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RCMP REPORT

Dynamite recovered from dock at Vesuvius

Threat of detonation potential deemed low

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island RCMP, working in conjunction with a Vancouver Island-based underwater recovery team, retrieved two sticks of dynamite from waters below the government wharf in Vesuvius on Monday.

Police received an anonymous "third-hand report" that an individual dropped dynamite into the water on April 20, according to a Salt Spring RCMP press release issued on Monday.

"Given the information received, the report was believed credible," Sgt. Danny Willis states in the release.

RCMP officers immediately notified B.C. Ferries of the potential danger and contacted the E Division's underwater recovery team and explosives disposal unit.

B.C. Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall confirmed the company's security department received notification of the incident on Monday.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

A member of an off-island RCMP special underwater recovery team brings out a bag containing dynamite from under the government wharf in Vesuvius.

PARKS & REC

PARC members resign — Holman dispute

Director takes dissenting view to CRD Board

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

At least two Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) members have resigned over a power struggle with Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman.

PARC vice-chair Carol Dodd, who has served on the commission since 2005, resigned on Friday, and newcomer Fraser Hope followed suit the next day.

"The reason I have resigned ... is that the CRD director has unilaterally decided to override a decision by a healthy majority of the PARC Commission with his own view," said Dodd in a written statement. "He intends to take his view to the CRD, which will, in their own words, 'rubber stamp' this decision. I concede that it is director Holman's legal right to take only his own view to the CRD for rubber stamping, [but] I seriously question his moral right to do so."

The contentious issue relates to how the PARC manager position will be filled once Dave Gibbon vacates the job this summer. For several years, PARC's senior management position has been filled via an independent contract — Gibbon's consulting company is actually paid by the CRD — rather than maintaining it as a CRD staff position.

PARC recently passed an in-camera motion to use the exist-

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YOUTH SOCCER

Weekend tournament a soaring success

Four years and getting better every time

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With 48 teams and roughly 700 players at last weekend's fourth annual Salt Spring Island Youth Challenge Cup soccer tournament, it's hard to imagine a better showcase of the island's most popular team sport.

"Participation can't really get much higher

than it is since we filled up most of the fields on the island," said tournament organizer Malcolm Legg.

Since Legg started the tournament as a way for youth teams across the province and beyond to celebrate the end of their winter soccer seasons, the number of registered players has grown steadily.

Legg said the success of May's Challenge Cup, featuring adult teams from around B.C., inspired him to develop a youth equivalent.

"The success of the tournament is that the

teams come to the island, have fun and enjoy this event as the highlight of their soccer season," Legg said Monday afternoon.

Coaches Tracy and John McCormach's U-17 girls team have made the trip to Salt Spring an annual tradition since the tourney began in 2005.

Not only does a trip to the island offer them a relaxing weekend holiday, it also gives their team a chance to play against some of the best youth soccer teams in the province.

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NEWSBEAT

Dynamite disposed of "carelessly"

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April 21.
"It's my understanding that they would contact us if they discovered a threat," Marshall said. "Any time we receive a call like this, we certainly follow [the RCMP's] advice."
That recovery efforts took more than a week to complete, police said, is because the dynamite was not considered a threat to the safety of nearby residents and ferry traffic.
The north dock, accessed

via the B.C. Ferries parking lot, is regularly used by pleasure-craft users.

"Given the report received and the water conditions, it was believed the risk of detonation was low," Willis wrote.

"It appears that someone had dynamite to dispose of and they did so carelessly. The culprit then had second thoughts and decided that they needed to advise authorities of their transgression," he added.

The E Division's explosives unit destroyed the explosives following the recovery operation.



Recovered dynamite is photographed on the shoreline at Vesuvius.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

No quorum for Monday night meeting

RESIGNATIONS
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ing independent contract format, with Holman and senior CRD staff in Victoria holding the opposite view — that the position should be an exempt staff member of the CRD, reporting to both PARC and the general manager of the CRD's Parks and Community Services (PCS) division.

Two-year commissioner Bob Brewer also indicated in an April 27 letter to PARC chair Steve Peterson that he would be resigning, although Peterson said Monday that was not necessarily the case. Brewer is now on vacation.

"I see the Holman decision as being strictly political in its direction, intended only to strengthen the role of the CRD in dealing with Salt Spring Island PARC affairs," wrote Brewer. "... Our society is based on democracy, not one-man control, even if that one man be elected at some point."

Hope said he became a PARC commissioner a few months ago on the understanding that a clear majority decision would be accepted by all PARC members.

"With this principle in mind I regretfully tender my resignation... in the hope that impediments to the commission carrying out its duties can be remedied. It may take a thorough airing of the issues in public in order for the PARC to move forward."

Holman said he knew his intention to present his case to the CRD's Electoral Area Services Committee and then the CRD Board would not be without controversy, but that he feels strongly about the issue.

"Are they seriously saying that the CRD director, who is elected to represent the broader public interest, should not be able to take contrary views to the [CRD] Board?"

Holman said one factor influencing his view is that PARC chair Steve Peterson expressed interest in applying for the position himself.

While Holman said he had no idea whether Peterson was qualified to apply for the job or not, he was alarmed when some commission members had no problem with that scenario.

"They thought it was a fine idea, and it's not a fine

idea," he said.

"It's just the principle of it... it's an example of creating or reinforcing that dynamic where PARC doesn't have any external check to it."

He feels a staff manager, reporting to the CRD PCS general manager, would be more likely to ensure CRD administrative standards and guidelines are followed, that an independent contractor would feel vulnerable to a commission which can hire and fire them, "and is consequently less likely to provide objective advice and insist on CRD standards and practices."

Holman said the \$20,000 August 2007 KPMG Advisory Services report on PARC's failed indoor tennis project stressed "this commission needs to be clear about its role. It should be responsible for policy and policy enforcement, but not day-to-day micro management."

The report also cited a lack of communication between the CRD and PARC as a contributing factor in the 2005-06 tennis structure contract debacle that resulted in a loss of some \$300,000

in PARC monies, including \$60,000 in legal fees.

"The [PARC] commission has had a history of going AWOL, and sadly I've played a role in it [with the tennis issue] and I'm not playing a role again."

"It's just the principle of it... it's an example of creating or reinforcing that dynamic where PARC doesn't have any external check to it."

GARY HOLMAN
CRD director

Peterson's position on the matter is expressed in this week's Viewpoint piece on Page A8.

PARC's regularly scheduled monthly meeting was cancelled Monday night due to a lack of a quorum.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

BPA is latest target in anti-plastic crusade

Part of the war on plastics

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's shaping up like a tough year for plastics. The material that grew to symbolize the convenience of the modern era is facing unprecedented scrutiny from environmentalists, health advocates and, now, the federal government.

As shoppers continue to fight with the great moral debate surrounding the use of plastic shopping bags, the federal government announced last week that it is launching a 60-day consultation period to investigate the prospect of banning some items containing Bisphenol A (BPA).

BPA is a chemical compound used in the creation of hard plastics, also known as polycarbonates, and epoxy resins. Products containing BPA can often be identified by a number 7 surrounded by the triangular recycling symbol.

The substance is found in the hardened plastic used for baby and water bottles and has also been found in the resin used to line many canned goods and some microwavable plastic containers. It is further used in sports equipment, medical devices, CDs, and household electronics.

The federal government included BPA alongside 200 other chemicals classified as high priorities under the government's Chemicals Management Plan in 2006 because it was identified as a chemical that could affect reproduction, according to a Government of Canada website.

According to the results of a government-led assessment researching the compound, "some laboratory studies on animals suggest that BPA at low levels of exposure can affect neural development and behaviour when the animals are exposed in very early life."

Based on these concerns, the federal government announced last week it has launched a 60-day public comment period on how to treat BPA products sold in Canada.

The focus of the discussion revolves around the use of BPA in baby bottles and other products used by small children, but that hasn't stopped some Salt Spring retailers from clearing products with BPA off their shelves.

Joel Shaver, the co-owner of Sports Traders began replacing the once-popular plastic drinking bottles with stainless steel products last year, shortly after questions about the product's safety hit the mainstream.

"I guess we sort of saw the changing of the tide sometime last year," Shaver said.

These days, hardly a day goes by without customers coming in to ask about the product, he added.

It's the same story at Island Escapades where employees recommend people find other uses for their old water bottles.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Malcolm Shoolbraid holds plastic bottles.

Using them as water-tight storage containers while kayaking is proving a popular alternative.

According to a press release issued by the Canadian Bottled Water Association featuring Health Minister Tony Clement, the public need not be worried about the quantities of BPA found in the ubiquitous 18.5-litre bottles sold at grocery stores and delivered to island homes and offices.

"Canadians can continue to use hard plastic, reusable water bottles and plastic tableware if they so choose," Minister Tony Clement is quoted in the release. "There is no health risk."

But while his industry is in the clear for now, the owners of the Salt Spring Water Co., Malcolm Shoolbraid and Fitz Lee, aren't prepared to take any chances.

Replacing the 1,400 18.5-litre plastic containers he estimates his company has in circulation on the island may not be feasible, but providing customers with options certainly is.

"I can't offer a solution, but I can offer an option. As far as a local provider, that's where my responsibility lies. I'm not going to stand on a soapbox and say plastic water bottles are safe but I will provide information from inside and outside the industry so people can make their own decisions."

Shoolbraid has spent the past several months doing as much research as he can to provide clarity to what has become an issue clouded by the numerous studies of the topic.

He intends to introduce a glass-bottle option to his water delivery service to customers willing to pay a bit more for the product. Plans to replace the bottles sold at local shops, he said, remains tricky due to the weight and special handling requirements the use of glass bottles entails.

"We need to be careful about sending glass bottles into a relatively uncontrollable environment," he said.

Giving home-delivery customers an option as well as the information on which to base their decisions on his website is the only workable option until the government provides a clear position on BPA.

He added customer demands and comments will determine where his one-year-old company will head in coming years.

"Utilizing the glass bottle is in no way reinventing the wheel, it's existed for thousands of years," he said. "The first glass bottles were invented in 1,500 BC so they've been tried and tested."

News briefs

Fund benefits playground

Salt Spring Elementary students will soon have a new place to play thanks to funding received from the Rick Hansen Foundation's Let's Play project.

Funding will go towards supporting the development of an accessible play space at the Salt Spring Elementary School playground.

"The funds provided by Let's Play will be put towards the purchase of accessible play space

equipment specifically designed for active, cooperative and imaginative play," states a recent foundation press release.

In addition to other upgrades supported by the community, these new upgrades will "help to make the play space at Salt Spring Elementary School accessible and appropriate for children younger than six years old and for children and caregivers with physical disabilities."

The \$2.5-million Let's Play initiative was launched last year with

funding coming from the provincial ministries of education and children and family development.

Trust looks for new RPM

Salt Spring regional planning manager (RPM) Gerry Hamblin announced last week that he will be stepping down from his position to take on a new job with the provincial government.

"This is nothing out of the ordinary," said Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer.

"A lot of local governments have had problems filling positions."

Adams said the Trust is facing circumstances similar to other island organizations searching for employees.

Though housing costs and the island's relative isolation are factors when it comes to finding the right person for the job, she said, a shortage of planners has been noticed throughout the province.

Planner Robert Kojima will take over Hamblin's RPM role for the Salt Spring Islands Trust area until a

permanent replacement is found.

The change will not impact on the ongoing review of the island's Official Community Plan, Adams added. She could not confirm when the position will be filled.

"We are accepting applications," she said.

In other Islands Trust staffing news, the Salt Spring office announced last week the addition of level-one planner Jasmindra Jawanda to the team. She joins planners Mark Broderick and Justine Starke in the Salt Spring office.

FOR THE RECORD

Last week's "Voters defeat property proposal" article mistakenly attributed comments about costs to temporarily upgrade the Ganges fire hall to volunteer firefighter Mitchell Sherrin. Cost estimates to fix and maintain the hall until such a time as a replacement facility is built haven't yet been determined. As well, while the headline and story clearly indicated the referendum was defeated, the erroneous placement of the words "for" and "against" to describe the voting numbers may have confused readers.

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2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

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3 Vesuvius - Monday-Saturday

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4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

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NEWSBEAT

CRIME

Tragedy ruled murder-suicide

Police conclude investigation into Denovan deaths

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An extensive five-month police investigation has concluded the deaths of two Fulford residents were the result of a murder-suicide, not a suicide pact as was widely speculated.

Police discovered the bodies of Nancy and David Denovan on Nov. 24, 2007, after a tradesman working on the couple's Morningside Road property came across the bodies in their home.

The investigation confirms that David Denovan, 63, murdered his wife before

hanging himself with a rope purchased only days before the incident.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said an investigation conducted in conjunction with the Vancouver Island Major Crime Unit found that Nancy Denovan, 75, died after suffering "blunt-force trauma" to her head. Nancy Denovan's throat was cut during the attack, Willis added.

"She suffered a violent death," he said. "That's not typically what we expect to see when both parties agree it's time to go. They usually find a gentler way and there's often some kind of note."

Willis said RCMP do not know David Denovan's motive for the murder, as

the couple was not known to police and had no prior record or history of violence.

"It'll be a quandary that will probably never be answered," he said. "The victims are the only people who will ever know why this happened."

According to the Denovans' close friend Honor Griffith, interviewed by the Driftwood last November, the couple divided their time between Salt Spring Island and a property near Kananaskis, Alberta.

She said they left their jobs at CBC Television in Toronto in the late 1980s due to Nancy Denovan's ongoing battle with environmental illness.

Nancy Denovan outlined

her experience in a 1998 book entitled *The Forsaken Garden: Four Conversations on the Deep Meaning of Environmental Illness*, published under her maiden name of Ryley.

In spite of describing the environment in her book as an "implacable foe," Willis said autopsy reports revealed no long-term health problems in either individual.

The last murder on Salt Spring Island occurred in September of 1973, when Harbour House Hotel proprietor Walter Herzog was found shot in his suite at the hotel.

Editor's note: This story was posted to gulflandislands-driftwood.com on Friday after details were released.

ISLANDS TRUST

OCP review wraps up with a whimper as suites not deemed housing solution

Step would not solve affordable housing shortage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) public review sessions concluded last week as quietly as they began.

"We are looking at this in a positive light," said Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) chair Kim Benson of the single-digit attendance levels at each of the five public meetings held between April 14 and 23.

"A low turn-out at the meetings may indicate that there are not a lot of concerns regarding the content of the draft OCP or the OCP process," Benson added.

The suggested legalization of secondary suites and seasonal cottages proved, once again, the dominant theme of discussions between staff, trustees and five audience members at a meeting held on the afternoon of April 23.

Though trustees are considering changes to the OCP that would permit bylaw and zoning amendments to legalize the rental of suites and seasonal cottages, Trust planner Robert Kojima suggested the step would not, on its own, solve the island's affordable housing shortage.

Kojima's comments led trustee Peter Lamb to ponder the trustees' motivation to legalize suites and cottages.

"If it's not for affordable housing, why would we legalize it?" Lamb asked.

Trustees estimate approximately 750 illegal suites and cottages are currently rented on the island.

A lack of monitoring means those accommodations may not meet basic building and health code requirements.

With an undetermined number of island residents living "underground," trustee George Ehring said, the legalization issue extends beyond the creation of housing.

"It might not be creating a whole lot of affordable housing, but it does give security of tenure and makes sure your place is up to code," Ehring said.

Trustees are undecided as to whether suites and cottages should be subject to a housing agreement if legalized, despite the recommendations of a 2005 report by the Salt Spring Community Housing Task Force calling for the use of such agreements.

While housing agreements could preserve the affordability of suites and cottages to local renters, they could also dissuade property owners from making rental spaces available, trustees noted.

Trustees agreed any move to legalize suites and cottages should involve a permit-based system and annual inspections that take into account a

rental property's impact on traffic, potable water supply and waste disposal.

"We need to do something," Benson said. "The what, how much, where and how is what we need to resolve."

"A low turn-out ... may indicate that there are not a lot of concerns regarding the content of the draft OCP or the OCP process"

KIM BENSON
 LTC Chair

Trustees will meet at the Community Gospel Chapel on Wednesday, May 7 to review material relating to the OCP review project.

A town hall session may be held at the beginning and end of the business meeting if time is available.

The Salt Spring LTC will also hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 1 p.m. at ArtSpring.

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Stewards in Training participant Jared Farias explores biota in minutiae through a magnifying device.

SCHOOL NEWS

R+R gets new shot of funding

Community services ministry provides \$500,000

An award-winning made-in-B.C. primary violence prevention program will receive \$500,000 to continue its unique work during the next school year.

Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues, announced the funding April 23 during Prevention of Violence Against Women Week.

The Respectful Relationships Program (R+R), developed and delivered by Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA), is a school-based project designed to increase students' ability to establish and maintain healthy and respectful relationships and decrease incidents of gender violence and abusive behaviour in the school setting.

The new funding will provide training and continued program delivery

of R+R to approximately 3,000 grades 7 to 10 students, enabling their participation in 12 interactive workshops on developing healthy and respectful relationships, over the next year.

In addition to the Gulf Islands, the following school districts will receive training, support and/or money for program implementation: Prince George, Valemount/McBride, Port Alberni, Gold Trail (Ashcroft, Lillooet, Lytton, Cache Creek), Cowichan, the Boundary region and Kamloops.

"Violence is a learned behaviour and can therefore be unlearned," said Chong. "Teaching today's children that violence is unacceptable will help create the generational change needed to make all violence, including domestic violence, a thing of the past. We are pleased to support this very important work."

Since 2003, the Ministry of Community Services has provided \$1.5 million to support the development, imple-

mentation and evaluation of R+R pilot projects in B.C. communities. In 2007, through Partners in Prevention grants, the ministry provided an additional \$150,000 for Widening the R+R Circle, a project engaging teachers and parents as new partners in the program.

SWOVA has been providing effective prevention education for more than a decade and recently received international recognition from the UN-Habitat United Nations Human Settlement Programme for demonstrating good practices in violence prevention.

"We have devoted a decade of research and development, refining our ideas about how to stop bullying, partner and family abuse," said Lynda Laushway, executive director of SWOVA. "Our curriculum addresses bullying, sexism, racism, and homophobia, with a focus on the development of healthy, non-violent relationships among adolescent boys and girls."

