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Salt Spring firefighters tackle a fire at the B.C. Ambulance Services building on Kings Lane on Sunday night.

MARINE LIFE

'Awesome' herring spawn in harbour

Largest-in-memory phenomenon recorded

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ganges Harbour area residents are reporting a larger than usual herring spawn that some have called the "biggest in living memory."

The jelly slick has covered metres of rocky shoreline and provided a feast for raucous seagulls and other shorebirds over the past week.

"I've lived here on a waterfront lot in Ganges Harbour for 20 years and been on the island 40 years and have never witnessed anything like what happened this year," said Churchill Road resident John Woodward.

Woodward and others reported seeing hundreds, if not thousands, of seagulls feeding on the herring roe during low tide.

"For some unknown reason, whether through better management or natural processes, this year there has been a very large herring spawn throughout the whole of the coast."

Jake Schweigert is a scientist with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Pacific region. He said that while the DFO survey team has not yet visited Salt Spring this year, he was not surprised to hear about a successful spawning.

"Ganges Harbour is probably one of the most consistent spots on the coast — we expect to have some spawning there every year," Schweigert said.

Herring are considered an **HERRING** continued on A2

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Blaze destroys ambulance station

Cause still under investigation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN & SEAN MCINTYRE
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Investigators continue to search for the cause of a dramatic Sunday night fire that destroyed the island's ambulance station at 164 Kings Lane.

"We aren't ruling anything out," said Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield.

Enfield said the fire likely broke out near the building's carport at 8:30 p.m. The fire spread quickly to the two-storey home's attic area, he added. By midnight, sections of the building's roof had collapsed.

Two ambulance service employees stationed in the building when the fire broke out escaped from the structure without injuries.

An estimated 26 firefighters worked until 2:30 a.m. before the fire was fully extinguished. Fire and water damage gutted the 40-year-old cedar structure, leaving the island's paramedics in search of a new facility. The provincial ambulance service rents the site from a private owner.

Bob Gallaher, director of Vancouver Island operations for the BC Ambulance Service, told the Victoria Times Colonist the fire destroyed some equipment, computers, supplies and the crew's personal items. Gallaher was not available to provide for comment on Tuesday.

Witness Bob Rogers was working at home on his computer when he noticed the fire at around 8:30 p.m.

"I saw the first responder coming up Leisure Lane and I thought, 'That is strange,' because they usually don't come that way unless something's wrong. Then I stuck my head out the window and said, 'Oh dear.'"

Rogers recounted seeing an initial flare-up in the carport area move rapidly into building's peak.

"I could see that it was giving the firefighters a lot of grief. I think every fire truck on the island was there, and they kept having to come back down for oxygen and other supplies."

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NEWSBEAT

DFO divers set to check out herring spawn

HERRING

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important indicator species because their health affects many other marine animals. Salmon in particular depend on herring for food, but they are also important to other fish, marine birds, seals and sea lions. Seagulls and whales like to feed on the roe.

Because of that importance, DFO staff monitor the herring spawn in its five major geographical zones of the Pacific: the Queen Charlotte Islands, Prince Rupert, the central coast, the west coast of Vancouver Island and Georgia Strait.

Teams of scuba divers survey the spawning grounds. They were near De Courcy Island on Monday and expected on Salt Spring within the week.

"Herring will spawn just about

anywhere that the urge hits

them"

JAKE SCHWEIGERT
DFO herring specialist

"Herring will spawn just about anywhere that the urge hits them, but generally they seem to look for something in the water column like eelgrass, which is a nice, vertical structure for them to spawn on," Sch-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Birds in Ganges Harbour are attracted by a huge herring spawn.

weigert said.

The fish also prefer water plants like sargasso and red algae.

While this year's spawn might seem large, Schweigert said the herring seem to know instinctively not to lay more eggs than the environment can handle.

"What seems to happen is the herring come in and start to lay eggs; once the eelgrass is saturated, they'll move on. They don't want to put out hundreds of layers."

And despite the seeming plenitude, people should be careful not to stand on the egg masses, nor should they remove them.

"People shouldn't cart it off and dump it on their gardens, because it's a popular fertilizer. Just because it gets exposed to the sun doesn't mean the fish are not going to survive. The herring have evolved to withstand having the eggs dried out."

Schweigert said the eggs should hatch into baby herring in about two weeks.

Six hours of firefighting on Sunday night

FIRE

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Rogers immediately began setting up his camera and tripod to capture images of the fire when the power went out. Power was restored to nearby homes by 11 p.m.

Salt Spring Transit manager Ineke de Jong arrived on the scene to move the community buses from their location near the ambulance building to the Country Grocer parking lot.

Chief Enfield thanked staff at Country Grocer and the Salt Spring Inn for supplying firefighters with refreshments and sandwiches after the incident.

"We saw the fire trucks heading off

**"I think every fire truck on the
island was there, and they kept
having to come back down for
oxygen and other supplies."**

BOB ROGERS
Fire witness

[through Ganges]," said Jeremy Milsom, co-owner of the Salt Spring Inn. "We didn't know what it was all about but we

knew it was pretty serious."

As of Tuesday, Salt Spring ambulances and their crews were stationed at the Seabreeze Inn on Fulford-Ganges Road.

"They're going to be here at least until the end of the month," said Andy Singh, manager of the Seabreeze Inn. "They checked in yesterday and so far they've been doing fine."

Regular Driftwood website viewers would have seen the initial fire story at 11 a.m. on Monday, followed by video footage later in the day.

See related video footage at
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ISLANDS TRUST

Economic slowdown shows up at Salt Spring Islands Trust office

Fewer applications
free up resources and
planners' time

A drop in rezoning applications to the Islands Trust's Salt Spring office compared with this time last year means planners should have more time to take care of leftover business.

"This certainly reflects what we've anticipated in light of economic

conditions," said regional planning manager Leah Hartley at last Thursday's local Trust committee meeting. "We will make good use of the slowdown."

Numbers released at the meeting show the Trust has received no rezoning applications in 2009.

"These are a real bellwether of the economic situation," Hartley added.

Overall, the Trust received 12 applications between January and April 2009, compared to a 2008 total of 42.

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LIBRARY AGM

Library drops financial statement auditing

Board sets out library referendum process at AGM

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Library Association voted 21-3 in favour of doing away with audited financial statements during their annual general meeting last week.

The change means the library association's financial statements will be examined by an accountant on a "review engagement basis," instead of undergoing a formal auditing process.

