.

In spite of the trend, many bar and restaurant owners have been left fuming.

Overall, the pub industry has suffered a 10 to 12 per cent decline each year since the legislation was introduced, according to Steve Knight, owner of The Local Pub and Liquor Store in Ganges.

Knight will respond to the proposed smoking ban as part of a larger industry-wide movement concerned the regulations could be the last straw for many pub owners.

"We all know that smoking is bad for you, but so are french fries. Should we make them illegal?" he said. "If we are wanting to mandate public health I would suggest that all persons have

two glasses of red wine each day since it has been proven repeatedly to reduce bad cholesterol. Where do you draw the line?"

Other pub owners like Alf Reda at the Fulford Inn saw the writing on the wall a long time ago. With public sentiment and scientific evidence on the side of increased regulations, he said, there's little we can do.

"We've got to adapt and look at different activities to keep people's hands busy," he said.

"Maybe we'll start handing out [nicotine] patches with every pint."

Public hearings are scheduled for April 19 and 26. Tomorrow's meetings are at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney between 1 and 4 p.m. and at Victoria City Hall from 7 to 10 p.m.

The April 26 meeting is in Colwood. No meetings are scheduled for Salt Spring Island.

To obtain more information on the amended bylaw or to submit your opinion, contact www.crd.bc.ca/cleanair.

Court rewards civic responsibility

A 34-year-old Salt Spring Island man appearing in court last week after failing to meet with his probation officer had his sentence reduced based on his commitment to the community.

"Court does not normally reward a breach of probation by softening the conditions, but I think I've got the drift here," said Justice Keith Bracken. "You are not a person who responds well to authority, but you are doing a lot of good things in the community."

As part of his reviewed probation conditions, Robert English must keep the peace and be of good behaviour. He must also pay a \$200 fine within eight months.

English told the court his first and only meeting with his assigned probation officer, in September 2006, did

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not go well.

"She said 'you're a criminal and will keep coming back here for the rest of your life,'" English told the judge. "The whole thing made me feel very small."

English's sentence stemmed from a 2006 assault conviction in Port Alberni.

Barb Penty, serving as Crown counsel in the case, reviewed initial demands English receive a 21-day prison sentence after the defence presented a letter testifying to the accused's good standing and sense of civic responsibility.

In the written statement from his supervisor at the Copper Kettle, an island-

based community partnership group addressing poverty and homelessness, English was described as having "a heart as big as the sky."

In other court news:

A Salt Spring man was ordered to pay a \$750 fine and refrain from driving for one year after pleading guilty to a single count of operating a vehicle while impaired.

Salt Spring RCMP charged Grant Forsyth after attending the scene of a head-on collision along Musgrave Road in June 2006.

After police detected an odour of alcohol and Forsyth failed a roadside screening device, he was taken to the RCMP detachment and provided blood-alcohol samples of 0.170 and 0.160.

Forsyth sustained no injuries in the incident, though a

driver and passenger in the other vehicle were treated for minor injuries on the scene.

"You're very lucky nobody was seriously injured," said Bracken.

"If it was death, you'd be looking at . . . jail. When it comes to getting behind the wheel, you show little concern for your own safety and that of others."

For six months following his one-year driving suspension, Forsyth will only be allowed to operate a motor vehicle to get to and from work.

Forsyth's defence lawyer asked the court to impose a modest sentence given Forsyth's good standing in the community and his efforts to limit alcohol consumption. The judge was not swayed.



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Niazi now acting VP at local high school

Naveed Niazi has been appointed acting vice principal at Gulf Islands Secondary School. He will hold the position until June 29. Niazi is a math and science teacher as GISS and was chosen for the role from a number of applicants. He takes over for Lyall Ruehlen, who assumed the position of principal at Fulford Community Elementary School to cover for Shelly Johnson during her maternity leave.

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Official Community Plan Review

In February 2006 the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee initiated a review and update of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP). The Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan is an Islands Trust Bylaw that contains objectives and policies to guide the decisions of the Local Trust Committee with regard to community planning and land use issues on the island. This OCP Review will be focussed on specific sections of the community plan and may identify new policy issues. The review process and the adoption of the community plan amendments are scheduled for completion early in 2008. The process and timeline for the Official Community Plan Review is shown below. It sets out the main steps to complete the review and the four planned opportunities for community consultation.

Community Consultation

The Local Trust Committee's objective for successful community consultation is to provide a variety of consultation methods that best suit the preferences of individuals and to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard. Throughout the process community members have participated by attending community meetings, serving on advisory committees and focus groups, speaking to staff members or Trustees, completing a questionnaire or simply writing letters with their thoughts and suggestions.

In its first phase of consultation, the Local Trust Committee hosted two round table meetings to hear opinions about the scope of the review. We posted a survey on our website and made it available to the public. Community groups and the Local Trust Committee's advisory committees were also asked to participate in identifying areas of review. Three public meetings were held, and a number of written submissions were received.

What We've Heard

Islands Trust staff have compiled the community response from all these opportunities for community consultation. In total, we received more than 880 comments from community members. 80 per cent of the respondents who completed our website survey agreed that the community vision and values expressed in the current OCP were still relevant and did not need amendment. The most frequently mentioned areas of concern were:

Clustered housing and reduced automobile dependency	12%	Tourism Planning	4%
Potable water supplies on the island	7%	Protecting the natural environment	3%
Affordable housing needs	6%	Green building initiatives	2%
Planning for Ganges and Fulford Villages	4%		

The percentages shown represent the percentage of all the comments that were received.

Where We Are Now

In response to community input, the Local Trust Committee established six focus groups to consider the primary subject areas of the OCP Review. After advertising in October 2006 for interested participants, the members of the focus groups were selected by the Advisory Planning Commission and appointed by the Trust Committee. The subject areas of the focus groups are:

- Population, Housing and Settlement Patterns
- Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism
- Environment
- Potable Water
- Ganges Village and Ganges Harbour
- Fulford Village

The work of these focus groups will be supplemented by the independent and related work of the Area Farm Plan and the Community Energy Strategy groups. The focus groups are scheduled to develop preliminary recommendations by the end of March.

In April a series of community consultation meetings will be held. These meetings will give the focus groups an opportunity to hear from the community prior to finalizing their recommendations by the end of April.

Next Steps

In May 2007, after receiving and publishing the focus group recommendations, the Local Trust Committee will consider all of the suggested amendments and make preliminary decisions concerning the nature of the amendments the Trust Committee would like Islands Trust planning staff to prepare. In June 2007 the Local Trust Committee is scheduled to give planning staff detailed directions to prepare draft amendments to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan.

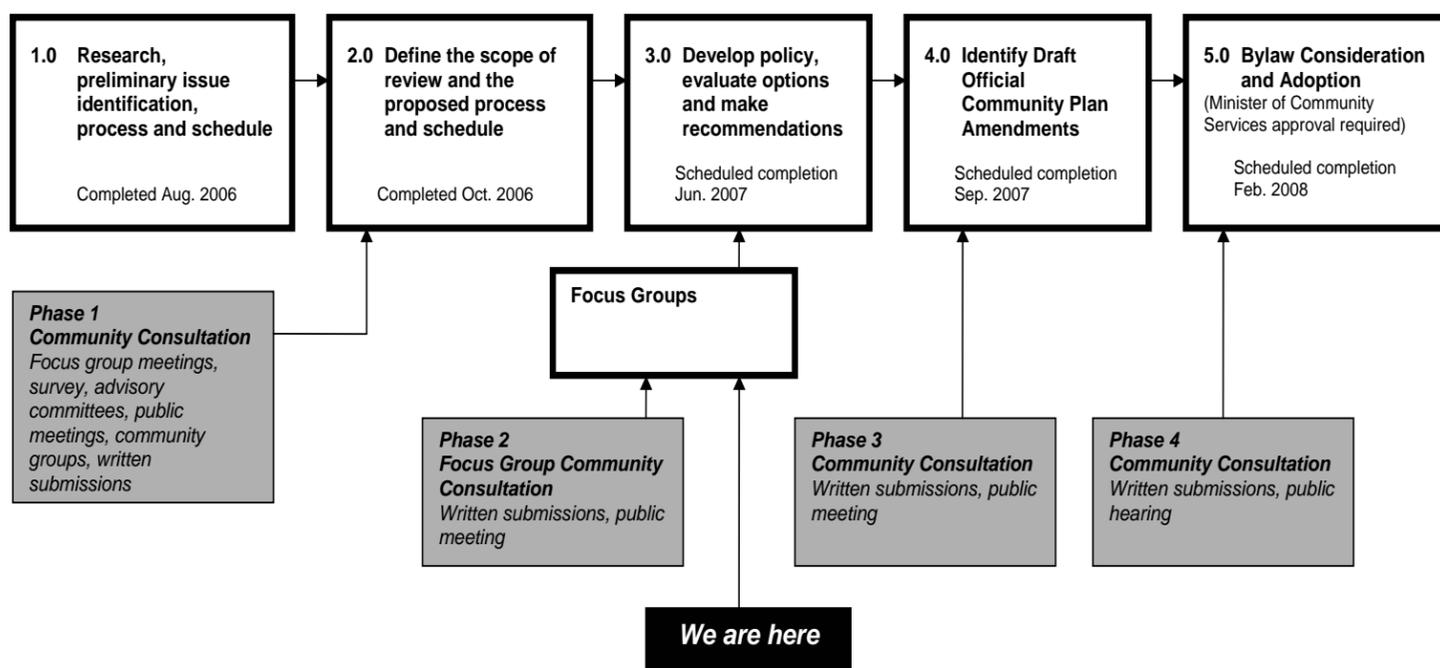
In the fall, the draft amendments are scheduled for completion and the Local Trust Committee will enter into a third consultation process with the community to receive comments on the draft amendments. The final steps of the OCP review process include first reading of a draft bylaw and the fourth phase of community consultation. At this time information meetings and formal public hearings will be held.

How You Can Get Involved

All community members are encouraged to participate in the OCP process, particularly those who have not done so in the past. Please call the Islands Trust office to receive email updates on the OCP review or to let us know how you might like to get involved. We can be reached at:

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Official Community Plan Review 2006 - 2007 Schematic Process Diagram



What People Have Said

"Ganges should become more residential and pedestrian in nature."

"We should try to reduce the use of cars to the maximum extent possible, hence settlement clusters are good."

"Settlement should be considered in light of future global warming impacts, namely rising sea levels, which appear unavoidable at this time."

"I would like to see co-op housing based on green building techniques."

"We need to look for ways to reduce water consumption. Only the most efficient faucets, toilets, appliances should be allowed /sold/approved on the island."



NOTICE OF FOCUS GROUP OPEN HOUSES

Open house meetings for consultation on the preliminary recommendations of the Official Community Plan Focus groups will be held at the following locations and times.

ArtSpring (100 Jackson Avenue) - Wednesday April 25, 2007 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Fulford Hall (2591 Fulford-Ganges Road) - Monday April 23, 2007 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Copies of the focus group preliminary reports are available for review prior to the scheduled open houses. You are encouraged to visit the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca / Salt Spring Island / Projects, Bylaw Reviews and Reports / Official Community Plan Review Focus Groups / Reports and Feedback or pick up a copy of the reports at the Islands Trust Salt Spring office.



OCPs and governance

Islanders with a taste for local government will be turning pages and pondering piles of recommendations in the next few weeks.

On Salt Spring this week, members of the public get their first look at reports of focus groups who studied the island's current official community plan (OCP) and made proposals for changes as part of an Islands Trust review process. Open houses are on April 23 and 25, and reports can now be picked up at the Ganges Trust office or on the Islands Trust website.

It's just the start of the public input process ultimately leading to a new OCP bylaw later this year.

The Islands Trust's Governance Task Review report will be discussed across the Trust area at a series of public meetings beginning with one on Salt Spring on Sunday, April 29.

One thing that's needed for intelligent discussion, however, is a thorough understanding of how the Islands Trust governance system works and the impact of each Trust body on day-to-day lives. Sending more Salt Spring representatives to Islands Trust Council sounds like a grand idea, but it wouldn't be too useful, and governance consultant Allan Neilson-Welch wisely pointed out its folly.

Firstly, Trust Council does make decisions about budgets and issues that affect Salt Spring or other individual islands, but it doesn't rule on specific island projects. It really is a policy-making body legislatively charged with taking a broader view of "preserve and protect."

Secondly, the structure requires a massive re-arrangement of trustee numbers to make any difference to voting outcomes. If Salt Spring alone had a contrasting opinion on a budget matter, for example, the island would need a virtual army of trustees to outvote the remaining 24 on council.

Although two extra Trust bodies on the local trust committee (LTC) won't fix Salt Spring's governance challenges, having four trustees would mean more varied input from constituents, spread out the tasks required and ultimately result in better decisions.

Increased coordination between regional districts and LTCs is also an obvious step, as recommended by the consultant and task force, but proponents will be under pressure to prove how much difference it could really make in daily governance matters.

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Counter petition process proposed for transportation funding

By GARY HOLMAN
CRD Director

I am writing to clarify some issues regarding the exciting news regarding provincial funding for transportation on Salt Spring.

I have now met with BC Transit staff to confirm that the province will be providing Salt Spring with a roughly 50 per cent annual operating cost subsidy of \$101,000 per year for bus service, which will increase over time as operating costs rise. In addition, buses will be funded by the Public Transit Capital Trust administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM).

The proposed system is comprised of two small, HandyDART-size buses — one running between Fulford-Ganges-Vesuvius, and the other in and around Ganges

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— likely to be operated under contract to B.C. Transit. The 20-seater buses will be equipped with bike racks, and rear hydraulic lifts and fold-down seats to accommodate wheelchairs.

This is a very basic system that will only directly serve the largest villages, but we have to start somewhere.

As noted in the Driftwood article last week, the local share of transit funding on an average household basis will amount to roughly \$12 per year, or about \$1 per month.

A new CRD Transportation Commission will be the local

community advisory body for the transit system, working in partnership with B.C. Transit, but independent from the Greater Victoria system. This commission will be the entity that builds bus stops, sidewalks and bike lanes, purchases and potentially regulates parking, and can also coordinate or operate car and rideshare programs. Much of the investment in walking and cycling facilities can be funded from Salt Spring's share of the federal gas tax transfer. However, some additional funding is needed to cover the ongoing costs of these non-transit functions (e.g. insurance), which will increase the total per household cost to about \$18 per year or \$1.50 per month.

I want to initiate a taxpayer approval process before the sum-

mer holidays, so B.C. Transit can initiate a Request for Expressions of Interest from potential operators, and we can begin constructing walking and cycling paths as soon as possible. CRD staff are preparing the necessary establishment bylaws, which will be given three readings by the CRD Board at its May 9 meeting. The board will adopt the bylaws after local taxpayer approval.

As noted in the Driftwood article, I had not yet finalized the method of taxpayer approval. Given the fairly modest costs, a 50 per cent provincial operating subsidy, and a 100 per cent bus purchase subsidy, I have decided to opt for the counter petition process. I realize this approach has been controversial in the past, but the availability of a substantial,

ongoing provincial subsidy distinguishes this situation from others. If taxpayers do not agree, and the counter petition is successful, I will hold a referendum in the fall of this year.

A fall referendum not only means an unnecessary delay in getting these essential transportation services and facilities established, but also an additional \$10,000 in taxpayer costs that will have to come out of the service in the first year of operation.

I look forward to working with B.C. Transit, CRD staff and local stakeholders, including existing for-profit and non-profit transportation providers, to begin presenting information and organizing public meetings on this essential transportation service, in the near future.

More yoga teachers provide better depiction of practice

By CELESTE MALLET

Thank you for highlighting Yoga on Salt Spring Island in the Spring 2007 edition of the Aqua Magazine.

I am not a journalist and therefore am not privy to angles and formula, reader-ship appeal and the like, but as a contributing member of this specific community I feel strongly that any article written about Yoga on Salt Spring should fairly represent all the players. There are no key players; we all work hard and have spent considerable time and money on becoming certified teachers. As teachers we continue to practice and conduct ourselves with integrity and see our position here as part of the collective.

We are supported and endorsed by our island medical professionals and members of the complementary medical practices, many of whom also study yoga and

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meditation.

We aim to demystify yoga and make the practice accessible to everyone. No, we do not all hang on "the wall" as the article suggested with the choice of a full-page photo, nor do we always twist ourselves into pretzel shapes. Yes, we learn and teach the art of relaxation and sometimes challenge our perceptions of balance and range of flexibility.

In order to justify the title many more people from our community should have been included. Yes, I know the writer of the article was limited to a word count, but yoga on Salt Spring is about all of us, not just a few who happen to advertise in the local newspaper and Lions directory.

Gay Meagley has taught on the island for 30 years and continues to teach both here and in Victoria.

Cordula Vogt, is a full-time teacher volunteering her time each week to teach seniors at Meadowbrook and the school teachers at SIMS. She instructs in sign language, a weekly yoga session with the group from Choices. She also guides expectant moms through gentle prenatal yoga practice, and specializes in classes that treat the results of occupational hazards most men encounter.

Then there are long-time island residents like Tangachee Goebel, Sheri Berkowitz, Nadine McCoy and Usha Hayward, who all teach from their home studios. Heather Martin is now a senior meditation teacher.

More recent to the island, Lucia Gabber and Cornelia Krikke offer classes to their B&B guests.

Uma Meyers teaches at North End Fitness and several other teachers offer their classes at Ganges Yoga Studio, The Salt Spring Centre of Yoga and The Gatehouse.

Angie Jenkins is seen working at Natureworks, Cathy Valentine assists her husband Steve growing organic vegetables and seeds at FoodFor-est Farm. Shelby Johnstone is the administrator of The Salt Spring Centre School, Donna Orsi manages the Wellness Centre at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. Sarah Allen used to work at Embe's and now makes her living landscaping. Lyndsay Savage is a hairstylist, Patricia Galaczy a facilitator in dialogue in major community organizations such as the First Nations groups. Liz Young co-manages Stowell Lake Farm. Most of these women have children and stay dedicated to their practice whilst running busy households.

Many will remember how Lila Ostermann, now in her 80s and living at Greenwood, was still teaching well into her 70s, and the inspiration of Phyllis Coleman who in the 1970s was instrumental in establishing yoga practice on Salt Spring Island. Phyllis continues to deliver health and wellness talks through the Community Centre and is well known for her contribution to the yoga and meditation community hosting visiting lamas and teachers.

Anuradha Ens' tireless efforts with her friends, Sharada Filkow, Kishori Hutchings and Janaki Polden, pioneered the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga which has blossomed to become a respected and internationally recognized yoga school. Close to 130 students have graduated as yoga teachers from their teacher training program, 23 from the island

with 19 presently teaching in our community. Free yoga classes continue to be offered every Sunday in Ganges.

We have a couple of men teachers too. Lee Mason spends his time between building cabinets for Mickey and Robin McLeod's Salt Spring Coffee Company and offering early morning classes. Chris Lee conducts the exacting method of Iyengar yoga. Brian Hill is on sabbatical and Sid Filkow is well known for his Geezer yoga class. Brett Wearne recently moved his yoga-based physiotherapy practice from Vancouver to the island.

Yoga on Salt Spring is about the people who live here teaching fellow islanders and choosing to mention only a couple does disservice to the rest who by not advertising render themselves invisible by the press.

The writer is director of Ganges Yoga Studio.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Do you have a message for people celebrating Earth Day?*



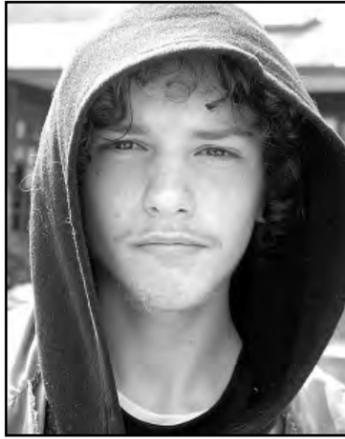
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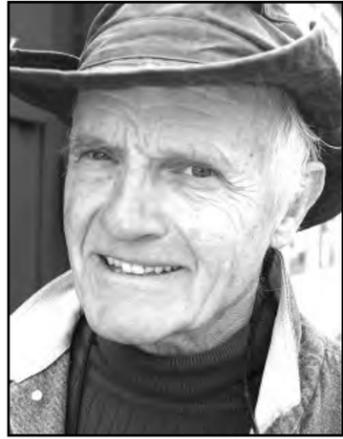
George Coehlo

Keep it green.



Sasha Carter

We should stop using cars as soon as possible. They're everywhere and destroying the planet. We could prevent climate change in 10 seconds if we stopped driving so much.



Bristol Foster

It's not too late to get serious about making changes, but we've hit the iceberg and are sinking fast.



Ayase Kay

It's really a day people should celebrate all year long.

Letters to the Editor

Publicity

I thought Salt Spring was such a special place because we are all here to live and let live, love and be loved, and laugh till your belly hurts.

But after reading the response last week to Peter Vincent's column on Briony Penn, I seriously doubt there is one ounce of a sense of humour left on this island.

As a card-carrying big "L" Liberal, who has voted for every political stripe since landing on our island paradise, I was thrilled that a candidate with Briony Penn's credentials was going to run to "save the red frogs."

The only consolation is that Briony herself has not lost her sense of humour, as we witnessed at the Gumbot Gala on April 2.

But really, any politician worth sending to the hallowed halls of political infighting knows that any publicity is great publicity.

So thanks, Peter, as a Liberal I'm thrilled that you took time to gently skewer, with wonderful humour, a great Liberal candidate, Briony Penn. Too bad she's not running for mayor!

SUSAN RUSSELL,
Salt Spring

Woman hating

The tone and the content of Peter Vincent's April 4 opinion piece (Shooting for the Moon) illustrates one of the main reasons why so few Canadian women are drawn to public life.

Think back to the words that the media and male politicians have used to describe past and present women Members of Parliament. Canada's first External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald was frequently described as "stupid" and "uneducated." Sheila Copps was "strident" and "loud" (Heaven forbid that a woman should be loud). Belinda Stronach has been portrayed as a good old-fashioned slut.

According to Peter Vincent, Briony Penn displays mysterious powers that bend innocent men to her will. (Burn the witch!) "Why not sharpen your claws locally?" Sounds like good old-fashioned woman hating to me.

LESLIE WALLACE,
Salt Spring

Fire hall

Has anyone considered the garlic farm for a new loca-

tion for the fire department?