AGRICULTURE

EcoRealty announces community farm project

EcoRealty Sustainable Land Use and Education Cooperative has agreed to purchase 37 acres of the former 100-acre Hughes Farm in Fulford Valley, 63 acres of which is to become community farmland.

The group hopes to collaborate with the Farmers' Institute in working the 63-acre community farmland site.

"We can complement the community farm site with farm worker amenities, in an inclusive, community-minded manner, re-uniting the entire 100-acre site for active, community-based agricultural use," said EcoRealty communications steward Jan Steinman in a press release.

Together with others in the greater Salt Spring community, members of EcoRealty are in their fourth year of working toward such a goal, he said.

"This co-operative farm venture is the type of project many of us have been working towards for some time, and I hope the broader Salt Spring community will support it," said Elizabeth White

of the Earth Festival Society. "This acquisition of the 37 acres split from the Hughes Farm is great news for the Salt Spring community," said Dan Jason, of Salt Spring Seeds, who Steinman says was instrumental in achieving the 63-acre farmland donation.

"EcoRealty has an expansive and extensive vision of what can happen on the reconnected 100 acres. This purchase adds immensely to the already exciting possibilities inherent in the land donation."

The recently produced Area Farm Plan is an ongoing inspiration for EcoRealty, which plans to directly implement many of the points of the plan.

"EcoRealty's plans fit in well with the recommendations of the Area Farm Plan," according to Anne Macey, who was project administrator for the Area Farm Plan steering committee.

Involving the greater Fulford Valley community is a goal of EcoRealty.

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TRANSPORTATION

Defining right-of-way is next step

The next move for a bike- and pedestrian-friendly Ganges

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Work to improve pedestrian and cycling safety in and around Ganges will get rolling after the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agreed at its April 22 meeting to undertake survey and detailed design work for Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads.

Both studies are a preliminary step required to complete a detailed design and construct pedestrian- and bike-friendly facilities that include sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian-operated traffic lights and other traffic calming measures — as conceptualized in 2007 by the Capital Regional District's (CRD) North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan (NGTMP) undertaken by Richard James and Associates.

"We can't just go and build something," said Salt Spring's CRD director Gary Holman.

"We need to do the survey work as the basis for detailed design and construction."

The study area, as outlined by the NGTMP, includes two

road segments: Lower Ganges Road between Rainbow and Atkins Road; and Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to the recreation centre.

Depending on costs, the survey may include Ganges hill up to Beddis Road, to lay the groundwork for future planning.

The surveys will legally define the boundary of the Ministry of Transportation's right-of-way within the study area.

The engineer survey will precisely locate all structures within the boundary, such as telephone poles, sidewalks and culverts, and utility infrastructure such as waterlines and storm sewers.

Holman said having these studies in hand will open doors to provincial funding programs.

The commission has a conceptual design by engineer Richard James, which Holman says was needed to develop technically sound design proposals and obtain public feedback. But conceptual designs will carry little weight when it comes to securing provincial funds.

"[The Province] will not fund a conceptual study," says Holman.

"We have to have a detailed design that a construction contractor can use to build facilities."

The commission is striv-

ing for studies and funding that encompass the entire study area, arguing it will be more economical in the long run as opposed to doing individual studies on small areas, "piece-by-piece."

In addition to the \$60,000 it will cost for the surveys, Holman estimates the detailed design, if it includes the entire area, could cost an additional \$300,000. The actual costs of survey and design work will be determined by a public tendering process, and which segments the commission decides to pursue first. But these estimates do not include construction costs estimated at upwards of \$5 million.

Holman said the commission has almost half a million dollars currently available: \$50,000 recently approved by CRD Parks and close to \$450,000 to date from federal gas tax revenue.

And even though they expect annual \$350,000 installments of gas tax revenue from 2009 on, the commission will have to work to extract additional funds from the province to cover the entire project.

"This is why we needed to strategize about how we're going to fund this because we can't cover it all at once," said transportation commission chair Bob Fenske.

Commission vice chair Maggie Ziegler suggested

that one advantage of doing more survey and design work rather than less is that it gives the Islands Trust and the commission leverage when it comes to requiring potential developers to help pay for construction of facilities.

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BOB FENSKE
Chair, Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission

A more detailed design will also give the commission a better idea of actual construction costs.

In coming months the commission will apply to the province for construction funding.

"If we don't get provincial funding," Holman said, "we'll have to pick off the segments one by one."

He noted the first priority identified by the commission would be the Ganges Village Market area.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

TOWN TOUCH-UP: Tia LaFortune works on a Sav Boro mural on a building in Ganges.

ABORIGINAL DAY

First Nations' culture celebrated at GISS

Event's success inspires further action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students, staff and parents assembled at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week to celebrate the region's First Nations' heritage as part of the school's first ever Aboriginal Day.

"There's a need for it and a real appreciation for it," said the school's co-principal Lyall Ruehlen. "The school and our community get to understand the culture and history of the aboriginal people."

More than 100 participants from across the community registered for the event to hear lectures, participate in workshops, listen to traditional stories and even play a bit of lacrosse during the day-long event held on the high school grounds Thursday.

Teacher Carol Arnold helped the school's 20-member Aboriginal Student Council organize the celebration.

Arnold said students timed the event to coincide with the first anniversary of the Gulf Islands School District's aboriginal enhancement agreement.

Approximately 20 students have met on a weekly basis since September in order

school's and community's recognition of aboriginal members' culture and history.

"The agreement is a pledge between School District 64 trustees, families and communities of the Gulf Islands to promote an understanding of First Nations' history," Arnold said. "The anniversary date was deemed the ideal opportunity to hold a celebration."

Keynote speaker and aspiring First Nations actor Simon Baker used the event to stress the importance of setting goals, believing in one's self and keeping clean of negative influences such as drugs and alcohol.

Students, staff and SWOVA members bore witness to the signing of the Aboriginal Student Council's constitution before the afternoon workshops. Arnold said storytelling, nature walks and cultural workshops conducted by facilitators from Salt Spring and Vancouver Island were well received by those in attendance.

"This really opened the eyes of the participants to a lot of things they don't normally see in their natural environment," Arnold said.

Students behind the project were so delighted with the response that they look forward to doing something like this again and making it an annual event. Arnold

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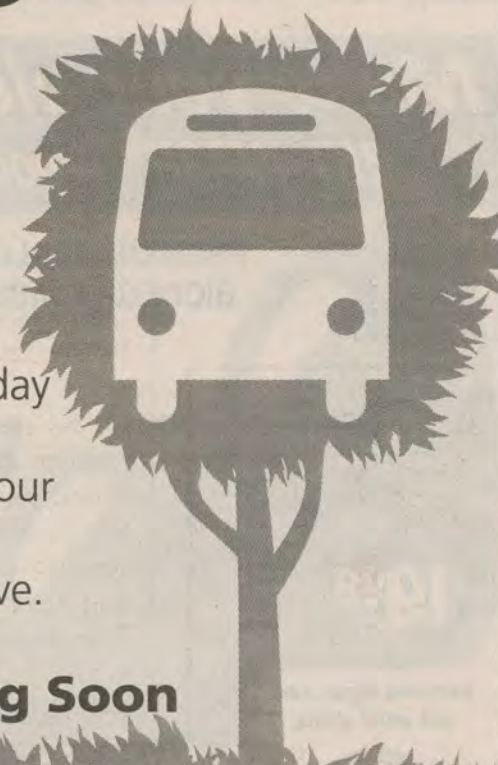
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustees give nod to calendar, adopting 4-day week again

Spring break dates changed

A flurry of last minute letters regarding the proposed school calendar for next year prompted some discussion at a special board meeting last Wednesday, but little talk concerned the most contentious issue.

Board chair May McKenzie told trustees that letters from five district schools requested two changes to the proposed calendar.

But neither change involved the four-day school week, which has now been approved for the Gulf Islands School District for the fifth consecutive year.

At issue was the timing of spring break as well as a mid-week school closure for Remembrance Day next November.

After some discussion, trustees agreed to move spring break to March 16-27 from the originally proposed March 9-20.

This, teachers said via letters, would allow for a more natural break between terms.

The province-wide spring break is slated for March 16-20.

However, trustees decided not to change the school-week configuration around Remembrance Day, which falls on a Tuesday this year.

Under the newly-approved calendar, students attend school on Friday, Nov. 14 to make up for the Tuesday holiday. Some letters requested the board have school in ses-

sion the previous Friday as well, taking off Monday, November 10 instead, and allowing for a four-day weekend.

However, trustees denied the request, noting that changes to the Monday-Thursday school schedule interfere with extra-curricular activities set for Fridays.

Also, trustees felt that having school in session on Monday, November 10 would better allow for school-based Remembrance Day celebrations.

In agreeing to maintain the four-day school week, Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston said that contrary to what the public might think, school trustees do not have their "minds made up" and "it is important to revisit the issue each year."

"I'd like to put a challenge out to parents to come to board meetings," added Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray.

"That's when our best discussions happen . . . it's good to get a sense of what moves people because that's how we make our decisions."

In summing up his decision to vote for the four-day school calendar, Hingston said, "When you look at the pros and cons, the implications of not staying where we're at would be disastrous to students."

The vote to adopt the school calendar, with changes made to the spring break dates, passed unanimously.

TRANSIT

Accident shows need for better signs

Motorists continue to park illegally behind bus stop

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Transit bus backed into the Fulford bus stop area and hit an illegally parked car in early April.

The accident left only a small dent in a car, but it gave the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) a big reason to take a closer look at how signage in the area can be improved.

"It's a big problem, people parking there," said transit operator Ineke de Jong. "My drivers are excellent drivers. But backing up is always a dangerous procedure for operators. It's difficult to get into [the bus parking spot], let alone with a car blocking it."

This is the second incident involving a Salt Spring Island Transit (SSIT) bus since ser-

vice began in January.

De Jong said while SSIT has had very little trouble with the Ganges stop outside the Visitors' Centre, improper signage in the Fulford terminal remains a key concern. Fulford motorists continue to park illegally in the space directly behind the bus loading zone that B.C. Ferries has reserved for SSIT.

"When someone parks there, it makes it very tight when the bus tries to turn around," said de Jong.

Infrastructure currently in place to deter parking includes a "bus stop" sign on a telephone post, pylons and red paint.

At a SSITC meeting last Tuesday, commission member Harold Swierenga was tasked with acquiring proper signage that clearly shows parking is illegal. The specific wording of the sign has not been decided on, but it is evident that "bus stop" is not enough.

Salt Spring's CRD director Gary Holman recommended the commission take immediate action.

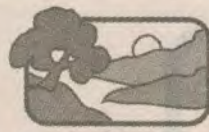
"We should proceed with signage, pay for it and then negotiate the details with BC Transit later," said Holman at the meeting.

Swierenga is also looking into getting B.C. Ferries to re-paint the faded red lines.

To enforce illegal parking, RCMP cannot issue tickets on a windshield. Officers must give the offender the ticket in person. RCMP said they can, however, tow a vehicle in violation of parking regulations.

While De Jong waits for new signs, she plans to put up a temporary "no parking" sign.

"New signs are what I've been pushing for," she said. "When the schedule picks up on May 3 we're going to be making more frequent trips. We need something more there to denote it's a bus stop area."



Islands Trust

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Special Business Meeting Official Community Plan Review

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a special business meeting as part of its ongoing review of the Official Community Plan (OCP). The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Local Trust Committee (LTC) to review material relating to the OCP review project. A town hall session may be held at the beginning and end of the business meeting, time permitting.

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Key background documents and maps related to the OCP review can be viewed on-line at the Islands Trust website (<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>).

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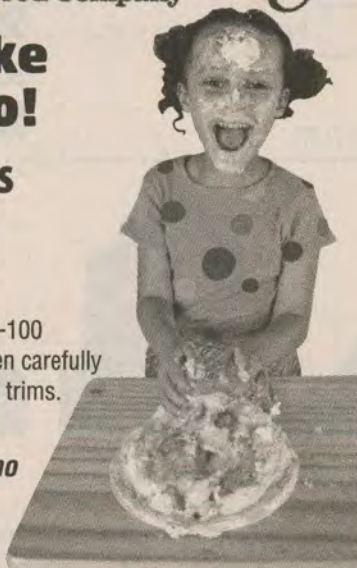
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EDITORIAL

Four-day turns five

Barely a week goes by without news of yet another school closure somewhere in the province.

According to the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, the province's school boards closed approximately 150 schools between 2001-02 and 2006-07.

They've further confirmed the closure of 27 more schools, many as soon as this fall.

School board trustees say closures stem from a seven per cent decline since 2001-02 in province-wide enrolment levels.

On Salt Spring, data provided on the Ministry of Education's website indicates School District No. 64 enrolment dropped by 11 per cent during the same period.

We're no exception, yet not a single school in the district has been closed.

Like the Coast Mountain and Boundary school districts, our trustees opted for a four-day week as an alternative to boarding up facilities and cutting programs.

Gulf Islands trustees' decision last week to maintain the four-day week for a fifth year is expected to save the district approximately \$666,000.

In exchange, no schools are closing and valuable courses like Calculus 11, Physics 12, Music 11 and 12 and Geography 12 will be preserved.

And that's only the beginning. The breadth of programs that would need to be cut to make up the shortfall is truly astounding.

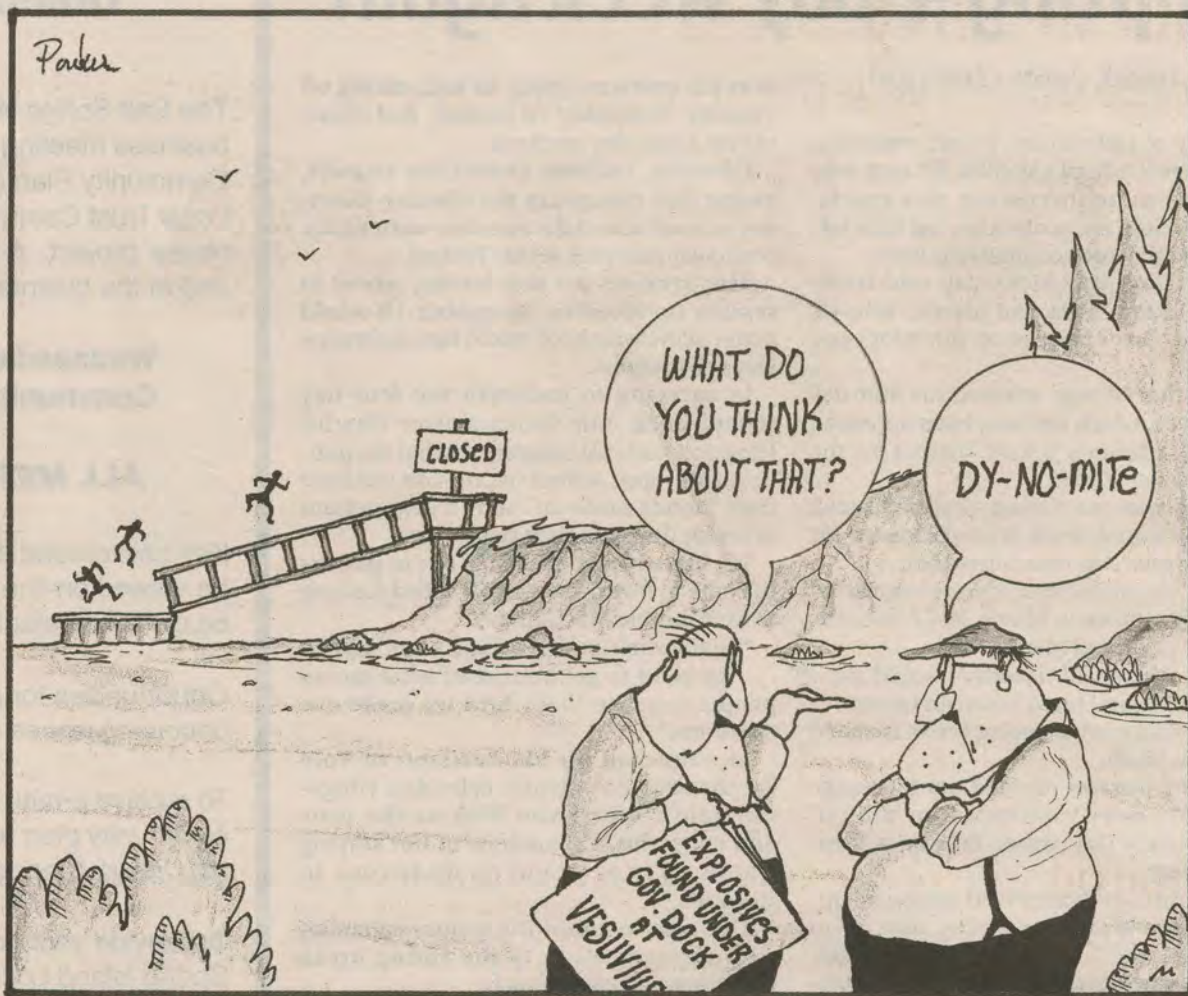
Test results have also indicated that students are not suffering academically because of the four-day week, and it should always be noted that the amount of instructional time given to children is still the same as in a five-day school week.

Trustees have been dealt a difficult hand through a combination of awkward government funding formulas, our unique geography and over-riding demographic trends.

They've developed a solution that still appears to produce an amazing number of creative, well-educated and inspiring members of society.

Parents, employers and other supportive members within our community have stepped up to provide students with useful, engaging and productive ways of spending their Fridays.

The method may not be conventional, but worthy of our community's support given the encouraging results.



PARC role negated by director

BY STEVE PETERSON

Once again, as PARC chair, I find the need to update the community on Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) activities.

On a personal note, I recently gave up one day's pay and another personal day off to attend the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association symposium in Victoria. I found the experience motivating, educational and highly applicable to my being able to continue my efforts towards enriching our community. I returned home to find a fellow commissioner had resigned, since then a second, and know of at least two others preparing to do the same. Ironically, having just spent two days evaluating the role of the volunteer, I fully understand why PARC again finds its volunteers departing prior to completion of their terms.

Chosen by a wide cross-section of community interest groups, PARC truly represents the community at large. We are not elected or paid and in the end are accountable only to our own conscience. Through experience, I know some become commissioners because of a specific interest, but as volunteers we evolve, become more involved in community issues and learn to appreciate the interests, ideas and concerns of others at the table. We engage in conversation, debate, form committees and in the end vote on issues, not because of vested interests but because as volunteers we care about our community and hope to serve it the best we can. As a group we do not always agree, but we stand by the common principal of majority rule and move forward.