"The board decided it couldn't justify the cost in the face of requirements," said Peter Sharpe, treasurer of the library association.

Neither the province's Library Act, federal government regulations nor the Capital Regional District require library associations in British Columbia to produce audited financial statements.

Sharpe said a quick look into practices carried out by other library associations in the province revealed that most did not have their statements audited.

The move is expected to reduce yearly accounting costs from \$3,500 to \$2,000.

"That \$1,500 can buy a lot of books," Sharpe added.

Board members dismissed concerns raised by one meeting participant who said the library should continue to have statements audited in light of anticipated expenditures associated with the construction of a new library building.

Funding aspects of the building project will be managed by the CRD and will not appear on the library association's statements, library board chair Duncan Hepburn said.

Board members added that most grant applications do not require associations to have audited financial statements. They did not, however, rule out the option of having statements audited at an additional cost if and when the need arises.

In other library board news:

Hepburn reaffirmed the board's dedication to building a new library building in the downtown core.

"This is a golden opportunity," he said. "The challenge for us is to turn the support into a reality."

The process is underway to hire an architect for the project. The successful candidate, selected from a list of 33 applicants, will be announced by early summer.

Public meetings designed to gather input on the library's design will be held over the summer. A final cost and design package will be prepared by Sept. 1 in advance of a projected October referendum.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Library board members set out the referendum process required if Mary Hawkins Memorial Library will be replaced.

The referendum will ask Salt Spring Island ratepayers if they approve the borrowing of up to \$4.85 million for the construction of a new library building.

Previous estimates placed the total cost of a new library building at roughly \$6.85 million, though Hepburn said the province's tepid construction market may bring costs down.

The library association has submitted an application to the federal government's Building Canada Fund for a \$2-million grant in hopes of covering the difference. A decision is expected within 60 days.

In other library news, chief librarian Marilyn Ming reported that the library's acquisition of new materials has remained steady in spite of a four-year freeze on the acquisitions budget.

Donated books, "the judicious selection of vendors and a favourable U.S. exchange rate" has permitted the library to maximize its \$61,247 budget for new materials.

Hepburn, Sharpe and Tilly Crawley were re-elected to the board. They will be joined by newcomers David Hart and Doug Robertson. All members were elected by acclamation. Board positions will be assigned at the library board's regular business meeting on April 14.

2008 LIBRARY STATISTICS

- Number of library patrons:.....6,691
- Estimated library visits: 101,750 people
- Total circulation:..... 132,361 items
- Website use:6,142 hits
- Inter-library loan requests:.....1,787
- Number of children's programs:.....46
- Program attendance:.....552 children, 322 adults

News briefs

For the record, Bush story not for real

Former U.S. president George W. Bush is not buying property on Salt Spring Island, contrary to the front-page story in the April 1 edition of the Driftwood.

Following Driftwood tradition, newspaper staff took advantage of April 1 falling on a Wednesday to print a provocative but completely untrue story. Judging by reader feedback, it provided some much-needed laugh-

ter on a day when snow once again made an appearance on some parts of the island.

Less obvious was the photo and cutline on Page A4 of the same issue proclaiming the Ganges boardwalk complete. Photoshop wizards Tim Collins and Uri Cogan contributed the photo and idea, which was not the first time they had participated in an April Fool's Day gag with the paper.

Some confusion may have arisen when the story about Richard Murakami being ordered by the Islands Trust to remove the cars on his Rainbow Road property ref-

erenced the April 1 date as the Bush article had done. The Murakami story is, in fact, true.

Missing woman found

Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue personnel were called into action last week after a woman was reported missing in the Ganges area.

Searchers established an operations centre near the intersection of Atkins and Lower Ganges roads by 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, within an hour of receiving the report from island

RCMP officers.

The owner of a business in the area reported the missing woman to police after the hiker's cat returned from a walk in the woods without its owner.

Eleven SAR volunteers participated in the search. The operation was suspended at 2:40 p.m. when the woman emerged uninjured from the trees behind the Baptist church.

Police seek fields driver

All three Gulf Islands Secondary School fields were

damaged by a vehicle being driven on them at some point on Friday evening.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555.

Results Canada celebrates

Residents are invited to attend the second meeting of the country's newest chapter of Results Canada.

Following last month's meeting, the federal government announced funding of \$127.4 million to help fight

the global tuberculosis epidemic.

The news precedes members' participation in a nation-wide letter-writing campaign to elected representatives on the subject.

Salt Spring's Karen Pedersen said the announcement shows taking time to write MPs can have an impact.

"We hope to have any and all come to the next meeting to find out more about what we do," she said.

The meeting is on Thursday, April 9 at ArtSpring between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.



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ISLANDS TRUST

Tennis application forwarded to ALC

Decision preserves latest indoor tennis proposal

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The latest attempt to bring indoor tennis to the island continues as an application for non-farm use within the Agricultural Land Reserve has been forwarded to the province's Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

Speaking at last Thursday's local Trust committee meeting, trustee George Ehring emphasized that the decision to forward the application does not mean the tennis structure can be built if the ALC supports the use.

ALC approval, he said, is required before representatives from the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club and Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) can apply for a bylaw amendment that would permit construction of the single-court indoor tennis facility.

Project specifics will be discussed as part of the applica-

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tion process if and when the ALC grants the non-farm use.

"All those other questions will be dealt with in due course during the rezoning process," Ehring said.

A 32-name petition opposing the proposal on the grounds that "active indoor recreation is not a permitted use in the PR3 zone" accompanied the staff report presented to trustees before Thursday's meeting.

The petition further states that "there is plenty of public land available for the 'recreational use' requested."

The staff report also included 11 letters from island residents opposed to the project. Many of the letters identify a dispute over the ownership of funds held by the SSTA as reason to not approve the proposal.

"There is a dispute over the funds SSTA intends to use to proceed with its proposed building at the golf

club," writes Bob Holt. "Those funds were committed to the previous failed project and an attempt is being made to recover those monies. Other issues surrounding the process that led to the loss of hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars have also been presented to the government with a request that there be a full, independent investigation of that project."

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission has expressed support for the application so long as no more public funding is involved and that "a mutual agreeable written arrangement regarding public accessibility" is established.

Speaking to trustees at Thursday's meeting, Salt Spring Golf and Country Club president Hamish Simpson reaffirmed his club's support for the project.

"The proposal is a tremendous challenge financially for the tennis association, but I think it is a natural place for us to come together," he said. "If this can work, this will be a solution at no cost to the tax-

payer and will be of tremendous benefit to the community as a whole."