It offers more acreage and for less money. It would also allow space for training facilities to be built. It may be a tad further from Ganges but is in a less congested area and therefore response times should be equal and a lot safer with no seniors housing and pedestrians to deal with.

Also, it would eliminate the need to go through the intersection with the traffic sign turn, which seems as if it would be a tricky intersection for a large vehicle to maneuver through in an emergency.

I would also like to recommend that the street from Glad's ice cream shop to the main road be closed to traffic on Saturday to allow the Saturday market to expand. Several of my visitors last summer were appalled at the congestion and did not make purchases because they could not face retracing their steps with children tugging at their skirts. If it had been less crowded who knows what they would have purchased. Most people would take an overview of the vendors and then go back to something that caught their eye. I feel

that closing this street would be not only safer, better for the merchants but would allow more merchants and higher sales.

SALLY FLETCHER,
Hilgrove Road

Schools in bus biz?

Two Driftwood staff articles from the April 11 issue have stirred up long-lasting opinionated points of view held by myself.

They were headlined *Island Gets Chance to Approve Bus, and Tough New Rules Don't Change Much for School Companies.*

Starting with a discussion of the second article, I'm pleased to see that a major effort is being made to guarantee that school companies are properly audited. It would be a shame to have the school board waste money they have worked so hard to make by prostituting education services to privileged students from the Asian world.

As you have guessed, I have until now disapproved of school companies; however, school busing has always been a legitimate school board business. Perhaps now

a school board bus company using its large existing but under-used bus resources could join with the Mickey Mouse transit system proposed by the CRD to give an island-wide transit system.

There are many details to be worked out, but this is the avant garde community that accepted a four-day school week.

RON STACEY,
Quebec Drive

Reverse sexism

Peter Vincent's April 4 column about Briony Penn's defection from the Green party to the federal Liberals seemed to touch a raw nerve with some of his critics whose views were published in the Driftwood last week.

Was it just coincidence that they chose to hoist the soiled flag of misogyny and sexual innuendo rather than address Vincent's points about political opportunism and the placing of personal ambition before party allegiance?

Accusing a political commentator of misogyny in these circumstances is itself a form of reverse sexism because it resurrects a Victorian-era notion that women are too

frail to withstand fair political criticism and must be cosseted and shielded lest they shrink from the rough and tumble of the political process.

All politicians are required to have a thick skin. It seems Briony Penn's skin is thicker than most — or at least highly impervious to cold. Remember this is a woman who once rode naked on horseback through the streets of Vancouver on a cold January day as a publicity stunt.

It is also reverse sexism for Liberal leader Stéphane Dion to undemocratically decree that at least one-third of all Liberal candidates in the next general election will be female — whether local Liberal riding associations like it or not. This is paternalistic pandering to female voters who no doubt will see it for what it is.

Gold Meier, Margaret Thatcher and Kim Campbell all made it to the top of the political heap in their respective countries without the aid of condescending affirmative action programs designed to jump-start the careers of female political wannabees.

PAUL JOYCE,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Dirty business of politics will reach new heights

Stop me if you've heard this one. George Bush asks Congress for more money and troops for the war in Iraq, using the argument that "we can't abandon the troops."

The argument goes something like this: If you don't vote to pour in more money and troops, you are not supporting the troops. If you are not supporting the troops, you are undermining the troops. If you are undermining the troops, you are supporting the terrorists. If you are supporting the terrorists, you are a terrorist. Therefore, if you do not vote to pour in more money and troops, you are a terrorist.

Sloppy logic? Of course, but it works most of the time. Every second car in the United States seems to have the ubiquitous yellow ribbon fridge magnet on it. Now let's move north of the border. Say someone, oh, I don't know, criticized Briony Penn's

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BY PETER VINCENT



move to the Liberal party. The argument goes something like this: If that person is critical of Briony Penn's decision making, he is critical of Briony. He must not like Briony. Briony is a woman. He must not like women. He must hate women. Therefore he is a misogynist. A woman hater.

Stop me if you've heard this one. John Kerry lost the last election, due in large part for being labelled a "flip flopper." John Kerry was stuck with this moniker, because he, like many other senators, based his decision on horribly flawed intelligence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction — intelligence provided by the Bush administration. Nevertheless he was called

a flip-flopper — everywhere. It made a great sound byte, and the media went to town. He lost the election.

If you repeat something enough times, people will start believing there is some truth in it.

Have we seen these tactics before on Salt Spring Island? Absolutely. In the last incorporation referendum, there were huge ads placed in this newspaper, insinuating that if we incorporated, evil moustache-twirling developers would pave the entire island, denude the forests, pollute the waters. A vote for incorporation was a vote to destroy the island. Of course, the incorporation referendum went down in flames. And of course, the island went right on developing, with quasi-timeshares at Bullock Lake, the townhouses adjacent to Foxglove, hundreds of homes on Channel Ridge and the Three Point Properties on Ganges Hill.

We saw similar tactics employed

in the Ganges Marina controversy, where enough insidious pressure caused trustee Kimberly Lineger to cave and vote against the project, denying Salt Springers a rare waterfront park and a finished boardwalk. Little good it did, as in the next election she was unceremoniously dumped by the very group she supported with her vote. Politics is a dirty business.

Do the ends justify the means? Do you win at any cost? Where is the integrity in that? Is it OK to attempt to ruin a man or woman's reputation — to jackboot-stomp out opposition? Is it OK to throw red paint on a woman's fur coat to protest the fur industry? To break into animal shelters to release the animals because you don't believe in the SPCA? Sabotage power stations? Is it OK to fly a plane into the World Trade Centre? Do the ends justify the means? Of course not.

Once you have dealt away your

integrity, anything goes. The next federal election promises to truly plumb the depths. We have already witnessed the beginning, as the Liberals continue to toss perfectly good candidates off the train based solely on gender. Backroom deals are going to leave many Greens loyal to their party without a candidate and the party in disarray. Politics is a dirty business.

Let me say right here I love Briony Penn. I love her passion and unwavering commitment to the environment. And I love the extreme makeover as witnessed by the new picture on her website. Gone are the Cowichan sweaters and knee-high gumboots — replaced by a very uptown haircut and grey business suit. Very Liberal.

But I am a little unhappy with the political direction she has chosen. And I'm not so keen on some of her friends.

petevinc@telus.net

More letters

Faith restored

Many thanks to Rowan Percy, Dorothy Cutting, and Harry Warner. (April 11 Driftwood letters.)

They set the record straight and restored confidence that the low-level smear campaign against Briony Penn launched by Peter Vincent in his April 4 "Shooting for the Moon" column would not be considered acceptable in this community.

We all have the right to express our opinions, but not in such destructive innuendos! My faith in our community has been restored.

SHEILA REID,
Salt Spring

Debate healthy

I object to the characterization of Peter Vincent by some island women as misogynist. (April 11 Driftwood letters.)

Peter is my closest friend here and for the past eight years I have watched him help one woman after another find a job, a home, government assistance, a dog, a nanny, a good doctor, a deal on second-hand electronics — men simply don't come any better.

With regard to politics, Briony Penn surely must expect that her entry into the rough game of national politics won't be all adoration and a

passee-partout. Furthermore, the criticism she endured from Peter is mild compared to the kind of thing the Liberals will insist she dish out to her political opponents, or the brutality with which her supporters meet every conservative who dares utter a contrary opinion.

Vigorous public debate is the mark of a healthy democracy, and Briony does not dwell in the nether regions of sainthood, or at least, not just yet. When she does, then we're in trouble.

ELIZABETH NICKSON,
Salt Spring

Missed arrows

I thought Peter Vincent would probably receive some

criticism for his April 4 "letter" to Briony.

Criticism perhaps for suggesting that the Liberal party has wooed Briony to help them win votes from environmentalists and women. Criticism for suggesting that she might be naive to imagine their intentions are more noble. Criticism from Liberal supporters for implying the Liberals are hypocrites. Criticism from Conservative supporters for the comments about Gary Lunn. Criticism from wealthy retirees for implying they vote for Gary Lunn.

Imagine my surprise when I read in Rowan Percy's View Point (April 11) that Peter had insulted Briony

with "sexual innuendo," trivialised her passion for environmental conservation and "stirred up the toxic fumes" of misogyny. Nary a word about any political party. Imagine my further surprise when I discovered, courtesy of Dorothy Cutting's letter (April 11), that I too (by virtue of my sex and place of residence) have been wounded by the arrows of outrageous misogyny!

Thinking perhaps that the arrows had missed one of their targets, I re-read Peter's article in search of offensive, women-hating remarks. The comparison with Mother Theresa didn't seem too offensive, nor did the comment on Briony's body parts,

considering it was an allusion to her Lady Godiva protest, in which she did, indeed bare almost all.

Still confused, I looked up "misogyny" in my Oxford dictionary to see if there was another meaning — something like "the act of warning nature-loving, caring Salt Spring shepherds to beware of smooth-talking wolves clothed in raiments of fine woollen pin-striped gabardine." Nope, just "hatred of women."

Ironic really, considering the only evidence I found of any hatred of anything or anyone lay in the vitriolic hyperbole of Rowan and Dorothy. Cutting words indeed!

P.S. Please consider your assumptions Dorothy. You do not speak for me. I am not insulted. I neither need nor want an apology.

GILLIAN MCCONNELL,
Leslee Drive

Welcome the chimes

Salt Spring Island Foundation has just issued its 2006 Stewardship Report. The first grant mentioned is for a set of orchestral chimes for the Salt Spring Concert Band.

I'm the lucky person who gets to play these chimes — or tubular bells. So thank you, foundation, for your generous support.

And if you'd like to welcome these wonderful chimes to our community, please come to the band's Festival of Favourites concert April 20 and 21 when the bells will make their debut.

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Freight and weight

Re: Closer CRD-Trustee Ties and More Trustees Considered, April 11 Driftwood.

A long time ago, people in Boston became irate and threw a bunch of English tea into the harbour because they didn't have proper representation where the decisions were being made.

In round numbers, Salt Spring, with 10,000 residents who pay almost half of Islands Trust revenues, has the same voting powers at Trust Council meetings as has Thetis Island with 250 residents or Saturna Island with 300 residents, etc.

We're doing a pretty good job here of emulating the federal government's provincial equalization program but I don't recall Salt Spring Island taxpayers having agreed to such a program.

The Driftwood revealed that a continuation of the lack of adequate Salt Spring Island (SSI) representation on the Islands Trust is being endorsed by a governance consultant and submitted for approval by the Islands Trust.

The proposal says that to relieve their work load, it would be OK to increase the number of SSI trustees on our local trust committee (LTC) but it is not OK for the additional trustees to be able to represent Salt Spring at Trust Council.

So, what does this proposal give SSI? It means SSI will pay an increased cost in wages for the additional trustees but, despite almost half the Trust's operating costs being raised from SSI taxpayers, no increase in SSI representation at Trust Council meetings.

Not a very good deal in my estimation!

The consultant "rejected an idea to send more trustees from larger islands to the Trust-wide council, noting it would destroy the federation purpose of the council as emphasized in the Islands Trust Act." Well, maybe it's time to change the Islands Trust Act?

I have made no secret of my preference for SSI to incorporate so that decisions affecting SSI are made here on SSI rather than in Vic-

toria or on a LTC chaired by someone from another island.

Although I would prefer that it did, I understand that incorporation would not remove Salt Spring from the Islands Trust, but surely it is only fair that if you pay the freight, you deserve representative weight in the decision making process of the Trust.

I hope some Salt Spring Islanders agree with me and make the Islands Trust aware that this proposal is not acceptable.

JACK FRAZER,
Salt Spring

Light shed

Here's a second look at compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Everywhere you look these days are articles exhorting you to replace all your light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), claiming they are more efficient than incandescent bulbs, and more economical in the long term.

Both these claims are undeniably true. However, there's more to this story.

Power savings may be substantially overstated in our climate.

In Canada, many use electricity for home heating, so heat generated by incandescent bulbs is heat that doesn't need to be emitted by your baseboards.

Kilowatt hours cost the same whether they're turned into heat by your light bulbs or by your baseboards, so only during those periods when you wouldn't be using electricity to heat your home is the inefficiency of incandescents increasing your energy bill.

Then there's the mercury factor.

Fluorescent lamps (FLs) are classified as hazardous waste, but according to a study in Ontario, over 90 per cent of FLs still end up in landfills. In North America, about 650 million FLs are discarded annually. FLs contain between three and 46 milligrams of mercury each; the average for CFLs is around 5 milligrams. Even at five milligrams/bulb, this means almost three tonnes of elemental mercury dumped in landfills.

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin, and has been conclusively linked to intellectual

impairment and permanent brain damage.

Children and developing fetuses are particularly vulnerable. Elemental mercury (such as in FLs) vaporizes quickly at room temperature and is readily absorbed via the respiratory tract. It can also be absorbed through intact skin and the gastrointestinal tract.

The US EPA has defined the reference dose (RfD), or amount of mercury a normal person can "safely" ingest, as one-tenth of a microgram of mercury per kg body weight per day.

However, many scientists believe there is no safe level of mercury, and that damage is incremental. A single bulb, at five milligrams, contains 2,500 times the EPA "safe" dose for a 20 kg child. How many of us have never broken a light bulb?

I'm waiting for light-emitting diode (LED) technology to improve before I replace my incandescent bulbs.

SALLY JOHN,
Salt Spring

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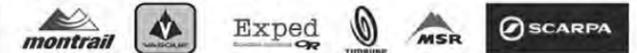
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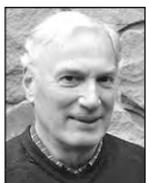
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Volunteer cheer

The Volunteer Salt Spring Committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those who contribute to community life on the island without any expectation of financial reward. This is National Volunteer Week, a time when communities reflect on what life would be like without volunteers. Those of us who do commit our time may well reflect on what our lives would be like without our volunteer

experiences — unimaginably empty for most of us.

In British Columbia, the official statistics tell us that 26 per cent of the population volunteers. If we have almost 10,000 residents, that would result in 2,600 active volunteers. Knowing the vibrant nature of the island as we do, we feel that this figure is very low. Surely at least half of us get involved in some way?

Our committee, with the help of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, has put together a website, [www.volunteer-](http://www.volunteer-saltspring.com)

[saltspring.com](http://www.volunteer-saltspring.com), designed for those who are new to the island, or who would like to become more involved in community life, to see what opportunities are available to them. Currently approximately 20 organizations have posted openings on the site and we encourage others to sign on.

We hope that no one will be sitting at home, wanting to participate, but not knowing how to get started! We hope they will soon be actively involved in something that satisfies them. There is

something for everyone, no matter what they are interested in.

Cheers to all volunteers!
CATHERINE BENNETT, CAROL BIELY, ROB GRANT, MELANIE MORRIS, CAROLYN MOUAT, RUTH PEPIN, JACKIE RIEDER, LIZZY ROWE, BOB RUSH, SHALON SUGDEN,
 Volunteer Salt Spring Committee

OCP unveiled

Nearly 80 people have worked very hard over the past few months in a series of different focus groups to develop recommendations for amendments to our official community plan (OCP).

For a community with a reputation for being “a difference of opinion surrounded by water,” the members of the focus groups have been wonderfully collaborative and cooperative with each other throughout this long process.

At the Trust, we sincerely appreciate their efforts and their vision, and we congratulate them for working together so well. They have done us all a great service.

Now, we invite members of the community to come and see what they have in mind. Their preliminary reports and recommendations will be available at two open houses next week: Monday, April 23 at Fulford Hall, and Wednesday, April 25 at ArtSpring. Both sessions run from 5 to 9 p.m.

They have made recommendations regarding agriculture; economic sustainability, jobs and tourism; energy; the environment; Fulford; Ganges village and harbour; population, housing and settlement patterns; and potable water.

This will be an important opportunity for community members to have a dialogue with members of

the focus groups about their preliminary reports. They will be able to answer your questions and receive your feedback on their recommendations. Trust staff and the trustees will also be there to hear your opinions.

Following these open houses, the focus groups will meet again to revise their preliminary reports as a result of community input, and will then make final reports to the Trust. During the summer, Trust staff will work on amendments to the OCP, and the first draft will be released in the fall.

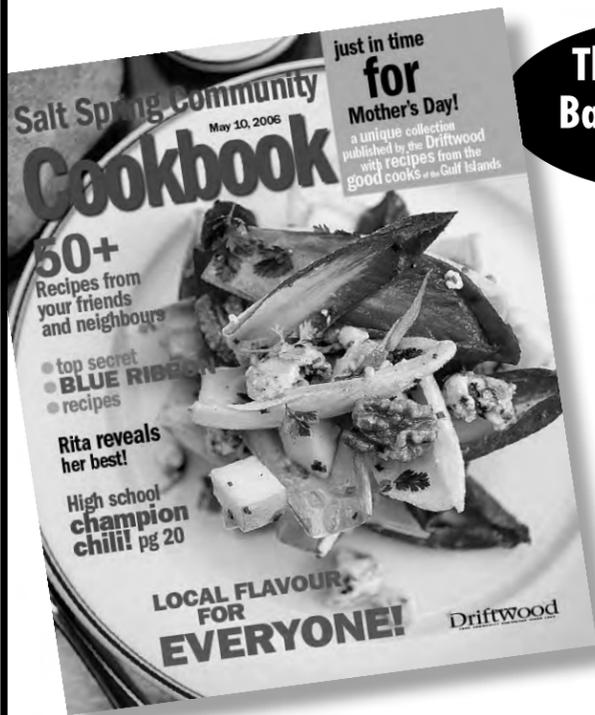
Then the community will have more opportunities to comment on the proposals.

We encourage you to attend next week’s meetings, learn about the recommendations, and give the focus groups your comments.

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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

I am one of mostly female community residents from the age of 13 to 65 who get out on Sunday mornings to have a hockey scrimmage at Portlock Park. We enjoy and we have fun but we are very unamused when we arrive and find many empty beer cans inside and outside of the playing surface, which quite often has a few pieces of broken hockey sticks left lying around, plus, plus, plus. This morning took the cake! Upon arrival and the usual findings we were greeted with a pair of hockey pants hanging by their suspenders from the highest metal post to be found and the goalie net hanging from the basketball hoop back board. And when I found the cover to the

timer box for the night lighting ripped off . . . well! This, of course, is paid for by all of us through taxes. A. Flieger

ROSES

A bright red rose to Julia for her honesty and compassion when we “met” at GVM the other day. You have restored my faith in island folk. Thank you so much. MOS

Roses and dogwood flowers to local businesses and citizens for the overwhelming support in sending the GISS Improv team to Ottawa. We live in a phenomenal community. Thank you for your kindness! Jason

The Fiddlers’ Hatchery thanks the following businesses and individuals for

their generous support at the Sweet Strings Concert on April 5: Thrifty Foods, GVM, Natureworks, Heather the Bread Lady, Jana’s Bake Shop, Fiddlehead Catering, Salt Spring Cheese, Moonstruck, Salt Spring Vineyards, TJ Beans, Kirby at Fields, Embe Bakery, Cottage Resort, Li Read, Salt Spring Coffee Co., Dan at the Party Stop, Gail at Lions Hall, Salt Spring Dry Cleaners and Salt Spring Books.

Dozens of roses to everyone who helped Lisa and all who called, sent cards and flowers and gave us a hug when we needed it. Thanks. The Nicholsons and TBC

A giant yellow tractor bucket full of yellow roses to Andrew Bond for helping us out and being such an all-around great guy! D&G

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Hors d'oeuvres: Finger food served before a meal (from the French, *hors*, outside + *de*, of + *oeuvre*, (the main) work). Hors d'oeuvres may consist of simple foods such as sliced cheese, sliced raw vegetables, crackers with chutney, or more elaborate preparations such as canapés, broiled shrimp, and various types of dips. Appetizer is often used synonymously with the term hors d'oeuvre, though appetizer more properly applies to a first course served at table and can be traced back to First Century Rome where the upper class were served eggs, fruits, etc. as part of the standard three-course meal. The practice of serving hors d'oeuvres in our culture can be traced back to the 19th century (and in the United States to Prohibition-Era-inspired imperatives). According to a late 1800s cookbook: “Canapés [appetizers consisting of a piece of bread or toast or a cracker topped with a savory spread] are served hot or cold and used in place of oysters at dinner or luncheon. At a gentleman’s dinner, they are served with a glass of sherry before entering the dining room.” In the USA, prohibition really launched finger foods. Prohibition drove alcoholic beverages out of the saloons and into homes. Handy, smart snacks, designed to soak up the alcohol people drank, firmly established hors d'oeuvres as a cross-class social custom. Prohibition ended in 1933 but not before having given birth to the cocktail party. As gender equality evolved, and women became more involved in partying, the popularity of bite-sized party morsels only grew. This holiday season many folks will look for tasty bites to serve to guests. Here is an Asian appetizer/canapé/hors d'oeuvre. These can be made ahead and even frozen weeks before you need them.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl combine **1 cup of fine bread crumbs** & **1/4 cup of steak seasoning**. Set aside. In another bowl combine **1 lb. ground meat of your choice** (buffalo, turkey, beef or lamb) with **1 package of Asian Home Gourmet Thai Spicy Basil sauce**, **1 egg** & **1/2 cup fine bread crumbs**. Section meat mixture into two balls. One ball at a time, roll out to make a long skinny round stick. Roll stick in crumb mixture then cut into small rounds. Place rounds on a baking pan & bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool and then transfer from the pan to a plate. Chill before use. Serve rounds on top of a cracker or on their own with a toothpick and an Asian-style dip. (Note: To make your own simple steak seasoning combine 1 tablespoon minced dried onion, 2 tablespoons minced dried garlic, 2 tablespoons coarse pepper & 1/2 teaspoon salt.)

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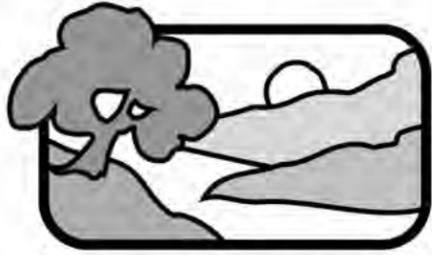


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The Islands Trust Council has adopted a Strategic Plan to address the challenges of the 21st century as effectively as possible. **“Excellence in Governance”** is one of our top strategic priorities and we established a Governance Task Force to focus on this important task in the current term. At this point, the Task Force is seeking ways to improve **political representation** in the Islands Trust Area. Any changes to the political structure of the Islands Trust would require amendments to the provincial *Islands Trust Act* and only the provincial government can make such changes. The Ministry of Community Services has agreed to consider our recommendations about improvements. It has shared in the costs of a Governance Review to analyze the existing situation, identify concerns and suggest options. Before making any recommendations to the Ministry, we want to hear the ideas of those who live and/or own property in the Islands Trust Area.