The one exception in all of this is the Capital Regional District (CRD) director. Being elected, that person becomes not only

VIEWPOINT

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accountable to their conscience, but to the electorate. Clearly PARC exists to guide the decisions of the director, however, a conflict can arise. What if the majority of PARC votes in a manner contrary to that of the director? The director then faces the choice of bowing to PARC's recommendation and respecting that democratic process, or, acting unilaterally by simply forwarding their own viewpoint to the CRD board as our current director plans to do yet again.

I sympathize with our current director. The position he holds gives ultimate power to one person. But by acting unilaterally, either through conscience or in a belief that his viewpoint best serves the broader public interest, he must dismiss a democratic process, thereby negating the role of PARC and strengthening the merits of alternate forms of government, the very thing he is fighting so hard to prevent.

If the current form of government is to survive, change must occur. By not upholding PARC's democratic process, individual volunteers are stripped of their significance and PARC as a whole is rendered pointless. By majority, my fellow commissioners find our current director's apparent lack of respect for the democratic process morally wrong and are choosing to resign as a result.

I would publicly like to thank those dedicated and talented individuals who have chosen to resign and encourage them to find an alternate means of volunteering in our community.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

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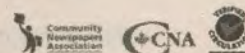


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Shame on 'no' voters

It is distressing to learn that this community, which depends on our fire department for so many things — fighting house and brush fires, saving lives, fundraising for local causes, rescuing accident victims — refuses to support it when asked.

The Ganges fire hall is old and unsafe. It is structurally unsound — it needs seismic upgrading — and it is dangerous to the health of the men and women who work in it. There is no ventilation for the vehicle fumes and mould is growing on the walls.

Also, it is located in the busiest traffic hub on the

island, so getting the trucks out is often difficult — not just at ferry times but every day, all year. Continuing to use it is not an option and delaying the change merely makes it more expensive.

The firefighters and trustees — intelligent, concerned and thoughtful people — have spent years searching for a place for the new hall, and the Upper Ganges Road property was the best site available.

To the 789 people who voted "no" in the referendum: you expect the firefighters to rush to your aid, but won't give them help when they need it. Shame on you.

To our dedicated career and volunteer firefighters: you are right to feel angry

and betrayed, but please don't abandon the department. Many of us admire and respect you, and are extremely grateful for your work.

MARLYN HORSDAL,
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Something stinks

I'm ashamed of myself: I forgot to vote (against) the latest fire department buying and building proposal.

There seems to be a pressing need for the fire department to get out of Ganges, and it makes one wonder if Wal-Mart or some other monied interested has made a handsome offer for that piece of land. If this be so, maybe we poorer peasant

taxpayers should be given a chance to help the fire department make a decision about the disposal of the downtown site.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) would have to be involved. This could present a problem because some of the smellier deals on Salt Spring seem to have followed the garbage trucks back from the Hartland Road dump, in spite of the Trust.

I hesitate to suggest that the seat of CRD government is at the Hartland dump, but of late odours have emanated from our CRD representative in his protests, in his own words, against the Islanders for "Self(ish)" Government.

(I am an ex-depression

prairie farm boy; ex-RCAF navigator, three years; ex-POW in Germany, one year; ex-school teacher, 35 years; exposure in the past to many forms of political subterfuge.)

RON STACEY,
QUEBEC DRIVE

Patronizing remarks

In support of letters by Julia Lucich and Paul Marciano in the April 23 issue of the Driftwood, the behaviour of Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director Gary Holman regarding the Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) group is appalling. His attitude and remarks are both patronizing and extremely insulting.

No doubt there are inaccuracies on both sides, but Mr. Holman would do well to realize that close to a thousand responsible Salt Spring Island residents have now joined the ISG because they are very concerned about the future of our island and the way it is being run. Searching for a better way forward for the years ahead is a valuable and serious pursuit to be respected, not mocked and belittled by current disgruntled officials.

Perhaps this is just one of the reasons why ISG's membership is growing so rapidly.

GILLEAN PROCTOR,
OLD SCOTT ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Affordable housing, not doubling the densities

BY NEDDY HARRIS

The use of the words "affordable housing" in the OCP draft and feedback form seems misleading.

There is nothing about ensuring affordability in the proposed changes in section B.2.2.2.6 or B.2.2.2.19.

In its present form this policy recommends opening up the possibility of thousands of densities for anyone, at any price, for anything over 30 days. This includes the possibility of suites in every single-family house and all cottages except in watersheds and sensitive areas (3,500 cottages) with no policy in place regarding "affordable housing."

I think most people agree there should be housing that is affordable for the people who live and work in this community. "Affordable housing" is now basically required for those making \$20/hr and less.

If, as a community, our values are to make sure that local families and singles can live here, then we, as a community should do what it takes to try and make that happen.

How might we get there?

Here's some statements we often hear.

1. The market will sort it out or "Let the chips fall where they may."

Salt Spring has the second highest land values in Canada for recreational property. Second highest! Housing prices are unlikely to go down enough no matter how many densities are flooding the market.

Housing reports now show that everywhere moderate-income earners are struggling with housing costs.

2. Wages should go up to cover rent.

It's a balance. If wages go up to cover high rents, will prices go up and will locals shop off-island?

GUEST COLUMN

3. Build apartments in Ganges.

A developer needs to be prepared to have at least 40 per cent of the project's cost be tied up for years. Why would they, if they could lever fast profits in condo development elsewhere?

4. Require new developments to include affordable housing as a per cent of the development build out.

Presently, to my knowledge there are only two multifamily properties left undeveloped.

5. Let someone else do it for us.

Governments and foundations spend designated housing money where it is needed most. From that perspective Salt Spring has received a lot of funding lately and our problems are far from solved.

A housing needs assessment will be undertaken this summer. With that as a baseline, we'll see what we must create with the resources at hand.

With only two apartment buildings and the fact that Salt Spring is not pushing development, the resources at hand are suites and cottages. They should be restricted with a housing agreement to ensure that they go to local people and the rent is fair to the owner and the renter.

With a restricted extra density, property values (and tax assessments) could be preserved, yet the added income could be used as a mortgage helper, allowing more local people to get into the housing market. Two local families could buy together and share the house.

Nuts and Bolts - rough outline showing how restricted rentals could work.

The landowner enters into a housing agreement.

People that qualify as residents for housing could rent suites and cottages. (Remember the resident cards for B.C. Ferries?) Qualifyees could have strong family ties, work here, be part of essential services, or have lived here a certain period of time (to be determined).

Suites are brought up to code, renters being temporarily relocated while the work was being done. (See incentives below.)

Yearly, the landlord would sign a declaration that they rented only to "residents."

Notes:

1. Landlords can still choose who they rent to, provided they qualify as residents.

2. If people don't want to build for locals, it's fewer densities.

3. Incentives for housing agreements could involve grants to upgrade suites (possibly septic upgrades too). Maybe getting fees waived? It might be possible to get property tax breaks similar to farm status, and income tax breaks for rentals guaranteed below market prices.

4. Rent caps would need to be determined through statistics based on full-time employment.

5. For renters who can afford \$1,200-\$1,400 a month, we should be building affordable homeownership housing. Other communities include that in their strategic plan.

6. The building code for suites is not too demanding.

7. New islanders who would not qualify can still rent houses or share houses until they do.

8. Businesses could secure suites for employees.

Ideas about Administration and Enforcement

1. The landowner might pay a small yearly fee to cover some costs for record keeping.

2. The renter might pay a small processing fee to sign on and stay updated.

3. Grace period for existing suites. As in Vancouver, suites that are reported after the grace period are required to comply with the building code and, in this case, a housing agreement. The landowner could be supported if cost is a prohibitive factor.

4. Once there are legal choices for rental, the system might become self-regulating.

4. If the housing agreement is breached, such as renting to non-qualifying residents or renting as a vacation rental, penalties could be included in bylaws and enforced. Whistler charges \$100/day if housing agreements are breached.

Again, this is just a rough outline. It seems complicated, on first glance, but it can be made simple. With this system, from where we are now (illegal long-term rental of suites and cottages), nobody is giving up anything. We could be protecting all the great people who are engaged in our community and who are renters. Please contact the Islands Trust, leave your name and tell them you want affordable rentals for qualifying residents, i.e. locals. Phone: 537-9144; Fax 537-9116.

The writer is a 30-year resident of Salt Spring, presently engaged in the creation of affordable housing for low-moderate income earners as a director of the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society.

OPINION

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A municipality has AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT
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A municipality has REDUCED
Planning costs

For more information please visit our website at www.islandgov.org

Our current Islands Trust Trustees and CRD Director do not support an updated Restructure Study which would answer many of the questions about the impact of becoming an Island Municipality within the Islands Trust. Write to them, to your MLA, Murray Coell and the Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong and ask them why they do not want you to have access to up-to-date, accurate, unbiased information about the costs and benefits of incorporation. ISG does not have all the answers....an updated Restructure Study would give us those answers. An Island Municipality within the Trust - we CAN have both!

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Noah Ferguson (aka Keytar Warrior) blows bubbles in Centennial Park as part of the Mad Hatter's Cafe, a fundraising event held for the Georgia Strait Alliance, organized by Studio One.

MORE LETTERS continued from A9 Hall support

We, the volunteer firefighters of Salt Spring Island, would like to thank the 551 islanders who voted "yes" to purchase land for a new fire hall at 300 Upper Ganges Road during the recent referendum.

While the outcome was not successful toward improving the working conditions and safety of local firefighters, we appreciate your support.

MITCHELL SHERRIN,
ON BEHALF OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Radio concerns

I agree with the sentiments expressed by Jim Erickson in last week's opinion piece ("CBC: loss of quality radio marks a nail in sovereignty coffin.")

CBC is definitely an important factor in the social fabric of Canada.

As a Salt Springer, I have one additional concern: that the morning show broadcast from Victoria is impossible to pick up on the east side of Salt Spring Island. I can receive the Vancouver broadcast but prefer not to listen to the Lower Mainland news.

JOHN NEVILLE,
CASTLE CROSS ROAD

Vulnerable time

The black oystercatchers, crow-sized shorebirds with bright red beaks and pink legs, will be starting to nest in mid-May. They breed on rocky islets and shell and sand spits. There are only three known nesting sites on Salt Spring Island.

The provincial and federal government signs were reinstalled this week at the

Walter Bay breeding site by the provincial wildlife conservation officer.

The signs warn people to stay away from the area during oystercatcher breeding season, which is mid-April until mid-August.

Because the well-camouflaged, cup-shaped nests are built right on the beach, it is easy to unknowingly step on the eggs. Oystercatcher young are entirely vulnerable for six weeks, until they learn to fly. They cannot swim.

To report any disturbance to these birds, or any other wildlife-related offence, please phone 1-877-952-7277. Black oystercatchers are protected under the provincial Wildlife Act and the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act. Thank you for caring.

JACKY BOOTH, SHARON BYWATER, DONALD GUNN, JOHN B. SPRAGUE AND NINA RAGINSKY,
BOARD MEMBERS, THE SALT SPRING ISLAND WATERBIRD WATCH COLLECTIVE

Not critical of Bowen

I am responding to the letter by Peter Frinton, the councillor from Bowen who has "reluctantly" joined the debate on incorporation. ("Don't distort experience" letter of April 23.)

It's odd that Mr. Frinton has been able to stifle himself when Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) misled islanders in an ad about Bowen Council freezing its tax rates. He also looks the other way when ISG cynically works behind the scenes to kiboosh a Trust Council initiative (which to his credit Mr. Frinton supported) to increase the number of trustees on Salt Spring.

Mr. Frinton states that I'm "incorrect" about several issues, but he admits again that municipalities can indeed "end run" the Trust, that municipalities can shift the tax burden from com-

mercial to residential property owners and that municipalities find that taking on responsibility of roads is very costly.

Mr. Frinton's problem is that he takes my comments as criticism of Bowen's council, which I did not intend. For example, my statement that Bowen Island Council decided to shift property taxes from commercial to residential property owners isn't a criticism — it simply reinforces that this is a possibility if Salt Spring Island incorporated, but not under our rural system of governance.

However, Mr. Frinton is wrong about the implications of such a tax shift for homeowners on Salt Spring, where commercial assessments comprise a much larger proportion of the tax base. Similarly, my point about the state of roads on Bowen is not to criticize the local council, but simply to reinforce Frinton's acknowledgment that roads are a very costly undertaking. This would be especially true on Salt Spring where the road system is much more extensive than Bowen's. I have not seen ISG acknowledge this, and yet there has been no reprimand from Frinton.

I was particularly amused by Mr. Frinton's assertion that the Trust presence on Bowen has not diminished since Bowen incorporated, despite the fact that only two of seven municipal councillors are actually trustees, that a representative of the Trust area at large no longer participates in local decisions, and that municipalities can appeal Trust Council veto on local OCPs or bylaws.

And while Mr. Frinton doesn't dispute that mention of the Trust on Bowen's website is "hard to find," all is still well because "the Trust flag hangs prominently behind the mayor's chair." Enough said perhaps.

GARY HOLMAN,
CRD DIRECTOR, SALT SPRING

Wider public concerned

I am happy that the Driftwood gave front-page coverage to the April 17 public discussion meeting on the draft soil bylaw.

But I would like to point out that this meeting was attended by more than 70 members of the public despite very short notice.

Although the public was given only 15 minutes to speak, in total, the presence of so many people from all parts of the island committed to a fair and enforceable bylaw sent a clear message to the trustees.

About three quarters of those in the room supported a strong new bylaw, and most of them were not even Stewart Road Residents' Association members.

This is not and never has been just a "Stewart Road" issue.

The public understands that no neighbourhood is safe from industrial mining unless there are tough regulations in place.

It became clear at the meeting that the more extreme demands of the "contractors group" are being driven by a tiny minority who are large-scale commercial rock/gravel miners, or would like to be.

Because such industrial activities go on for many years in the same places and have a very high impact, they require a much higher standard of regulation than day-to-day building and landscaping.

So to all the supporters of an effective new soil bylaw, thank you for an excellent turnout last Thursday.

The soil bylaw is on the agenda at tomorrow's LTC meeting — Thursday, May 1 at 1 p.m.

Those of you who came to the special meeting and wanted to speak but were frustrated by the limited time available will be able to do so in the town hall section of tomorrow's LTC meeting.

JOYCE CAMPBELL,
STEWART ROAD

Island needs strong bylaw

Having a strong soil bylaw is important because the entire island is made of rock and any of us could find a mine in our neighbourhood tomorrow. Also, such facilities have tremendous potential to damage neighbouring properties and the natural environment far beyond their boundaries.

During the past two years, our local trustees have produced several drafts of a soil bylaw.

At every phase, they have been asked to include measurable standards for noise, vibrations, slope stability and erosion control for the protection of streams, wetlands and neighbouring properties.

They have been given sample language from other jurisdictions and from the Islands Trust's own model soil bylaw.

For example, the Islands Trust model soil bylaw limits noise to a 30-second equivalent sound level of 55 decibels measured at any boundary of the lot . . ."

The Salt Spring draft bylaw says, "Operations during permitted hours shall be conducted in such a manner as to minimize noise impacts upon neighbouring land uses."

The latter language would be difficult if not impossible to enforce.

The draft soil bylaw contains similarly weak provisions for the other issues listed, allows Trust staff to make exceptions to buffer zones and hours of operation (with no public review), and expects private consultants hired by the contractor to enforce environmental protections.

It leaves enforcement at commercial mines to the Ministry of Mines who have only two enforcement staff for all of B.C.

Weak bylaws play a cruel trick on the community because when objectionable activities are reported, the public is then told that the Trust has no authority to act, has granted an exception, cannot issue a ticket or will not take the offender to court. Bylaws that appear to regulate but actually do not, poison the credibility of our government.

The Islands Trust was created for one reason only — to protect the islands. Yet, many of our bylaws are shamefully weak. Please urge our trustees to set a new precedent by adopting a soil bylaw with effective measurable enforcement provisions.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
MOUNT BELCHER HEIGHTS

NA union

In my recent article on the new B.C. Enhanced Driver's Licences (EDL) published in the Driftwood's April 25 Weekender, some information was left out due to limited space. These were critical to my argument that we are being betrayed by the federal and provincial governments in Canada.

Firstly, the U.S. government is passing national laws implying jurisdiction in the "Western Hemisphere," which the B.C. government is complying with.

Second, EDLs have already been implemented in North Carolina to everyone without vote or even awareness of the change. Their state DLs have an encoded hologram of North America on the back, similar to the logo of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). This hologram is meant to be on every driver's licence in the emerging continental community: Canada, U.S. and Mexico.

Thirdly, over the past two decades, the federal Liberals and Conservatives have walked us into this union, usually while denying it is happening — taking a bad NAFTA and making a worse "NAFTA-Plus" — and creating deep continental integration in the economic, regulatory, security and political realms of our nation.

In Feb., 2008, Canada and the U.S. signed a secret military agreement allowing deployment of troops across either border in cases of civil emergencies (earthquakes, riots).

As stated in my article, ICBC intends for every Canadian in B.C. to have a computer-chipped driver's

licence starting in Spring 2009. The SPP/NAFTA leaders met again this past week, agreeing on more integration.

Who gave them permission to do this? Not the vast majority of Canadians. Not even the few who voted for either the "Lib or Con" parties knew about their intent to devolve Canada's sovereignty. These agreements and programs are all "legal" stepstones to a North American governance with the least amount of public awareness and input possible.

This smacks of treason to me, but I'm a hard-core Canadian. Again, to paraphrase Eisenhower, "Beware of crooks in suits."

KEN ROULEAU,
SALT SPRING

Help them relocate

I have lived on the Gulf Islands for 30 years. In that time I have observed good, bad and ugly events in our community, but never felt quite driven to write to the Driftwood — until now.

I am appalled by the lack of support shown for our brave firefighters in their quest for a new building and training facilities.

We should be helping them every way we can in this endeavour.

Most of our firefighters are volunteers, willing to engage in life-threatening activities, willing to give many hours to training — for what? To protect our lives and properties.

Can you imagine how they feel right now?