In an e-mail to the Driftwood, SSTA president Erica Ross confirmed the association is considering a multi-use year-round steel building for the site.

"The SSTA wants to create a new and useful amenity for this island, open and available to all residents, and at no cost to the public purse," she said.

As for the estimated \$180,000 in the "tennis bubble fund," Ross said, it was collected under a Memorandum of Agreement with PARC/CRD and its use is legally restricted.

"This money is not 'owned' by the SSTA to use for any purpose it should wish, but according to the terms of the agreement, the fund is held in trust for the sole purpose of creating a replacement facility for the original [tennis] bubble. Legally, it may not be released for any other reason," Ross added.

She said the document does not limit the structure's construction to the Portlock Park site.

ISLANDS TRUST

Brackett Spring affordable housing set for public hearing

Concerns persist as process rolls along

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A rezoning proposal that could see up to

14 units of affordable housing built on a Rainbow Road property is heading to a public hearing by the first week of May.

Trustees made their decision during last Thursday's local Trust committee meeting at ArtSpring.

Trustee George Ehring said a hydrogeology report stating that "the impact of the development will be negligible or at least manageable vis-a-vis the local environment"

helped him come to a decision.

"I'm very glad to see the hydrogeology report because water has been a very big concern from the beginning," he said. "That overcomes a major stumbling block for me."

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society seeks a zoning variation on the 3.1-hectare (7.7-acre) rural-zoned Brackett Spring property at 584 Rainbow Road to construct affordable

housing units for up to 40 people.

Neighbours have expressed concern that the project could have a negative impact on water supply and traffic in what they say is a quiet, rural neighbourhood.

"The area is rural zoned and that's why the people in this neighbourhood bought their homes here," writes area resident Nelly Kosteljik in a letter attached to a Trust staff report.

"This kind of rezoning will devalue the other properties in the neighbourhood. Is that what we want? Would you want that?"

The public hearing will proceed after the application and hydrogeology report are forwarded to the local agriculture and environment advisory committees for review later this month.

A time and date for the public hearing have not been set.



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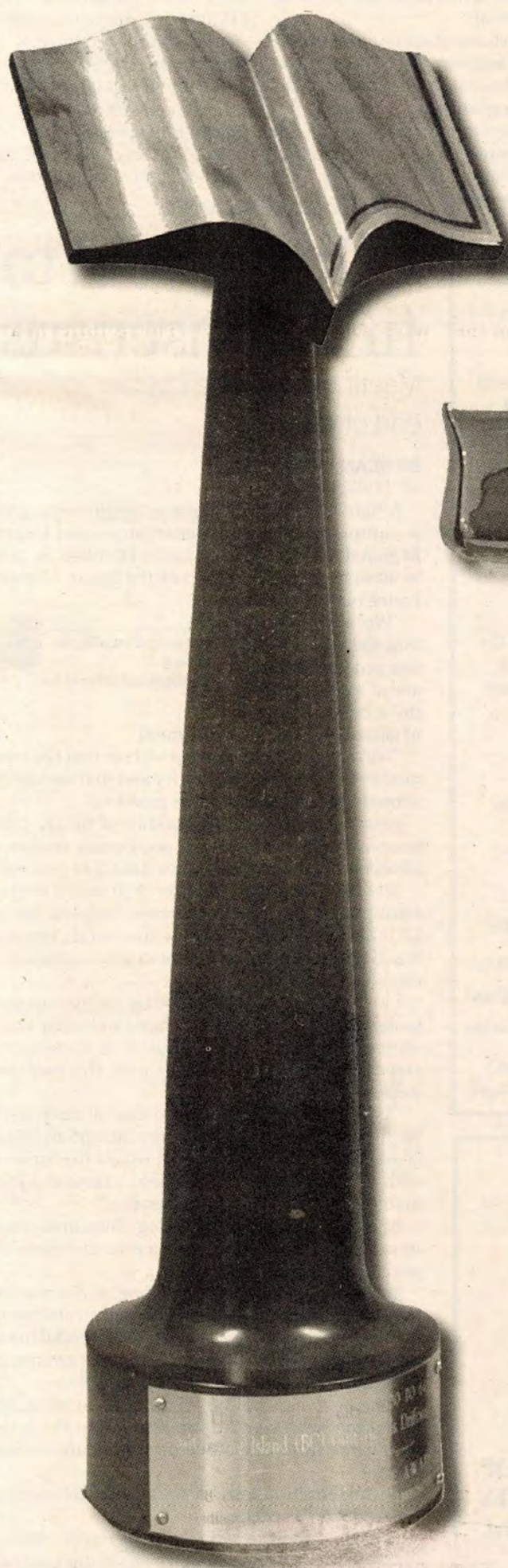
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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Roughly 25 people came to Moby's Pub on Saturday morning to hear about the Salt Spring Marina's latest rezoning and expansion proposal.

Marina spokesperson John Roland said the rezoning request is the result of years of contending with an aging facility.

"The marina is one weather event from not being there at all," Roland said. "We've tried to improve it, but it's failed. Its time is up and we now want to build the very best marina we can."

According to an Islands Trust staff report presented at the local Trust committee's February

meeting, the marina application proposes a 20 per cent expansion with the property consolidated into the Shoreline 1 (S1) zone. The property is now within the S1, S2, S6 and S8 zones. Trustees gave the rezoning application first reading at their February meeting.

Roland outlined the project's green initiatives, including the installation of a solar-powered marine pump-out station and compliance with environmental guidelines set out by Clean Marine BC.

Expansion would provide boat owners from Salt Spring access to upwards of 365 metres (1,200 feet) of moorage space, up from the 115 metres (379 feet) now available. The marina's new configuration would provide 975 metres (3,200 feet) of moorage to

visiting boaters.

Roland confirmed that a proposed breakwater extending alongside Money Makers Rock will not have an impact on harbour views.

The concrete structure is needed to protect the marina's docks from winter storms and minimize silt build-up, Roland said.

Salt Spring's Jerry Parks and Bonny O'Connor control a 75 per cent share of the marina. The Seattle Yacht Club has a 25 per cent stake in the property.

Responding to concerns raised about floatplane noise and traffic safety in the area, Parks reassured meeting attendees the marina has no plans to lease space to commercial float plane operators.

Two people in attendance urged the applicant to offer guar-

anteed public access to the beach in exchange for the expanded water licence in Ganges Harbour.

