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Wiegand's death shows service gaps

Search initiated too late, says bereaved companion

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring RCMP should have called Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers immediately when her companion Peter Wiegand was reported missing on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m., says Robin McLean.

Instead, they waited until Monday morning and the 51-year-old man's body was recovered on the water's edge below Walker Hook Road last Monday afternoon.

"I think they owe me an apology," said an upset McLean.

After doing household chores and making oatmeal for breakfast, Wiegand disappeared at 11 a.m. on Sunday while McLean was on the phone. He often left the house for hours without telling McLean, to go walking and bird watching in the Walker Hook area. But Wiegand, a paranoid schizophrenic, also had a history of longer disappearances and sudden returns, and he had taken off on Feb. 2, arriving home around 4:50 a.m. on Feb. 4 after walking all night from the Fulford ferry terminal. Two years ago, Wiegand was in a coma for four days following a prescription drug overdose.

By the afternoon of Feb. 8, McLean became increasingly worried and says she phoned the RCMP. She also called Lady Minto Hospital and asked for the mental health nurse, who was not

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VALENTINE'S GUY: Salt Spring's Bob Fenske is seen walking in Ganges on Saturday, carrying flowers for his "Valentine."

ISLANDS TRUST

Court reaffirms barge removal order

Ganges Marina runs out of appeals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A provincial Appeal Court decision issued last week supports a court order that the "float camp" structure be removed from Ganges Marina property immediately.

"We haven't been in this case before," said Miles Drew, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer. "Before they always had the option of appealing."

Drew said the Trust is considering a final deadline for the float camp's removal.

Should the marina representatives not comply, he added, the Trust will seek a contempt order against the company.

"At the end of the day it always comes down to the owner," he said. "They could sell it or take it to a salvage yard. There are all kinds of options except leaving it where it is."

In May 2006, Islands Trust bylaw enforcement staff asked that the "float camp" be removed from the Ganges Marina property on grounds it did not comply with the island's zoning bylaws.

B&B Ganges Marina Ltd.'s lawyers urged the court to reconsider a judgement allowing their client to alter the floating structure so that it would be in compliance with local bylaws.

"All members of the division that heard the appeal agreed the remedial provision should not have been included and should be set aside," reads an

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BC FERRIES

Transport Canada ups small ferry staffing ratio

Ferries groups grapple with how to meet new safety regulations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last week's announcement of new safety requirements on smaller BC Ferries vessels raised the dual spectres of rate hikes and line-

ups, but Salt Spring routes may not have much to worry about, ferry officials say.

Regulations from Transport Canada that took effect Jan. 1 call for a greater crew-to-passenger ratio in case of emergency. To meet the requirements, the ferry corporation will either have to increase staff, meaning higher labour costs will be passed on to passengers, or reduce carrying capacity, which could mean longer waits in peak periods.

On Salt Spring, the Queen of Nanaimo run from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen will not be affected by the changes. The Skeena Queen and the Howe Sound Queen, travelling to Vancouver Island from Fulford Harbour and Vesuvius Bay respectively, face potential changes during busy periods such as Saturdays during the summer.

Deborah Marshall, media spokesperson for BC

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Incident shows need for health services

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there. She spoke to a nurse on duty about bringing Wiegand in when he showed up, and described his suicidal tendencies.

"She took my name and number and said she would call me back. I never did get a call back."

McLean also called Wiegand's psychiatrist in Victoria, but he was on holidays.

McLean and her son Ben, who had arrived on the 2:10 p.m. Long Harbour ferry, went to the RCMP station to provide a photo of Wiegand, but found no one there.

They drove to Lady Minto Hospital to follow up McLean's phone call. Two RCMP constables were in the reception area.

"It would have been no later than 3 o'clock. I felt relieved to have found the RCMP," said McLean. "I tell them that Peter is missing. I tell them it is serious."

The McLeans went home, assuming RCMP personnel were searching extensively for Wiegand.

"I have faith in the RCMP. I'm from the States and I always thought highly of the RCMP," said McLean.

But when Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis came to her home around 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, McLean realized SAR had not been called out the previous afternoon.

"He says he is going to start a search and rescue," said McLean.

SAR personnel Chuck Hamilton and Judy Burch arrived and began co-ordi-

nating the search.