Please come and find out more and then let us know what you think about:

- ◆ the size of Local Trust Committees;
- ◆ the structure of the Islands Trust Council; and,
- ◆ the coordination between the Islands Trust and regional districts (currently we are focusing just on coordination with the Capital Regional District, but would like to know what you think about this topic throughout the Trust Area).

We'd like to hear from you

- ▶ **Come to a meeting**
- ▶ **Check our website or your library**
- ▶ **Fill out a survey**
- ▶ **Write us a letter**
- ▶ **Send us a fax or an e-mail**
- ▶ **Or simply talk to us**

Your trustees will host public meetings where our Chair, Kim Benson, and Chief Administrative Officer, Linda Adams, will present information on the Governance Review and some of the options for change. This will be followed by a question and answer period and an opportunity to provide your comments.

<u>Island</u>	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Presentation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Salt Spring	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday, April 29	Gulf Islands Secondary School Multi Purpose Room
Denman	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 1	Denman Community Hall
Hornby	3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 2	Hornby Community Hall
Lasqueti	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Friday, May 4	Lasqueti Community Hall
Gabriola	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 5	Gabriola Community Hall
Thetis	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 5	Forbes Hall
Mayne	3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Monday, May 7	Mayne Agricultural Hall
Galiano	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 9	North Community Hall
Gambier/Bowen	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 10	Gleneagles Community Centre 6262 Marine Dr., West Vancouver
North/South Pender	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 12	Anglican Parish Hall
Saturna	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Monday, May 14	Saturna Community Hall

For a copy of the Governance Study, to complete a survey on some of the options, or to suggest your own options, please go to our website **after April 25** at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca and click on Governance Consultation in the Highlights Box. Send us an e-mail at: information@islandstrust.bc.ca Write us or visit our offices at:

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289 381	KIRO	Judy	Judy	News	News	News		ET	Access	Jericho		Criminal Minds	CSI: NY		News	LateShow	
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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie
Breakout for Apr 18, 2007 to Apr 24, 2007

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00 PM
- 29 *** Get Shorty (1995, Comedy) A small-time Miami mobster becomes intrigued by the movie business in Los Angeles. *John Travolta, Rene Russo* (1h45)
- 42 *** Brute Force (1947, Drama) Driven to desperation by a sadistic guard, a group of prisoners plan a daring escape. *Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn* (2h)
- 8:45 PM
- 29 *** Husbands and Wives (1992, Romance) A New York couple's marriage begins to dissolve after their best friends separate. *Mia Farrow, Woody Allen* (1h50)
- 9:00 PM
- 6 *** Dead Calm (1989, Suspense) A couple on a sailing trip picks up a stranger who proceeds to terrorize them. *Nicole Kidman, Sam Neill* (2h)
- 12 * Wall of Secrets (2003, Suspense) A couple discovers that they're being watched shortly after moving into a new apartment. *Dylan McDermott, Nicole Eggert* (2h)
- 13 ** Drumline (2002, Drama) A Harlem drummer earns a scholarship to a Southern college and plays in the marching band. *Zoe Saldana, Nick Cannon* (2h35)
- 42 **** Ben-Hur (1959, Epic) When a man is enslaved by a Roman friend, he regains his freedom and thirsts for revenge. *Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins* (4h)
- 10:35 PM
- 29 *** Scarface (1983, Crime Story) A Cuban refugee pursues the American dream by moving to the top of the Florida drug trade. *Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer* (2h55)

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:00 PM
- 29 ** Housesitter (1992, Comedy) An architect meets a habitual liar, who poses as his wife and moves into his dream house. *Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin* (1h45)
- 42 *** My Name is Julia Ross (1945, Mystery) When an American takes a job with a wealthy family in London, she ends up in danger. *May Whitty, Nina Foch* (1h15)
- 8:15 PM
- 42 *** Dead of Winter (1987, Thriller) An aspiring actress is held captive in a remote mansion and stripped of her true identity. *Mary Steenburgen, Roddy MacDowall* (1h45)
- 8:45 PM
- 29 *** Ruby (1992, Biography) The biographical account of Jack Ruby, the former mobster who killed Lee Harvey Oswald. *Danny Aiello, Frank Orsatti* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 12 * Black Knight (2000, Comedy) An amusement park employee suffers a blow to the head and awakens in the 14th century. *Marsha Thomason, Martin Lawrence* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 42 ** Chilly Scenes of Winter (1979, Romance) A man reminisces about an affair he had with a married woman. *John Heard, Mary Beth Hurt* (1h45)
- 10:45 PM
- 29 ** The Last Boy Scout (1991, Action) A cynical ex-secret agent and a former quarterback team up to solve a murder case. *Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans* (1h45)
- 11:45 PM
- 42 ** If Winter Comes (1948, Drama) Scandal results when a well-meaning married writer takes in a pregnant girl. *Deborah Kerr, Walter Pidgeon* (1h45)

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

- 7:00 PM
- 29 *** Midnight Run (1988, Comedy) A bounty hunter is determined to bring a bail-jumper to New York, but so is the mob. *Charles Grodin, Robert De Niro* (2h15)
- 42 **** Odd Man Out (1947, Crime Story) An Irish rebel is hunted by the police after a robbery leaves him injured. *James Mason, Robert Newton* (2h)
- 7:30 PM
- 69 Coyote Summer (1995, Drama) Teenager is sent by her mother to her aunt and uncle. *Adam Beach, Vinessa Shaw* (1h30)
- 9:00 PM
- 12 ** Bubble Boy (2001, Comedy) A sheltered teen who was raised in a bubble sets out to win back his wayward girlfriend. *Jake Gyllenhaal, Swosie Kurtz* (2h)
- 13 *** Sleepy Hollow (1999, Horror) An investigator is sent to a village to solve the mystery behind a series of beheadings. *Christina Ricci, Johnny Depp* (2h)
- 69 The Paper Brigade (1996, Adventure) A paperboy and misfits prevent bullies from taking over their neighbourhood. *Kyle Howard, Travis Wester* (1h30)
- 42 *** This Happy Breed (1944, Drama) A family faces triumphs and tragedies during the years between the two World Wars. *John Mills, Robert Newton* (2h)

9:15 PM

- 29 ** Fear (1996, Suspense) A teenager's new boyfriend becomes violent when she attempts to end their relationship. *Mark Wahlberg, Reese Witherspoon* (1h45)



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288 380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest								
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10:30 PM
69 ★★ Gone Fishin' (1997, Comedy) Two buddies win a vacation and get involved with a con artist, who ripped off his ex-wives. Danny Glover, Joe Pesci (1h45)
11:00 PM
29 ★★★ The People vs. Larry Flynt (1996, Biography) A controversial magazine mogul pushes the boundaries of American morality. Courtney Love, Woody Harrelson (2h15)
42 ★ Plan 9 From Outer Space (1959, Sci-Fi) Two aliens attempt to conquer the Earth by resurrecting an army of zombies. Bela Lugosi, Gregory Walcott (1h30)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
7:00 PM
22 ★★ Gremlins (1984, Comedy) An unusual pet spawns a legion of vicious monsters who cause unstoppable chaos. Phoebe Cates, Zach Galligan (2h30)
29 ★★ Seems Like Old Times (1980, Comedy) A beautiful lawyer's efforts to help her troubled ex-husband provokes her current spouse. Chevy Chase, Goldie Hawn (1h45)
7:15 PM
42 ★★ Princess O'Rourke (1943, Comedy) A flying ace's romance with a princess creates diplomatic problems for her uncle. Robert Cummings, Olivia De Havilland (1h45)
8:00 PM
16 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Upon learning that he has magical powers, a boy enrolls in a boarding school for wizards. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson (3h)
8:45 PM
29 ★★★ Where the Day Takes You (1992, Crime Story) A group of teenagers runaways try to survive the mean streets of Los Angeles. Dermot Mulroney, Laura San Giacomo (2h)
9:00 PM
6 A Job to Kill For (2006, Suspense) A senior executive gets more than he bargained for from his beautiful protégé. Sean Young, Georgia Craig (2h)
12 ★★ America's Sweethearts (2001, Romance) A feuding Hollywood couple are brought together during a press junky for a major film. John Cusack, Julia Roberts (2h)
18 ★★ The Fraternity (2001, Thriller) A student discovers that his prestigious college fraternity houses murderous secrets. Robin Dunne, Treat Williams (2h)
69 ★★ Rocket Man (1997, Comedy) A spacecraft designer's dream comes true when he takes a mission to travel to Mars. Harland Williams, Jessica Lundy (1h30)
42 ★★ A Thousand and One Nights (1945, Comedy) A young Aladdin enlists the help of two genies to woo a princess. Cornel Wilde, Rex Ingram (1h45)
10:45 PM
29 ★ Entangled (1992, Thriller) The tragic relationship between an aspiring writer and a model results in murder. Pierce Brosnan, Judd Nelson (1h45)
69 ★★★ Simon Birch (1998, Drama) A young boy with stunted growth believes he has a great purpose in life. Ian Michael Smith, Joseph Mazzello (1h55)
42 ★★ The Princess and the Pirate (1944, Comedy) A man is shanghaied by bloodthirsty pirates and surrounded by beautiful women. Bob Hope, Virginia Mayo (1h45)
11:00 PM
3 Dans l'oeil du chat (2004, Drame) The fiancé de Pauline va tenter de découvrir si elle est vraiment décédée à l'étranger. Isabel Richer, Jean-Nicolas Verreault (2h10)
10 ★★ Magic Kitchen (2004, Comedy) When a chef runs into her newly engaged ex-boyfriend she sets out to gain revenge. Sheila Chan, Sammi Cheung (2h)
SUNDAY, APRIL 22
6:00 PM
22 ★★ Two Brothers (2004, Adventure) Twin tiger cubs are separated when they are young, only to be reunited as enemies. Guy Pearce, Jean-Claude Dreyfus (2h30)
7:00 PM
29 ★★★ The Blues Brothers (1980, Comedy) Bumbling brothers reassemble their band to raise money for an orphanage. Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi (2h15)
42 ★★ Hot Rods to Hell (1967, Drama) A family en route to take over a motel is terrorized by two teenagers. Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain (2h)
8:00 PM
2 ★★ An American Tail (1986, Animated) Fievel, a young mouse who emigrates from Russia to the U.S., gets lost in New York City. Voices of Dom DeLuise, Madeline Kahn (2h)
9:00 PM
12 ★★ Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (2003, Comedy) A former child star hires a foster family to recreate the childhood he never had. David Spade, Doris Roberts (2h)
18 ★★ Swordfish (2001, Thriller) A hacker is hired to break into a government system and steal billions of dollars. Hugh Jackman, John Travolta (2h)
21 Crossroads: A Story of Forgiveness (2007, True Story) A man's feelings of anger, blame and sadness are changed when he forgives the unloving. Dean Cain, Peri Gilpin (2h)
69 ★★ Phenomenon (1996, Drama) When struck by a bolt of light, a small-town mechanic is transformed into a genius. John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick (2h)
42 ★★ A Sailor-Made Man (1921, Comedy) A weak-minded rich man joins the Navy and attempts to prove he is worthy of a woman's love. Harold Lloyd, Mildred Davis (1h)
9:15 PM
29 ★★★ House Party (1990, Comedy) Despite his father's wishes, an urban teenager schemes to attend his friend's party. Martin Lawrence, Robin Harris (1h45)
11:00 PM
29 ★ Stewardess School (1986, Comedy) Flight attendants in-training face hilarious misadventures during their studies. Brett Cullen, Donald Most (1h35)
42 ★★ Mephisto (1981, War) A brilliant German actor sells himself to gain prestige when the Nazis come to power. Klaus Maria Brandauer, Krystyna Janda (2h30)
11:15 PM
69 ★★★ Mr. Holland's Opus (1995, Drama) A musician takes a teaching job and finds his true calling in inspiring young minds. Olympia Dukakis, Richard Dreyfuss (2h15)
11:45 PM
3 Mariages (2001, Drame) Au 19e siècle, l'univers d'Yvonne bascule en raison d'un désir et du retour de sa mère. Guyllaine Tremblay, Marie-Ève Bertrand (1h45)
MONDAY, APRIL 23
7:00 PM
29 ★★★ Outbreak (1995, Suspense) Army medical researchers must contain a deadly virulent disease and locate its source. Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo (2h15)



PERFORMING ARTISTS: From left, GISPA performers Ayase Kay, Ali Bates, Pandora Morgan and Ruby Black take the stage in last weekend's Ubu Roi. Photo by John Cameron

Absurdist Ubu Roi play maximizes impact of high school performers

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Staff

Last week Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) presented its collaborative production of the absurdist play Ubu Roi by Alfred Jarry, climbing closer to a successful integration of the three disciplines of theatre, music and dance that comprise the GISPA program.

These collaborations, facilitated by teachers Jason Donaldson (theatre), Bruce Smith (music) and Sonia Langer (dance) and typically scripted by the performers with a larger element of improvisation, have always been an excellent opportunity for students to express themselves and enjoy the camaraderie of a theatrical production. Hanging that same experience on a structure worked.

Premiered in 1896, Ubu Roi began its life as a mean parody of French writer Jarry's high-school physics teacher that eventually morphed into Ubu Roi, the fat, greedy and evil king. Jarry worked this material for the rest of his life, writ-

ing sequels, but it is Ubu Roi that is most often performed, usually making a political statement about corrupt regimes.

Opening with the word "merde" (shit), a near riot ensued in 1896 with the conservative factions and the avant-garde going head to head. The same swearing and scatological references coming out of the mouths of our sweet Salt Spring students only led to a standing ovation from the full house on Friday night.

A fine choice of a play for this program, it enabled the actors, musicians and dancers to widen their skill base to include disciplines other than their chosen one. The actors moved, the dancers acted and the musicians were integrated more thoroughly than ever.

The Dr. Seuss-like design of the show, from the outrageous costumes, to colour-filled lights by Marv Coulthard, to generic set pieces that worked every which way, helped the theatricality, producing moments of excellent theatre with visual impact.

Pa Ubu (Ruby Black) and

Ma Ubu (Pandora Morgan), characters based on Shakespeare's Macbeth, may have looked like Marg and Homer Simpson dressed for Pee Wee's playhouse, but their overwhelming nastiness propelled the play.

Tails (Justine Watkins) and Heads (Courtney Bolton), the Thing One and Thing Two sycophants of the cruel pair, frolic with the rest of the cast as Pa and Ma Ubu plot and kill in order for Pa Ubu to become the King of Poland. Ali Bates does an energetic turn as the 14-year-old Boggerlas, who takes a stand against the pair, with a hero's swagger.

Working on stilts, Halley Fulford's Queen Rosamond gave a circus quality while her Tzar Alexis lent a grounded air to the proceedings.

The dance section of GISPA played Russians, jesters, Poles and nobles with dances in the appropriate styles introducing these choruses while flavouring the ensuing scenes. Choreographed sequences rather than improvisation created a more organized vehicle that steers closer to musical theatre where the dances push

the scenes forward.

The band of Luke Geifing (drums, vocals, percussion), Aaron Trory (bass, guitar, vocals and piano) and Daniel Hoy on piano offered some of the more poignant sections with Geifing's in-the-pocket playing and Hoy's skill supporting Trory's songwriting front-man charisma.

A few of the pieces that shone were visual images like dancers Chloe Melious and Hannah Everest swinging in the air after being hung with Trory singing the lament-with-a-message in a spotlight downstage; Pa and Ma Ubu wending their way through their relationship built on mutual loathing; and the evil couple sailing away to create havoc.

These worked as the audience was directed to one area on stage that served the script. Sometimes focus was pulled because there was simply too much going on and we didn't know where to look or to listen so the message was lost.

There was so much colour, movement and sound from this talented bunch that we wanted to sit with them in a little bit less chaos.

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SWELL SHELL: Aaron Ableman plays a conch shell and raps at Una Noche Cubana, a Cuban kids music fundraiser held last Saturday night at Barb's Buns. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Violence explored in stage play

Life Without Parole makes its Canadian theatrical premiere at Mahon Hall on April 28 and 29.

Based on interviews with 73 women incarcerated in an American prison for killing their abusive partners, the play aims to teach about the cycle of violence and abuse.

It is a fundraiser for Salt Spring Women Against Violence and Abuse's (SWOVA) Respectful Relationships

program. Salt Spring Community Theatre and SWOVA have teamed up for the event.

The play will appeal to both men and women, said director Vicki Thompson, who has been brought in from Seattle to direct the play. Despite the melancholy subject matter, the play is uplifting, she added. A counsellor will be on hand to speak with audience members before, during and after the show if necessary,

said Randie Clark, SWOVA's executive director's assistant and a counsellor. A group discussion will also take place after the show with playwright Warren Doody on hand.

Tickets for Life Without Parole are \$15, or \$12 for SWOVA members, with all funds going directly towards the R&R program, said Clark.

For more information, contact SWOVA at 537-1336.

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Neighbourly figure drawing proposed

Island artist Brenda Guiled is organizing a south-end figure drawing group at her Heidi Place residence.

"Rather than do nudes and portraits of paid models, however, I'd like to draw and paint some of the fabulous people of Salt Spring, starting with neighbours," she said.

Guiled has a perfect living area for such a gathering and no costs would be involved.

"If or when we have a big enough collection of this work, we might have a showing at Beaver Point Hall, for example. So much figure drawing work just gets scrapped, but this will be of historic interest — lovely, hands-on depictions of the characters who lived here."

For more information, call Guiled at 653-4722 or send an e-mail to mail@bguiled.com

LET'S EAT WITH LINDA KOROSCIL



It was my mom's birthday on March 13 — she would have been 95. The week around her birthday was hard for me, even though I know how fortunate I was to have had her for as long as I did. So it gives me comfort in memories of how good her kitchen always smelled when she took these butterfly-yellow cakes out of the oven. She filled them with her raspberry jam and then a light dusting of icing sugar, and then she served tea.

My Mom's Tea Cake
2 1/4 c. cake flour
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 c. butter, softened
1 1/4 c. sugar
2 eggs

2/3 c. milk
2 tsp. vanilla

Grease two round 8-inch cake tins. Mix together flour, baking powder and salt. Whip butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time, beating until fluffy. Mix milk and vanilla together. Alternate beating the dry ingredients with the milk into the sugar mixture, ending with the flour. Pour into tins and bake at 350 degrees — about 20 minutes.

When cool, spread with your favourite jam — I personally like this with homemade raspberry or plum — then dust with icing sugar. Cut in wedges, invite your neighbour for tea, and think of my mom!

(m)Öthêr Tøñgué couple off to Savary with 10-ton press and lots of passion

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Contributor

Two islanders who've had a tremendous impact on the artistic and literary element of Salt Spring are bidding the island a bittersweet farewell.

**"It's a labour of love, not a living."
— Mona Fertig**

After 17 years spent raising a family, supporting writers and poets both locally and on the national stage, publishing beautifully hand-crafted chapbooks, reviving an almost obsolete printing press tradition, creating stunning works of art through text, linocuts, homemade paper and an eye for beauty, hosting readings, workshops, master classes, bringing famous writers and printing press masters to the island and advocating for the community on political issues, Peter Haase and Mona Fertig of (m)Öthêr Tøñgué Press will be calling Savary Island their new home.

Fertig was instrumental in starting Writers Day at the library and the Salt Spring Writers and Friends group, which hosts readings and sponsors both a scholarship and the Clarke Little Poetry Award for a graduating Gulf Islands student pursuing a writing career.

She also initiated the "Island Poets" series and was the organizing force behind countless Salt Spring book launches.

"We always had fabulous book launches at the Vortex Gallery," said Fertig. "I love the setting of an art gallery and we always had wonderful food and wine . . ."

Workshops featured well-known writers such as Jack Hodgins and Susan Musgrave, and even included a songwriting workshop by Bill Henderson.

(m)Öthêr Tøñgué Press is a private literary book-art press that Fertig and Haase operate together. The press consists of 10 tons of equipment and over 100 drawers of type, and they have pub-



OFF AND AWAY: Peter Haase and Mona Fertig are leaving Salt Spring and taking their famous publishing company with them.

lished 26 titles since 1990.

Fertig selects writers and manuscripts and works in all things relating to editing, design and book construction, and Haase assembles and operates the presses. In the process, he has uncovered a distinctive artistic talent.

"We were upstairs watching a TV program, and Peter just sat down and did this incredible lino carving of a piece of seaweed. He did it so easily and so well that I just thought 'that's it!'" said Fertig.

Always artistic as a child, but an electrician by profession, Haase has an unerring eye for the intricacies of linocutting, visualizing the way the raised elements will take the ink and the effect

of uninked areas in terms of contrast and effect. He does all of the original linocuts for the chapbooks and broadsides.

Over the years Fertig and Haase have employed island artists like Diana Dean and Nicola Wheston, and other photographers and painters. They have supported countless island writers, often publishing their work for the first time.

The Island Poets Series features poetry chapbooks by Nadine Shelley, Murray Reiss and Shirley Graham, and a fourth volume by Peter Levitt, which will be launched on April 29.

The printing press business requires a great deal of time, effort and funds and is not a moneymaking business

for the pair.

"It's a labour of love, not a living," said Fertig. "We love doing it. I wish we had more time."

With the obvious love of community, values that transcend money-making and a huge investment in their press, home and studio, it took a big shift for Haase and Fertig to consider leaving Salt Spring.

The beginning of the end was the fight against implementation of the four-day school week.

"I thought it was a really important issue," said Fertig. "I've never done anything that was not literary before, but I couldn't believe what was happening. I was outraged."

The fight took its toll on the couple. They felt unsupported by a community that seemed largely either apathetic or afraid to speak out. They suffered personal consequences for taking the passionate stand that they did. In the end, they got tired.

"It took the heart out of the island for us," said Haase. "We have turned a corner. We paid our price for speaking out."

"We want to thank those people who supported us," said Fertig. "A lot of people came up to us and told us their stories — people who didn't feel they could stand up and speak for themselves."