"I'm looking out for the public interest here. There ought to be some benefit for the loss of public water," said John Woodward, a resident of Churchill Road. "I think the public needs to have access [to the waterfront] on a long-term basis."

Parks said he is in favour of connecting to the Ganges boardwalk should that project proceed and added that people will have access to a boat ramp on the property.

Saturday's meeting was required by the Islands Trust before a formal public hearing tentatively scheduled for May 6. Public comments will be accepted by the Islands Trust until the end of the public hearing.

Dr. James Buchan Medical School Awards

Under a trust under the will of Dr. James Buchan, provision is made for annual awards to former students of Gulf Islands Secondary School who are attending an accredited **MEDICAL SCHOOL** on a full time basis. The trustee may review a variety of criteria including:

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- Leadership qualities and school/community involvement.

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Final deadline for applications (letter, resume, transcripts of marks, letters of reference and income information) is May 14, 2009 to the Counselling Office at GISS.



FERRIES

Skeena out for three weeks during May refit

Reduced capacity

People travelling between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour in May should be aware that some delays may result when the Bowen Queen replaces the Skeena Queen during its annual refit period.

On Saturday, May 2, the

Skeena Queen will be removed from service for approximately three weeks.

A main engine overhaul, servicing of safety equipment and passenger upgrades will be undertaken.

While all sailings will remain as scheduled, the smaller Bowen Queen will operate as

the replacement vessel and some overloads may occur as a result.

Where possible, passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and consider car pooling, travelling outside of peak sailing times and/or arriving at the terminal early for their desired sailing.

Because commercial vehicles over 10 tonnes GVW (10,000 kg) are restricted to centre lane loading only on the Bowen Queen, commercial vehicle capacity will also be reduced while the Bowen Queen is in service.

Sunday, May 24 is the Skeena's anticipated return date.

177 BC SCHOOLS CLOSED 10,000 OVERCROWDED CLASSES SPECIAL NEEDS NEGLECTED

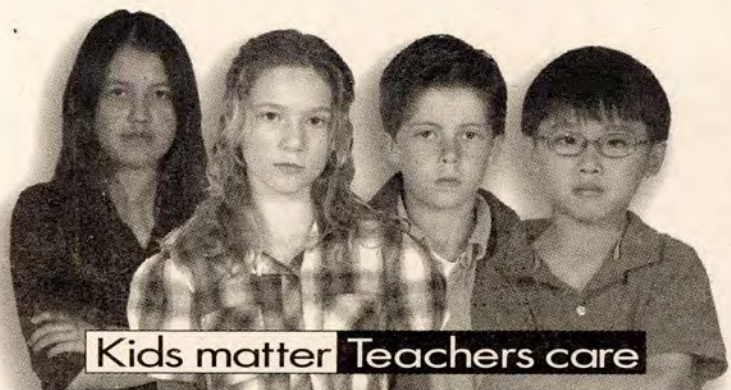
The current provincial government promised to fix class-size problems for BC students and improve support for children with special needs.

But things are worse today. Too many students in our community are still waiting for the support they need.

And this September, students and parents should brace for more cuts because this government's budget failed to make public education a priority.

When will they learn?

On May 12, vote to end the cuts. Vote for a real investment in public education.



Kids matter Teachers care

A message from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association
WhenWillTheyLearn.ca

NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21ST, 2009 at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
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Trevor Hutton
General Manager

ISLAND GOVERNANCE

Officials told to find consensus

Meeting anticipated before
end of month

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring group favouring incorporation is calling on Islands Trust trustees and Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren to meet as soon as possible to discuss the future of governance on the island.

"We would hope that they would start this process immediately," said Gail Beattie, a board member of Islanders for Self-Government.

"We're hoping that trustees will see that the community wants it to be a priority and that we can get something started as soon as possible."

Beattie said ISG's membership of nearly 1,000 people demonstrates that a good cross-section of islanders want the governance debate to proceed.

The ISG board sent a letter to trustees George Ehrling and Christine Torggrimson and Salt Spring CRD director Hendren earlier this month, requesting ISG be included in any discussion about governance.

The need for a local meeting on governance issues was outlined in letters sent to locally elected representatives from Minister of Community Development Kevin Krueger over the past two weeks.

"As a first step, I recommend that all three elected officials meet to discuss issues facing Salt Spring Island residents," he wrote. "I would like to work with all three of you and I would welcome a joint meeting once you have a consensus."

Beattie said she wants Ehrling, Torggrimson and Hendren to make governance a priority before the provincial election on May 12.

Trustee Ehrling said a meeting to discuss the scope of the governance issue will probably be held before the end of April. While the initial meeting would not likely be open to outside groups, he added, further meetings certainly could be.

"The next step will be for all of us to meet, but of course we haven't done that since the letter only came in to our office on Friday afternoon," he said.

Ehrling could not say if the provincial election would delay the process.

"I can't possibly tell you if the provincial election will hold this up because that's not in our control," he said.

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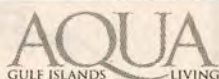
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ISLAND CONNECTIONS

Salt Springer's son a Best Job finalist

Erik Rolfsen heads to Australia in May

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islander Janet Andersen may soon have a great excuse for visiting Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Her son, Richmond-based Erik Rolfsen, was recently announced as one of 16 finalists in an incredible worldwide contest which had online applicants vying for a position with Tourism Queensland that sounded more like a dream vacation than an actual job.

If Rolfsen, an online editor for The Province newspaper, comes out on top of the Best Job in the World contest, he will head to Hamilton Island for a six-month \$150,000 contract where his duties will include exploring the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, swimming, snorkelling and posting a weekly blog about his experiences.

In a recent phone interview, Andersen explained that her son, who visits Salt Spring five or six times a year, will travel to Australia in May with the 16 other finalists for a dreamy-sounding interview process.

"I saw the schedule of events," Andersen said. "[The finalists] will fly to Hamilton Island and participate in activities. They get to go sailing and snorkelling and one day they will be travelling by boat and plane to the private, luxury Hayman Island for lunch."

Andersen agrees it sounds like a once-in-a-lifetime interview process.

"Erik is assuming they might also have to take some photos as part of the requirements, but basically they just get to do activities, none of which will be extreme."

At some point during an interview process that lasts several days, Rolfsen, who is 39 years old, will have a personal interview and on

the final day at a dinner reception, the winner will be announced.

"It leads me to believe they already have a pretty good idea of the winner," said Andersen.