This island has just raised a million dollars to buy a rainforest park.

Imagine how pretty that would be after an uncontrolled forest fire. Imagine your house burning and no one comes. Imagine your loved one trapped in a crashed car with no one to pry it open. Think it won't happen to you? My house on Galiano burned.

Well, nay-sayers, I'd like to be a fly on your burning wall and see how fast you would vote yes then.

Come on, Salt Spring, help the fire department relocate before the next earthquake brings the rest of the fire hall roof down. Think of it as protecting your investments.

To all of our firefighters, you are my hometown heroes. Thank you for everything you do. Please don't quit on us.

LYNDA WILCOX,
SALT SPRING


Reunion notice

If you attended Como Lake Sr. High School in Coquitlam between 1961 and 1965, we want to hear from you.

People should send their contact information to Donna at oldbonesis@hotmail.com so we can get info to you about a reunion coming up.

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OPINION

Rants

Rants to Community Services, which runs the recycling depot, for encouraging businesses to throw away their recycling by not accepting it either free or by charge. I guess business on this island does not pay enough tax to allow service by your government-subsidized operation. R. Dixon

Roses

To Thrifty's for providing

RANTS and Roses

free non-plastic bags to customers on Earth Day!

Thank you to Thrifty Foods' flower gals for replacing the flowers I bought that never opened. I am enjoying the pink ones you gave me very much! Thank you. Nancy Stout

An armful of spring roses

for the Salt Spring Island Middle School's Leadership class who held a car wash on Saturday, April 19 and raised \$445 that they donated to Lady Minto Hospital. Thank you to Hailey Brown, Tatjana Horucki and Rebecca Johnstone, who made the donation on behalf of the class and their teacher Richard Lee. The hospital foundation

is very grateful for your support. Gil Schultz, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation

Salt Spring roses and warm hugs to the Salt Spring Centre Eagle class for their ocean art and environmental inventions, to Barbara, Sue, Judy, Terri, Alan, Mira, Tom and SD64, The Raging Grannies, and to Earth Day

Celebration Choir for a truly beautiful Salt Spring Island spontaneous event! Thank you, from the folks at Peace Works!

A large bunch of roses to the lady with cables, who helped me with a low battery at the ArtSpring parking lot on April 18. Thank you very much. Jean

A truckload of roses to Lorne Bascom of Gulf Islands Carpet Cleaners. After working half the night

at another job he came to my rescue at 7 a.m. My hot water tank had erupted and flooded the whole house. Lorne waded into the problem with efficiency and good nature. Many thanks, Lorne. SM

Beautiful roses to the many guests and local businesses who supported the annual IODE luncheon and fashion show at the Harbour House. It was so much appreciated. LA

MORE R&R continued on A13

Ganges Village Market News

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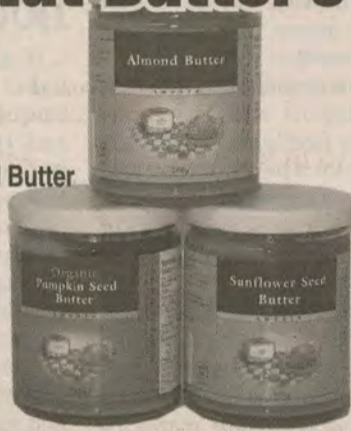
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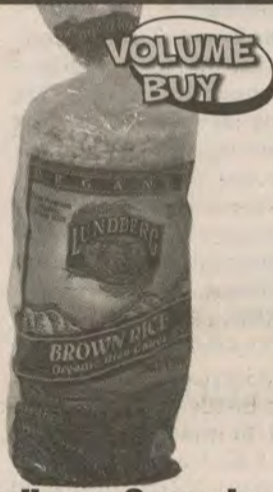


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THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET ASIAN ALMOND SALAD SATAY

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn, 2006

Nut butter: Nut butter refers to the mashing of nuts to create a spread. Nuts are among the earliest cultivated foods, probably before 3,000 BC. Many originated in China. The Chinese have crushed nuts into creamy sauces for centuries and have used them in various dishes adding flavor & aromatic flair. Many nuts were introduced via the Silk Road to Greece, Turkey and the Middle East to be further dispersed from there. (Africans have been grinding nuts into stews since the 15th century.) Traders ate almonds for sustenance as they traveled the Silk Road. The process of grinding or mashing nuts into a paste (originally derived from various nut milks) began in the days before refrigeration. Nut milks can be churned into butter. Most nut butters are low in saturated fat. Most of the fat in nut butters is monounsaturated, considered a beneficial fat. Some nuts like almonds are also high in fibre.

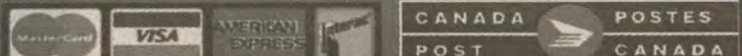
Combine in a medium salad bowl 2 cups fresh spinach leaves, 2 cups assorted Chinese vegetables (pea pods, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, Bok choy), 1 carrot grated, 1 cup cooked chicken breast, cut into thin strips. Set aside. Whisk together & heat in a small pan 1/4 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons apple or orange juice concentrate, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon minced ginger root (or 1/4 teaspoon dried ground ginger), 1-2 cloves garlic, minced, 1/2 cup almond butter, 1/2 cup coconut milk & 1 tablespoon chili paste (Sambal Oelek, or hot chili sauce). Pour the warm dressing over the salad & serve. Note: This dressing tastes great as a satay marinade. Just add thinly sliced chicken & marinate as long as you like in the sauce. Soak wooden skewers in water or coconut milk for 20 minutes, stack chicken pieces on each skewer, and barbecue.

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OPINION

Ways to fill the Islands Trust info gap

BY KENN RENAUD

My key objective for this opinion piece is to provide some background and important factual information sources that can help islanders make an informed decision regarding incorporation.

For example, I have found the "Islands Trust Governance Review Report, 2007," prepared by Nielson-Welch (www.islandgov.org) to be particularly illuminating. It should be essential reading for concerned islanders who wish to have professional, factual and independent information on the issue of local governance, and then decide how best to ensure the control required to achieve our common vision for the island. This report notes that we are missing some important pieces of legislative authority under the Trust, and this adversely impacts our ability to positively influence development on Salt Spring Island.

From a historical perspective, it is imperative to understand the Islands Trust was never intended to be an alternative to local government. The original Islands Trust Act (1974) had a specific provincial objective to preserve and protect a unique area of British Columbia. The body created by the province was to keep watch for the people of B.C. over an asset of provincial significance. Put differently, the mandate was to put "place before people." Local governance and services continued under existing provincial, regional and ministerial mandates.

Given jurisdictional realities, the Trust Act has often been, in fact, an impotent vehicle to meet many important community objectives. This has led to the act being a "work in progress" that has been moving more toward dependence on diplomacy and good relations than having actual legislative control.

Among several changes made over the years, in my opinion, the most significant (in 1990) allowed for incorporation of island municipalities within the Trust to facilitate the future need for enhanced local governance. This goes to the heart of the current Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) versus incorporation debate. I suggest that a key objective for every island-

INDEPTH

er should be to ensure that under the Trust mandate all possible local governance tools are made available to facilitate, coordinate and control the implementation of the many specific objectives of our OCP.

Given my interest in seeking professional and credible independent sources of information upon which to form my opinions, I also found the report 2002 Salt Spring Island Restructure Study by Sussex Consultants Ltd. particularly intriguing. Based on the Sussex report, over a three-year period the Salt Spring Island Restructure Committee developed a list to help residents decide if the advantages of incorporation outweighed the disadvantages. They were careful to note that "There is no independent measure of the balance as each person will have a different set of priorities and concerns when assessing the merits of an island municipality."

Committee members put their analysis in a table format with "Issues/Better or Worse?" on the left, and "Considerations" on the right. Seven key headings were examined: Governance; Relationships with the Islands Trust; Finance/Tax Impacts; Services/Planning; Staffing; Roads and Drainage; and, Improvement Districts and Service Areas. This is also a recommended must read for concerned islanders. For illustrative purposes, two incomplete governance examples of commentary from this balanced report are as follows:

1. "Autonomy/Accountability; Improved. Salt Spring Island residents would have more control over decisions relating to the island, as almost all decisions related to island planning and services would be made locally by seven elected council members. Many major decisions (e.g. regarding roads, subdivision approval) are now made by off-island bodies."

2. "Linkage with The Trust; Continued but different in form. The OCP would be transferred to the municipality. A council could amend it, but only with the approval

of the Trust or, failing that, of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The OCP would have to reflect the Trust mandate."

In closing, I am professionally committed to the need for a thorough review and update of the 2002 Restructure Study because I care deeply about the preservation and protection of our island's character. Given the impetus of the Islanders for Self-Government (ISG), the issue about incorporation will not and should not go away any time soon. With this in mind it is essential for every islander to have the best possible credible information upon which to base their decisions on this issue.

"Given jurisdictional realities, the Trust Act has often been, in fact, an impotent vehicle to meet many important community objectives."

At what cost can we not have a clear legislative mandate and power to control and negotiate the future and nature of development on this island? How does "taxation" relate to the ability of our LTC versus a municipal form of government to facilitate, control and coordinate the implementation of our OCP objectives? How can we best assure accountability for performance of our elected leaders to achieve the results we desire? There is much to suggest that it is indeed time for another change in the evolution of island governance.

It is my understanding that the current LTC members and CRD director strongly oppose supporting an update of the 2002 restructure study. Why is this so in light of the current 1,000 members and growing support for ISG?

Given the need for credible and factual information, I find it beyond reason that the reports referred to in this opinion piece are only on the ISG website, and excluded

from the Islands Trust site for Salt Spring Island. Were you aware of the existence of these important sources? This is public information we paid for with our taxes. Does this reflect considerate and balanced democratic representation?

Why is the LTC so afraid of islanders having more, better and up-to-date information on the incorporation issue? If I had a suspicious nature, this would give me serious food for thought.

I suggest the core question for consideration by all concerned should be: Given the best available factual information, which form of government will better provide islanders with the power to control our own destiny — Trust or incorporation?

The writer is a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; director of the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association for 10 years and its chairman from 1993 to 1997.

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RANTS and Roses

MORE R&R continued from A12

Bunches of roses and dog biscuits to the south-end crew that worked so hard at finding my truck and bringing doggens back home to me. Luv you all. Shona

Beautiful bunches of roses to everyone who helped me get through my recent illness. Having such support and love helped me more than you will ever know. Thanks to my family and close friends who were by my side through it all. Thank you to all my visitors for the wonderful flowers, laughter and gifts. Thank you to the Hogarths for everything

and also the Morrison/Jason families. Big thanks to Steph Rhodes, the Oystercatcher and all of the amazing musicians. I was both humbled and shocked by the gestures of generosity and kindness. To everyone who attended the benefit, I am making a donation to the acute care renal ward at Royal Jubilee hospital on your behalf. I will certainly continue to pass on, whenever I can, the kindness and good energy that was shown to me. Thank you. Lindsey Graham

Fernwood Elementary School would like to send cases of roses to Pat Akerman for donating all the little saplings, in honour of Earth

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READY TO RELAY: Trish Hoffman (left) and Arlene Turmel canvass outside of Island Star Video for pledges to the Relay for Life.

LIBRARY

Library fails to get slice of grant pie

Board sets sights on next pot of funding

After waiting to hear the fate of an infrastructure grant application made in January of 2007, the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association has finally learned it will not receive a grant this year to help build a new library in Ganges.

"The program received significantly more applications than could be funded," states a letter received from officials of the Canada/B.C. Rural Infrastructure Fund.

"This decision does not reflect on the importance of this project, but rather the

degree to which the program has been oversubscribed."

"We are of course disappointed but will continue our efforts to secure a new library building for Salt Spring," said library board chair Duncan Hepburn.

"The existing building is over 40 years old and has numerous deficiencies that can only be addressed with a new building."

Both MP Gary Lunn and MLA Murray Coell suggested the library association submit another application to a new federal/provincial infrastructure program that is currently being finalized.

In a recent e-mail from Mr. Coell, he states, "There is a

new infrastructure program that will be available and the Salt Spring library will have another opportunity to make an application."

The library board will continue to seek input and support for a new library building from both elected representatives, said Hepburn.

The board has already initiated work on updating its proposal, he said.

A new application will include information on the riparian area review conducted last August and the extensive storm damage the library sustained last December.

In the meantime, library board members will be dis-

cussing possible short-term initiatives that could be taken while waiting for government funding.

"We have to plan for the next three years," said Hepburn, noting that even if a federal-provincial grant is received through the next round of infrastructure funding, it would be at least three years before a new library is built, and the current building has fundamental problems that must be addressed.

Unless a major benefactor stepped forward to fill the gap, project funding would also require taxpayer support expressed through a successful borrowing bylaw referendum.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lieutenant Governor visits R+R success story

Steven L. Point at GISS

Gulf Islands Secondary School hosts a special guest on Monday when the Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, visits SWOVA's on-going Respectful Relationships (R+R) violence prevention program for youth.

The Lieutenant Governor will start his visit by attending a Grade 9 Respectful Relationships workshop.

Later, members of the R+R Youth Team will be presented to His Honour at a special assembly in the high school multi-purpose room to which students, staff, representatives of SWOVA

and members of the press are invited.

"His Honour will have the chance to experience first-hand this innovative program which helps youth to develop the skills and attitudes they need for healthy and respectful relationships," explains a press release.

The Honourable Steven Point was sworn in as British Columbia's 28th Lieutenant Governor on October 1, 2007. In Point's 2008 New Year's Day Levee speech, he expressed his intention to assist in bringing about positive change in some way:

"Cultural and racial reconciliation are of major concern to me. I do not refer to reconciliation in the legal or

treaty sense, but in the spiritual sense with the good and positive feelings that come when we take time to understand and know each other."

The R+R program recently received provincial government funding to continue and expand next year. (See separate story in this issue of the Driftwood.)

R+R was developed by SWOVA, working in partnership with local educators.

The program is now in its eighth year of delivery in the Gulf Islands School District and is currently being delivered in three other school districts in B.C.

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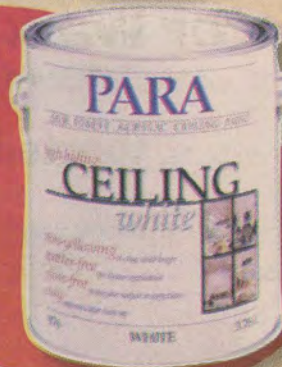
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FINE ART



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Pegasus Gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason prepares for an upcoming exhibit.

Pegasus exhibit celebrates 100 years of Canadian art

Opens Sunday afternoon in Mouat's Mall gallery

Following extensive renovations over the winter, Pegasus Gallery opens its annual Spring Show on Sunday, May 4, presenting a special new collection with A Century of Canadian Art: 1908-2008.

Some 50-plus pieces of historical, traditional and contemporary art include works by members of the Group of Seven, Takao Tanabe, Emily Carr, Mildred Valley Thornton, Sybil Andrews, Walter Phillips, Gordon Smith, M. A. Suzor-Cote, and more.

David Milne's large 1915 oil on canvas,

Houses and Trees (Round Forms II) takes centre stage as an exceptional example by an important artist.

Popular contemporary artists who exhibit with the gallery, including John Macdonald, Randolph Parker, Ken Kirkby, Roland Gatin and others, take their place in the show with new and unique work.

First Nations artists such as Henry Hunt, Simon Charlie, Charlie James and Ellen Neel will be displayed in the Northwest Coast Room.

The opening reception on Sunday runs from 2 to 8 p.m.

Wine is provided courtesy of Tantalus Vineyards of Kelowna, with hors d'oeuvres from Hastings House.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Three centuries of music at M&M

Corelli to Holst in May 7 recital

Salt Spring Island's very own Island Chamber Strings is welcomed back on stage at All Saints' Music and Munch on Wednesday, May 7.

This 14-member string orchestra directed by local violin teacher and violinist Carolyn Hatch first performed at Music and Munch in 2006. The church's Music Makers group is delighted to present this accomplished group of local musicians for their third appearance at the popular

lunchtime concert series.

The orchestra plays a varied program of orchestral music from the 17th to the 20th century such as Arcangelo Corelli's Concerto Grosso No. 8 (known as the Christmas Concerto) in its entirety, and the Andante movement from the well-known Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart.

The finale movement from Gustav Holst's St. Paul's Suite and the first movement of Norman Leyden's American Suite, From the Seas, are also part of the program.



In addition to violinist

and leader Carolyn Hatch, the orchestra members are Sarah Lundy, Jim Stubbs, Kaya Hunter, Ryder Bergerud, Jean Knight, Carol Wright and Sonja Kornelsen on violin; Sally John and Jaime Rokeby-Thomas, viola; Rylan Gajek and Diana Dean, cello; Donna Vanderwekken, bass; and Linda Quinn, piano.

The concert is free and starts at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church on Park Drive. Tickets are \$5.50 for the optional lunch following the performance, and they're sold at the door prior to the start of the concert.