"It was a wonderful place for our kids to grow up, but something deep has shifted here," said Fertig.

The physical changes to Salt Spring through development and an ever-growing population have also dismayed the couple.

"Mona walked for 14 years in the forest behind our house," said Haase. "It's all been flattened now."

"When things change around you physically, you want a 'shangri-la' where time stands still."

Fertig and Haase plan to barge their printing press equipment to their new Savary Island home and continue to operate (m)Öthêr Tøñgué Press in a fantastic new setting.

"We plan to build a big press room," said Fertig. "We'll continue to have workshops, readings, galleries . . . we'll keep publishing chapbooks . . ."

Islanders can attend one more launch as (m)Öthêr Tøñgué Press presents Winter Still, 10 new poems by Peter Levitt on Sunday, April 29, 3-5 p.m., with the reading at 3:30, at The Point Gallery on South Ridge Road.

Chapbooks from the original poets series are available at Volume Two Books, Watermark Books and from the press website, which is www.mothertonguepress.com.

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White Planet film helps fund film acquisitions for library

A perfect film for Earth Day shows on Sunday, April 22 when the Our Island, Our World Film Festival organizers join The Fritz Cinema in presenting The White Planet.

"The film's directors address global warming in a very gentle way, with stunningly beautiful cinematography and a haunting soundtrack in a film suitable for all ages," states film festival press material.

According to film notes, "The animals are present in full force, showing their ability to survive as well as their vulnerability in a changing environment. The

film allows the simple, natural beauty of the Arctic to speak for itself and, silently, it makes a plea in favour of this strong yet fragile part of the world."

Salt Spring's Bob Weeden will facilitate a discussion following the 1 p.m. screening and global warming information will be available.

Proceeds from event donations will be used to purchase many of the top 10 favourites from the March Festival including Tocar y Luchar (To Play and to Fight), Sound of the Soul, and The Slow Food Revolution for the Salt Spring Library.

"Over the years, the

library has been a wonderful community partner with the festival. We now have a festival logo on the spine of each of the films, and patrons can find Festival titles available in the card catalogue by searching on key word 'film festival,'" states festival coordinator Dick Grier. "We so appreciate all the community support throughout the festival and during the year that makes it possible for us to purchase these beautiful films that we want everyone to have a chance to see."

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Mortality, urbanization at exhibit

A show conceived for Earth Day kicks off the start of a new season for The Point Gallery in Fulford.

Land Marks consists of works by Salt Spring artists Ronald Crawford, Gillian McConnell and Ian Thomas, having in common a consideration of the natural world and recording some aspect of our place in that world.

A reception for the artists is set for Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, from 2 to 5 p.m., and runs at the South Ridge Drive gallery until May 6.

"The objects they have made are many layered, altering our perception of who we are, what we do, and how we shape and are shaped by the ever evolving contours of our chosen landscapes," states a press release from gallery owner Margaret Day. In the upstairs gallery Gillian McConnell's paintings are of the country she has just left, Australia, and an area of natural beauty confronting the twin threats of rapid development and urbanization.

Downstairs Ian Thomas' installation begins with a meditation on our familiar



STONE CREATOR: Ron Crawford creates a stone sculpture outside The Point Gallery, where a reception runs April 22.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

forest floor, but in the succeeding images moves into consideration of much larger issues, as well as confronting the simplest and most complex one of all: our own mortality.

Outside, Ronald Crawford's stone sculpture is a work in progress, to be completed by April 22 and remaining in place for the summer.

"In our haphazard rock-strewn landscape, a structure such as this represents a dialogue between the artist and nature," states the gallery release.

"Each stone placed with full consideration of its shape and weight, and its relationship to every other that has gone before, the whole attains an inner strength and meaning far beyond its outer dimensions. The human time, spent in the making, an overlay on the geological time of the stones themselves, the material self referencing our earliest interventions as artists and human beings: the megalithic cultures of pre-history."

For more information, contact Day at 653-0089.

**WHAT'S ON
This Week?
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Stagecoach Theatre brings a double bill to ArtSpring

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Audiences are in for a treat as Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts presents a double bill of Narnia masterworks by C.S. Lewis.

With this year's largest-ever enrolment of students, the local arts school for kids aged eight to 13 will stage both *The Magician's Nephew* and *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* on Thursday through Saturday, April 26-28 at ArtSpring.

Mainstage 1, which includes some of the younger and newer Stagecoach members, will be performing *The Magician's Nephew*, directed by Sue Newman.

Mainstage 2, made up of senior and more experienced students will present *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, directed by Simon Henson.

"All 23 members will have a role and everyone has their moment on stage," said Henson.

"The kids are great," he added. "They have a creative imagination and wonderful energy. They respect each other and work closely as a team."

The plays revolve around a journey into the enchanted land of Narnia where audiences will meet an evil witch, Aslan, the beloved lion King of Narnia, and magical talking animals.

"Through that journey audiences will experience drama, tragedy, humour, mystery, intrigue and a traitor who changes his ways," described Henson.

"It's about good conquering evil. A new awakening. A new life."

Programming a final show that would challenge and feature both groups presented a dilemma for Henson and Newman. Both groups wanted to put on their own production, but the logistics and complexities of staging two separate plays made



NARNIA DRAMA: Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts students rehearse Saturday at ArtSpring for next week's show.
Photo by Simon Henson

that an impossibility. It was decided that two shorter plays would be staged on the same night instead.

Many titles were suggested, but it was important that the two plays contain similar thematic material. The dilemma was solved when the script for *The Magician's Nephew* proved a perfect match for Mainstage 1 and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* provided an exciting challenge for the students of Mainstage 2.

"With the common theme we were able to use the same lighting, scenery and even some of the costumes," said Henson. "Also, when we are looking at a script, we want to include as many students as possible and the ratio per students with both of these plays worked out perfectly."

Musical accompaniment and sound effects will be provided by a trio of musicians led by music director Karen Arney.

"We have Andy Hickman on guitar, John Herbert on percussion and Karen on keyboard," said Henson. "These musicians worked with the kids last year and they did a great job. We were all really happy to have them back."

Newman also worked as singing instructor and Penny Berton was the movement coach, said Henson.

The icy and wintry scenes that occur in parts of the play could have been a set design challenge, but Henson provided an unusual solution to the problem.

"In the big snowstorm we experienced in November, I went around with my camera and took pictures of frozen forests and melting landscapes," he said.

The photos worked perfectly to depict the icy landscape of Narnia during the reign of the evil Queen. An enlarged, full resolution version will appear projected onto a cyclorama at the back of the stage.

Costuming for the two productions was a huge job, ably handled by an "incredibly supportive parent body."

"Costume coordinator is Maxine Olynyk and Akiko Odagawa also did a huge amount of work," said Henson.

The April 26-27 shows begins at 7 p.m. with a matinee on April 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 and \$6 and are available at ArtSpring.

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CLAY-LIGHT: Tracy Harrison shows lanterns made by youth during a recent workshop. They will be all lit up and on display at the ArtSpring patio on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Global sounds soar at BPH

Two acclaimed global fusion musical maestros perform at Beaver Point Hall next Friday when Jef Stott of San Francisco and Gio Makyo from Japan visit through a Fat Planet World Music Promotions event.

According to press material, as a musical anthropologist Stott has studied with master musicians from Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Iran and Turkey. He's an accomplished musician on several percussive and stringed instruments of the Middle East, including the Oud.

Stott's work has been released on several record labels, including Universal, EMI, Six Degrees, Hearts of Space, Triloka and City of Tribes. He has performed at festivals and concerts in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hawaii, Istanbul, Edinburgh, London, and Mexico.

He has just finished creating SoukSonik, his first solo release, "which truly showcases his individualistic identity as a musician and producer. By focusing on his production, Jef was able to be more experimental and freeform without following a particular structure."

Makyo is originally from the U.S.A., but has lived in Tokyo since the early '90s. He makes music as Makyo and in his band Padmasana. He also runs Dakini Records, which is famous for its ambient/dub/downbeat releases.

Stot performs live accompanied by Drum Spyder on percussion.

Doors open at 8 p.m. with the first performance at 9.

Tickets at the door cost \$15 if purchased between 8 and 9 p.m.; \$20 after 9 p.m.

Mary's Matinee salutes island legacy

Mary's Matinee organizers are honouring more Salt Spring performers than usual for the popular variety show fundraiser.

For eight years Mary's Matinee boosted the Mary and Harry Williamson Scholarship Fund that gives bursaries to Gulf Islands Secondary grads pursuing performing arts studies.

In 2007 the aim is to raise enough money to give a decent-sized scholarship to seven young applicants. Organizers have titled the afternoon *In Case We Can't Remember*.

As explained by local performers Sue Newman and Arvid Chalmers, friends in the field who have died mainly in recent years will be acknowledged, with islanders encouraged to donate to the Williamson fund in their name.

"It's a pitch for money and we're hanging it on the coat-tails of death," said Chalmers. Late performers hon-

oured are Anne Lyon, James Wilkinson, Adrien Town, Joan Raeside, Liz Martin, Yogesha Bennun, Ray Newman and Ron Brunette.

"Every one of them wished they'd done more performing and started sooner — had been given a push in the right direction," said Chalmers, which is why the scholarship committee doesn't want any of the seven applicants to miss out.

This year the event, featuring the scholarship appli-

cants and other popular talents, is on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

"It's really nice to support the kids through the roots of the old hall," said Newman.

Co-hosts are Chalmers and Dustin Van Wyck.

Admission is a minimum \$10 donation at the door, but more money is welcomed since it all adds to the scholarship fund. Other donations may also be made by sending a cheque written to the Mary Williamson Scholarship

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Newman and Chalmers urge islanders to make a donation in memory of one of the performers who've died.

"If you want to include a note with the cheque, those will be included the show," said Chalmers.

In a related event, the celebration of life for Bennun, is on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at Beaver Point Hall.



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Driftwood Staff

What are the qualities that you want in a best friend?

Listening and helping without judgment, feeling supported and comfortable so that you can be yourself, and caring for your safety are just three that I considered.

I now have a new best friend. Her name is Letitia, Lettie for short, and she's a 2007 Lexus RX Ultra Premium Hybrid Package that I met and drove at Metro Lexus in Victoria. Never one to be coy about naming vehicles or personifying my pets by giving them human names, I've decided to name this vehicle as it offered me everything I want without the irritation of the negative qualities determined by the vagaries of humankind.

Ever been in the car with a friend who was supposed to buy a map and be the navigator, and instead led you into an industrial area filled with fog and potential characters named Boris? Well I have, so it was grand to hop into Lettie and have a soothing voice say, "Turn right in 700



Andrea Rabinovitch with her new best friend — a Lexus RX

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meters, now turn left" and having to only occasionally glance at the screen to my right. Lettie warned me to pull over to look at the screen and that driving at the same

time was a poor idea. The tone was firm and brought me back to reality.

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Think of your most high maintenance friend and then think of Lettie, whose only wish is to ferry you around in comfort, ensuring that your passengers, fellow travellers and the environment are left just a little bit better.



SPRING SHINE: The arrival of drier weather means it's time to wash the winter mud from island cars. Lots of fundraising groups — like this class from Salt Spring Island Middle School — will likely set up in the Ganges Village Market parking lot over the next few months to help drivers shine up their cars.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Spring showers bring additional driving safety hazards

Worn-out tires and windshield wiper blades are symptoms of neglected vehicle maintenance that put drivers and passengers at serious risk during the typically rainy months of spring.

Thin tire treads create hazardous driving conditions when water builds up on the roadway, according to Car Care Canada. Deep

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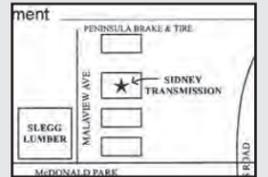
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A battery is as likely to go dead in summer as in winter. In some cases, cold temperatures will actually keep the battery's power intact (as when you store smaller batteries in a freezer so they won't lose their power). But very warm weather can also drain the battery's power. And corroded wires and connections (even very slightly corroded) could cause difficulties in starting a vehicle.

Therefore, have all your wires and cables checked by a competent mechanic in the spring. While faulty cables will make starting difficult, corroded wires can also cause electrical problems within the car — even worse, fire! If any of them show any kind of weakness or damage, have them changed and have the whole electrical and charging system checked by a specialist. This advice could prevent embarrassing, if not major problems in summer, especially if your vehicle is a little older!

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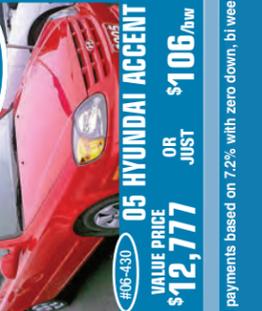
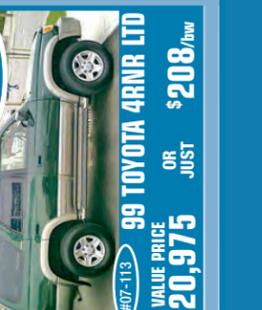
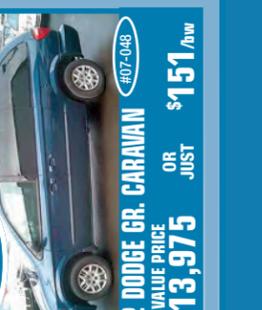


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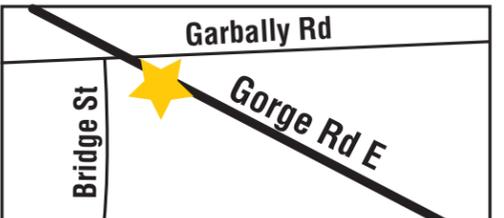
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Above, Jim Ratsoy's favourite car colour — black — dominates his collection.



Above is a 1940 Chevrolet, while at right, is Jim Ratsoy and his wife Marcia.



Jim Ratsoy is B.C.'s premier car collector

By ALYN EDWARDS
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The first convertible Jim Ratsoy bought was a brand new bright red 1951 Ford.

He was 20 years old and was working at his father's small Chevrolet dealership in the hamlet of Smoky Lake northeast of Edmonton. The Ford dealer in a nearby town had brought the snazzy red convertible in and still hadn't sold it well into 1952. His customers were farmers who lived on dirt roads and would never buy an open car.

Jim Ratsoy got a super price from the hungry dealer (by trading in a 1947 Mercury coupe that he had fixed up) and drove the convertible off the lot. He enjoyed the convertible for a few months and then sold it for a profit. He took over the General Motors dealership when his father passed away in 1957.

After clearing off the debts, he sold the dealership in 1959 and moved to Edmonton. He went into the used car business for the next seven years before he and a friend purchased a Chrysler dealership in Wetaskiwin.

In 1968, Jim Ratsoy was approached by General

He built it up from the worst dealership to the number one spot in the country . . .

Motors to go to Winnipeg to purchase a run-down Chevrolet dealership. He built it up from the worst dealership to the number one spot in the country before selling it in 1975. He wanted to move west again and settled in Richmond where he opened a Pontiac Buick GMC dealership which he successfully ran for 31 years.

As he began to make money in the car business through northern Alberta, Winnipeg and finally the Vancouver area, he bought collectible cars like the 1951 Ford convertible — adding them to his growing collection.

Today, a red 1951 Ford convertible is part of what may be Canada's largest private classic vehicle collection housed on Jim and Marcia Ratsoy's property in south Richmond. The Ratsoys have more than 100 vehicles. Over three-quarters of the cars are convertibles.

Among the collection are

Ford convertibles representing just about every year from 1929 through 1957.

"I almost have a full set," quips Ratsoy.

One of his favourite cars is a maroon 1936 Ford coupe convertible that he has owned for 30 years. The car caused a lot of second looks when he would drive it to work at his General Motors dealership.

Jim Ratsoy's huge showroom in one of two buildings on his property houses more than 50 of his favourite cars. Lining the walls is an amazing collection of jukeboxes and priceless early 1900s music machines, player pianos and even a gigantic automated orchestra built in 1931 that once played in a Belgian dance hall.

A light blue 1954 Chevrolet five-window pickup is on display and looks new. Jim Ratsoy sold one just like it when it was new to the Imperial Oil bulk dealer in his home town the year he and Marcia were married.

His eyes shine when he looks at an all-black 1953 Chevrolet convertible with a white rear fender accent and black and white interior. He points out a similar 1954 Chevrolet convertible in turquoise nearby.

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“It doesn’t have the same pizzazz. I love black,” he enthuses. “There’s just nothing like it.”

He must love black. Almost half his convertibles are black, most with red interiors. There is a 1948 Plymouth coupe convertible, a chrome-laden 1958 Buick Limited convertible, a 1957 Ford Skyliner retractable hideaway hardtop, a 1949 Oldsmobile ‘98 convertible and a 1938 Buick Special convertible — all black.

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The collection includes an extremely rare 1960 Edsel convertible. There were only 73 made in 1960 before Ford pulled the plug on its failed Edsel experiment.

There are a few cars that got away. Jim Ratsoy is still upset about a low-mileage dark green 1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan convertible that he was pursuing at an auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. But the owner suddenly drove the car off the lot not realizing that the buyer from Canada was serious. Jim finally added an ultra rare maroon and tan 1949 Lincoln convertible to his collection to make up for the loss. There were only 335 of this model manufactured in 1949.

He points to a gleaming maroon 1947 Ford coupe with only 44,000 original miles. The car was owned by the same family on Vancouver



Seen here are a 1955 Studebaker, left, and a 1954 Chev pick-up

Island since new and was painstakingly restored by the son of the original owner. The car sports a sun visor and chrome spotlight.

A tri-colour 1957 Hudson with a continental spare tire has just 63,475 miles and was purchased in California. It looks brand new and represents the last year that Hudson cars were sold.

Among his more exotic cars is a Cadillac convertible sedan with 12 cylinders. It was built January 15, 1931 for display at a new car show in a Chicago hotel.

Ratsoy bought the car in St. Louis from a shoe factory owner who had been forced to liquidate his assets by a strike.

The canny car dealer also bought

a wood-bodied 1948 Chrysler Town and Country convertible from the same owner. The beige beauty with gleaming wood side panels and trunk sports a maroon-colored convertible top.

In front of the Chrysler is a deep red 1947 Cadillac convertible that has travelled just 54,000 miles from new. It had been owned by a woman in Roseburg, Oregon.

Alongside are two Mercury woody station wagons: a maroon 1948 model and a tan 1946 model. Next to them is a row of first-edition Mercury convertibles: 1939, 1940 and 1941. The collection also includes an unrestored 1947 Mercury convertible — black, of course.

The Ratsoys’ most unusual car is a 1912 Unic coupe made in France. The royal blue paint is offset by brass lamps and door handles. The tall cab sporting a grey tufted interior looks like a telephone booth.

A tiny German Isetta sits in the corner of the huge classic car showroom. This two-passenger vehicle made in the late 1950s allowed driver access with the entire front of the car opening as a door with the steering column attached to it.

The Ratsoy collection includes a seldom-seen 1956 GMC Suburban pick-up truck painted butterscotch and cream, which was issued with a Pontiac V8 engine and Hydramatic transmission. There were only about 100 of these trucks built

and they were very similar to the Chevrolet Cameo Carrier pickup trucks of that era.

Many vintage Studebaker cars have found a home in the Ratsoy collection. The most colourful is a low-slung 1955 Speedster model painted mustard yellow and sage green. There were 2,210 of this model made and Jim Ratsoy’s car has the original tan vinyl diamond-stitched interior.

At 75 years old, Jim Ratsoy still has much to accomplish. He has several complete restoration projects underway at his on-site facility and at least six more cars waiting for restoration. They are all convertibles. Most of them will be black.

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A change for the better? Just ask your brakes

Changing the many fluids in a vehicle is always a change for the better. Dirty engine oil, transmission fluid or anti-freeze is bad news for a car.

But what about brake fluid? Many motorists know that this fluid should be topped off, but changed? According to Car Care Canada, brake fluid in the typical vehicle can become contaminated in two years or less. This is because the fluid absorbs moisture, which works its way through the hydraulic system.

Under heavy braking conditions, such as those encountered in mountainous or hilly driving or when towing a trailer, moisture in the overheated fluid vaporizes (boiling point of water is lower than that of brake fluid) and braking efficiency is reduced.

"Even under normal driving conditions this condition can develop if the brake fluid is seriously contaminated" says Car Care Canada's Marc Brazeau. "Not only is the fluid vulnerable to vaporizing, it also can freeze."

Brake fluid must maintain a stable viscosity throughout its operating temperature range. If it's too thick or too thin, braking action is impaired. Beyond the vaporization hazard, moisture creates an additional problem for owners of vehicles equipped with anti-lock braking (ABS) systems. Rusted and corroded ABS components are very expensive to replace.

How does a car owner know when to have fluid changed? Car Care Canada rec-

ommends replacement every two years or 40,000 kilometres.

"Certainly it should be included with brake pad or shoe replacement," Brazeau emphasizes. "In between, as a preventive measure, a professional brake technician should check the condition of the fluid with an accurate fluid test safety meter, which is inserted into the master cylinder reservoir to record the fluid's boiling point."

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Auto owners get what they pay for in windshields

Everybody loves a bargain but, being “penny wise” is “pound foolish” when selecting an auto glass service provider.

Like anything else, you get what you pay for and “cheap” is not what you want when replacing auto glass. Quality and professional competency should be the top priorities for every person in need of auto glass service.

The fact is that most automotive safety experts rank the windshield as the third most important safety component in today's cars and trucks. Seatbelts and airbags rank first and second.

All three components are part of what automotive engineers refer to as a vehicle's safety restraint system (SRS).

The SRS is intended to keep vehicle occupants within the relative safety of the passenger compartment during a collision or roll

over.

SRS components work together. The windshield provides virtually all the support a passenger side airbag needs to deploy properly. If the windshield falls out in a collision, that particular air bag is all but useless.

Similarly, the windshield provides much of the roof support for most cars, especially mini-vans. If the windshield is displaced, much of that structural support is lost along with most of the crush resistance designed into the vehicle.

Laws exist that require seatbelt use. Laws exist to prohibit tampering with or disabling airbags. However, there are no laws that govern how a windshield is replaced once the vehicle leaves the factory.

An improperly replaced windshield could — and sometimes does — become detached from the vehicle during airbag deploy-

ment; from the force of a collision; or, when the car rolls or flips over. With the windshield displaced, the effectiveness of SRS is seriously compromised.