The contest sparked upwards of 34,000 entries from around the world. Rolfsen initially submitted a 30-second video application, was then required to take a psychological test online and write an essay. His efforts moved him into the final 50, then the final 16 where he remains the only Canadian left in the contest.

The contest marks a new era in tourism marketing and has proven to be an innovative campaign for Tourism Queensland.

"Eric told me that the budget for doing this was \$1.8 million and before they had even selected the final 50, Tourism Queensland had already received \$80 million worth of free advertising."

For more information on the contest, see islandreefjob.com.

EVENTS

Raffi and guests share Child Honouring vision at ArtSpring

Free tickets available by reservation for April 21 event

Multi-platinum music artist, author, ecology advocate and children's champion, Raffi Cavoukian, is bringing his message of Child Honouring to ArtSpring on Tuesday, April 21.

At the special event with surprise guests and MC Briony Penn, Raffi will outline his Child Honouring vision, described as "a much-lauded systemic remedy to the unprecedented crises threatening our very future as a species."

The Honorable Iona Campagnolo, honorary patron of Spirit of ONE, has referred to Child Honouring as "a vast change in the human paradigm."

As explained in press material, Child Honouring is a holistic organizing principle that puts children at the heart of a global movement to reorder societal priorities and restore ecosystems.

The April 21 event marks the launch of Spirit of ONE, the campaign to develop a Centre for Child Honouring on Salt Spring by 2010.

The centre will operate as a dynamic communications, education and training hub to advance Child Honouring as a universal ethic for creating sustainable, peace-making societies.

At 60 years of age, and now based on Salt Spring Island, Raffi is a dynamic and engaging speaker, whose message resonates with a broad audience.

Tickets are free of charge and can be reserved by contacting the ArtSpring ticket office at 250-537-2102.

For more information about Raffi and Child Honouring, visit www.raffinews.com.

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EDITORIAL

Back to square one

Considering all the hoop-la about governance on Salt Spring in the past couple of years, the provincial government's response to our new regional director's request for a government restructure study was anticlimactic, to say the least.

In the past couple of weeks, community development minister Kevin Krueger advised both Garth Hendren, and trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgimson in a separate letter, that they should meet and come up with a consensus on how to proceed with "a study of governance options" for the island.

"I would like to work with all three of you and I would welcome a joint meeting once you have a consensus," stated Krueger.

THE ISSUE:

Island governance

WE SAY:

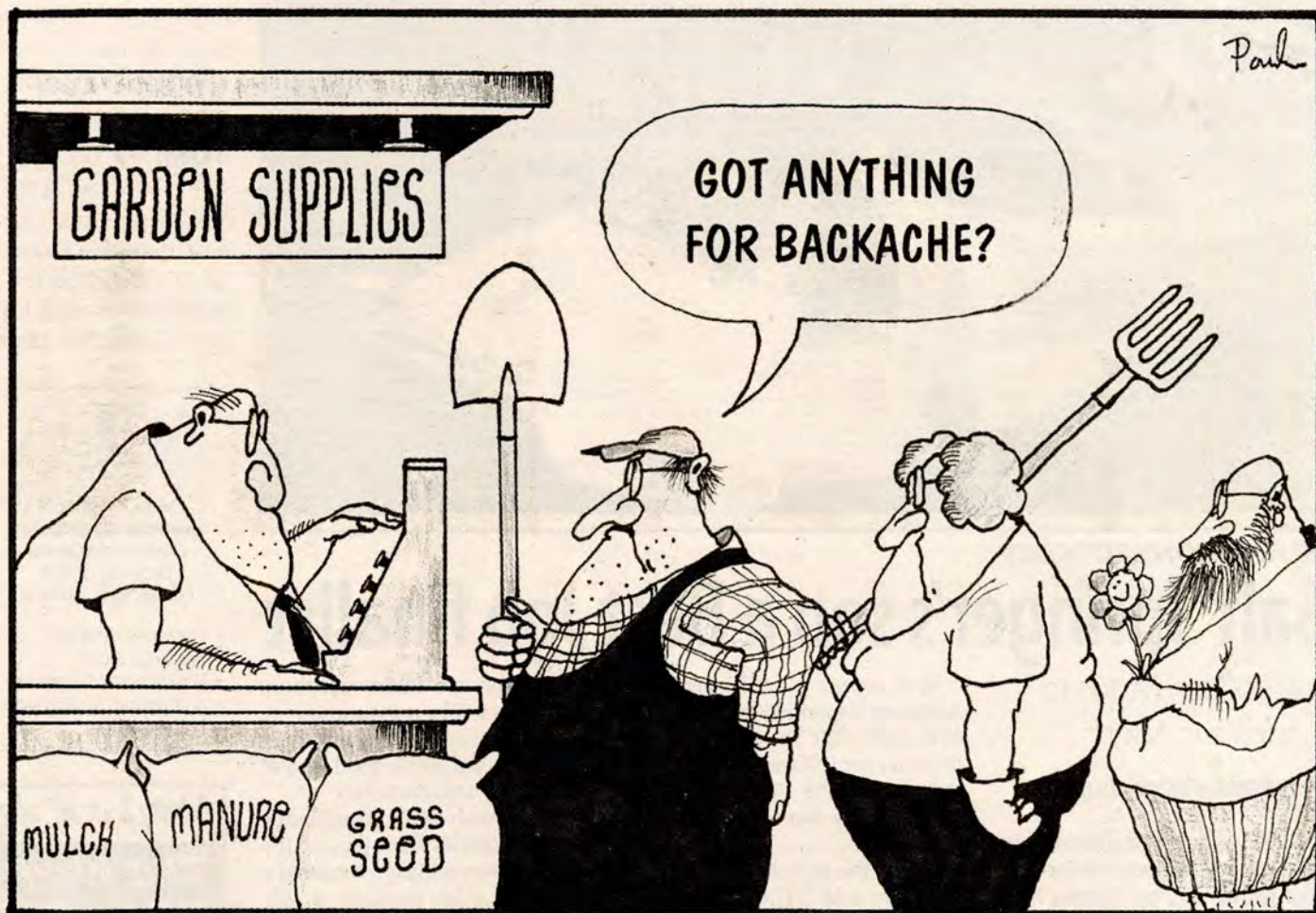
If incorporation study out, hold the rest

In other words, the process is back where it started one, two or three years ago. While no one seems able to produce written evidence that the Ministry of Community Development requires an island's regional director and trustees to agree to an incorporation study before one will be considered by provincial authorities, that requirement is clearly still in place.