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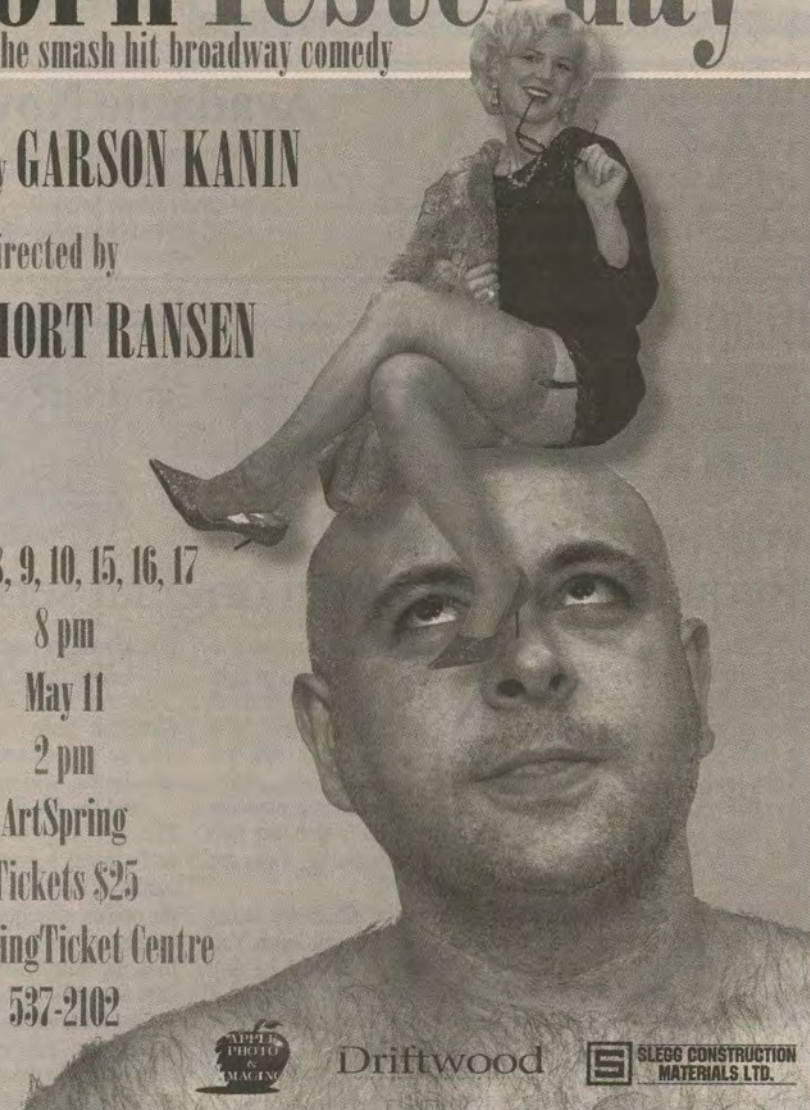
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Aliens Vs. Predator 2: Requiem dumbs-down original series

Aliens Vs. Predator 2: Requiem is the sequel to 2004's Aliens Vs. Predator, itself a sort of sequel combining the respective baddies from the Alien and Predator series. If you don't know what I mean by alien or predator, good luck with this review. Even hardened veterans of the previous seven films will have a tough time understanding what's going on.

Let's just say that AVP 2 has aliens, a predator, an alien-predator hybrid, and a gaggle of average folks all going to battle in a small Colorado town. Needless to say, shots are fired, aliens get squished, stomachs explode, predators roar in pain and there's a big explosion at the end.

Much stink has been made about just how bad AVP and AVP 2 turned out, with blame being laid at the Fox studio

and the films' respective creative teams. In my opinion, though, putting together these two particular mythos is a dumb idea. It's not that the creatures themselves don't make for interesting physical combatants, it's that the two mythos surrounding them are incompatible.

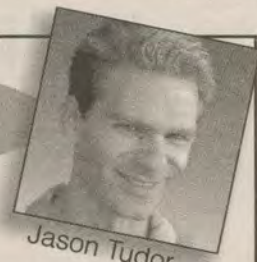
The Alien films are laden with subtext of all kinds. You could write analyses of any of the four films looking at aspects of sex and gender, capitalism and class, or even spirituality. Meanwhile, the two Predator films are really just well-made action fests for jocks made purely for the "woah, that was cool" factor.

The creators of the two AVP films seem to have realized this and have dumbed down their product to the latter's level. However, while AVP was a boring, snooze-inducing

pile of junk, at least AVP 2 has a couple of things going for it.

For one, this a truly gory film that pulls no punches. You've got splattered heads, torn limbs, acid-melted faces . . . and the deaths of not only kids but pregnant moms and (off-screen) a nursery full of babies. Two, one can tell by the oodles of frequently-funny references to the older films that the filmmakers at least care about the material.

That said, while AVP 2 isn't awful, it's not even worth mentioning in the same breath as any of the original four Alien films and isn't really close to either of the Predators either. What's sad is that this is probably as close as we'll get to a genuine sequel to either series, which really says something about the state of mainstream science fiction these days.



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ART SHOWS

People's choice painters named

Islander wins
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Announcement of people's choice awards and a draw for a special painting concluded the Salt Spring Painters' Guild's spring art show and sale last week.

The top-10 people's choice awards were won by guild members Jacqueline Meredith, Don Hodgins, Jacqueline Breault-Spiess, Jack Avison, Sheila Hoen, Rosemary Partridge, Kees Wouters, Josee Campbell, Carole Watson and Samantha Sanderson.

The painting called Sunflowers, donated to a draw by Don Hodgins, was won by Usha Rautenbach.

Many paintings were sold to collectors living as far away as Alberta.

The event began at ArtSpring on April 4 with a well-attended meet and greet artists' reception, and finished on April 20.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ASK ALICE: Ingrid Hansen (as Alice in Wonderland) entertains in the bandstand at Centennial Park as part of an Earth Week fundraiser for the Georgia Strait Alliance.

CONCERT REVIEW

Jimmy Bowskill gives hint of brilliant things to come

Like many young performers, lack of heartbreak tells a tale

BY PETER VINCENT
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

There is a clear and present problem reviewing performances here on Salt Spring: the acts are normally only in town for one day.

One show only. Reviews like this one are written after the fact. That means you are going to have to wait a long time to hear Jimmy Bowskill rip it up on the ArtSpring stage again. A long, long time. Fortunately, the kid's only 17, so chances are he will be around again. And hopefully, next time around, he'll figure out who exactly Jimmy Bowskill is.

Young Jimmy sneaks up on you. Dressed in baggy jeans and natty Dolce and Gabbana shoes, he could easily pass for one of our local skateboarders tormenting shoppers down McPhillips Avenue. But none of our local boys can make a guitar talk like Mr. Bowskill.

Legend has it, he was discovered playing outside Jeff Healy's nightclub in Toronto, and was immediately thrown up on stage. The rest, as they say, is history. Comparisons are inevitable. Young reincarnated guitar players always hear this stuff. "He's the next Stevie Ray Vaughn." "The next Mark Knopfler." "The next

was the 13-year-old phenom who became an instant success with the release of his breakout CD Lie to Me.

Big shoes to fill. And while young Jimmy's performance is a little too schizophrenic to be in that heady company, he is one bitch of a guitar player. He just can't seem to figure out what kind of guitar player he wants to be.

The first set was all Jimmy paying tribute to those old blues guys that have come before, in the classic open D tuning made famous by such greats as Mississippi John Hurt. Acoustic blues, a couple of old Hank Williams country tunes, a bit of rasta and a helping of bluegrass. When backed up by the vocals of hardworking drummer Richard Brown and bass player Gord Light, there were moments of pure, rich mahogany.

At the beginning of the second set, it becomes evident that young Jimmy's heart is in the kick-ass, garage-band vernacular. The first hint of this is in the form of Jimmy's pride and joy — a really, really old, beaten-up Gibson tube amp. I swear I saw a pawn ticket hanging off of it. There is nothing like the sound of an old 15-inch tube amp turned up too loud in your dad's garage. It's quite another thing on a cavernous stagelike ArtSpring. The classic Phil Spector "wall of sound" sometimes became a wall of mud.

Still, this kid can make a guitar talk. Sometimes Savoy

After, sometimes Michael J. Fox doing his guitar performance in Back to the Future.

His finale cover of Sitting on Top of the World made famous by Eric Clapton and the Cream showed the signposts of brilliance that may well separate him from the great masses of guitar heroes out there. The other notable piece, Diamond Ring, (an original co-written with Bill Durst) is the opening salvo on his website, if you would like a little four-minute taste.

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er Gord Light, there

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Yes, Bowskill knows the notes, and his comfort zone on stage really belies his age. But there is something missing. Young Jimmy needs to have his heart broken. How can you play blues guitar if you haven't had your heart kicked around a bit?

Maybe next time through town, we will hear some pain coming through that old Gib-

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FINE ART

Island makes top-10 art list

Just in time for Fine Art Tour launch

California-based Coastal Living magazine has named Salt Spring one of the top 10 artist colonies in North America in its April issue, giving a publicity boost to a new Fine Art Tour planned to kick off in mid-May.

Salt Spring was put in the same class as Carmel-by-the-Sea in California and Provincetown, Massachusetts and was the only Canadian region mentioned on the prestigious list.

The award is perfect timing for the island's leading art galleries, said Fine Art Tour spokesperson Matt Steffich.

"We are delighted by the announcement. It's a great fit for the new Fine Art Tour. Salt Spring is one of those rare places that attracts high calibre artists and art lovers of all stripes." He adds, "Art enthusiasts come to the island because they appreciate how informed the community is and what is available here."

According to a press release, highlights of the Fine Art Tour include opportunities to:

- Visit an original sculpture by Abraham Anghik Ruben, a National Gallery featured artist, at Steffich Fine Art;
- Uncover Nick Bantock's latest work at The Forgetting Room Gallery;
- View works by Emily Carr and the Group of Seven at Pegasus Gallery;
- Unearth works by neo-classical and redevelopment sculptor Morley Myers at his self-named gallery;
- See famous photography of Marilyn Monroe by iconic 1960's and 70's photographer George S. Zimbel at Galleons Lap Atelier-Gallery;
- Take in solo shows by artists like Michael Robb and Ronald T. Crawford, who work with sculptures that combine welded and forged metal, and paintings with using acrylic and plaster on board, respectfully, at the J. Mitchell Gallery;
- Watch and learn as internationally renowned artist Allan Crane sculpts unique pieces outside his studio gallery;
- Explore the new "originals only" gallery exclusively for original paintings by artist Jill Louise Campbell fresh from her travels to France and India.

"The new Fine Art Tour is designed to allow visitors plenty of time to explore each gallery on the map while taking in some of the island's scenery. Visitors can plot a one-day 'taste' or take in the cultural scenery over the course of a week..."

For more information and a list of tour participants, visit www.saltspringfineart.com



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TEAMED UP: Jessica Lowry plays ex-showgirl Billie Dawn and Anthony Ulc is Harry Brock, a scheming millionaire junk tycoon in the Broadway hit play *Born Yesterday* that opens at ArtSpring on May 8. A Graffiti Theatre-ArtSpring co-production, tickets for May 8-11, 15-17 shows are on sale through the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

WRITING

Victoria writing school selects islander for summer faculty

Kathy Page one of seven at July session

Award-winning Salt Spring resident Kathy Page is among seven accomplished authors selected to lead writing workshops at the 13th annual Victoria School of Writing intensive summer session in July.

Page will lead a workshop about short fiction called *The Lovely Hybrid*, in which participants will experiment with a series of exercises designed to lead them from the first inkling of a story idea to the first draft of a new story.

Page has taught fiction writing at universities in the United Kingdom, Finland and Estonia, and now teaches part-time at Malaspina University-College in

Nanaimo.

She is the author of six novels, including *The Story of My Face*, which was long-listed for the Orange Prize, and *Alphabet*, which was nominated for a Governor General's Literary Award.

Registration is now open for the July 20-25 session, which will be held on the park-like campus of St. Margaret's school in Victoria.

Complete details, including descriptions of other workshops and writers, are available at <http://vswblog.wordpress.com>.

"The Victoria School of Writing summer session is designed to help writers at all skill levels hone their craft and build a sense of community," explains a press release.

"Mornings are dedicated to workshops, afternoons

"The ... session is designed to help writers at all skill levels hone their craft."

to free writing time. After lunches and dinners, faculty will give personal talks and readings.

"Students will have a chance to try out new material at twice-daily open mics.

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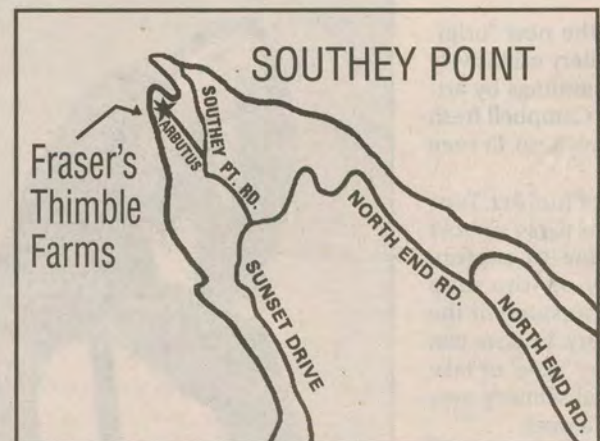
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THEATRE REVIEW



Maddee Nash (detective) scrutinizes Elli MacKay (gardener) under her magnifying glass during a Stagecoach performance.

Surprise ending reveals ghost

Suspenseful *Will of the Mist* delighted all-ages crowd

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A ghost lurks among them: a secret the audience, along with the characters on stage, were unaware of until the final scene.

The surprise ending was the final stitch of intrigue woven into *Will of the Mist*, a Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts theatrical production set in a manor in the misty Yorkshire moors.

Mainstage students who performed the comedic mystery at ArtSpring on Saturday did not disappoint — each cast member bringing his or her strengths to carefully crafted, memorable characters.

The comedically vain detective Shugar Soloman, played by Eva Olynyk, flounced around stage in her flamboyant red dress, hopelessly in search of clues she hoped would bring her fame.

Olynyk skillfully assumed the role, lending a lovable quality to the flighty character.

From the moment Sniffer the bloodhound, played by Thai O'Neil, flopped his plaid ears from side to side while chasing a chicken in the opening scene, the animal — complete with a British accent — became an audience favourite.

O'Neil was aptly paired with Maddee Nash, who played detective Madaline Bouchetter. Nash brought a convinc-

ing French accent to the character and, from her beret all the way down to her petite high-heeled boots, she exuded European class.

Many of the characters, like the French detective and her dog, and the gardener and housekeeper, formed dynamic duos.

When asked to comment on the strengths of the performance, Salt Spring actor Gordon Keel said he "loved the pairs."

Keel also said "the singing was stupendous at times." His appreciation for the actors' voice work and the original music and lyrics by Karen Arney was shared among other audience members as well.

John Stewart from Parksville, who attends the Mainstage performance every year, said this year had an even "higher calibre of singing" than past performances.

The combination of sombre and humorous songs, all of them unique and catchy, contributed unexpected layers of depth to the performance. And Jessica Kliaman, who played the haughty housekeeper, brought a particularly powerful voice to the stage.

Children in the audience, however, were intrigued by a more subtle character.

Genevieve Milner, 10, said she liked the rat the best. The creature appeared in every scene in a slightly different location, making it a game, of sorts, to find where it would be hiding next.

Visually stunning photography of windows and moor-like land-

scapes created a scenic backdrop for equally stunning costumes. Each bit of clothing was period-appropriate and impeccably suited to each character.

The cast, made up of 18 students aged nine to 13, and choreographer Sue Newman, contributed to the original script written by Simon Henson.

"The singing was stupendous at times."

GORDON KEEL
Audience member

The final Saturday performance was dedicated to Henson, one of the school's founders, who officially retired from Stagecoach as the play came to a close.

After the show, Henson reiterated the surprise ending with delight. It was revealed to the audience in the final scene that the maid, who had busied herself throughout with window washing and furniture dusting, was actually the ghost of the late Lady Claire Rogers.

Rogers was a key character whose death initiated the plot. She led detectives and others on a scavenger hunt for clues, leading them to a painting of an aqua butterfly. Behind it was the will they had all been searching for.



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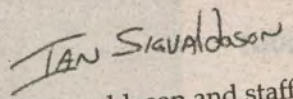
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation.
Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Painters Guild Portrait Drawing.
ArtSpring. 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-ins welcome.
Florals That Sing.
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Thurs. May 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mike.
Thursdays with Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn Pub. 7-10 p.m.
Blues Jam.
With Dave Roland and friends every other Thursday at Moby's Pub. 7:30-10 p.m.
Latif Bolat.
Turkish Sufi performer and saz player. El Zocalo Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Youth-Only Dance.
Grades 6 and up. Core Inn. 7-11 p.m.
Breast Cancer Fundraiser.
At Mark's Work Wearhouse, plus grand opening of addition. 5-9 p.m.
SS Weavers & Spinners Guild.
Business meeting. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.
Ferwood School Water Walk.
Watch out for kids on the road between Ferwood school & St. Mary Lake.
May Day.
Maypole dancing at SS Centre School. 11 a.m. to noon.
SS Local Trust Committee.
Regular monthly public meeting at ArtSpring. 1 p.m.

Fri. May 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alex Cuba.
World music album Juno winner plays Beaver Point Hall with trio. Doors at 8 p.m.
Norris Clement & Ian Van Wyck.
El Zocalo Cafe. 7-9:30 p.m.
O Fortuna.
Salt Spring Singers concert featuring Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Come & Read.
New reading program at SS Library for kids 8 & under, led by two Grade 6 students. Fridays, 3-5 p.m.
Flowers on the Edge.
Illustrated talk on native plants in the Garry Oak and related ecosystems presented by Matt Fairbairns. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
West African Dance Classes.
Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Marielle Comeau and Iroko offer live percussion dance classes. Fridays at All Saints. 4:30-6 p.m.
Nature Explorers Program.
Outdoor adventure program for kids 6-14. Info: 653-9122.

Sat. May 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brent Shindell with Pete & the Sneaks.
Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Monik Nordine Trio.
Jazz Saturdays at El Zocalo. 7-10 p.m.
O Fortuna.
Salt Spring Singers concert featuring Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Relay for Life.
Luminaries sold on the boardwalk between Mark's Work Wearhouse & Island Star Video. 1-4 p.m.
Native Plant Walk.
With botanist Matt Fairbairns. 10-noon. Register with SSI Conservancy at 538-0318.
SSI Folk Dance Festival.
Watch the dancers and workshops from the balcony at Fulford Hall. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Book Launch.
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Painting With Paper.
Collage Workshop with Bly Kaye. Beaver Pt. Hall, 10-3. Info/register: 653-4453.

Sat. May 3

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alzheimer & Coma Communication Workshop.
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Sun. May 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gene Grooms and Friends.
Every other Sunday at the Fulford Inn.
O Fortuna.
Salt Spring Singers concert featuring Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wellness Lecture.
With Charlie Holmes of Conscious Planet, 3 Steps to Wellness: A Personal Journey. All Saints. 6 p.m.
SSI Folk Dance Festival.
Watch the dancers and workshops from the balcony at Fulford Hall. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sun. May 4

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Ruckle Farm Day.
Ploughing demo, 4-H animals, blacksmithing & other old-time skills. Free. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Beaver Point Bean Supper.
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Mon. May 5

ACTIVITIES

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Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.
Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Salty Yarners Knitting Group.
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at Stitches. 7:30 p.m. Info: Alice, 538-0211.

Tues. May 6

ACTIVITIES

Relay for Life.
Luminary sales at GVM on Tuesdays. 3-6 p.m.