There are thousands of responsible auto glass companies in Canada that perform high-quality, safe windshield replacement.

There are also some that do not. If you know what questions to ask in selecting a glass shop and what to look for during the installation, you greatly improve the odds of avoiding the unprofessional practitioner.

Car Care Canada recommends that consumers ask prospective auto glass service providers if they:

- Have certified technicians;
- Endorse the Auto Glass Replacement Safety Standard (AGRSS);
- Use the manufacturers recommended urethane adhesive;

• Review the “do's and don'ts” of post-installation usage with customers.

Car Care Canada also recommended the vehicle owner ask to see the manufacturers' expiration date on all preps, primers and adhesives to be used during the windshield replacement. If any of these materials are passed the expiration date, do not allow the installation to begin until acceptable materials are located. If the installation is already in process, it must be stopped and started again from scratch after all bonding surfaces have been thoroughly cleaned.

After the installation is complete, inspect the work carefully. You do not need to be an auto glass expert to identify the “tell-tale” signs of improper installation. From outside the vehicle, check to see if:

- The windshield is perfectly centered on the car.

The distance between the left side and the right side of the windshield and the auto body should be the same.

• Inspect the molding to be sure it fits around the circumference of the windshield and there are no visible gaps.

• The molding should be flat and not look like a roller coaster.

• Most importantly, the glass should be flush to the vehicle's body.

When shopping for auto glass repair and/or replacement services, people need to be quality conscious to a fault.

To be done properly, windshield replacement requires the use of the best materials technology can provide and the skills of highly trained, experienced and, above all, detail conscious technicians.

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As prices soar, drivers should change habits to save fuel

Spring is back, and with it comes dry roads and better driving weather. Obviously, everyone wants to enjoy the best ride possible.

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The worst is, you never know when prices will jump very high.

So, your budget is getting tighter? Help yourself by changing your driving habits, even if you possess a performance vehicle.

Try to get the most of the engine's fuel economy by avoiding jackrabbit starts, hard acceleration and high-speed driving.

Try never to be in a hurry (though it might be difficult in our fast-paced world) and drive at a good but safe pace.

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(2) ** Striptease (1995, Comedy) A Miami strip club dancer struggles to regain custody of her daughter from her ex-husband. Burt Reynolds, Demi Moore (2h)
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(2) ** The Absent Minded Professor (1961, Comedy) A professor makes a practical discovery of a gooey substance called flubber. Fred MacMurray, Nancy Olson (2h)
11:15 PM
(2) ** Money Talks (1997, Comedy) A news anchor must pretend that a con man is an old friend to his fiancée and her parents. Charlie Sheen, Chris Tucker (1h45)

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TUESDAY, APRIL 24
7:00 PM
(2) *** Carlito's Way (1993, Crime Story) Upon his release, a former convict tries to avoid the corrupting influences of his old life. Al Pacino, Sean Penn (2h30)
(2) *** Salome (1953, Romance) The story of Princess Salome and her traitorous love affair with Claudius. Dame Judith Anderson, Rita Hayworth (2h)
8:00 PM
(2) *** Speed (1994, Action) An officer must save the trapped passengers when a mastermind plants a bomb on a city bus. Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock (2h30)
9:00 PM
(2) ** Miss Sadie Thompson (1953, Drama) An entertainer finds happiness on a tropical island until her past is revealed. Charles Bronson, Rita Hayworth (1h45)
9:30 PM
(2) * Turning April (1995, Drama) An Australian housewife joins a group of thieves after being kidnapped. Aaron Blabey, Tushka Bergen (1h45)
10:45 PM
(2) **** Separate Tables (1958, Romance) The lives of various characters become intertwined during a stay at a seaside hotel. Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr (1h45)
11:15 PM
(2) *** Deep Cover (1992, Action) A cop goes undercover to infiltrate a Latin American cocaine cartel and arrest the dealer. Jeff Goldblum, Laurence Fishburne (2h)

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Sharkwater — For filmmaker Rob Stewart, exploring sharks began as an underwater adventure. What it turned into was a beautiful and dangerous life journey into the balance of life on earth. Sharkwater takes you into the most shark rich waters of the world, exposing the exploitation and corruption surrounding the world's shark populations in the marine reserves of Cocos Island, Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

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exhibitions

- Land Marks** — work by Ronald Crawford, Gillian McConnell and Ian Thomas — runs at **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Road until May 6. Reception for the artists on Sun., April 22, 2-5 p.m.
- New Horizons** — Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild Annual Spring Show and Sale runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **ArtSpring** through Sun., April 22.
- J. Mitchell Gallery's 2007 Spring Show** is an extensive collection of new work by 30-plus artists. Runs through May 23.
- Live Edge Design** shows new works of organic contemporary furniture at **Salt Spring Woodworks** until April 23. Gallery open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Steffich Fine Art** — the former Thunderbird Gallery — shows **A New Perspective** with work by 16 artists.
- Christine Russell** is the April artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** cafe in Ganges.
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DANCE INTENSIVE: Sashah Klappiv, left, and Kimberly Schnare are among several dancers who took part in a workshop led by Crystal Pite at Anna Haltrecht's Cats Pajamas Studio last Sunday.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Locals get ready to help feed orphans in Malawi

Two Salt Spring men are putting their construction skills to extraordinary use when they head to Malawi at the end of May to build a feeding centre for children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic.

Rene Van Hullebush and Ray Smith are part of an eight-person team who will spend three weeks building the structure through an Apostolic Church of Pentacost (ACOP) of Canada initiative.

After the centre in a village outside of Lilongwe is complete, area orphans will be able to get food in a reliable, central, rain-sheltered spot through an ACOP of Africa and Orphan Care Ministry partnership.

Van Hullebush said he had considered the possibility of doing missionary work at some point in his life, but never imagined his first venture would be to Africa.

He was first motivated to get involved after seeing a video and then a drama troupe presentation illustrating the African AIDS crisis at the Community Gospel Chapel.

"The play depicted the African orphans' plight and the kids drew me in. That basically raised my interest in going. I knew it was going to be a big commitment, but I felt like God was telling me to step out in faith and do it, and He never closed the door."

Smith decided to join the team after Van Hullebush



OFF TO AFRICA: Ray Smith, left, and Rene Van Hullebush are part of an eight-person team heading to Malawi to build a centre for orphans.
 Photo by Gail Sjuberg

"I immediately said I'm going to do this and largely because I have so much abundance in my life and I'm ready to give back."
 —Ray Smith

canvassed the Community Gospel congregation for interest.

"I immediately said I'm going to do this and largely because I have so much abundance in my life and I'm ready to give back," said Smith.

ACOP has already built a couple of the structures and plans to complete more.

While the building costs of approximately \$6,500 have been covered, each team member must raise \$3,500 for their own expenses.

Smith and Van Hullebush are also bringing special items such as soccer balls, a pump and needles.

Van Hullebush's son Noah and a friend raised funds to buy the balls after learning that's what one missionary wished he had taken to Africa.

They also plan to bring as many tools as possible that can be left for future teams. Feeding centres are built by both the team and area residents.

The United Nations estimates Malawi has at least 550,000 orphans, in a population of just over 12 million. It's a situation Van Hullebush and Smith want to help in any way they can and they will gratefully receive any donations for the cause.

Contact Van Hullebush at 538-8339 or Smith at 537-5150. As well, a fundraising car wash will be held at Ganges Village Market parking lot on Saturday, April 21.

Celebration set for World Poetry member

The World Poetry family mourns the loss of World Poetry Lifetime Achievement Winner Cecilia Madge Kimball, a long-time resident of Salt Spring Island.

According to her daughter Ariadne Sawyer, Kimball was a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, a poet and a gifted piano teacher, and one of the first women to perform the difficult Opus 111 by Beethoven in public.

"We have been receiving many messages

of love and caring for our loss from Canada and all over the world," said Sawyer, who is also a World Poetry co-founder. "The response has been amazing. Madge was an important supporter and member of our family."

A celebration of Kimball's life is on Saturday, April 28 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Croftonbrook hall, 132 Corbett Road on Salt Spring Island. Everyone is invited to bring their poems, music and stories.

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Volunteering is 'a given' at Lady Minto Hospital

By REBECCA HYLANDS
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A smile graces the wrinkled creases of her face as she tells me a story from when she was a young girl.

Almost every Friday, I volunteer at Lady Minto Hospital in extended care with my friend Sarah Lundy.

Every week is different because I always learn something new about myself.

I love how every resident has a story to tell.

I enjoy listening to them because I get to be in touch with someone that I would not ordinarily know.

We do many activities with the residents, like talking, bowling, playing bingo and setting up calendars for the month ahead. I particularly enjoy decorating the extended care unit for holidays, especially Christmas.

I became interested in volunteering because I wanted to treat people as I would my grandmother since she passed away at Lady Minto. I also wanted to try working in a field similar to my mother, who is a nurse.



THE GIFT OF VOLUNTEERISM: Hospital volunteer Barb Brindamour works with Lady Minto Hospital extended care resident Peggy Holding. Photo by Rebecca Hylands

Volunteering is an opportunity to make an impact in someone's life. I do it not just because it is fun, but also to raise my own confidence.

The residents may think that we make their day, but in some ways, they make ours too.

Just looking at their faces

spread into a huge smile makes you want to grin too. One of the amazing things about volunteering at a hospital is the non-verbal com-

Just having the opportunity to go to the hospital whenever you please makes me feel like I have actually done something out of my way to make someone feel better.

munications you can have.

How lucky can you get when you are alone all day and someone comes along and talks to you and asks how you are feeling?

It's good enough that these people are being cared for when they can't do it by themselves.

One of my main highlights as a volunteer was when a resident told me that I resembled her grand-daughter. Words mean so much in the hospital.

Studies show that volun-

teering is good for both your physical and mental health. As well, it can extend the length of your life.

Just having the opportunity to go to the hospital whenever you please makes me feel like I have actually done something out of my way to make someone feel better.

Volunteering takes no resources and there are positions around every corner.

In fact, 80 per cent of Canadians said they would be happy to volunteer if they were asked.

In the year 2000 the average number of hours each person spent volunteering increased to 162 from 142 in 1997.

All in all, one billion hours are spent doing volunteer work annually in Canada.

The huge amount of time can translate to the equivalent of 549,000 full-time year-round jobs.

If you would like to become a volunteer in the hospital, please phone 538-4800, or 538-4804 for the nurses' extended care unit. Ask for activities coordinator Barb Brindamour.

Volunteer Salt Spring celebrates National Volunteer Week with quiz

So, you think you know a whole lot about this island? Well, test yourself with these questions. You will find the answers at www.volunteersaltspring.com. Good luck!

1. How many volunteers does it take to run and maintain the Community Food Bank?

2. Where can you, as a volunteer, get to see the ballet for free?

3. What percentage of Salt Spring Islanders give time volunteering?

4. Who volunteers more... men or women?

5. Where can youth volunteer on Salt Spring?

6. In Canada, volunteers contribute over a billion hours of their time yearly. Is this true or false?

7. Which school grade receives dictionaries from the Lions Club each year?

8. Which voluntary organization looks after Pioneer Village?

9. What is the average age of the volunteers who keep the Legion clean?

10. Can you name all four groups in the Girl Guides?

11. Do you know what OGIFA stands for? What do they sell and where do they sell it?

12. IWAV runs a thrift

store on the island. What does IWAV stand for? What is the name of the store? Where is the income from the store spent?

13. How much does the Salt Spring Foundation grant into our community each year? Where do they get the money they grant?

14. Which service club sponsors youth foreign exchange opportunities?

15. Which island organization has the greatest number of volunteers?

We don't know the answer to the last question. If you do or think you do, contact us at info@volunteersaltspring.com.

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Time to book Big Bike seats

Look out, Salt Spring — the Heart & Stroke Big Bike is wheeling into town again this year.

Ten teams have been organized for the Wednesday, May 23 fundraiser, says local coordinator Susannah Devitt, with seats available on several.

This year the ride on the giant 29-seat bike starts and ends at Centennial Park. The event sees teams take turns riding the bike, after members have done their fundraising. Proceeds benefit the Heart & Stroke Foundation of B.C.

Local teams are the Salt Spring Heroes (emergency services workers), Garth's Team, Salt Spring Roasters, Friends of Fitness, Thrifty

Foods, Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions, Ganges Village Market, the Akerman Family, Island Savings and Pharmasave/Medical.

Devitt and co-organizer Tanja Akerman also hope to have a "Phantom Bike," where people can buy a seat for \$50 and be recognized for it but don't actually do the ride.

A number of perks go along with Big Bike participation, including gifts based on the amount of funds raised, and a chance to win the grand prize of a team dinner for all riders.

Each team's biggest fundraiser is also rewarded with "the Big Bike Easy Seat." It's an oversized, extra-padded seat with no pedals.

Lions Club members will

be on hand to feed the hungry riders and anyone else who wants a burger to help fund the cause from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

And teams love to vie for the "spirit award," which compels them to have extra fun during the ride.

Locally the Big Bike event has raised about \$55,000 over the past three years.

In the past five decades, the foundation has invested some \$1 billion into peer-reviewed heart disease and stroke research and runs a number of educational programs and support services.

For more information about how to get on the bike or donate, contact Devitt at 537-2570 or Akerman at 653-9984.

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WINNER: Our Island, Our World Film Festival coordinator Carol Grier presents a Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) filmmaking scholarship to Lorne Hearsey-Tymchuk, a Grade 9 Phoenix high school student. The scholarship includes tuition and room and board for a full week's summer session on Galiano at GIFTS.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

Eyes and ears can absorb Venezuelan film, speakers

A film on Venezuela and talk by people who have recently visited the country will give islanders a glimpse of current life in the much-talked-about South American country.

The president of the Women's Bank in Venezuela believes that the social revolution has given all Venezuelans "the right to dream and to hope," states a press release on the event. She is one of many Venezuelans who

express their opinion on the revolution in the film *Venezuela Bolivariana: People and Struggle of the Fourth World War*, which will be shown at Ganges United Church on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

The evening will be hosted by Marion Pape, Sheila Reid, Evelyn Navarre and David Porterfield, participants in a Global Exchange tour to Venezuela in December 2006.

"In this film the view is presented that the fourth

world war is already in progress, following in the tracks of the first and second world wars and the Cold War. It is the war that is being fought against global capitalism and neo-liberal politics in the 'developing world' and it does much to clarify the roots of the Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela."

The film was made by a collective of young Venezuelan film-makers. Its showing will be followed by a discussion period.

Series helps parents bring R+R to home

Parents of Gulf Islands youth may have heard about the Respectful Relationships program (R+R) at some point in the past seven years, and now they can get hands-on experience with it themselves.

As part of a pilot project, R+R is offering a series of five two-hour Monday night workshops "on developing the skills and support to be able to have healthy relationships with their teens as well as to support their teens as they navigate their peer and intimate relationships," explains an information sheet from sponsoring body SWOVA.

Called R+R at Home, it will be led by experienced R+R adult facilitators Robert Birch and Ahava Shira, with at least one workshop co-facilitated by R+R youth team facilitators.

Fathers, mothers and guardians of students who have received the program at school can participate.

The objectives of R+R At Home are to:

- support parents in the community to be able to communicate with their teens using the language and skills of Respectful Relationships;
- encourage parents' awareness of the benefits of boundaries and assertiveness, listening and healthy conflict engagement in their relationships;

- enable parents to feel comfortable having meaningful conversations with their teens on topics that are important to them, including bullying, peer pressure, and dating violence;
- increase parents' understanding of systemic violence and the effect it has on their teens, including sexism, racism and homophobia.

Sessions run April 30, May 7, 14, 28 and June 4 in Room S113 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to register, call Ahava Shira, project co-ordinator, at 537-8767.

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Bowen garden on tap

Bowen Island gardener Kathy Leishman will share the results of changes she's made to her land when the Salt Spring Garden Club meets on Wednesday, April 25.

Leishman recorded and photographed the changes "and will speak honestly about her successes, failures and renewed emphasis," states a club press release.

"Leishman has a beautiful garden that has been photographed for TV programmes and magazine articles, so it's hard to imagine that she considered changes were necessary. But this is exactly what the theme of her presentation is about. She has stepped back and reviewed what her direction should be; and she has adapted her gardening style and philosophy in view of hot dry summers (with or without deer) and the effects of cold winter snaps on the marginally hardy."

Leishman was for 20 years a residential garden designer, with a focus on creating gardens that "reflect a sense of place, especially plants that are specifically suitable — right place/right plant."

The garden club meets at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. New members are welcome and \$5 is the suggested donation for non-members.

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now receiving applications from interested community members to fill currently vacant positions on the Advisory Planning Commission, the Advisory Design Panel, Advisory Environment Committee and Advisory Agriculture Committee. These appointments are for a 2-year term, and may be extended for a further term. All applicants must be Electors of the Local Trust Committee and residents of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

Please note that 3 additional vacancies will occur in August 2007 for the Advisory Design Panel and names received in response to this notice will also be considered for those appointments.

Role of the Advisory Committees		Vacancies
Advisory Planning Commission	To advise the Local Trust Committee on matters respecting community planning, land use, proposed bylaws and permit applications referred to the committee.	6
Advisory Design Panel	To evaluate the design of proposed development projects and advise the Local Trust Committee on the merits of the designs referred to the committee.	2
Advisory Environment Committee	To provide advice and education to the Local Trust Committee about environmental issues; to encourage and promote private stewardship, and to advise on land use matters and applications referred to the committee.	3
Advisory Agriculture Committee	To provide recommendations to the Local Trust Committee on matters referred to it by the Local Trust Committee concerning policy, regulation and planning approval applications relative to issues affecting agriculture and agricultural land use.	3

Further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members may be obtained by contacting the Ganges office of the Islands Trust, at 537-9144.

While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset and is required for the Advisory Environment Committee, the Local Trust Committee is interested in hearing from all persons who have a broad understanding of the island community and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character. Citizens interested in participating in any of these committees are invited to apply in writing before May 9, 2007. Applications must include a statement of interest, relevant experience, qualifications, and identification of which committee(s) you wish to be a member of, and should be addressed to:

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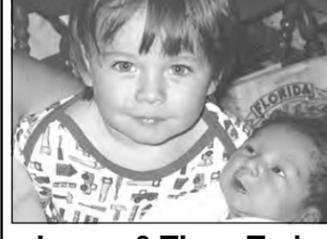
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Wrestler pins solid national debut

An upstart Salt Spring Island wrestler appearing in her first national championships came within three seconds and a "tricky" move of bringing home a silver medal last week.

After judges tallied the final points, 14-year-old Carmen Esquivel finished fifth out of more than 20 competitors — and had the time of her life.

"It made me realize why I joined wrestling in the first place," she said in an interview following the Toronto event. "We were both equal in strength and speed. She just had some more effective moves."

Esquivel never could have imagined taking centre stage at such a prestigious event when she began her budding

wrestling career under the guidance of her coach and father Leon Esquivel last year.

"There was an amazing amount of people watching and everyone was cheering," she said. "There must have been thousands. It's a really big thing."

Esquivel competed in 12 matches over two days, an experience, she said, her body is unlikely to forget. But with every match, she became stronger and her mind more alert.

Qualifying for the event required a top-six finish in the provincials held earlier this year, no mean feat for a competitor whose hometown has next to no formal wrestling programs or coaches.

Even as a student at Queen of Angels

in Duncan, Esquivel's training routine is limited by the goals she and her father set.

"I can run 16 laps of the football field and it was still a challenge," Esquivel said of the competition, a field that included a stable of veteran provincial and national champions from across the country. "They were solid muscle. I knew that if I tried hard enough, I could handle it."

With the season all wrapped up, Esquivel said she plans to concentrate on fitness training and developing some of the moves she picked up in Toronto.

"I think, for now, the nationals are a pretty good place to sit," she said. "We'll see what comes next."

Direction choice the first hurdle in Portland/Moresby sailing race

By SCOTT SIMMONS
Driftwood Contributor

A Sunday forecast for light wind was worrisome for Salt Spring Sailing Club racers, since the Round Portland / Moresby Race is one of the longest on the calendar at over 26 nautical miles.

The pre-race meeting was something all Salt Springers can relate to. It started with good intentions and a simple question by Greg Slakov, the racing fleet captain.

(Note to Greg: If you ever have to be in charge of a group of Salt Springers, don't let them vote on anything! Ever!)

The initial question was should we break with the traditional "skipper's choice" procedure and choose a direction in which we all have to round the islands?

The vote was "yes," let's choose a common direction. But which way? Some wanted to go clockwise, others counter-clockwise. So we had an inconclusive vote on that.

Then, a call came from Roger Kibble: "Perhaps we should re-vote regarding a united rounding direction." Greg duly held the vote — again inconclusive — so he unilaterally declared the rounding direction — "skipper's choice!" So much for democracy.



The diminutive Imp shadows Caliente and JJ Flash as the fleet leaders head towards Portland and Moresby islands during Sunday's 26 nautical mile race.

Photo by John Cameron

It turned out to be a glorious day for a sailboat race, with steady winds and bright sun the whole way round. Nine of 10 boats elected to go clockwise around the islands.

David Wood and crew decided to go counter clockwise and unfortunately it was the slow way, but you can never tell what will happen.

The race featured the longest spinnaker run we have had in a while, from the

south tip of Moresby Island, around Portland Island, and all the way back to the finish line.

It was also one of the closest races of the season with boats sailing within yards of each other over the entire course. First and second place were separated by 26 seconds over a race that lasted about six hours.

For the next few days you can easily recognize everyone who was out there: we are the ones with raccoon

eyes and sunburns. Thank heavens for sunglasses.

The next race is on April 29. (This was voted on as well!)

Check the club website <http://www.saltspringsailing.ca/> for photos.

The sailing club is democracy in action, Salt Spring style. You gotta luv it. Great sailing, great people and great debate. The Round Salt Spring race is on May 19-20.

Alliance benefits from Earth Day run

Island runner and salon owner Juliette Laing is again hitting the road on Earth Day to benefit the environment.

She aims to raise \$600 for the Aveda salon products' Earth Month fundraising campaign that benefits the Georgia Strait Alliance this year.

"It's so nice because that group is so local and they've done so many wonderful things," she said.

Laing will complete a 10-kilometre run with a Walker Hook route, and invites anyone interested to join her on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Another Earth Month promotion sees 100 per cent of

sale proceeds of the Aveda earth candle this month benefit the Global Green Grants fund, which aids clean water projects in the developing world.