During last fall's election campaign, Ehring and Torgimson suggested a study of governance options, including incorporation, be conducted on the island. Hendren proposed only an incorporation study and requested one from the province immediately after he was elected. But without agreement from his colleagues on the Trust, as suspected and now known, it won't be forthcoming.

But we don't need a study to reinvent an already highly original and not-always-fully-inflated wheel. We don't need another committee or more funds spent on studying government options, when we've had a variety of studies in the past 20 years. The two logical options are either an updated incorporation study to determine current costs, benefits and pitfalls of municipal incorporation within the Islands Trust, or to carry on for now with what we've got, with everyone involved doing their best to make it work effectively.

Hendren, Torgimson and Ehring do intend to meet to discuss governance options. We can't help but predict it will be a short meeting. But while they're sitting in the same room, maybe they could find a few other local government issues of mutual interest to discuss and work on for our benefit.



BC-STV referendum shenanigans

BY BRENDA GUALED

This coming May 12, we get to vote for a new way of voting for our provincial politicians.

We did this already, four years ago. Nearly 58 per cent of British Columbians said yes to changing our electoral system.

Moreover, 97 per cent of ridings said yes to this change at the usual 50-per-cent-plus-one threshold. This wasn't good enough.

Our political masters tossed this huge result. Only the 60 per cent overall "majority" required to pass mattered.

Recently, a woman reminded me that a two-thirds majority is required to change a registered society's constitution.

That's for clubs, which are organizations that you can live without. Such groups are not democracies. The executive can decide all kinds of things autonomously. A one-third vote can trump the rest, and so what? You can walk if you don't like it. Or start your own club with different rules.

Democratic governments are different.

We are the government, every one of us. Since democracies began, a majority has been defined as 50 per cent plus one vote.

Compliments of Premier Gordon Campbell, we have a brand-new definition, where 40.001 per cent of voters can tell the rest what they can't have.

This is a travesty and a scourge. And it's spreading. A couple of years ago, Florida state legislators adopted the 60 per cent threshold for enacting new legislation, passed into law by 56 per cent.

They nicely thanked Canada's Gordon Campbell for the inspiration.

So, thanks to our premier, we get to vote again for something we already made clear we want.

VIEWPOINT

"We are the government, every single one of us."

We're voting again for something that he could enact simply by introducing and passing a bill in the legislative assembly to adopt the BC-STV electoral system — or any other system he wants, no consultation required.

A friend likened the double-60 majority requirement to an egg-and-spoon race in which one contestant has to run 60 metres twice with a raw egg to win, while the other has to run 40 metres once with a cooked egg.

Here's how the egg gets cooked:

Premier Campbell funded the Yes and No sides with \$500,000 each to argue their case.

This means half-a-million dollars to win 40+ per cent of the votes and the same to win 60+ per cent twice over.

Further, he instructed Elections BC to print the referendum ballots with the existing electoral system as the first choice to mark on the ballot. When people aren't sure how to vote, they're more likely to mark the first choice. To avoid this bias, Elections BC could have switched the first choice on every second ballot. Oh no, Campbell said, not that. How cynical.

Why aren't more people informed about these shenanigans? Outraged that this supposed exercise in democracy is anything but?

There are meetings being held about how the BC-STV electoral system works, as well as the pros and cons of each system. There are websites galore.

Read up. Watch some videos. And look for announcements of a local BC-STV meeting to be held in coming weeks.

There'll be literature available, informed speakers, and a community forum to ask questions and have your say.

The writer is an author, educator and artist.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

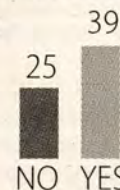
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Will sign changes improve safety on North End Road?



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OPINION



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RABBIT CREW:

Seen at a 4H event at Foxglove last weekend were, from left: Brianna Herbert, Edan Nelson, Danica Jensen and Alexandra Macdonald.

Rants

Four flat tires for the Yahoos who drove, on purpose, all over our grass verge on Fer de Lance Rd, tearing up the sod. We look after this as part of our lawn. Shame on you. Carol Penhale

Roses

A carpet strewn with roses to Ganges Floor Coverings for the carpet squares for our circle time. SSI Co-op Preschool children

A huge thank you to John Carter, Colin Beamish and Stuart of Accent Exteriors for my beautiful, shiny new roof! It is nothing short of a phenomenal transformation under less than ideal circumstances. May the "roofing gods" shine down

RANTS and Roses

upon you favourably for the rest of the year. Merci bien, encore. Joan Nesbitt

Hand-painted roses and heartfelt thanks to Robert Bateman for allowing the use of his painting for the Salt Spring Island athletes of Special Olympics B.C. to Country Grocer for their Save-a-Tape Program. Rock on you guys!

Buckets full of roses to Rene Valcourt, Kecia, Sheila and the rest of the crew for a great job on my new roof. Yourspeed, efficiency, respect and amazing clean-up were much appreciated.

A boat load of roses

to Pete Davidson and his coast guard crew for fixing our kids' water pumps and giving them new paint. From SSI Co-op Preschool children

Roses to Jean Brouard, Country Grocers and The Plant Farm for donating plants to Partners Creating Pathways project and to George Horel for moving some soil for us and to all the volunteers who are helping to beautify the pathway. Thanks to everyone.

A big bunch of purrfect roses to Melissa Grace, and all of her students for the 'Be Cause' concert to benefit the

Salt Spring BC SPCA. It was a lovely event!

A large bouquet of lasting flowers from the Salt Spring Island athletes of Special Olympics B.C. to Country Grocer for their Save-a-Tape Program. Rock on you guys!

A bouquet of full-blown roses to everyone who helped with or shared in the allotted span celebration. It was a wonderful time — thanks a million. To whoever gave the beautiful kalanchoe plant, I lost the card, but thanks so much anyway! I have very special friends. Ann

MORE LETTERS

continued from A10

Human element, please

I was saddened to read in the April 1 Driftwood of Richard Murakami being harassed regarding the cars on his property. ("Trust wants scrap cars out.")

For decades I have seen cars stored in the field that relate to Richards repair operation. He may not have a receptionist and service manager, but what Richard does have, and has had for many years, is a repair service which, at less than half the cost of many "off-island" services, with honesty and compassion, truly helps people, often the financially disadvantaged.

Many also appreciate Richard's other contributions to the community. Helping young people and providing low-income housing are just two of those contributions.