Wed. May 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Island Chamber Strings.
Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

OCP Review Special Business Meeting.
Community Gospel Chapel. 9-noon and 1-5 p.m.
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- Verma Meyer** shows paintings at Island Savings until June.
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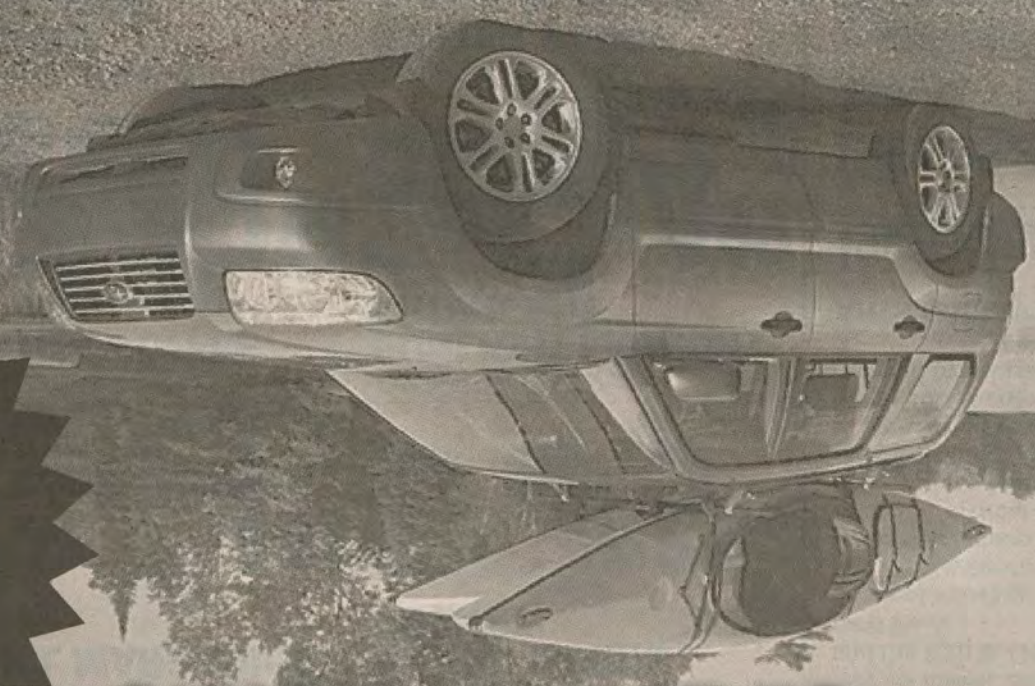


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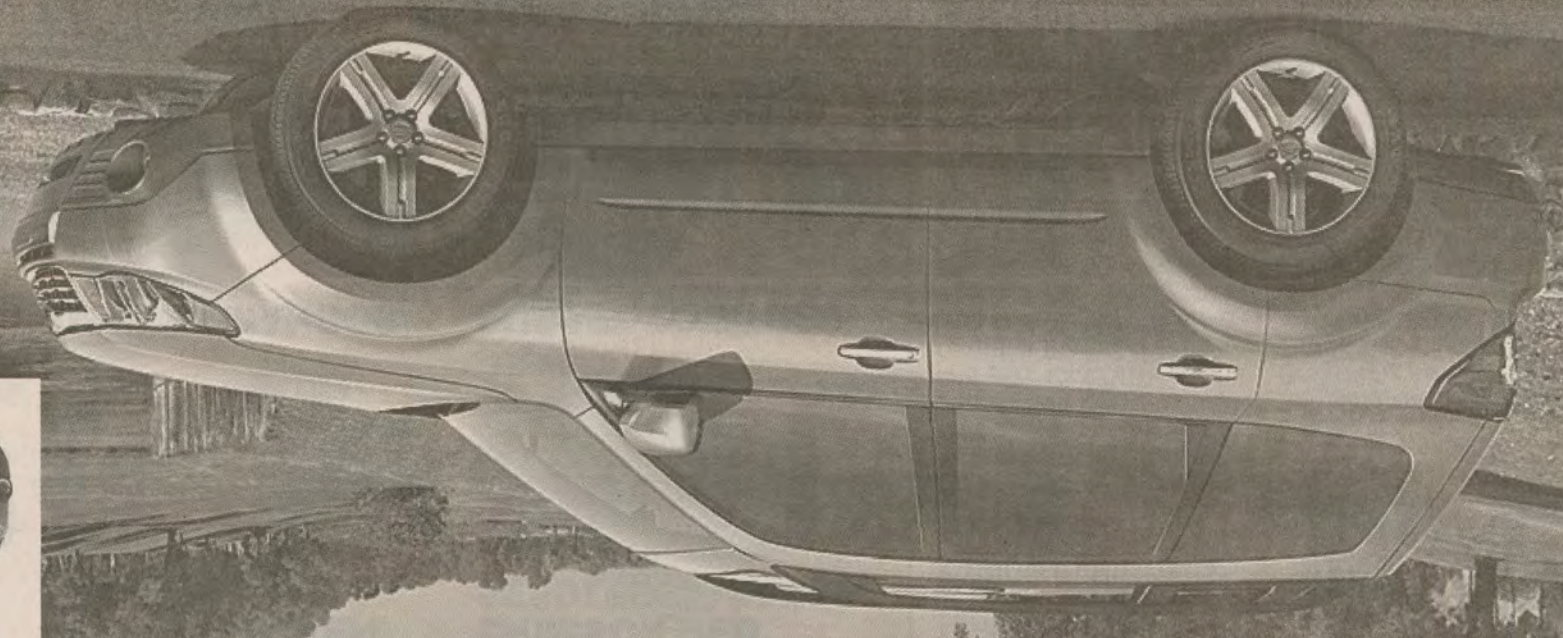


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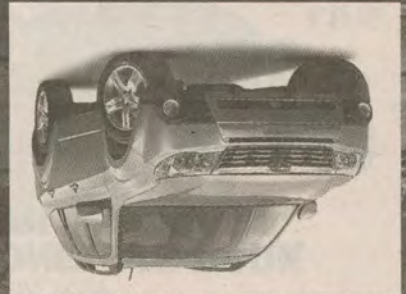
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Singers, Graffiti, WordPlay among acts at ArtSpring

High school and visiting performers also on tap

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

- O Fortuna — Fri.-Sat., May 2-3, 8 p.m. and Sun., May 4, 2 p.m. Find Salt Spring Singers and guests at work and play. Carl Orff's playful Carmina Burana, complete with two pianos and percussion, fills the second half of the program. In the first half, songs from Africa, Canada and Europe tell the stories of working men and women -- from child raisers and gardeners to lumberjacks, log drivers and fishermen.
- Born Yesterday — Thurs., Fri., Sat., May 8-10, and May 15-17, 8 p.m.; Sun., May 11, 2 p.m.

A play by Garson Kanin and directed by Mort Ransen. Co-production by Graffiti Theatre and ArtSpring. Part romantic comedy and part political satire, Born Yesterday is set in 1940s Washington D.C. and skewers the corruption of American government by viewing it through the wide eyes of a beautiful but uneducated young woman slowly awakening to her own intellectual and political understanding.

Born Yesterday originally opened in New York in 1946 with Judy Holliday, Paul Douglas and Gary Merrill in the principal roles. A colossal hit, it ran for 1,642 performances.

Holliday went on to star in the 1950 film version, opposite Broderick Crawford and William Holden, winning that year's Oscar for Best Actress.

• WordPlay presents Arms and the Man. Sat-Sun., May 17-18, 2 p.m. Wordplay is delighted to be presenting an animated reading of the famous classic called Arms and the Man by George Bernard Shaw.

One of Shaw's earliest writings for the theatre, the play was first produced in 1894, to much critical acclaim. Arms and the Man is both a satirical comedy, taking aim at both love and war, and a direct social commentary. Directed by Vaughn Fulford.

Free admission.

- Gulf Islands School of the Performing Arts show. Wed., Thurs., Fri., May 21-23.

- Valdy's Salish Sea Tour. Sat, May 24, 8 p.m. Valdy, Kathy Stack, and Graham Wardrop remount their 2006 tour, with the three performers-songwriters creating "a magical blend" on stage together. Valdy is a Salt Spring folksinger extraordinaire who has toured New Zealand and Australia with Graham Wardrop — a stunning guitar player and wonderful singer from Christchurch New Zealand.

Kathy Stack, also from Salt Spring, is a fisher poet and lyrical songwriter.

- The Legendary Platters and The Ink Spots. Sun., May 25, 8 p.m. The Legendary Platters have recorded nearly 400 songs and have performed all over the world, winning many awards and an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along the way.

Over the years, they have appeared in 27 movies such as Rock Around The Clock, Girl's Town, Europe By Night and many more. Over the years, The Ink Spots' unique style, sound and elegant stage presence have delighted audiences worldwide.

- Gulf Islands Secondary School Dance Performance. Thurs.-Fri., May 29-30. New works of choreography from the studio at GISS. Come and see the exciting new creations.

- Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts Dance Recital. Sat., May 31, 7 p.m.

The Stagecoach dance program celebrates another successful year of dance education with its end-of-year recital featuring dancers aged three to 15.

Hip hop crews, baby ballerinas, jazz divas, and even a pointe piece are just a few of the stellar performances enjoyed by family and friends.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Island potters showcase pieces at show and sale

Set for May 10 at Mahon Hall

Just in time for Mother's Day, the Salt Spring Potters' Guild is hosting a tea and sale of its members' work.

The guild's award-winning and experienced potters will show a varied selection of sculpture, decorative pieces and tableware, and creative work from the guild's new and emerging clay artists will also be on display at Mahon Hall on Saturday, May 10.

"Many of the potters will be on hand to describe the work and help customers to find that special gift," notes a press release.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

5 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Montreal vs. Philadelphia (Live)	Pieds dans la marge Pyramide	Timothy to School (-15) (-35) Babar The Gift	(4:30) World Hockey (N) NHL Playoff Pregame	CHEK News	Growing Pains Happy Days	Early News Global National	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Fairly Odd Parents SpongeBob Friend or Foe	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Boston (Live)
	6	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up Popular Mechanics	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Western	News	The Simpsons King of the Hill	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	CityCooks That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh iCarly	
7	CBC News: Vancouver	Des squelettes L'Epicurie Gags	Lemur Street Undersea Explorer	Conference Semifinal Game 4 - San Jose vs. Dallas (Live)	El News	According to Jim The Insider	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Law & Order Bogeyman (N)	The Land Daughters-In-Law	Degrassi: Next Gen. Friends	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	That '70s Show That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected NBA Basketball
	8	Sophie Little Mosque	La petite séduction	Graham Spry	SportsCentre	Deal or No Deal (N) Coach Born Luther Coach	'Til Death Sob Story (N) Back to You (N)	Criminal Minds In Heat (N)	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	Wife Swap Sundstrom/Tower (N)	Next Top Model We Are Spartans (N)	Next Top Model We Are Spartans (N)	'Til Death Sob Story (N) Back to You (N)	Wife Swap Sundstrom/Tower (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Secrets of the Dead (N)	CBC News: The National	Price Right Million Dollar Spectacular (N)	Fries With That? Monster Warriors	Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)
9	the fifth estate Day in Barhead	Les galas du festival grand rire de Québec	Ultimate Factories Apache Helicopter	UEFA Soccer Champions		The Standard Ustat	'Til Death Clay Date Back to You	American Idol 1 of 5 Voted Off (N)	Sabor Latino	Supernanny Clause Family (N)	Rock of Love Superfan Challenge	Farmer Wants a Wife (P) (N)	American Idol 1 of 5 Voted Off (N)	Supernanny Clause Family (N)	Carrier Rites of Passage (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds In Heat (N)	Futurama Shadow Raiders		
	10	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Striking Back	League - Semifinal Leg #2 - Liverpool vs. Chelsea	Stunt Stars Passchendale (N)	Cold Case Family Guy	CSI: NY Admissions (N)	Hola Que Tal	Grey's Anatomy	Flavor of Love 3	Seinfeld Seinfeld The Chaperone	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal Indecent Proposals (N)	Law & Order Bogeyman (N)	Carrier True Believers (N)	You Only Live Twice	CSI: NY Admissions (N)	Falcon Beach Strawberry Social Reject	Sportsnet Connected
11	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Out of the West	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Great Peking to Paris	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected
	12 MID	(:05) Arrested (:35) Hour 22 Mins	La zone (:45) Kiwis et hommes	Radical Attitudes	Off the Record Fishing the Flats	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N) (:35) Late, Late Show	Everybody Loves Ray PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) The Daily Show (:35) Colbert Report	Jai Fiji Caribbean Beat	Show With Jay Leno (N) (:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	(:10) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park South Park Death	RENO 911! Jet Ski Blues M*A*S*H (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N) Gourmet's Diary	The Hour	With David Letterman (:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Malcolm in the Middle	Ultimate Fighter

THURSDAY MAY 1

5 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Rangers (Live)	Match! En route Pyramide	Timothy to School (-15) (-35) Babar School Days	(4:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs - Orlando vs. Toronto (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains Happy Days	Early News Global National	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Fairly Odd Parents SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Boston (Live)
	6	Le Téléjournal	Mentors (-25) Tommy Reach for the Top	Toronto (Live)	News	The Simpsons King of the Hill	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	CityCooks That '70s Show 5:15	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh Drake & Josh	
7	CBC News	Des squelettes Belle-Baie	Profiles of Nature The Wild Pacific Northwest	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Western	El News	According to Jim The Insider	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	ER Under Pressure (N)	The Land Daughters-In-Law	Degrassi: Next Gen. Friends	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected NBA Basketball
	8	The Nature of Things	Junior	Big Ideas for Planet Create Design: E2 (N)	Conference Semifinal Game 4 - Detroit vs. Toronto	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Coach Dirty Tricks	Survivor I'm Gonna Fix Her (N) Her (N)	CSI: Crime The Theory of Everything (N)	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Scrubs 30 Rock (N)	Ugly Betty Burning Questions (N)	Smallville Apocalypse (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Questions (N)	Ugly Betty Burning Questions (N)	My Name Is Earl (N) Scrubs (N)	Forgiving Dr. Mengele	CBC News: The National	Survivor I'm Gonna Fix Her (N)	Fries With That? Monster Warriors	Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)
9	Hunting the Predators		Francesco's Italy Top to Toe Land of My Mother	Colorado (Live)	"Absolution" ★★ (Dra, '06) Samantha Mathis.	The Standard Messages	The Office (N) My Name Is Earl (N)	Grey's Anatomy Piece of My Heart (N)	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahaar Nagmae	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Supernatural Long-Distance Caller (N)	Supernatural Long-Distance Caller (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Grey's Anatomy Piece of My Heart (N)	The Office (N) 30 Rock (N)	Carrier Get Home-tis (N)	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime The Theory of Everything (N)	Futurama Shadow Raiders	
	10	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Why Democracy? Iron Ladies of Liberia	Poker Night	Cold Case Big Love The Ceremony	Lost Something Nice Back Home (N)	Medium The Whole Truth	Desi Rhythms	Medium The Whole Truth	Smartest Model Never Trust a Rotweiler	Seinfeld The Pledge Drive	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Lost Something Nice Back Home (N)	ER Under Pressure (N)	Carrier Full Circle (N)	The Nature of Things Magazine	Without a Trace A Dollar and a Dream (N)	Falcon Beach The Spins	Sportsnet Connected
11	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Striking Back	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Really Television	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Peking to Paris	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected
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FRIDAY MAY 2

5 PM	The Simpsons	Lizzie McGuire	Timothy to School (-15)	(4:00) NASCAR	CHEK News	Growing Pains Happy Days	Early News Global National	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Fairly Odd Parents SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Toronto (Live)
	6	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! Tryin' Chef Kratts' Creatures	Series - Funai 250 (Live)	News	The Simpsons King of the Hill	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks The King of Queens	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Thumb Wrestling Endurance	
7	This Hour 22 Minutes	"Une princesse sur la glace" (Com, '05)	Emily of New Moon The Curse of the Poppet	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Dallas vs. San Jose (if necessary) (Live)	El News The Insider	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N)	The Land Daughters-In-Law	Degrassi [Part 1 of 2]	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	That '70s Show That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The National	Ghost Trackers Adrenaline Water Walker	Sportsnet Connected MLB Baseball - Baltimore vs. L.A. Angels (Live)	
	8	Anne Murray: The Music of My Life	Michelle Trachtenberg	The Royal Hour Thinking Too Hard	Ext. Makeover: Home Byers Family	Islam 101	"Shark Tale" ★★ (Ani, '04) Voices of Will Smith.	Ghost Whisperer Deadbeat Dads (N)	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	Jeff Ltd. Grand Star	Reaper Coming to Grips	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	"Are We There Yet?" ★ (Com, '05) Ice Cube.	20/20 Sistine Chapel (N)	Most Outrageous Most Outrageous	NOW Washington Week	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Deadbeat Dads (N)	Naruto For a Friend Avatar	
9	Kurt Browning's Gotta Skate VII	On prend toujours un train	Sahara Destination Timbuktu	SportsCentre	True Hollywood Story (N)	The Standard 3D Dialogue	Moonlight Click (N)	Here Comes Aajuma	Duel (N)	Stargate: SG-1 The Fourth Horseman			Duel (N)	Dateline NBC	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Moonlight Click (N)	Futurama Bleach Bleach 7		
	10	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Slanted Screen	UEFA Soccer '88 EURO Cup - Russia vs. Netherlands	20/20 (N)	Cold Case Numb3rs Atomic No. 33 (N)	Nip/Tuck Candy Richards (SF) (N)	Open Concert	To Be Announced	The Collector The Suphero	Seinfeld The Finale Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	"East of Eden" ★★★★★ (Dra, '55) James Dean.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Atomic No. 33 (N)	Death Note Gundam S Destiny	Sportsnet Connected	
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SATURDAY MAY 3

5 PM	:00	(4:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - Philadelphia vs. Montreal (if necessary) (Live)	400 fois Québec	Miss BG:(15) Dive, Oily	(4:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Crown Royal 400 (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Poiskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Fair Trade	Relic Hunter Nothing But the Truth	MGM Presents	(4:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Crown Royal Dan Lowry 400 (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen Flame On	Antiques Roadshow Gloucester	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Corpse Bride" ★★ (Ani, '05)	MLB Baseball - L.A. Dodgers vs. Colorado (Live)
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6	:00	To Be Announced	Le Téléjournal	World of Gardens	National Geographic	El News Weekend	Diya	Global Currents 100 Days of Freedom	W-FIVE	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe Island Weekend	Stargate Atlantis Tao of Rodney	CSI: Miami Cop Killer	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme Enter Two Gardeners	Planet Earth Great Plains	Entertainment This Week	Ghost Trackers	Ghost Trackers	
	:30	"Familia" ★★ (Dra, '05) Sylvie Moreau.	Heartbeat C'est la Vie	SportsCentre	"A Daughter's Conviction" ★ (Susp, '06) Brooke Nevin.	Islam 101	Mutant X Age of Innocence	"Eight Days to Live" (Dra, '06) Kelly Rowan.	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	The Murdoch Mysteries The Glass Ceiling	The King of Queens According to Jim	Raymond	"The Chronicles of Namia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" ★★ (Fant, '05) Georgie Henley.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Untethered	New Tricks	Saturday Report	Weekend Scene	CSI: Miami Broken Home	Mystery Hunters	UFC Fight Night
7	:00	To Be Announced	Le Téléjournal	Midsummer Murders Judgement Day	Boxing HBO Championshi p - Cotto vs. Gomez	Sikh Virsa	Andromeda What Will Be Was Not	Asian Variety Show	"Reluctant Angel" ★★ (Dra, '97) Megan Polley.	"My Life Without Me" ★★ (Rom, '03) Sarah Polley.	Fraser	Friends	Friends	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Untethered	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Untethered	Saturday Report	Weekend Scene	48 Hours Mystery	Adrenaline Draw the Line	Adrenaline Project	
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	:30	Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs - San Jose vs. Dallas (if necessary) (Live)	That News Show (N)	According to Jim	News	"1942: A Love Story" ★★ (Rom, '94) Manisha Koirala.	Relic Hunter Arthur's Cross	Speaker's Corner	Gossip Girl Desperately Seeking Serena	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"King of the Camp" (Mus, '08)			
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	:30	Le Téléjournal	Skooled Day 7	Renegade-press.com	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	News	Drake & Josh	iCarly iLike Jake
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VISITING MUSICIANS

Folk, devotional music at El Zocalo

Latif Bolat on
Thursday, May 1

BY MONIK NORDINE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Having never before met a Sufi or heard Sufi music, I'm curious about the event at El Zocalo on Thursday night, May 1.