Laing has been involved in environmental causes for decades, she said, and is happy to run a business that can also contribute.

Sunday marks her fourth Earth Day run.

Anyone wanting to donate to the cause can make out cheques to the Georgia Strait Alliance and will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Contact Laing at 537-9542 to either donate or join her on the Sunday run.

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Dragons bow out in 4th on high note

You don't often find teammates celebrating defeat, but that's how the Salt Spring Island Dragons women's soccer club reacted after a 4-0 loss to one of the league's best on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Victoria.

"Sure we didn't win, but it was some really good soccer," said Sue-Anne Donaldson, the team's spokesperson. "They really had to work for their goals. They are the best and we held up very well."

After stringing together several stellar performances to reach last weekend's Stephanie Shergold Cup semi-final match, the Dragons' good fortunes finally ran low when they found out who was next on their play-off path.

Players on the Gorge over-30 A-team, Donaldson said, are some of the most experienced and talented in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association.

Despite Sunday's loss, the Dragons placed fourth in the Shergold Cup's overall standings.

"That's pretty good considering there were 24 teams registered," Donaldson added.

Stand-out performances from stopper Jeanie Gray and sweeper Christine Godlonton forced Gorge to play hard from the opening whistle.

Down by only two goals

at the half, the Dragons kept the game within reach until the very end as they have all season.

"This was a great year," she said. "We played well as a team, improved our skills and are now a pretty tight group of women."

With most players likely to return next year, Donaldson said, their chances for 2008 are looking good.

Before hanging up their cleats for the season, though,

players are preparing for Salt Spring's Challenge Cup on the May long weekend.

Donaldson wished to acknowledge the effort of head coach Dick Davidson, financial support from Shipstones Pub and moral support from their loyal home island fans.

Updated information on off-season league events and planning for the 2007-2008 season is available at www.liwsa.com.

The Living Word

Mark 16-6

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

WINSOME WHITE
Please Read: Matthew 28: 5,6
Luke 24: 1 to 12

Old Boys dodge promotion by a single point

In spite of winning their season finale against Cordova Bay, the Salt Spring Island Old Boys won't be moving up to Division B anytime soon — and that's just the way they like it.

"Sighs of relief were heard all around as promotion might mean training, drills and high expectations," said team spokesperson Fraser Hope. "High expectations, not something Old Boys could possibly countenance, would interfere with the social aspects of the game."

Taking to the field at Vancouver

Island's Lochside Park under sunny skies on Sunday afternoon, the Old Boys held it together to survive the Cordova Bay Investors' explosive offensive start.

Don Brown broke the first-half deadlock for Salt Spring with a powerful shot sent through the penalty box, leaving the opposing keeper with little chance at making a save.

Doug Pearson followed with a corner-kick from Ben Cooper to give the Old Boys a 2-0 lead at the half.

"Despite having only one substitute on the bench, the Old Boys were

much quicker to the ball and could have added to their lead before half-time," Hope said.

Taking advantage of a brief Salt Spring "panic session," the Investors brought the score to within one in the second half.

"It was a fine performance given the short bench and much younger opposition," Hope said. "The Old Boys always seem to play their silkiest football with the sun on their backs and fine dry conditions under foot."

Old Boys midfielders dominated

throughout with Eamon Murphy, Don Brown and Jack Braak providing service for the attackers, Hope added.

The win gave the Old Boys sole possession of third position in the Vancouver Island Soccer Association's Masters B division.

And that's where they'll kick it off again next year.

Players thanked Jack Braak for his coaching skills and dedicated the team's victory to the memory of Stan Tweddle, a long-time Old Boys supporter.

Scorpions soccer hits stride with match wins and losses

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior girls soccer team overcame a two-goal deficit to beat Wellington school and move into fifth place in its division last week.

Danica Lundy was first on the scoreboard in the second half, followed by two markers from Avery Brown, as the Scorpions won the game 5-2 against one of the league's best teams.

"All of the girls played really well," said head coach

Doug Pearson earlier this week.

Katherine Kimmling and Laura Zimmerman chipped in to pad the team's lead in the game's dying moments.

The girls' next games were set for Tuesday at home, and Thursday in Brentwood.

In other high school soccer news:

The senior boys team failed to capture a win in their lone game last week, losing 4-1 against Shawnigan Lake.

Playing against the home-

town favourites on Vancouver Island took its toll on the nerves of the relatively inexperienced Scorpions side, according to Tavis Morton, the team's head coach.

"They were kind of intimidated to go up against one of the best teams and gained a lot of confidence when they realized they were still in the game," he said. Keegan Pearson and Stuart Garside stood out as the game's most valuable players for GISS, Morton added.

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Sleeping Dogs Lie: should secrets stay secrets?



A controversial hit at the Sundance Film Festival, *Sleeping Dogs Lie* overcomes its low-budget roots to prove itself an insightful look at truth in relationships. It's really too bad that many prospective viewers will never get past its decidedly distasteful premise.

The film begins with a short scene in which college student Amy (Melinda Page Hamilton) does something really, really, really nasty. I can't give details here, let's just say her dog Rufus was involved. Don't worry, you don't see anything.

Fast forward to many years later, as Amy hears a marriage proposal from her seemingly perfect boyfriend John (Bryce Johnson). He insists upon sharing every secret, and it's suddenly up to Amy whether or not to let her adventure with Rufus slip out. But maybe she shouldn't do it while taking

John to visit her parents for the first time.

One might think that *Sleeping Dogs Lie* is nothing more than an American Pie gross-out flick or Meet the Parents awkward-fest. While it does mine the stereotypes of those genres, it actually has much more of a subversive bent than either.

Sleeping Dogs Lie is an "indie" film, and looks like it. The camerawork and editing is plainly shoddy, and there is absolutely no pace to the story. Director Bobcat Goldthwait (yes, that crazy guy from the '80s) clearly doesn't really know the technical aspects of filmmaking.

Most of the time, however, this only works in the film's favour. The lousy aesthetics and almost random plot twists (three-act structure be damned) give it a sense of realism. That

Hamilton is so winning in the title role helps show Amy as simply a flawed human like all of us, helping the audience focus less on the humour at her expense and more on the film's bigger moral issues.

The key question at hand is whether or not secrets should stay secrets when loved ones are involved. Amy's life is turned upside down by a few simple words, and when one considers that her original act really did no one any harm, it's quite a saddening situation.

In its last third, *Sleeping Dogs Lie* is both cheeky and profound. It evokes your usual reactions to melodrama and then twists them to serve the film's ultimate message: sometimes human nature just can't handle the truth, and it's better to keep your trap shut.

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McKeachie tops the pack in first season racing event

Salt Spring racer Andrew McKeachie cleaned up last weekend at the first season gathering of the Western Motorcycle Racing Club held in Mission.

The 21-year-old came first in three race categories entered, including 600 Supersport, Open Supersport and two Superbike races, on his sponsored Suzuki GSX-R 600.

A break in the wet weather let a great number of riders test their latest adjustments to their bikes and newest strategies, explained a press release on the event.

"As his amateur races were run simultaneously with expert races he earned the top amateur position while taking between eighth and fifth overall amidst the experts. Significant help from sponsors like Motorcycle World and Pacific Riding School in Surrey, Bellavance Welding Ltd. for all the help, and also a few 'here's a bit of cash' donations on the street in Ganges have let McKeachie get one step closer to his dream.

He said, 'Thanks to others — I could not do this on my own.'



Andrew McKeachie speeds around a corner in motorcycle racing action.

Ssplash fundraising goes on road with tourney mobile cafe

By MARY E. HUGHES

Special to the Driftwood Café Ssplash — mobile version — is gearing up to feed soccer players, fans and families at the April 28-29 youth soccer tournament at the high school playing fields.

"Taking Café Ssplash on the road to community events like the soccer tourney is one way we can remind Salt Springers that Ssplash is still in business, raising money for the indoor pool," said president Wendy Rosier. "At this point, our focus is on getting UV secondary treatment systems into both pools."

Volunteers will be on hand both days to sell coffee, hot dogs, cold drinks and snacks, all at modest prices. Ssplash volunteers will have Thrifty Food Smile Cards for anyone who wants to support the society.

Splash is pleased that the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has announced support of UV secondary treatment systems and indicated it is determining the technical requirements and cost estimates to acquire and install proven UV units. Ssplash has already promised \$25,000 for the UV system for the main tank, and the board's goal for 2007 is to fund a second UV system for the hot tub.

Organized in 2002, Ssplash is the community group that led the campaign for the indoor pool, which resulted in the successful referendum, enabling construction to begin. Ssplash remains committed to raising money, over the long term, for a leisure pool.

For information, contact Mary E. Hughes at 537-4464.

Rugby fever grips GISS

A concussed and beaten band of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) rugby players returned to the island last week with a pair of losses but learning experiences to spare.

Playing in their inaugural year of competitive rugby in Vancouver Island's high school league, GISS students will have to try harder before getting a handle on all the rules of the game, said Brad Watts, the team's fly-half.

Despite losses to Chemainus and Ballenas, the team is prepared to ride the season out in the spirit of expansion teams in any other league — by learning as they go.

Special mention went out to Angus Fraser for his efforts in the second row and Clayton Stewart, starting off at number eight.

David Collombin, the team's head coach, expects the team will only improve with each passing game.

Check the GISS newsletter for schedule information.

Week's top bowlers named

HIGH ROLLERS

4: Gloria Dale, 141; Jason Newport, 145; Terry Swing, 147; Jimmy Beck, 147; Stuart Elliott, 151-164; Andrew Krizan, 152; Mahjor Bains, 167-162.

April 11: Dominic George 144-147; Mahjor Bains, 153-148; Jason Newport, 153; Gloria Dale, 214.

High scores in recent bowling action at Kings Lane Recreation included: Special Olympics, April

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5 BIRTHS



Anastasia Cyprus and Warren Bissett are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son **Elijah Oliver James Bissett** born at home on April 7, 2007 at 1:28 a.m., weighing 8lbs, 4ozs. Proud grandparents are **Helga Zettler, Murray Cyprus and Rick & Lynn Bissett.** Special thanks to Terry, Maggie, Heather, Pauline, Gail and the super aunts **Laura Cyprus and Wendy Bissett.**

Ingrid, Jean-Claude, Ayden and Nikoya welcome with joy our **beautiful baby girl.** Born April 11th, weighing 9 pounds. Our deep gratitude to Godmother Rineke, for your precious friendship and love of our children, and to Spirit, for the miracle of Life.

5 BIRTHS



Mia is proud to announce the birth of her new baby sister, Isabelle Kerrigan
Born 7:24 a.m. on March 20th 2007 at Lady Minto Hospital, weighing 7lbs 7ozs.
We are very grateful for the top-notch care we received from Terry, Heather and Maggie and the staff and Lady Minto Hospital.
A big thanks to our family and friends for all their support lately!
Love Neil and Sarah Kerrigan

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

20 COMING EVENTS

DON'T FORGET THE GRILL for all Canucks Playoff games. www.falconsheadgrill.com. 537-1760.
Come Celebrate Yogesha! BEAVER POINT Hall, April 28, 2007 at 6 pm. Finger food potluck, byo-b, d, r & r! Performers and musicians welcome, the stage awaits you! Drummer's Bonfire into the night. Let us dance, dance, dance and celebrate the Goddess Yogesha!

6 DEATHS

Elizabeth Foster Hilliard



Elizabeth left us peacefully on April 14th, 2007, a lovely spring day, just two weeks before her 90th birthday.
 Born in 1917, the second of four children of Clyde and Nellie Foster, she grew up a tomboy in Piedmont, California. An active and open nature, combined with her creative talents, made her a popular student in high school. She studied art at the University of California, graduating in 1939. There she met Albert Leroy Hilliard, known as Toni, whom she married in June 1941.
 Soon after he was deployed with the US Army to the South Pacific, leaving Elizabeth, now an art teacher, as a "war widow". After the war, Elizabeth and Toni embarked on an adventurous life together, one that would take them, among other North American stops, from Ontario to New Mexico.
 A memorable trip to Japan in the 1950's sparked Elizabeth's lifelong interest in Buddhist thought. In 1959, young family in tow, E & T moved to Europe, where they lived in France, Germany and then for 30 years in retirement near Graz, Austria. Her last five years were spent happily on Salt Spring Island.
 Wherever she lived, Elizabeth immersed herself in the local culture. With her attractive personality, she engaged easily with people of all ages and backgrounds. That trait was displayed on Salt Spring as well, where Elizabeth enjoyed making new friends and participating in many groups on the island, from basket-weaving to the Vipassana meditation community.
 She is survived by sons Ashley and Kevin, daughters-in-law Wendy and Catherine, grandchildren Amy, Antony and Sam, and her dear "kid sister" Nancy, all of whom wish to thank the staff at Greenwoods Assisted Living and Lady Minto Hospital for the care given to Elizabeth.
 Memorial donations, if you wish, to either Greenwoods Foundation, 133 Blain Rd, SSI, V8K 1Z9 or Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, 135 Crofton Rd, SSI, V8K 1T1.

6 DEATHS

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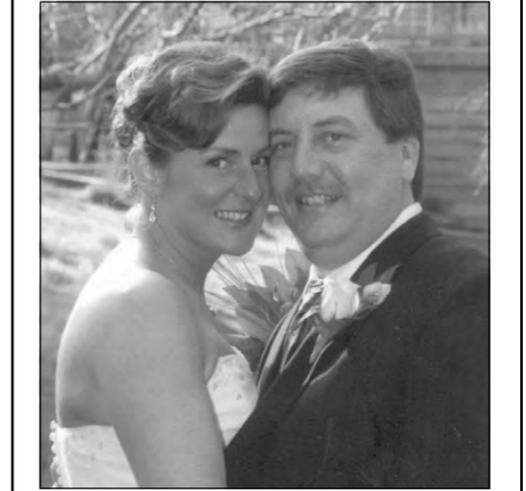
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20 COMING EVENTS

VENUE CHANGE MODERN - JAZZ TECHNIQUE CLASS
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YOGA WORKSHOP: with physiotherapist Brett Wearne. See www.spacetoremember.com for details. June 22 - 24. RMT's will receive 14 CEC's.
EMERGENCY FIRST-AID COURSE
 SPACE AVAILABLE for April 15th, one day course. Be confident and prepared! Call Adam Gold, 537-9129.
SOUNDS OF SPRING offer listener's delight. Annual spring student performance on piano, string, winds. 2 pm, Sunday, April 29. ArtSpring, 537-5131.
THE BUZZ is Besame Mucho! Kissing, drinking and insect songs. Salt Spring Singers concert at ArtSpring, May 4-6. 537-2102.
SSI COOPERATIVE Preschool Presents: Curious George at the Fritz Movie Theatre, Friday, April 20 at 4 pm. This is a fundraiser, admission is by donation. All ages are welcome.
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17 MARRIAGE

Mr. & Mrs. E.D. Loynbee



Catherine L. Sisson and Thomas D. Toynbee were united in marriage March 31, 2007 on Salt Spring. Cathy, daughter of Lois E. Shipley and the late E.K. Sisson, was escorted down the aisle by her stepfather, R.L. Shipley. Tom is the son of long-time residents Thomas A. and Yvonne Toynbee of Salt Spring. The newlyweds toured central and southern B.C.; they still like Salt Spring best and will make their home here. Cathy and Tom extend their warmest thank-yous to their attendants, Michelle Finch and Aaron Sigurgeirson. Also to their families and many friends who helped celebrate their wedding and for expressing their wishes for a long and happy marriage.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Salt Spring Island Garden Club including *Seed for Malawi*
Spring Plant Sale
 Sat. April 21, 1 p.m.
 Farmer's Institute on Rainbow Road

Imagine SALT SPRING
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Guy Dauncey
 Topic: The Great Climate Challenge: Practical Solutions for Salt Spring
 Thurs., April 19, 2007 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
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 June 15 to Sept. 16
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Register now for
Tuesday, April 24th
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All interested persons must pre-register as seating is limited. We are looking for interested parties and stakeholders with a direct interest in the outcome of a Harbour Management Plan (i.e. harbour users, interest groups, businesses and representatives thereof).

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20 COMING EVENTS

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This workshop is for those who wish to better understand where photographic grammar is located and how it can be used to construct the meaning of a photograph.

Sunday:
April 22 10:30am to 3:30pm

\$85 – A light lunch will be provided

Limited Enrolment

The focus of this workshop will be on the particular grammar of black and white photography.

To define the grammar of the monochrome image we will examine the work of many photographers from the 19th century to the present. Participants will come away from this one day event with a greater understanding of how they can use the tool-box of visual grammar in their own work.

This workshop is led by Kevin Steinke, an accomplished black and white photographer who lives on Salt Spring Island. Kevin studied Fine Arts and Art History at UBC in Vancouver, BC.

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26 LEGAL

CHANDRA JONES is required to contact the Victoria Courthouse within 30 days of April 5. Court date is scheduled for April 26.

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Re: Estate of
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710 Cranberry Rd.
Salt Spring Island,
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V8K 2H7.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST NEAR Library, April 11: Heirloom Highland brooch - silver thistles with amethyst centre. 537-8856.

LOST

On Saturday, April 7th between late morning and early afternoon I lost my trailer hitch, weighing about 10kgs, black with a 2 inch ball, between Richard Flack Road and Thrifty's. I desperately need it back. If you have any information please leave a message at 538-1743 or call me at 250-443-3103. Thanks.

32 MEETINGS

BEE THERE for kissing, drinking and insect songs! Besame Mucho! Salt Spring Singers concert at Art-Spring, May 4-6. 537-2102.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Annual General Meeting

5:30 pm
Wed., April 25
at the Clubhouse

To be followed by a members' social gathering

By order of the Board
Debbie Cade,
Secretary to the Board

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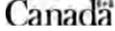
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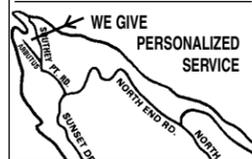
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A creative leadership cycle continues. By choice and/or circumstance you find yourself exploring new horizons, people and options. As old beliefs and perspectives draw to a close you find yourself on the brink of the unknown. As it is your nature to be a pioneer you may feel excited; as a human being you may feel a little intimidated. You know that you must be your own person, do your own thing and you need to be strong and brave to fix your resolve to complete the old and move on to the new day.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Exploring the inner realms of your mind is an important feature in your movie these days. Oh the drama of it all, life itself, our own life; other people we know and the many we don't. What is it all about and what are your best roles and most meaningful choices of action? These and other such soul searching questions are activating your imagination. Perhaps above all is: what constitutes right vocation for you? Creativity is important originality is ideal, money is good and necessary but what and/or how can you express yourself to know and feel that your efforts have a spiritual meaning?

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Social opportunity verses responsibility is the tug of war in your mind these days. You feel the call to celebrate your originality and imagination and those of others as well. Exploring new talents is a central theme. Are you attending classes or giving them or both? Perhaps a visit to an art gallery or museum is in order. Interior design shows are all over the T.V. but watching is not enough. You want to create and innovate. Your ambitions are beginning to soar again.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Your leadership mode is in full force these days. However, beyond the common drive for money security, you find yourself looking and perhaps even reaching to higher ground. We are living on a tiny planet in a big universe; what a magical wonder life is when perceived with the perspective of awe and humility. Our busy and important lives filled with duties, responsibilities and goals needs to be seen from a higher plane from time to time. To think that we humans are so insecure that we regularly strategically and mercilessly kill one another and we have come to accept it as normal and even acceptable.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

As old structures steadily melt away under the waves of new structures and rhythms you may wonder about it all. Is this process purely a manifestation of your will and choices or is destiny at play? We are actors and the producers and directors are ever busy behind the scenes. Clearing the past may find its biggest expression in your house and home. Blending the old with the new asks that you make choices and keep it simple by going with the flow. This includes acquiring new skills and tools and exercising your talents.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 23)

A transformation of your basic identity and/or mode of expression and lifestyle continues. New relationships and friends have entered your life. You are determined to bring more to your relationships yet you also want to reserve a healthy measure of freedom. Spiritual pursuits continue on the top of your priority list. Your challenge includes overcoming excessive thought, gossip and intellectuality and to quiet your mind more

often. Opportunities to heal and to overcome negative habit patterns and to increase your overall state of health are available.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Spring is in the air and this is a wonderful time for new beginnings of all kinds, especially romantic relationships. Just like the birds and bees, the animals and trees the warmer sun and longer hours of light are re-awakening hearts, passions and desires. Surely you feel the fire and if you have not already you will soon act upon your feelings. Making extra efforts to see and be seen is part of this cyclic plot. Social gatherings beckon where laughter and smiles spark attractions old and new.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Taking key initiatives to activate healthy new rhythms in your life continues. Rather than eliminate all those foods you love, perhaps your best approach is to play and get more active. Purging and eliminating is healthy yet too much emphasis on this negative approach can be depressing. Balance is ever the key. For the sake of your career, social standing and your love life this is the time to initiate new rhythms and awaken your passions.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Spring is a creative and inspiring time yet it also implies extra work and clean-up. Cleaning, moving, renovating or all of the above on the home front are likely activities starting this week. You will feel inspired by cleaning the corners and putting things in their place – neat and tidy. There is nothing like the right tool for the job and being able to find it quickly. This cycle will continue for the next six weeks or so.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The spirit of pioneering adventure is pumping through your veins. What new conquests beckon? Your energies are rising like the sap and you are ready to face fears and other oppositions. You are still undergoing a rather deep metamorphosis in terms of your priorities and values especially. This means that you are in a good position to entertain alternative perspectives and approaches. Making key investments is also a good possibility. Real estate may be a good option now and so too is nutritional supplements.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Gathering new information is keeping you busy now. This momentum will increase starting this week. You are ready assess new options perhaps especially concerning your earning potential. You would like to experience more freedom or at least do work that you can honestly say you love. You can achieve this goal as long as you are clear about what you want, ask, focus, be open to receive and are patient. This is the time to activate your goals by awakening yourself to new visions. In addition to gathering knowledge, outline your objectives, post them so that they remain in your conscious mind and/or make a collage.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Building upon and strengthening you overall sense of self, identity and expression is now in focus. Fresh spring energies that will help you to break through and initiate new projects are now yours to enjoy and harness. Sharpening existing skills while reaching out to take risks and broaden your scope of influence is the dual task that will bring success. This is a good time to brain storm for ideas and to review your options especially in terms of the market place. Starting new projects and hobbies will also prove inspiring.