Perhaps those who brought the complaint against Richard have not experienced his repair facilities, or perhaps they were offended by the sight of the cars as they drove to the Lexus or Mercedes dealership. Whatever the case, I think it is time we looked at our ever-increasing regulations and widening bureaucracy which are all funded by our tax dollars and which risk turning our island into a "nanny state."

Where is the "human element?" Surely any supposed offence should be considered in a context of compassion, good sense and moral justice.

You may remember in World War II the Murakami family was forced to leave their island home. I expect the authorities at the time followed the letter of the law, but was it fair? Was it just? How ironic that perhaps 60 years later Richard now stands accused of not conforming to the law. But is it fair? Is it just?

Richard is now being harassed for a situation which has been the status quo for decades. I wouldn't blame him if he said "screw it" and closed down his business. If he did I would hope that those that were offended by the view of distant cars in a field felt that the conformity to the regulations compensated for the loss of Richard's service that so many islanders have and do appreciate over many years.

Personally, I hope Richard fights this accusation. I hope it comes to a hearing that is open to the public and well publicized. I hope further that everyone for whom Richard has done a good turn comes out to support him. If that is the case they better have a lot of chairs. This issue seems another indication of the way the winds of bureaucracy and regulation are blowing

and I, for one, don't like it. If, at the next elections a candidate for the Trust or CRD has the courage to stand up for a simplification or even reduction of regulations and for sensible and balanced enforcement, they will have my vote.

Perhaps it's time to consider what the qualities of life are that we truly hold dear.

I would hope that we could feel less need to be protected by a complex mesh of regulations and instead rely more on personal responsibility, a sense of community, humanity and true moral justice.

DAVID EYLES,
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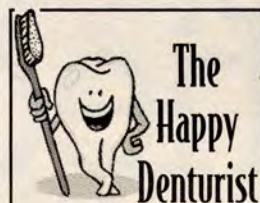
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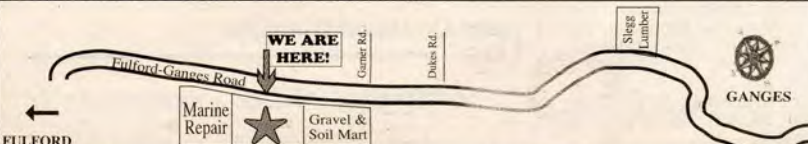
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IN MEMORIAM

**GENT,
Derek Victor**

MAY 11, 1962 to
APRIL 9, 2004

So many
achievements
to remember
him for.
A kind and
honourable son.
Forever
sadly missed.

Mom & Dad

DEATHS

**BEDDIS
ROBERT CHARLES**

Born June 16, 1927 on Salt
Spring Island, passed away
peacefully March 26, 2009
after a long struggle with
Alzheimer's.

Predeceased by son Charlie.
Survived by loving wife of 50
years Chris, daughters Marg
(Paul Dayfoot) and Ann;
grandchildren Ross and
Alexis and many cherished
relatives and friends.

A memorial service was
held at Northwood United
Church, in Surrey, B.C. In lieu
of flowers, donations may
be made to the Alzheimer's
Society or to the Salt Spring
Island Foundation.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS

SINCERE THANKS for the
compassionate care of our
mother, Muriel Watson, by
Drs. White and Crossland, the
Home Care nurses, Beacon
and private home support,
Lady Minto staff, and Bessie
Dane vigil sitters. The medical
care on Salt Spring is out-
standing.

Driftwood

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS



**The
Salt Spring Island
RCAF Veterans'
Association**

would like to express
its thanks to the

**The Country Grocer
and
Brent Duke**

for their
assistance in the
celebration of the
85th Anniversary of
the RCAF
on 1 April 2009
at the
Royal Canadian Legion.

Once again,
the excellent catering
of the
**Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies Auxiliary**
contributed greatly
to the success of our
commemoration.

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DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

A LIFE changing grief recovery
program 6 week session
commencing April 21-May 26,
7-9 pm, at the lounge at Crof-
tonbrook. Call Noreen 537-
2654 or John 537-2498.

ARTS AND Culture Week is
coming! Celebrate the 10th
anniversary by attending gallery
walks, performances and
exhibitions in your community
from April 19-25.
www.bcartsweek.org.

**ATTENTION ALL
TOURISM RELATED
BUSINESSES**

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Group of Salt
Spring Island

19th Annual AGSSI

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New Art Gallery
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Opening Easter Weekend
April 10-13
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acters and their hilarious an-
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DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

EASTERN STAR DAY
BENEFITTING THE BC
CANCER FOUNDATION

British Columbia and
Yukon members of the
Eastern Star will be
fundraising for the BC
Cancer Foundation on
Saturday April 18, 2009
at Country Grocer and
Thrifty Foods from
9:00am to 3:00pm.
Your donations will go
to the **Victoria Cancer
Centre**. Tax receipts
from the BC Cancer
Foundation will be
given for donations of
\$20 or more. For more
info contact Trudy
Sloan at 250-537-2975.
~~THANK YOU~~

FIRST FULFORD mud-wres-
tling competition on Saturday
was a huge success. Watch
for details for up coming event
at a location TBA.

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Little details for
little people
**Children's Clothing
Boutique**

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DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**HERBAL
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for Easter

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out on the
Fine Art Tour

featuring:
Kirsten Chursinoff's
Sculptural Embroidery

Easter Weekend

April 10, 11, 12, 13

from 10-5pm

111 Morningside Drive

PAINTING CLASSES: 1st
hour free to new students.
Watercolour or acrylics. Mid
April to June. Small classes.
Beg. and Interm. welcome.
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DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Every Tuesday from 9-11am,
come see the Centre School in
action! We have a few spaces
for next year, and would love
to show you our dynamic and
enriching learning environ-
ment. 355B Blackburn Road,
250-537-9130.

"**rites of Spring**" original art
show and sale, by SSI Paint-
ers Guild. April 14-28 at Art-
spring, 10am-4pm. Contact
Nixe Gerbitz 537-5994.

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DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**HUGE
ONE DAY
ONLY
Annual Spring
SIDEWALK SALE**
**SAT. APRIL 11
10 AM - 6 PM**
**UP TO
70% OFF**
Scoti's Traders
120 Hereford Ave

DEATHS

**REMEMBERING
NORMAN**

Norman Gregory died at
his Greenwoods Home
February 22, 2009.

Norman's ashes will be
spread at sea on
April 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Please meet at the Kanaka
Wharf (water taxi dock)
below the Treehouse in town, at 9:50 a.m.