Turkish singer, songwriter, and saz player Latif Bolat will appear in a solo performance that promises to be a unique experience.

A globally known and revered musician and composer in the genre of Sufi music, Latif Bolat plays saz and sings devotional songs by 13th-century mystic poets Yunus Emre, Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi and others, as well as Turkish folk music, rarely heard in these parts. As a scholar of Turkish music and the region's socio-political history, Latif Bolat moves, entertains and educates his audience through his music. A typical evening concert includes story-telling and lecture, as well as music peppered with poetry and breath-taking slide images of Turkey.

According to his website, "Bolat is one of the most distinguished Turkish musicians in North America. He has presented concerts and lectures at colleges, universi-

ties, performing arts institutions and festivals throughout the world." With a long performing history and training in European classical music, "his vast repertoire includes songs in classical, folk and Sufi mystic musical styles." He accompanies his singing on the baglama (a long-necked lute which is also referred to as a saz), and various other traditional instruments from the Turkish folk music tradition.

In a 1998 Georgia Straight interview with Alex Varty, Bolat explains, "Sufi music is just the last six, seven years of my adventures. I'm getting old, I guess. I'm 42, and once you pass 40, the orientation sort of shakes up a bit. I have a degree in western classical music, and a little opera training, and I've done all sorts of Turkish music genres, but this seems to be the thing that I really enjoy doing, because it comes with a deep philosophy and everything, which folk music doesn't have. And this 'devotional music,' I call it, rather than 'Sufi music,' it has a more philosophical base. It's about the meaning of life, and the reason for being here, and what you can do."

Bolat's concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at Acoustic Planet Music or by reservation (250-247-7123 or hey@zula.ca) and \$15 at the door.



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SWEET SOUND: Aaron Ableman plays the flute, providing a pleasant backdrop of sound to visitors at the Saturday market in Ganges.

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HEALTHY FAMILIES



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Mothers in a family fitness program take their babies for a high-speed stroll around the Portlock Park track. Sponsored by Family Place, the group meets every Wednesday, beginning at Community Gospel Chapel.

New walk on the block (for families)

Fitness 4 Families meets Wednesdays

What is a child-friendly community? A child-friendly community places the well-being of children and youth at its heart. It is a community where children are valued, supported, respected, provided for and actively included. The following is the first of a series exploring a child-friendly Salt Spring, looking at what's happening for children and youth on the island.

BY JOHANNA STIVER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Stroller fitness is a growing trend these days and it certainly seems to be finding a niche here on Salt Spring.

Fitness 4 Families is being held every Wednesday at Portlock Park from 1 to 2 p.m. with Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP) next door in the Kindergarten room of the Community Gospel Chapel. Both are sponsored by Family Place and Salt Spring Island Community Services and are free to parents and caregivers who would like to get some

exercise, with or without a stroller, or anyone looking for an afternoon activity for their preschool child.

"The program's aim is to provide connections for parents and caregivers as well as an opportunity to exercise," says fitness facilitator Sarah Shugar.

Participants exchange stories about parenting experiences as they take part in the one-hour workout while their preschoolers jump around next door.

"It's great to be with other moms sharing a healthy focus," she says. "This way we are doing something for ourselves at the same time as being moms and modelling a healthy lifestyle to our children. It is amazing how fast the hour goes by while we are visiting."

Part of the workout involves a strength and stretch component where lifting the babies themselves actually becomes part of the strengthening exercises. There is also five to 10 minutes focussed on core strength. While this goes on, some choose to continue to walk around the track. The workout is totally flexible

and is set up to cater to any fitness level.

A key benefit of this program is that it accommodates people with children of different ages. Next door at HOP, preschool kids are led by Lisa Dodd in an hour of fun and games.

"Anyone who is not in the buggy can come," says Lisa.

Each week she focusses on a different gross motor skill with the kids, such as hopping or throwing a bean bag, which is incorporated into rhymes, games and stories all designed for success by breaking movements down into smaller parts. On sunny days, the kids go outside to the playground at Portlock or on to the tennis courts.

"Lisa does such amazing things with the kids to get them moving," says Sarah Kerrigan, who takes Isabelle, age one, in the stroller while Mia, age three, goes to HOP.

"It's not just movement for the mommas, it's movement for the kids, too. This time of day is burn-out time when I'm ready to put the movie on, so it's great to come and have the kids moving around instead."

With the Olympics

around the bend, more and more funding for fitness is available to communities through the provincial government. HOP is part of LEAP BC, an initiative of the 2010 Legacies Now project. HOP's aim is to provide children from birth to age five with a strong foundation in literacy, physical activity and healthy eating. Programs like Fitness 4 Families and HOP have also been shown to help parents adjust to the demands of a new baby, reduce risk of social isolation, post-natal stress and depression. Through programs like these, parents are given the opportunity to become involved in regular, affordable, physical activity in a supportive social environment.

As Perry Ruehlen, mother of five-month-old Callah puts it, "It's a great way to get out, get some fresh air, get fit and meet other moms."

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PARENTING

Program supports new, future parents

Life-changing event May 10

A Preparing for Parenting workshop has received funding to run for the second time on Salt Spring Island.

In February, a dozen people, couples and individuals gathered to share in the first Preparing for Parenting Course offered on the island.

"The program was developed as a means towards prevention and supporting 'to be' parents through the practise of self-awareness, self-care and relationship building," states a press release. "This gently experiential approach was met with much enthusiasm and regard for the offerings of the day.

"At one point one woman said, 'I think this program is going to change lives,' and another participant turned to her and replied, 'It already has!'"

Preparing for Parenting runs again on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lunch and snacks provided throughout the day.

All participants also receive a resource book connecting them to local and pertinent information as they embark on their parenting journey.

The program has been developed and is delivered by family counsellor Cindy Clark and midwife-trained Sharyn Carroll.

To register for the upcoming workshop, contact Clark at 537-8828.

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Among those honoured for certification at last Friday's appreciation dinner were, from left, Dominique Gaudet, Mike Bartle, Fiona Foster, Travis Guedes and Mark Wyatt.

Oddities fail to confound players

Frabjous victors and mimsy losers take Looking-Glass approach to bridge

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, it means just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less." And it was rather a Looking-Glass world at bridge on April 14, when contracts could be made or lost either way and there were mismatched hands aplenty.

Nevertheless, Ted Harrison and Paul Retallack managed to see through the impenetrability and come out in first place. They were closely followed by returning Jeff Bell playing with John Jefferson, and Flo and George Laundry came in third, just ahead of Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas.

There were six full tables that evening and many were left thinking "The question is," as Alice might have said, "whether you can make bids mean so many different things."

April 21 also saw a back-to-front world, with hail pummelling daffodils in the

morning and then a sunny afternoon, with difficult hands in the evening. There were seven full tables, hence a Mitchell movement where North-South stay put and East-West move around, so there are two sets of winners.

There was a tie for first place among the North-South players: Jean Elder and Isabelle Richardson got the same top score as Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor, and next were Paul Retallack and Ted Harrison. Among the East-West pairings, Hilde Dieterich and Blanche Poborsa had a frabjous day and came first.

It was good to see the return of Charles Kahn and Judy Norget, who came in second, with April Wright and Boodie Arnott in the third spot. That might have left the remaining 16 players feeling mimsy, (defined by Humpty as "flimsy and miserable") or perhaps after some uffish thought they determined to come galumphing back the next time.

Responsible for arranging all this fun is George Laundry and he can be reached for information at 653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

FIRE DISTRICT

Twenty-four fire awards handed out

Years of service applauded for fire volunteers and staff

Salt Spring Island's Fire Protection District held an appreciation dinner for members and handed out a bevy of awards on Friday night at the Harbour House Hotel.

Receiving appreciation for five years of service were Lieutenant Brent Dick, Lieutenant Rob Grossman, and firefighters Alisa Owen, Mike Bartle, Doug Ponsford, Rob Hunter, Steve Hunt and Mitchell Sherrin.

Ten years of service were applauded for Captain Jamie Holmes, Assistant Chief Arjuna George, Lieutenant Rob Minvielle, Lieutenant Stan Mulder (retired) and firefighter Rick Kilbourn.

Captain Dale Lundy received honours for 15 years of service.

Four individuals were recognized for 20 years of service.

Receiving the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal from the Government of Canada were Captain Jim Buckley (in 2007), Captain Todd McIntyre and Captain Laurence Spencer.

Fred Lyhne, a volunteer firefighter with the Township of Langley and a computer specialist with Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue, also received the 20-year medal.

As well, six members received their Firefighter I and Firefighter II level of certification to National Fire Protection Association 1001, the standard for firefighter professional qualifications.

They are firefighters Bartle, Sherrin, Mark Wyatt, Travis Guedes, Dominique Gaudet and Lieutenant Fiona Foster.

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Beaver Point Hall workers gather to help promote this Sunday's Bean Supper and silent auction, which will raise funds to paint the heritage south-end hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ruckle Farm Day and Bean Supper served up Sunday

Traditions celebrated on island's south end

Two of Salt Spring's favourite traditions are coming around this weekend, when both the Beaver Point Hall Bean Supper and Ruckle Farm Day welcome islanders and visitors on Sunday, May 4.

Ruckle Farm Day includes a horse ploughing demonstration and other traditional skills such as blacksmithing, butter churning and sheep herding.

There's log sawing and nail hammering contests, plus a 4-H animal display, and food provided by community groups.

It runs at Ruckle Provincial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Beaver Point Hall Bean Supper consists of home-made beans, greens, cole slaw, bread and dessert, "with an emphasis on local and organic," said hall committee member Michelle Sheehan.

Sittings will be held at 4 and 6:30 p.m.

Dinner cost is \$16 for adults and \$5 for children, with all funds raised helping to give the hall a new coat of paint. Live entertainment is also

part of the fun, and a silent auction will help raise even more funds for the hall refurbishment.

The silent auction runs from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

"They've always grown beans down there."

MICHELLE SHEEHAN
Bean Supper co-organizer

Beaver Point Hall was originally built in 1934, and then rebuilt in 1937 after an arsonist torched it in 1936 (along with Fulford Community Hall).

Since homegrown beans were always a staple of Beaver Point agriculture, a bean supper was deemed an ideal hall maintenance fundraiser.

"They've always grown beans down there," said Sheehan.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, contact Ramona at 653-9845.

People with auction donations should call Karen at 653-4841.

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HIKING

Trail, nature club members head out for May excursions

Further details also on club website

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club social will be on May 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Lower United Church.

Barbara Appleby will show slides and talk about the Lake District, the Cumbria Way and the Isle of Arran.

Notice: The club needs volunteers for reconnaissance for this spring's trip to Naramata.

Please call Fred Powell (537-4739) if you can help.

Following is our schedule of events for May.

For more details on our activities, go to www.saltspringtnc.ca

HIKERS

May 6: Lynn Thompson will lead us on a moderate hike to view wild flowers on Mount Tzouhalem.

Meet at Central at 8:35 a.m. to catch the 9:00 ferry to Crofton.

May 13: Mark Ritchie will be leading a moderate hike up Manzanita Ridge to Mount Erskine via Toynbee Road.

Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool.

May 20: George Slain will lead us on a strenuous

hike from Burgoyne Bay up Mount Maxwell.

Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Burgoyne Bay at 10.

May 27: Simon Rook will lead a moderately strenuous hike along the upper route to Bold Bluff.

Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay at 10.

WALKERS

May 6: Cordula Vogt will lead a walk on the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve.

It is not long, but has some steep spots.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the crossing of Stewart Road and Jasper Way at 10:15.

May 13: Bob and Betty Ball will lead a walk in the area of Mount Belcher.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

May 20: Nature Group. Gil Schultz and friends will lead a series of bird watching excursions intended as a "warm up" for the Christmas bird count.

Meet at the ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m.

May 27: Anke Smeele will lead an off-island walk to see the rhododendrons in Playfair Park and perennial gardens from Cedar Hill Golf Course.

In addition, for those will-

ing, there will be an afternoon excursion to see the rhodo gardens at UVic.

We will leave ArtSpring at 9 a.m. (sharp!) or meet at Drummond Park at 9:15 in order to catch the 9:50 Fulford ferry.

RAMBLERS

May 6: Norah Lloyd will lead a ramble at Burgoyne Bay.

Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. or from the foot of Lee's Hill at 10:20 a.m.

May 13: Betty Sharp will lead a ramble to Dunbabin Park. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

May 20: Frauke Prystawik will lead a ramble at the north end of Salt Spring. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. or from Central at 10:15.

May 27: Frauke Prystawik will lead a walk at the island's south end.

Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:20.

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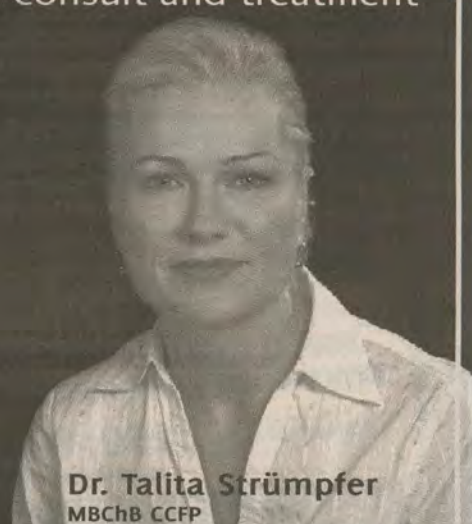
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TULIP TIME: Susan Cunningham sets up her flower stand at her north end farm.

BUSINESS

Help for small business owners

Business coach offers marketing tools at sessions

Business people can explore practical tools to move their business forward at an upcoming workshop led by local business coach, Geoff Affleck. The program is designed for business owners and those involved in marketing in local businesses or non-profits.

"The course will focus on four main areas: defining your business vision and goals, tools for growing your client base, developing a winning marketing plan and implementing it by managing priorities effectively," said Affleck, who has a MBA in marketing.

TOASTMASTERS

Lewis and Metcalfe capture first prize

Public-speaking contest

Salt Spring Toastmasters club members seized the day at Campbell River on Saturday, when both Andrew Lewis and Rowan Metcalfe placed first in their competitive divisions.

"It was not enough that Salt Spring Island placed first in evaluations and will be sending Rowan for the third time to the district level contest," explains a press release about the event. "Andrew Lewis placed first in the international speech contest and will also be going with her."

For the third time in the evaluation

Affleck, who spoke on April 10 at the Chamber of Commerce Ignite your Business marketing seminar, has owned three successful small businesses and worked in marketing, sales and training for more than 20 years.

Local sculptor Morley Myers, who attended the recent seminar, said, "Geoff helped me to see that I was on the right track with some of my business activities and opened up all sorts of other possibilities and directions that I knew nothing about."

According to Affleck, many small business people have great passion for their business but sometimes lack skills when it comes to marketing, business management and implemen-

tion. This is where a business coach can help.

"My clients benefit from external insights and a fresh perspective. I coach them to design winning marketing plans that bring new customers in the door and generate repeat business and referrals."

The small-group workshop will be held over two afternoons on Monday, May 12 and 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at Skipping Stone Beach B&B. Tuition is \$195 for island residents and \$95 for additional participants from the same business.

To pre-register, contact Geoff Affleck at 538-0955 or visit www.smallbusiness-makeovers.com for more information.

speech contest, "premier evaluator and impromptu speech queen" Metcalfe captured the 2008 division level evaluation title and will compete at the Provincial Level District 21 Conference at the Coast Bastion Inn in Nanaimo on May 9-11.

"Salt Spring Island's chilling tiger shark attack speech by Andrew Lewis was no pussy against the other seven speakers, who didn't stand a chance as the waters off Campbell River turned red," states the Toastmasters report.

For the first time, Salt Spring will represent the Vancouver Island division, encompassing the island and the

Gulf Islands, with the exception of the Victoria division.