IN TUNE: Salt Spring Concert Band members converge before a recent rehearsal for their Festival of Favourites concert at ArtSpring on Friday-Saturday, April 20-21 at 8 p.m. The program includes music from the Broadway hit *West Side Story*, Vaughan Williams' *English Folk Song Suite* and the exotic harmonies of *Variations on a Korean Folk Song*, among other voted-on favourites — including an audience pick — that one's a surprise. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Photo by John Cameron

New program pays for eco-friendly renovations, but just not as much

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Thanks to the ecoEnergy Retrofit - Homes program, homeowners can once again receive money for making their homes more environmentally friendly.

Unfortunately, funds handed out under the new program might not be as high as those distributed by its predecessor, the EnerGuide Houses Retrofit Incentive program.

EcoEnergy Retrofit was launched nationally by the federal government April 1. The program allows homeowners to apply for grants based on the completion of recommended improvements to save energy and make homes more environmentally friendly.

The average grant will be \$1,100, said a government press release. Up to 140,000 homeowners are expected to take advantage of the program, which runs until 2011.

But the way in which grants are distributed is different, and some think it will not pay off.

"It's not nearly as beneficial for the homeowner," said

Salt Spring energy advisor Elizabeth White of the new program. White works on contract with Victoria-based City Green, the only non-profit company authorized to perform home energy assessments in the area.

White has been an advisor under both the current and previous programs. The premise of each is the same: a home is assessed by an authorized company and given an energy efficiency rating and a list of possible renovations. Homeowners are given a specified length of time to complete the renovations, after which the home is reassessed, the new energy efficiency rating determined and the grants applied for.

However, where EnerGuide allocated funds based on a home's improved energy efficiency, ecoEnergy distributes grants based on the recommended upgrades performed.

"It didn't really matter how much you spent or what it cost, it was how effective," White said of EnerGuide.

Unfortunately, this also meant owners were left in the dark as to exact grant amounts until the follow-up assessment.

With ecoEnergy, "There are specific amounts linked to specific upgrades," said Paula Steele, marketing coordinator of City Green.

For installing an Energy Star-qualified oil furnace that has an 85 per cent annual fuel utilization efficiency, a single family home can receive \$500.

Homeowners know exactly how much their grant will be before they make an improvement, but the program is not as flexible, Steele said of ecoEnergy.

Furthermore, although upgrading the furnace and appliances are only one of the upgrades a family can make, Energy Star-approved products are high end and costly.

EcoEnergy is targeted to a wealthier segment of the population than EnerGuide was, White said.

Costs associated with the pre and post-assessment total between \$350 and \$400. With the old program, subsidies of \$100 were available to off-set these costs, and low-income houses qualified for full reimbursement. These are not available with ecoEnergy, but some provinces may provide for some

of these costs, Steele said.

The EnerGuide program also allowed up to \$3,500 for low income families to make top priority improvements, said Steele, which is missing for ecoEnergy altogether.

The company responsible for such subsidies is the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), said Louise Roux, technical coordinator for residential programs with Natural Resources Canada.

CMHC may eventually help with subsidies once again, Roux said.

Nonetheless, these reasons make the program ineffective for small-scale renovations, White said.

"If you're not planning a major renovation, then it no longer makes sense."

To get receive the average return of \$1,100, a homeowner will likely have to invest about \$8,000, estimated Roux.

However, the total overall savings available are higher, Steele said.

For more information, go to www.ecoaction.gc.ca. To book an assessment, contact City Green at 1-866-381-9995 or Elizabeth White at 537-2616.

Community Services gets accreditation

Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS) has been accredited for a period of three years for its social services programs.

This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Salt Spring Island Community Services. A team of three surveyors were on site at Community Services from February 21-23. Their findings were reviewed by a separate Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) panel, who determined the three-year award.

"This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF," states a Community Services press release. "An organization receiving a three-year

accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable. The accreditation survey covered governance, business practices, health and safety, and human resource management for the entire organization."

It covered specific program areas making up 14 of the 25 SSICS programs including mental health and addictions counselling, housing, resource and referral, family support, and community living services. Non clinical services such as the Recycle Depot, Family Place, Seniors Wellness, Victim Services and The Wall were excluded from accreditation.

The complete survey report is posted on the SSICS website at saltspringcommunityservices.ca.

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BACK IN A KAYAK: It's a sure sign the summer's just around the corner when Island Escapades employee Christine Vopel, left, helps guide a kayaking expedition. At right is Fred Stearman.
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Friends Fitness patrons give thumbs up to new equipment

Salt Spring women have been busy settling into a new fitness regime with Keiser equipment at Friends Fitness in the Kings Lane Recreation building.

"Some interesting comments have been heard from members, including a comparison of the new workout to that experienced at previous clubs, with the Keiser equipment favoured because it gives a better workout and can be adjusted to each individual," said Friends Fitness board member Darlene Steele.

Membership has been steadily growing, she said, and the group looks to increase membership with special trial programs such as Chi Gong and Micro Stretch, which will focus on people with limited movement or joint reconstructions.

"We want to invite all members to attend our trial programs as part of their membership package and the general public to join in on a drop-in basis."

Steele said Friends Fitness also has a self-serve coffee bar and will have the outdoor

patio area organized for sitting in the sun.

Friends Fitness staff and partners have now completed the Canadian Red Cross emergency first aid course and are certified in CPR and basic first aid.

"Each day we focus on ways to improve the service we are offering to the women of the island," said Steele.

"As always, we invite everyone to drop in for a hello and look over our facility. We are open 7 to 7 weekdays and from 8:30-noon on Saturdays."

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Home makeover – more than a trip to a cosmetics counter

By LINDA MATTESON-REYNOLDS
Driftwood Contributor

Get a load of these statistics: "British Columbia's Lower Mainland and Sea-to-Sky corridor finds owners spending \$6 billion a year improving and expanding some of the most expensive homes in Canada in readiness for the real-estate market," according to Home Makeover Magazine.

Television programming is flooded with "how to" and "do-it-yourself" shows such as Extreme Makeover, Room By Room, Flip This House, Designed To Sell and How Clean Is Your House.

Their intent is to motivate home owners into having "house-pride," be it for their own emotional boost or to impress that potential buyer. And as the real-estate industry has become increasingly sophisticated, the "business" of spiffing up homes for sale has become its own occupation. Professional "home

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stagers" will enter your home equipped with everything from sofas, chairs, artwork, to china, linens and cutlery . . . all to improve or replace your current furnishings and maximize the visual attractiveness of the home.

Pricing for this service can range from as little as \$200 and up to \$10,000 ensuring all will be in readiness when the "for sale" sign goes up.

The "house-VS-home" controversy: in talking with real estate agents you'll often hear them refer to your purchase of a home, but conversely, the sale of your house.

HOME MAKEOVER B2



Dominic Bogaardt takes time to smell the daffodils in Centennial Park on a fine spring day.

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HOME MAKEOVER

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CLEAN QUEEN: Genevieve Price, of The Final Touch, shines and polishes as she and her team clean houses from "top to bottom." Photo by Derrick Lundy

There's a reason for this. Buying real estate is often an emotional decision since you are looking for your future home. Selling, is another matter — you need to remove all sense of emotion from the equation.

Be an informed seller and do your research.

Spend time on the internet or search out the local library for advice on the "home preparation phase." Check-lists and home-selling guides will have you ready to converse with the pros and it will probably be the most productive time you can spend.

Investigate "being green."

Be aware that today's savvy buyers are looking for a house that is energy efficient. Consider retrofitting with ENERGY STAR® appliances, upgrading windows and attic insulation, and updating your home's heating equipment with newer and qualified models. These upgrades will save energy and increase the resale value while lowering your monthly bills.

Let's get started.

You've inspected your house inside and out and taken inventory of the problem areas to be addressed. Now, a plan of action needs to occur as to what work can be accomplished "in house" and what needs to be contracted out. Declutter and depersonalize. Take a step back and objectively look at all the items you have displayed in your home.

Experts recommend you make your home anonymous. Give it "personality" — but without the person. Vacation trinkets, family photo galleries and generalized untidiness makes your house less of a marketable commodity.

Decluttering seems to be the most daunting task for all of us. Systematically take one room at a time. If it hasn't been used in three months, box it up and store it away. If it hasn't been used in a year, get rid of it. Home stagers suggest making a house rule that for every new item that comes in, an old one has to leave. Have a garage sale, donate to our local Thrift Shops . . . anything that will help purge your accumulated "stuff."

Salt Spring Island offers a variety of experienced services to clean, detail, fluff, stage and prepare your house for the market. The Final Touch, owned and operated by Genevieve Price, sends a team of workers to clean and polish from top to bottom.

"Most of our work is post-tenancy or post-trade renovations," says Price, and "removing those nasty smoke and pet odours is always the most challenging."

She contracts out to industrial, commercial and residential businesses here on Salt Spring and sets the stage for the decorators and detailers.

What can a "house detailing" consultant do for you?

Well, Julie Howard from Cre-

ative Crab Home Design looks to declutter, simplify, organize and beautify your home in readiness for the selling market. Walking through the front door of your house and systematically reviewing each room, she endeavours to portray its functionality and balance through use of light and texture.

"A garage-sale or thrift-shop item may be the only missing piece a room needs in making the visual picture complete," says Julie. "Over-staging lacks soul," she remarks. "The home should be clean, bright and welcoming to the potential buyer."

And what about that all-important "curb appeal?"

It is said that you never have a second chance to make a first impression. If a prospective buyer won't get out of your agent's car because they don't like the exterior of your home, you'll never get then inside.

A friendly and hospitable entranceway sets the tone for the rest of the house. Does it have impact and pizzazz? Given the country-like locale of Salt Spring Island, is curb appeal a necessity?

Island realtors will say it's not necessarily so, with a low-maintenance property and privacy being more important.

But ultimately, tidiness and cleanliness are considered the key ingredients to selling a home.

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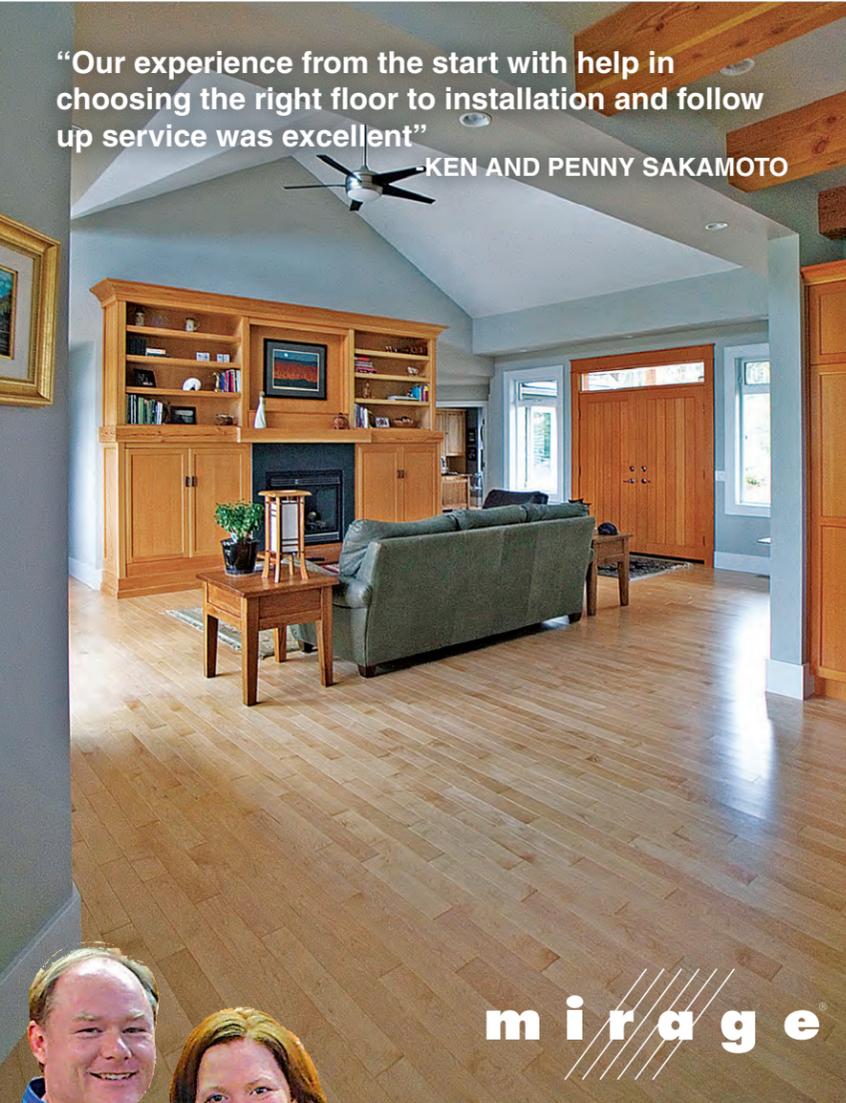
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Cleaning up clutter makes a difference

Top 10 tips for showing a house on the market

If you're feeling "why-oh-why can't my house be on its best behaviour every day rather than a yard sale waiting to happen?" — just follow these top-10 tips from the experts and be prepared for that "quick sale."

- Air out the house to get rid of cooking, pet odours, etc.

- Open all drapes, blinds, etc. and turn on lights, inside and out, to make the house bright and inviting.

- Bring the outdoors in — have fresh flowers clearly in view and try to incorporate seasonal greenery from your garden.

- Pick up the clutter and empty the compost and garbage in every room.

- Set your thermostat at a comfortable level.

- Make sure everything is spotless: no

empty glasses in the family room, surfaces dusted, beds made, floors clean and carpets vacuumed.

- For inclement weather conditions, provide a place for umbrellas and a shoe tray.

- Remove pets from the household.

(The last thing you need is an over-rambunctious dog barking and jumping at the front door when prospective buyers and agents arrive.)

- Don't overdo the scented sprays and deodorizers — visitors may be allergic and/or overly suspicious that you are trying to mask some foul odours.

- If you are using a real estate agent, leave the premises when showing.

If this is not possible, try to make yourself inconspicuous.

Paint project starts with the basics

Painting is not the chore it used to be and a professional look is now easier to achieve.

Whatever your project, talk to the paint experts where you purchase your paint. They are a valuable resource.

"If you are having a hard time visualizing the colour, inexpensive computer software programs can allow you to try out different colours," advises the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC). "Or, there may be a decorating service where you buy your paint."

It can also be confusing when selecting the sheen of paint you want since the term used for the sheen varies by manufacturer:

- Low-sheen (low gloss) paints have none to a little observable sheen. The amount varies slightly by manufacturer. Low-sheen paints can be called: flat, matt, eggshell, satin and velvet.

- Higher-sheen paints are semi-gloss, gloss and enamel. They have the most visible shine to them.

- Low-sheen paints can be washed, but with care, higher sheen paints are the most washable and have the most durable finishes.

Most people select semi-gloss or high-gloss paints for rooms with high moisture levels such as kitchens and bathrooms, and high traffic areas such as main stairways and halls. Most people use semi-gloss or high-gloss paint on windows, trim and doors.

Bedrooms, dining and living rooms are more commonly painted with lower-sheen paints.

Sealers are primarily used on new wood or masonry surfaces. They seal the surface of the material, forming a base coat which keeps the topcoat from being absorbed unevenly. They can be used to encapsulate materials to seal in gases thus preventing them from off-gassing.

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Temperate rainforest climate ideal for edible mushrooms

By **TANYA LESTER**
 Driftwood Contributor

Adam Gold is injecting a new crop into the Salt Spring agricultural industry.

Yet three years ago when Gold, with his investor family members and friends, bought a 35-acre mid-island property, he didn't know he would be developing a mushroom farm there.

Things were set in motion when Gold began falling trees in order to make space to grow a large organic garden — one that now sustains him and his partner Rebecca year round.

Not enthusiastic about cutting down trees, Gold realized there were more hardwood logs than they could use to heat their house. At the same time, he started to investigate what crop he could produce to create his niche in the island's locally produced food market.

He discovered that Salt Spring Island's temperate rainforest climate, which spans more than three quarters of each year, is ideal for growing mushrooms. The edible fungus grows on logs.

This spring Gold will be selling his mushrooms at the Saturday market for the first time. The 25-year-old produces mushroom culture in a sterile environment because the mushrooms cannot grow in competition with any other fungus. He injects it into holes in piles of stacked



A 35-acre mushroom farm on Salt Spring is proving productive.

hardwood logs. The logs are soaked in a dunk tank for 12 hours. Then, Gold hits the logs with a hammer to "shock" the mushroom culture into growing.

He grows the mushrooms as naturally as possible.

"Nature is perfect, so I mimic natural processes," he said.

The "flowers" are harvested from each log and provide, what he calls, the "strong youthful energy of raw foods."

Mushrooms have many nutritional values, including a source of Vitamin D and protein as well as medici-

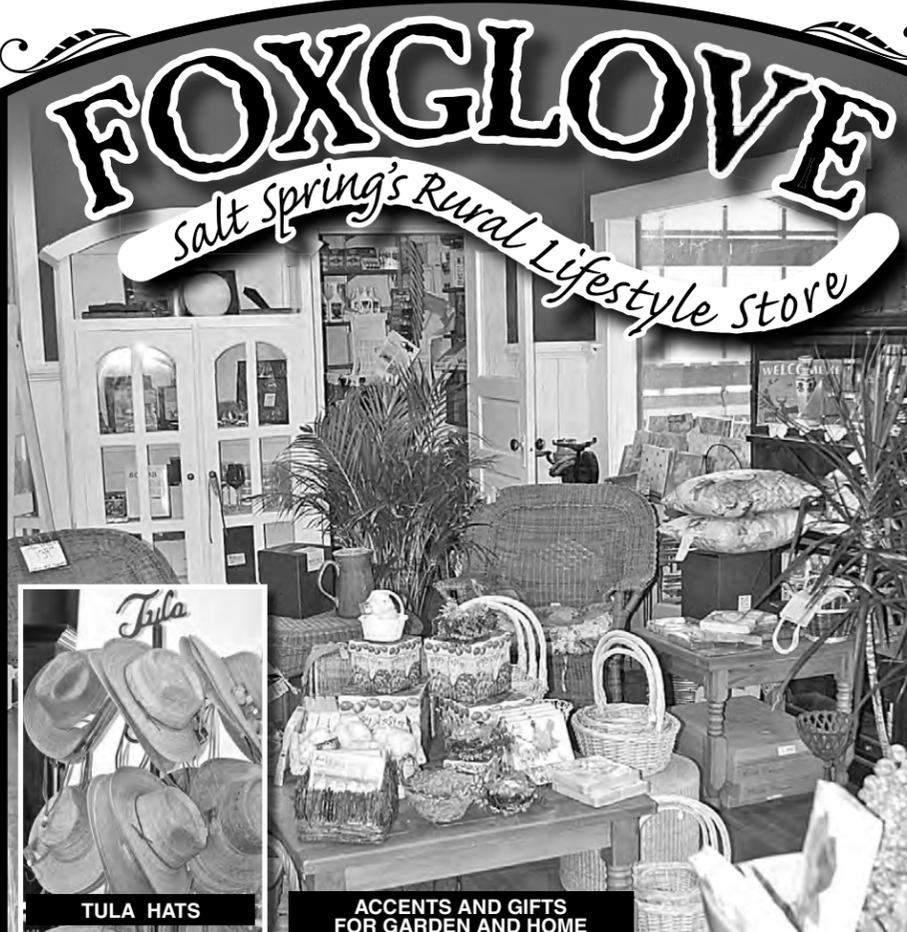
nal qualities that can boost the immune system and fight cancer, Gold said.

The Peterborough native's passion for producing food began when he went to Israel at 17 years old. He stayed a year and a half on an 80-member kibbutz. Much of his time was spent at the top of date palms where he pruned the trees and harvested the fruit.

After his Middle Eastern experience, Gold lived three years in the Santa Cruz, California area producing vegetables for the local markets.

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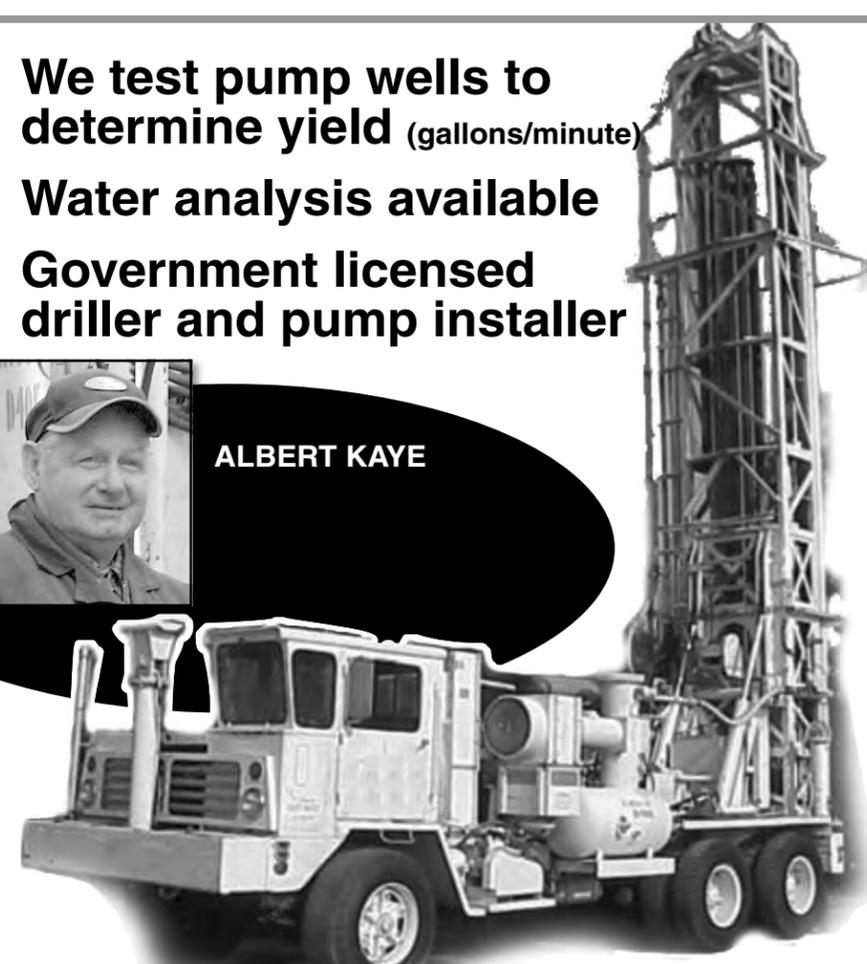
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MUSHROOM MAN: Adam Gold shows off the result of work on his mid-island mushroom farm that also produces varieties of sprouts. He further uses the land for an accommodation/work exchange program and to teach First Aid courses.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

MUSHROOM FARM

From Page B4

It was there that he began "living with the seasons and eating with the seasons." He also appreciated how grateful his customers were to be provided with healthy food.