A celebration of Norman's life to follow at
the Harbour House at 11:30 a.m.

Family and friends are invited to come to
one or both to share food, drink and stories.



**APPLETON,
Robert**

born Jan 7, 1922
in Warrington,
Lancashire passed
away on March
27, 2009 in Lady
Minto Hospital.

He will be
sorely missed
by his daughter,
Rosemary, and
granddaughter,
Sara, both of
whom he loved
dearly; he will also

be very missed by his family and friends
here in the community and overseas in
England.

Bob led an independent and fulfilling life
on Salt Spring Island donating much of his
time and energy to helping others. He was
a founding member of Seniors for Seniors,
and volunteered with the Library, the food
bank and of course, Santa's Workshop. His
granddaughter will always remember his attic
full of toys that he collected and repaired for
many years, and the magic he gave to so many
children at Christmas time. His volunteerism
led him to receive much recognition including
the Valued Elder Recognition Award in
2000 from the University of Victoria, and a
Certificate of Appreciation in 2007 for his
many years contributed to the Salt Spring
Island Community Services Society. A gentle
man in the truest sense of the word, the
memories of his humour will live on and bring
smiles to all who knew him.

A memorial celebration of Bob's life is being
organized for friends in the community. It
will be announced in an upcoming paper.



**GRANT,
Elizabeth**

November 24, 1921
- April 1, 2009

Elizabeth passed away peacefully in Lady Minto
Hospital on Salt Spring Island. She will be fondly
remembered and deeply missed by everyone who
knew her. She was predeceased by her husband,
Alex, and her brother, Tibor. She leaves: her beloved
daughter Judith (Donald), and son Peter (Donna) and
grandchildren Christopher, Kevin, Bryan, and Jeffrey, as
well as six great grandchildren.

Both Elizabeth and Alex were born in Hungary and
moved to Canada in 1951 after a five-year stay in Norway.
Elizabeth excelled at everything she endeavoured:
knitting, crocheting, gymnastics, figure skating, dancing,
skiing, singing, gardening, hunting and fishing — all
some of her favourite passions. She was also a gourmet
cook and baker. At 70, Elizabeth took up painting, and
got back into ballroom dancing and skiing. Alex and
Elizabeth trained and showed hunting dogs, as well as
raising horses while living in Dewinton, Alberta before
moving to Salt Spring Island in 1987.

The family wishes to thank the paramedics, doctors and
nursing staff who cared for Elizabeth so lovingly last
week.

Honouring Elizabeth's request, there will be a private graveside service.
A gathering of friends and family will be held at a later date.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**SALT SPRING
COMMUNITY
THEATRE (SSCT)
AGM**
followed by play reading

Friday April 24, 7:00 p.m.
Portlock Park Portable
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERSONALS

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INFORMATION

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INFORMATION

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SALT SPRING ISLAND PONY CLUB
wishes to thank these sponsors for
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Quiz event:

Thrifty Foods - lunch
TJ Beans - fabulous coffee
Apple Photo - photocopying
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Valdy
Rainbow Trading Co.
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Saltspring Island Sound
Fables Cottage
Windsor Plywood - barn construction table
Gulf Island Vet Clinic - 1st Aide table
Saltspring Island Vet services - disease table
Foxglove - feed table
Greenspring Farms - farmer tools
Lynn Brochu - farmer table
London's Tack, Duncan - tack and bit table



Thank You

The Grade 8 Boys
Basketball Team
from SIMS would like to thank the
community and parents for their
incredible support and generous
donations to enable the team to travel
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We couldn't have done it without you!

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The Salt Spring Centre School would like to
thank all the artists who
donated to our Art Lottery on April 1st.
We greatly appreciate your generosity
and loved seeing your fabulous
art showcased for all to see!



Peter Allan, Nick Bantock, Robert Bateman, Blue Horse Folk Art, Sav Boro, David Borrowman,
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Stefanie Denz, Janet Dwyer, Bill Fedoriuk, Sharada Filkow, Steven Friedman, Sean Goddard,
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COMING EVENTS

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Richard Hannah

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Richard is a 24 year resident of Salt Spring,
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Island well.

He is a business owner, active in the Rotary
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Richard will bring fresh management, fiscal
responsibility and enhanced service from your
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He is particularly interested in listening to the
needs of the members of the Department and the
Community. He looks forward to working with
the new Fire Chief to ensure that the Department
is relevant to the needs of our rural community.

Vote for Richard Hannah,
Fire Trustee

Ganges Fire Hall
Monday April 20th
Advanced poll Saturday April 11th
11 am to 4 pm

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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For more info please call 250 537 8414

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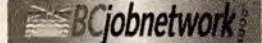
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:

The 'signs', in Western Astrology, are directly related to the seasons. We are now in the first month of spring which is marked by the sign of Aries. The wide angle on this particular spring shows a collective process of awakening and healing, on one hand, and of humbling and reckoning, on the other. The mass awakening of humanity is underway. This process has also been called 'the quickening'. Whether you chalk it up to the natural consequence of modern technology and the dissolving of traditional borders, or to the global economic and ecological crisis of our times, or to steadily rising world population and so on, we are being pushed to be more aware. Amidst it all, we are witness to and subject to massive imbalances in the distribution of wealth and economic corruptions and contradictions, such as rewards and bonuses allotted to leaders of industry who have actually failed to fulfill their positions and so on. These and other headline themes are stirring the pot as people everywhere watch their life savings and retirement plans and so forth rapidly dissolve all the while. Thinking this crisis will all be over in six months reflects mass deception and denial.

According to the planetary alignments, the next 15 years or so will be all about 'cleaning-up' at higher levels of leadership in industrial, financial, political and economic sectors especially. The biggest challenge we face in this regard is that our entire political and legal system is designed in such a way that people with greater financial means can buy their way out of being held accountable. Like a tenacious virus, the corruption has pervaded the very fabric of our society. The monarchs and elite of old may have been replaced with democratic ideals, but their ancestors remained active and were no longer accountable.... However, blame is never the answer and accountability includes everyone. In short, humanity is awakening to its collective illness and we must choose health and healing in the widest sense of the terms and this begins with choosing to be awake and aware, committed and proactive to contribute to solutions. Pro-active self-awareness and healing is certainly the place to start. This is where Astrology and related fields of human understanding can make useful contributions. In turn, truly healthy people by nature feel able and genuinely inspired to contribute to higher causes and collective needs and social processes.



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