Lewis will compete in May with nine other speakers from around the province at the district level contest in Nanaimo. The speaker who survives the international speech will continue to the regional level, this year set for Seattle, Washington.

Salt Spring was also asked to provide the division level test speaker for the evaluation contestants on Saturday, with club member James Falcon doing the honours in a speech dubbed The Meaning of Power.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Members of Salt Spring's U15 girls soccer team give a cheer at the end of one of their games at the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Tournament, held here last week-end.

Tournament deemed a success by all



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Head honchos in the Salt Spring soccer world meet following the weekend-long event.

SOCCER TOURNEY continued from A1

"It's so beautiful, the fields are gorgeous and it gives us a restful break," Tracy said. "We're massaging the aches and pains and looking forward to next year."

That the McCormach's SurDel Dynamos won their division by defeating a Nanaimo team 1-0 on Sunday afternoon makes the trip all the more worthwhile, she said.

That relaxing weekend took on a frenetic pace Sunday afternoon as the team had barely enough time to collect their trophies before catching a ferry back to Delta.

The schedule was so tight, the team played right through the half-time break to fit everything in.

"Players were packed and ready to go," she said. "They took their cup and ran straight to the ferry in their uniforms."

Organizing the logistics of teams arriving and leaving the island is one of the most difficult aspects of the tournament, Legg said.

"I'm still left with a lot of trophies people didn't have time to pick up before they left," he added. "Miraculously, everyone seems to have gotten home."

With a strong contingent of volunteers helping out, he said the tournament has grown into a real community event focussing on sportsmanship and appreciation of the game.

High school soccer coach Doug Pearson and a group of high school students were able to catch many of the games played at the school fields from the vantage point of the concession stand.

In addition to having one of the best seats on the island, the group raised more than \$1,000 to supplement a beleaguered high school athletics budget.

"There were some real barn burners," Pearson said. "The tournament has done great things for youth soccer on the island."

Salt Spring had at least one team competing in all 12 categories, with girls and boys competing in U-10 to U-18 age divisions.

While the competition was tough, Legg said, local highlights included the boys U-18 team capping off an amazing season by winning their division, a second-place finish for the girls U-16 squad and a strong performance by the girls U-18 team.



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Above, tourney organizer and head referee Malcolm Legg at the trophy table; below, girls soccer at Portlock Park.



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Sports & Recreation

WRESTLING

Islander holds own among nation's topnotch wrestlers

Esquivel comes within seconds of medal

Following up on her strong second-place finish at the provincial championships in Port Alberni in February, Salt Spring Island wrestler Carmen Esquivel has proven she can tangle with the country's best.

Esquivel earned a fifth-place finish in the 56-kg class at the 2008 Cadet Freestyle National Championships in Saskatoon on April 14.

"It was kind of interesting," she said. "I was 10 seconds away from third place, but couldn't get the points."

The 15-year-old Gulf

Islands Secondary School student had hoped to improve upon her fifth-place finish at her inaugural appearance on the national stage in Toronto last year.

Though she wasn't able to medal this year, her strong performance has kept her ranked among the nation's best young wrestlers.

Her fifth-place finish helped the provincial girls cadet team clinch a silver medal at the competition. The team finished five points behind Ontario, a perennial wrestling powerhouse and heavy favourite going into the three-day tournament.

Esquivel said she chose to wrestle above her weight to see what wrestling heavier

girls would be like.

Though she proved faster than the larger opponents, brute force proved an insurmountable foe.

Competing in the nationals, she said, has helped her develop the psychological side of the sport.

"I think I improved a lot, seeing as how I wrestled heavier girls," she said. "It was a great experience. I had to pick myself up, focus and get ready for my next match."

Esquivel will take a short break from her training routine before returning to the mat with the Salt Spring Island Rams, a local wrestling club started by her father Leon.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SEASON OPENER: Corrad Bielicki returns a volley as tennis players hit the courts at Portlock Park.

SAILING

Shortened course challenges sailors

Salt Spring skippers still awaiting the wind

Low winds for the re-running of the Portland Moresby Race last Sunday forced Salt Spring Island skippers to show off their light-wind sailing skills.

Imp skipper Greg Slakov finished the shortened course in three hours and 43 minutes, 35 minutes ahead of second-place Caliente, piloted by Ole Anderson.

"After the slow-motion start and several tacks up the harbour, Imp showed her light-air abilities and edged into the lead followed closely by Caliente and Electra [skipped by Roger Kibble]," wrote Peter McGovern, the

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's fleet racing captain.

The race had been postponed by a week after low winds forced the cancellation of the event on April 20. Another week of questionable winds forced the six returning skippers to what has traditionally been the second-longest race on the club's racing calendar.

Skipper Norbert Schlenker piloted Arbitrage into a top-three finish.

McGovern commended the four skippers who persevered through average speeds of a lowly one to 1.4 knots.

The sailing club's next scheduled race is the No Flying Sails Race at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4.

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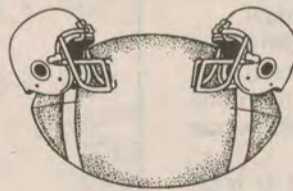
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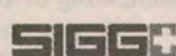
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SS Slayers host A.W. Neil Middle School
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Middle school (hydro) field



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FOOTBALL

Slayers unstoppable in second-half of win

Locals beat Port Alberni team

The Salt Spring Slayers football team hit the road to face the E.J. Dunn Middle School in Port Alberni on Friday, and came home with a 52 to 14 victory.

A touchdown run by Aaron Hoffman opened scoring for the Slayers, but the home team replied with a touchdown to equal the score and then took an 8 to 6 lead on the convert run in the first quarter.

The Slayers responded and took the lead on another touchdown run by Hoffman.

However, the convert run was unsuccessful. In the second quarter, E.J. Dunn took the lead with another long touchdown run and two-point convert.

"The score at half time was 14 to 12 with the home team looking like they were

explained a submitted article.

"In the second half the Slayers took the lead on a inspired run by Sam Miles as he broke tackles on his way to the end zone. The Slayers' defence took advantage of numerous fumbles by the home team and one of the turnovers resulted in Gordie Fraser scoring his first touchdown on a reverse from his tight end position. Sam Miles then scored two more times, and convert runs by quarterback Torin McIvor on all three scores had the Slayers in control of the game."

In the fourth quarter Fraser then scored again on the same play he did in the third quarter and McIvor converted the touchdown.

The Slayers host A.W. Neil Middle School on Thursday, May 1 at 12:15 p.m. at the middle school field in their final game of the spring sea-

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

GISS players await spot in championship event

Short-handed team finds reason to celebrate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In a season where the odds of success have piled up against the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) tennis team, players are optimistic they can still make the provincial finals.

Despite an inability to assemble a full contingent of players for a double-header against Vancouver Island's Brentwood College and Shawnigan Lake last week, the GISS team came close to victory, losing their matches 7-4 and 8-3.

High school tennis teams comprise five boys and five girls. A school match is won by the team which gets six or more points out of a pos-

sible 11, head coach Jack Barclay said.

Being a player short meant the GISS squad began its events with a two-point deficit, he added.

"The players participated with great enthusiasm and I was pleased with the level of play of the boys and the girls," Barclay said.

Rafael M-De-Santis and Frederic Goller were a very strong doubles team, winning many of their games. In mixed doubles, Hide Motosugi and Kristen Iverson played impressively against both of the private schools, known for their strong tennis programs.

"There was some high-level tennis played throughout the competition," Barclay said.

GISS can still make the provincials depending on results from upcoming matches involving Frances

Kelsey Secondary and Bal-lenas.

"It has been a disappointing season," Barclay said. "The season was shortened by the recent two-week school break and the inclement weather. The players were not able to practise regularly and they have not reached their potential as a team."

Barclay said the team has some talented players who could benefit if offered the same level of resources and practice time as schools like Shawnigan Lake and Brentwood.

"It is always difficult playing against the private schools because they have their own courts and they are able to play indoors during the rainy weather," he said.

The provincial double-A finals take place in Burnaby from May 22 to 24.



Nicole Pal vies for the ball in GISS junior girls soccer action last week.

PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

LADIES GOLF

Plugged balls, mud splats and high scores part of April golf game

Women's leagues in full swing

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The nine-hole Monday night and 18-hole leagues are back in full swing!

Neither sleet nor snow nor record low temperatures can keep us from our game. Of course, that is why winter rules are in effect.

We can "lift, clean and place" our balls within one club length of the lie and cannot post our scores until this rule has been lifted.

The 18-hole ladies have introduced some

GOLFTEES

new formats this year to increase both our interest in and our understanding of the game. Match play was the name of the game on April 15 and the matches were very close. Most of these winners were not declared until the final holes: Tricia Simpson, Marcie Hogan, Dora Reynolds, Susan Russell, Femmy Schuurmans, Maxine Whorley, Ruby Webster and Cheri Cornachione.

No one was able to reach the green on hole #2 during the first nine, but one lone

player, Alice Richards, got there on the second round!

The challenge on April 22 was to play with only five clubs from your arsenal.

Many players said that was all they needed anyway, but for others it was a tough decision. Although the day was dry there were still stories about plugged balls, mud splats and high scores.

Alice Richard's 102 was the low gross for the day. Lynda Joyce followed with 104. Low net went to Joanna Barrett with 76. Runner-up was Darlene Wellington with 80. Tricia Simpson played the newly punched and

sanded greens with only 27 putts. Pearl Grey shut out the KP competition with a drive that landed just a foot from the pin on hole #2.

Just a reminder that Monday night golf is for those who want a relaxing nine holes at the end of the day.

You can book ahead or just drop in, play the planned game or work on your own game, stay for dinner or carry on with your day. In this group, it is golfer's choice.

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MONAHAN, William (Bill)
 May 24, 1921 - April 20, 2008

Bill passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital in his 87th year. Born in Owen Sound, Ontario and a long time resident of Markham, Ontario, he has spent the last twenty years on Salt Spring Island.

Predeceased by his beloved wife of 53 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Dunlop also of Owen Sound. Sadly missed by daughter Cheryl and her husband Peter Reesor of Lindsay, Ontario, son Bill and his wife Judy Monahan of Markham, Ontario, and daughter Susan Monahan and her husband Terry Romeril of Salt Spring Island. Survived by his sister Evelyn Monahan of Owen Sound, Ontario. Remembered by five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A private family service to celebrate his life will be held in Owen Sound on May 24, 2008.

The family would like to thank the staff of Braehaven, Lady Minto and Dr. Barclay for their compassionate care of Dad in recent months.

CELEBRATIONS

Bruce and Laurie Fiander are very happy to announce the birth of their first grandbaby.

Mac Bruce Fiander



April 14, 2008
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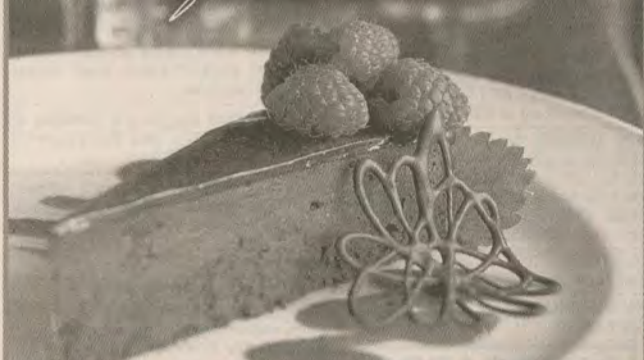
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The business of establishing a more solid home base and momentum continues. Changes and opportunities in your career and social life are guiding you to new considerations. You feel more independent, yet are also eager to learn new skills and experience new angles and modes of expression altogether. Generally, your focus is strong these days. Yet, you still may be uncertain about what you want exactly. Continue to create a reliable base. Clearing the old to make way for the new is implied. Secure your ground and take calculated risks.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Attending to business on a variety of fronts is a call to concentrate your focus. You may be actively engaged in more than one project. Repairs and creative design both may require the learning of new skills. Some things cannot be learned quickly, so practice patience and acknowledge your progress. One way or another, you are seeing things more philosophically these days. The whole world is changing and you know it and may not like it, but are determined to be prepared for it anyway. Avoid dreaming about living and live your dreams.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You may be happy to be behind the scenes and close to home more than usual these days. Mid spring is a good time to establish a reliable and practical momentum that you can ride for the next several months. However, your ambitions may be higher

than your energy levels. Your will be back in full form in a few weeks so aim for slow but sure progress for now and possibly for completing unfinished business. Take the time to plan your dreams, and perhaps dream-up plans as well. Entertain new angles; take an inventive approach. Spontaneity contains its own wisdom and genius as well. Prepare the ground for actual seeds and for intentions of action.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Coming up with creative solutions is keeping you busy. Innovation and imagination to earn returns in new ways is a good sign, yet may be posing some challenges now as well. Combine practicality with a willingness to learn new skills. Avoid giving in to the aggressive demands of others unless the deal is worthwhile. Opportunity is in the air for you, yet comes with the mixed blessing of the need for new training and education. Flow with the changes, yet do not over-commit yourself. Carefully determine how much you are able and willing to give to emerging interests. Learn to delegate and share the labour for bigger profits.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The time has come to focus more intently on your career. You are eager to cover a lot of ground. Your mind focus is pragmatic and determined. Mixing cultural pleasures with business is quite possible. Enjoy the talents of others to gain inspiration to cultivate your own expressions.

Intend to face and overcome fears and clear away emotional blocks. Aim to heal perceptual blind spots for more professional success. Energy Psychology is the new healing wave that can help you do just that. Go Google and investigate, or ask around or send me an email. Work inside and out to expand your social and professional success.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

The quest for a more realistic philosophy is on. Be willing to clear away those attitudes and evaluations that no longer serve your best interests. Focus to determine what these are. Learning to bear witness to your mind process is a classic spiritual approach. Eckart Tolle's "A New Earth" could prove helpful. Look to the bigger picture and consider the impact your current perspectives have upon your important relationships. Professional relationships and status is a likely area of focus. Perhaps it is time to begin to consider new fields and pastures to plant your seeds or to add to your lot.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Your desires are deepening. To gain satisfaction, however, you are challenged to get out of your own way. What habits in attitude and behaviour stand in the way of love and/or fulfillment, or other areas? At best, this implies merging your passions with those of others. You are ready to dive deep to investigate all the possibilities. How can you take an active lead then yield to the flow, for success? Be willing to take the initiative and be positively responsive if others take the lead. Of course, you may prefer to shop than buy. Take your time to further investigate the quality of the goods and services being offered.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Focusing to establish more reliable relationship patterns is in focus. Other key players are pushing you to persevere to break free of ruts and bad habits. Give to the situation by being willing to see and feel as they do. Aim for the middle path on all fronts and distribute your energies equally. Be careful not to let undue ambition lead you to push too hard. This could prove to be a turn off to others, and could otherwise cause the wall to come crashing down. Variety is the spice for you these days and the more you can get, the happier you will be. Avoid spreading yourself too thin, however. Celebrate positive returns!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Aiming for a more practical pace in your daily routine is in focus. You have been digging deep somehow and this will continue for a few weeks yet. Hopefully you have unearthed some usable goods.

If not, you will probably lose interest and move to greener pastures. Seek inspiration yet rely upon discipline. All being well, you are at a high point, especially in social and professional spheres, yet the wind may be blowing hard and cold as well. Basque in your success as you can and prepare for the descent in early May. Remain sure-footed and practical as you go now, and take a constructively critical approach to improve your performance, as necessary.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Laying a more practical foundation for your creative interests is the call now. Your entire mode of expression in the world is undergoing change. Fortunately, there is reason to believe that this change is working for you. The more you are open to new perspectives and approaches, the better. On the other hand, you could be having a hard time as your teeter on the edge of major change. How you present yourself to the world is changing. With focus, luck and destiny to support you, new levels of power may be yours to enjoy. Don't look back now, aim for more interesting, stable and fertile ground to build your empire.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Securing your nest implies imaginative vision. For ultimate success, you have to be willing to undergo deep changes in your overall approach now. There is no going back to what once was not so long ago. If you want to realize true success you must persevere in the new directions that are naturally unfolding. These may seem complex and challenging. If you feel like you are suffering, it may be your own fixed attitudes and lack of acceptance of what 'is' that is at cause. Rise above socially conditioned expectations you may hold for yourself, others and life in general. Have faith in the hidden powers, cycles and flow of life.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Learning new ways to meet outer demands is guiding your focus now. You may want to visit new places and perhaps explore new markets. Initiating new talents is also quite possible. Outer authorities may be exerting pressures that you cannot avoid. Aim to remain calm and be willing to do what you can and must. Resistance is often the source of pain. Entertain new ways to meet the growing demand and to open new doors of possibility. Play with possibilities and be willing to make changes, adjustments, assertions and improvements as necessary.

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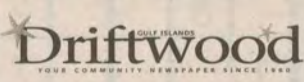
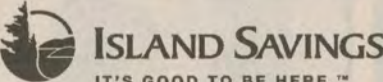



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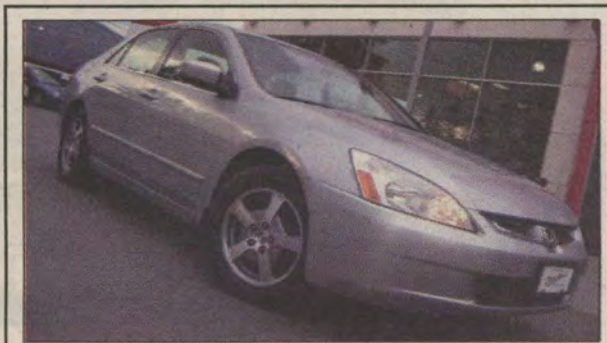
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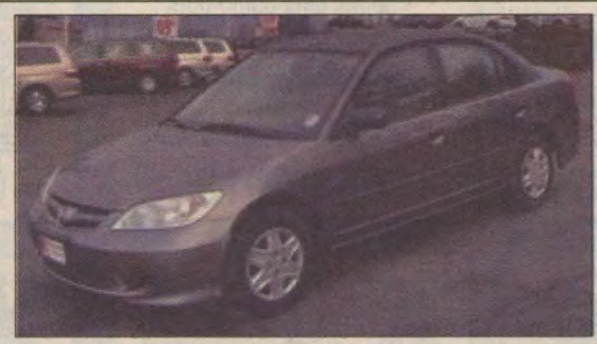
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