To learn how to grow mushrooms here, Gold took an intensive, week-long course in Olympia, Washington with Paul Stamets, the author of *Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World*.

Stamets is an information source on how mushrooms decompose waste and turn it into food, feed plants and animals, and detoxify chemicals.

On Salt Spring, Gold's sprouts (including sunflower, radish, and bean) sell out early at the Saturday market. The same outcome can be anticipated for the Japanese exotic mush-

rooms now offered next to his other produce. They will also be available at the Tuesday market and Salt Spring Natureworks.

Gold is also looking for on-island restaurant outlets to use his mushrooms in their menu offerings.

In the summer, people live on Gold's farm in teepees and do work trades in exchange for fresh organic food. There is still a vacant space in the community for one woman. The property is also a beautiful site for the variety of Red Cross first aid courses that Gold teaches. His lifestyle is now a long way from the environmental policy university graduate who once planned to be an environmental lawyer.

On his mushroom farm, this young man has found his passion.

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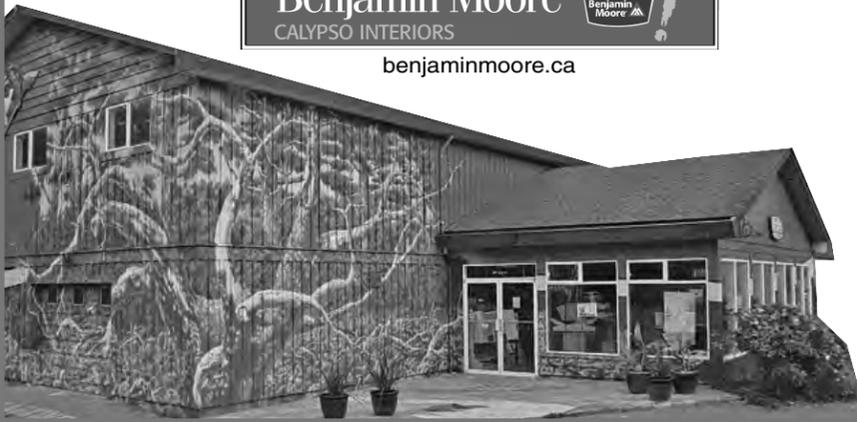
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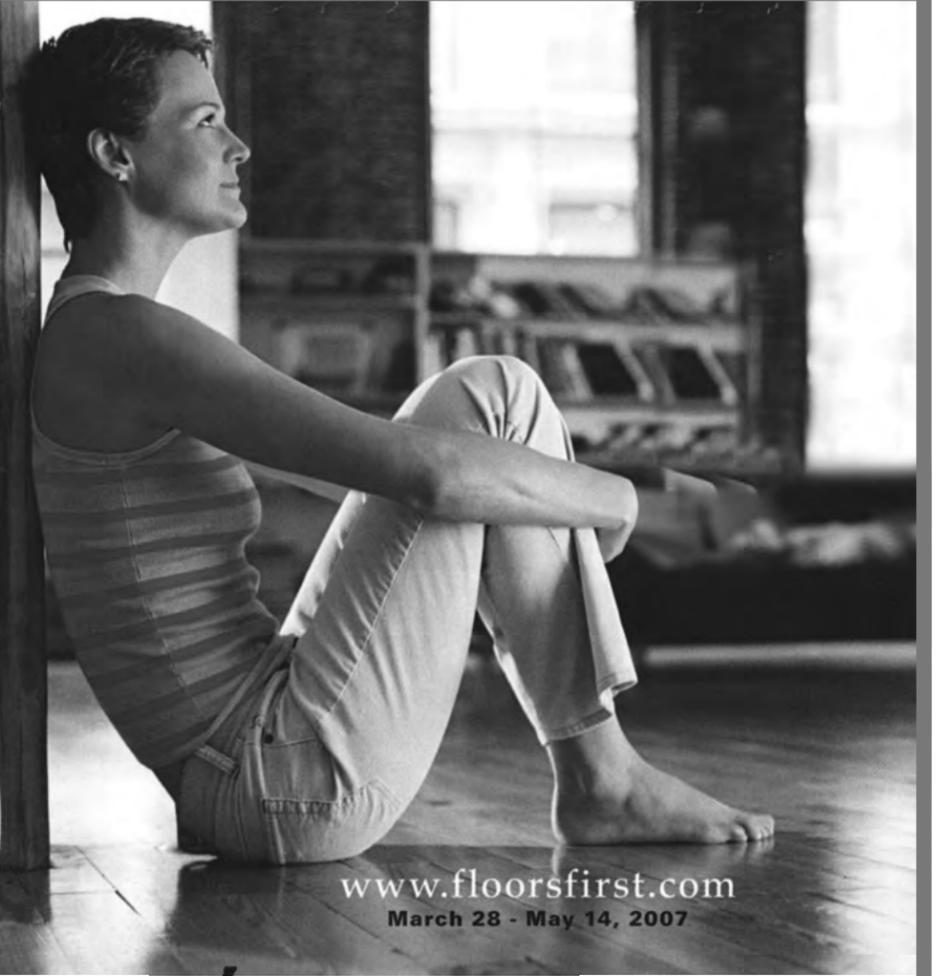
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Harnessing life in the garden

By PATTI BAUER
Special to the Driftwood

It is beautiful to see the diversity of people growing food and harvesting medicine on Salt Spring Island. Everyone has a different approach, with the same aim — to harness the life available to us and to create richness in their own life that begins by taking care of self, earth, family and our community.

Medicine
Community herbalist and wellness consultant Saci Spindler suggests that whilst weeding the garden, take advantage of your dandelion and yellow dock root resources. They are packed full of minerals, such as calcium, magnesium and iron. Both are mildly bitter — an important element for optimal health, lacking in the North American diet. Bitters stimulate digestion, assimilation of nutrients and detoxification. Blend with some burdock root, a little licorice root and peppermint and enjoy as a tea.

Sweet violets are blooming! This delicate plant is soothing to an irritated and dried out respiratory system. Partake in this gentle tea, or add blossoms and leaves to a salad, after a long winter of intense respiratory symptoms experienced by many of us on Salt Spring this year.

Winter gardens
Linda Gilkeson, author of Year Round Harvest and Natural Pest Control, has so much to eat right now directly from the garden that she does not rush out to plant — her ground is too wet. Encourag-

ing news — for those with an already established winter garden this is the time of year for a bountiful harvest. Many vegetables that overwintered are growing beautifully now — spinach, chard, purple-sprouting broccoli, winter cauliflower, lettuce, Chinese greens, parsley, kale and cilantro. Sound divine? Our shops are full of lifeless food shipped from far away lands (A plant loses half of its vitality 20 minutes after it is picked). In her greenhouse, Linda has started leeks, onions, broccoli and tomatoes. Toward the end of April Linda will be starting her winter squash, melons, cucumbers and artichokes.

Permaculture
From a permaculture perspective, Brandon Bauer suggests that springtime is the time for potting up perennials, or planting them out, digging up and transplanting trees whilst giving a heavy mulch, final pruning before spring flowers and transplanting perennial berries. Most importantly, start by planting a guild.

Creating biodiversity in your garden restores nature's cycles and mimics natural functioning ecosystems. Creating a guild, or a plant community, benefits the health of your soil and thus the food and medicine it produces. Fruit trees standing alone and succumbed to the grasses are usually not in optimal health. Grass kills most things because the root mass of grass is very tight and exudes chemicals to inhibit the growth of many plants that will compete

with, or shade it out. Planting in guilds does not allow for grass to penetrate to the crown of your central tree and choke out feeder roots. A guild provides an abundant community of biodiversity, where no one microorganism can multiply and create disease. All plants exude different chemicals into the soil, and harness different minerals from the soil. The more diversity in a community the more minerals and biological life is made available to the other plants within that community. Therefore, the more diversity, the greater the amount of trace elements and nutrients, the greater the ability to fight off incoming pest populations and disease.

An example of a guild in a garden is a fruit tree surrounded by plants such as chives, hyssop, lupine, parsley, comfrey, strawberries, bulbs, tubers, lovage, angelica and even artichoke. These plants inhibit invasive grasses, pull minerals and nutrients up from the soil to feed the tree, create a plethora of diversity to combat disease, attract beneficial insects, birds, snakes, frogs and feed your family with love, medicine and food.

Seeds
Dan Jason, of Salt Spring Seeds, is out planting what he can — greens, lettuce, mustards, mizuna, spinach, and radishes and peas. Dan has noticed, and we are happy to hear, that there are a lot more Salt Springers purchasing seeds this year. More people are growing food. Hooray!

That means we eat an equivalent of over 1600 litres of gasoline a year — over four litres of gasoline a day — if we do not grow our own organic food.

My permaculture teacher said to me, "Patti, everyone has to go back to growing their own food."

As an economist I questioned, "But what about the French, they must make the wine and cheese, and the Italians, they must make the olive oil, and the doctors, and the lawyers and baristas."

Years later, I found myself in the garden and it became clear: everyone must go back to growing food. Imagine how the world in its chaos would slow, slow right down, if each of us traded the time in front of the television, in the grocery stores, in a long line of traffic, or in an airplane to a meeting, if we put our hands into the earth. A newfound respect would be created, and a closer connection to our centre.

I encourage you all — plant your first seed, watch it grow. You have brought yourself closer to the earth. Mother earth is your ally, may you be hers.

Patti Bauer is writing gardening articles as part of the Salt Spring Energy Strategy.

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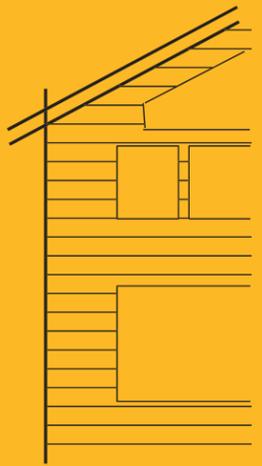
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- Check your furnace, air exchanger and air conditioner filters, and clean or replace them if needed.
- Check and clean your range hood filters on a monthly basis.
- Make sure all indoor and outdoor air vents (intake, exhaust and forced air) are clear of snow and debris.
- Test the ground fault circuit interrupter(s) each

month by pushing the test button, which should cause the reset button to pop up.

• After consulting your hot water tank owner's manual, carefully test the temperature and pressure relief valve to ensure it isn't stuck.

• Shut down and clean the furnace humidifier, and close the furnace humidifier damper on units with central air conditioning.

• Have your fireplace or woodstove and chimney cleaned and serviced as needed.

• Clear all drainage ditches and culverts of debris.

• Check smoke, carbon monoxide and security alarms, and replace their batteries.

• Clean all windows, screens and window hardware. Repair any holes in screens, or replace them if necessary.

• Open the valve to the outside hose connection once any danger of frost has passed.

• Examine the foundation

walls for cracks, leaks or signs of moisture, and repair them if required. Repair and paint fences as needed.

• Make sure your sump pump is operating properly before the spring thaw sets in, and ensure the discharge pipe allows water to drain away from the foundation.

• Re-level any exterior steps or decks that may have moved due to frost or settling.

• Clean any debris from eave troughs and downspouts, re-attach any sections that are loose, make sure they are securely attached to your home and that the flow of water discharges away from your foundation.

• Have well water tested for quality, and test for bacteria every six months.

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Salt Spring falls behind with backyard burning

By MEGHAN HOWCROFT
Driftwood Contributor

The sun is shining, birds are chirping, flowers are blooming. And yet the phrase spring is in the air takes on new meaning here on Salt Spring, where springtime often means being accosted by noxious plumes of smoke from our neighbours' burning garbage.

Breaking out the backyard barrel to burn yard or household waste is not only damaging to our health and the environment, but is an unnecessary and backwards practice that puts Salt Spring behind the times.

Backyard fires create dangerous fine particulates that are now the most serious air pollution problem in B.C. — even more so than smog — according to the B.C. Ministry of Environment. As the ministry's website states, "Backyard burning takes place right where we live — and breathe. Because we are often caught in the smoke plume before it's been diluted, we're exposed to high concentrations of pollutants."

Garbage and yard waste in backyard incinerators burn at low temperatures, which creates low-hanging smoke that releases pollutants right into the lungs of our community. These fires might include treated wood, plastics, rubber and particle board that can create a dangerous cocktail of toxic substances when burned



BEST WAY TO NOT BURN: Patti Bauer stands by a berm — the permaculture alternative to burning property debris accumulated over the winter months.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

together. Even regular paper can become hazardous when burned, because of the chemicals, inks and dyes it contains.

Because of this, our backyard fires, however small, can be more hazardous than the pollution caused by large slash burns or commercial or industrial incinerators.

Harmful gases and chemicals in the smoke are carcinogens found in cigarettes, the most dangerous ones (created by burning plastics)

being dioxins; highly toxic chemicals which do not decompose and can settle in the soil and on vegetation, which is then consumed by the animals providing us with meat, milk, etc.

Health Canada lists the backyard burning of household waste as one of the major sources of dioxins in Canada, and its website states that "exposure to dioxins and furans has been associated with a wide range of adverse health effects."

These include certain cancers, skin disorders, liver problems, impairment of the immune system and reproductive and developmental problems.

While burning garbage may reduce the pile from your backyard to ashes (which are also toxic), the real burn is to our health, most especially for the elderly, children, asthmatics and those suffering from heart or lung disease. The smoke we breathe from a neighbours'

smoldering burn barrel can cause, at the very least, coughing, wheezing, chest pain, headaches, bronchitis, asthma and eye irritation.

Particles can remain in the air for days, even once the fire has been put out.

Residential burning falls under municipal jurisdiction and many forward-thinking municipalities in B.C. have already banned the dangerous habit with anti-smoke bylaws.

Here on Salt Spring we could wait for an incorporation that may never come, or we could take responsibility for the proper disposal of our waste, not because we have to but because it's the right thing to do.

Some argue that burning waste is better than burying it or have decided that the cost and inconvenience of disposing of garbage at local transfer stations is too high. But it is time to wake up and smell the burning garbage.

By choosing to live on an island without a landfill we have chosen the responsibility for ensuring waste is disposed of safely. Islanders fight to protect forests, drinking water, oceans and ecosystems, but are falling behind when it comes to protecting the air.

Let's stop creating the smoke that hides our beautiful views and drives our neighbours inside on lovely spring days. After all, spring should be about the sun, the birds, the flowers and, most importantly, the clean, fresh air.

Break the backyard burn habit

- Reduce, reuse and recycle, but remember that reduce comes first. All the recycling in the world is not enough if we continue to buy, buy, buy.

- Buy items with less packaging. The more processed the food, the more packaging there usually is.

- Try not to buy any one-time-use items such as throw-away cleaning wipes.

- Salt Spring has excellent recycling facilities. Take advantage and recycle everything and anything you can.

- Compost organic material to create rich soil and mulch for your garden. If yard waste is too large, have it chipped or shredded first.

- Burn only clean, untreated wood.

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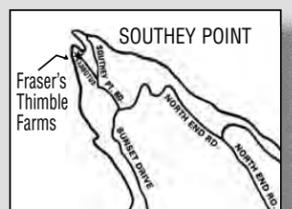
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Emptying weed seed bank helps keep gardens clear

By **LINDA GILKESON**

Special to the Driftwood

Spring is when weeding chores loom large in the minds of gardeners.

If you have ever wondered where all those weeds come from so quickly — the answer is: the “seed bank.”

This is an enormous collection of seeds in the upper layers of soil. Seeds blown or carried onto the soil can accumulate for decades.

They lie dormant until you disturb the soil, bringing seeds to the surface and exposing them to light, which stimulates germination.

Many seeds are still able to sprout 10, 20, 40 years or, in the case of curled dock, even 80 years later.

Think of the soil as having been pre-planted to weeds — so anything that disturbs or exposes bare soil gives a new crop of weeds a chance to germinate.

Since I don't like to spend time weeding, you can see why I am not a fan of deep-digging or rototilling! Since the seed bank is likely the biggest source of weeds right now in your garden, here are some things I do to keep weeding to a minimum.

My main approach is to keep the soil covered so that light doesn't reach weed seeds. Deep mulches of leaves, straw or other organic material are ideal because they improve the soil as they

decompose.

For annual flowers and vegetables, I rake away mulch to dig in amendments and plant seeds, then replace the mulch when plants are big enough to withstand slugs and sowbugs.

I plant vegetables close together so that the crop shades the soil and I keep pathways between vegetable beds covered with leaves. This is a great place to use those long-lasting arbutus leaves.

You could also grow grass or clover between garden beds. Growing ground cover plants under shrubs also shades the soil.

For permanent plantings, you can lay black landscape fabric over the soil and set the plants through the fabric.

When I do have to remove weeds, I try to pull weeds while they are tiny, which disturbs less soil than pulling large, deep-rooted weeds.

For larger weeds, I use a simple, old-fashioned weed fork, which has a V-shaped notch at the end of a shank. I slide the shank into the soil beside the weed at an angle to cut the roots as deeply as possible.

Instead of using the tool to pry out the weed, however, I withdraw the fork exactly the same way it went in. Then I lift the weed by the leaves, leaving just a small, root-sized hole. This is an

excellent way to weed a lawn to ensure that you don't have more weeds to deal with next year.

If you hoe weeds between vegetables, do it while weeds are tiny and just scuffle the surface.

Chopping deeply brings more seeds to the surface and makes more work.

Another approach, especially useful for perennial plants or lawns, is repeated cultivation to empty the seed bank. After cultivating, allow weeds to germinate for one to two weeks, then cultivate again.

If you do this at least twice (more, if possible), it will reduce the supply of seeds in the upper soil. Ideally, each cultivation should be shallower than the previous one.

By all means avoid using soil amendments that bring in seeds, such as manure or spoiled hay, unless they have been well composted. Cut off (literally) the supply of new seeds by mowing weeds near garden beds before the first flowers open.

Unless you have particularly hot compost, don't put plants with seed heads in your compost — or else compost them separately so that you can turn that compost for a couple of seasons.

Linda Gilkeson is the author of West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed and Disease Control.

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Dorothy Cutting of Salt Spring reports that styrofoam can be taken to Pacific Mobile Depots in Victoria.

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"Their closest location to us for pick up is every fourth Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gordon Head Soccer Association

clubhouse at Tyndall Park off Tyndall Road," said Cutting.

"To get there from Swartz Bay, take the Pat Bay Highway to McKenzie and turn east till you get to Shelbourne. Turn left there and go north on Shelbourne, turn right on Feltham, left on Tyndall and drive north until you see an Anglican church on the right. The soccer clubhouse is on the left across the street."

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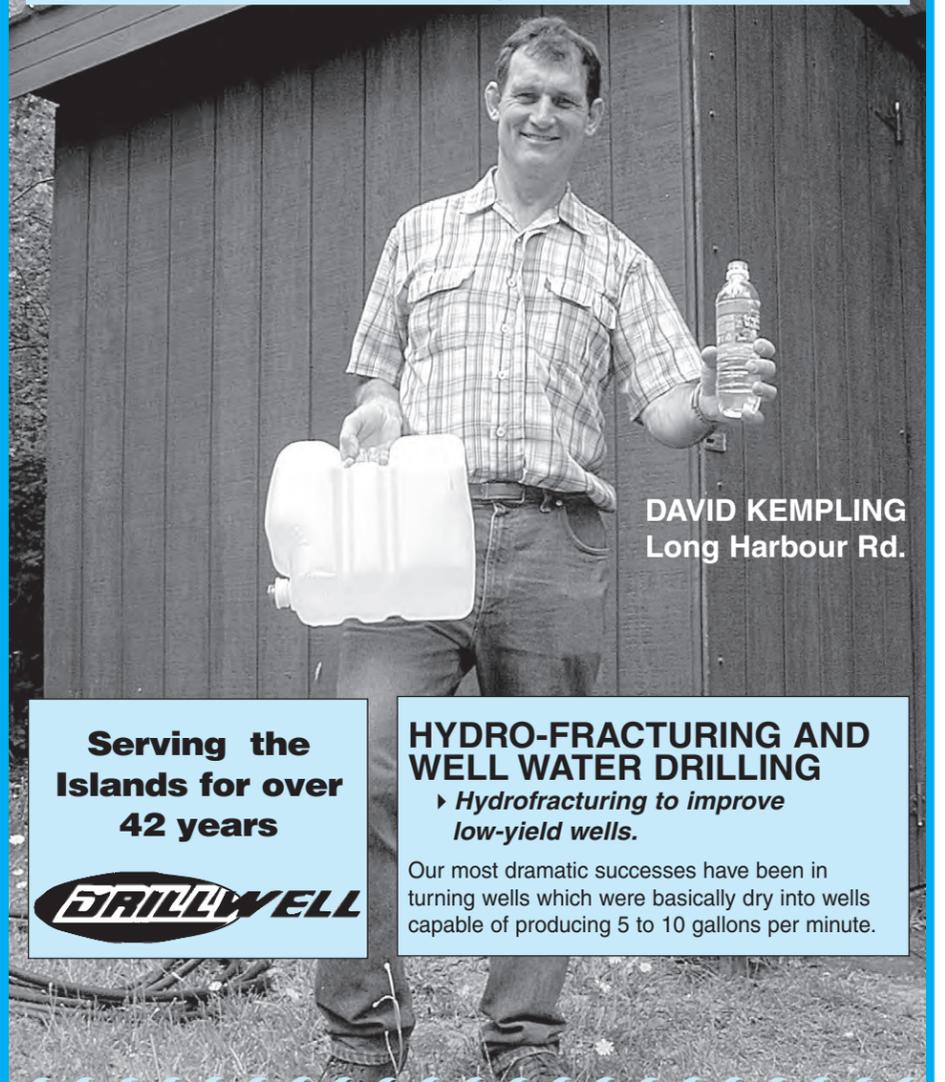
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