"They're concerned," says McLean. "But I'm wondering what took so long."

A Ganges Coast Guard crew, dispatched at noon, found Wiegand's body around 2 p.m. at the water's edge below one of his favourite bird-watching spots off Walker Hook Road, less than a kilometre from his home.

Ben McLean said the RCMP should have taken action on Sunday.

"They could have come on Sunday, spoken to the neighbours and taken action then."

Willis confirmed RCMP were aware of Wiegand's disappearance by 3:08 p.m. on Sunday, but, he said, "Members had other issues they were dealing with that day, including another missing person who was eventually located in Vancouver."

Willis said McLean did receive a call back around 5 p.m. when these other issues were under control.

Willis, who was not on duty on Sunday, Feb. 8, maintains it would have been too dark to search for Wiegand once volunteer SAR personnel, who must travel from their homes, arrived.

"It was a judgment call. There is a lot of rocky terrain in there and lots of bush with no clear pathways. [RCMP] members had to evaluate the risk factors for people conducting a search in darkness. We did search with patrol cars. We did the best we could with the information we had."

Asked if RCMP were aware of Wiegand's mental health issues and his disappearance a week earlier, Willis said, "Yes, we were aware of his mental health issues and we were also aware he had left and he had come back."

Provincial coroner Honey Forbes said she is still investigating Wiegand's death.

"We did an autopsy. It is apparent that the cause of death is consistent with drowning. The toxicology report will be completed in three weeks."

McLean said in the weeks leading up to his death, Wiegand was seeking more help.

"There's not enough primary care for people with mental health issues on the island, not enough nurse practitioners and referral to psychiatrists off-island doesn't provide frequent enough visits."

Dr. Shane Barclay, chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital, said Salt Spring is currently served by only one on-island psychiatrist and the hospital has no psychiatric nurses.

"There is a definite need for expanded psychiatric services," said Barclay.

Salt Spring is served by one mental health nurse, funded through Salt Spring Community Services (SSCS), for 15 hours a week.

Barclay clarified hospital policy for people seeking phone advice during a mental health crisis.

"Nurses are instructed not to give medical advice over the phone. If the family cannot bring the person to the hospital, the RCMP

have the power to bring the person to the hospital."

Willis said, "To transport them to hospital, we need reasonable grounds to believe they need care, such as they might harm themselves or others. Mental health issues aren't crimes, but they consume a lot of our time. We are the catch-all."

Rob Grant, SSCS executive director, said, "When a tragedy like this happens, we as a community have to ask ourselves what we can do better."

Grant said the Vancouver Island Health Authority has just provided a few more funds for mental health case management and, as of Jan. 1, the United Way of Greater Victoria has given new three-year funding for mental health outreach work.

"We are working on a mental health plan for the island, too," said Grant. "We're taking a look at all the services in the community to see what we can do to improve things. We're just overwhelmed with the need."

He asks people to contact SSCS adult services coordinator Cheryl Bell-Gadsby at 250-537-9971 if they have ideas.

McLean said Wiegand, a Buddhist, understood the need for community support.

"When he helped start up Yellow Submarine, [a mental health support program at SSCS], he said, 'We have to stand up for those who can only sit.'"

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Marina float house fails final appeal

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excerpt from the Appeal Court's reasons for judgement.

"We would not accede to the marina's position."

The two-storey floating structure at 161 Lower Ganges Road housed a reception area, offices, meeting rooms and a marine supplies store before

legal proceedings began.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee chair Sheila Malcolmson said the Appeal Court decision supports the rights of communities to regulate what can and cannot occur on shoreline areas.

"Salt Spring Island's bylaws are developed by the community and this is a significant victory for Salt Spring and the entire Islands Trust area," she said

in a press release issued on Feb. 11.

Representatives from B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. were not available for comment.

Speaking in an interview after the B.C. Court of Appeal's previous judgment in late December of 2008, marina spokesperson Steve Azyan said the company is mooring the "float camp" at the marina until a buyer steps forward.

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NUTRITION

Students crave school's free fruit and veg program

Provincial health initiative implemented at Gulf Islands Secondary School

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's no surprise that a regular diet of fruits and vegetables is good for you, but that doesn't mean students are always getting enough of them on a daily basis.

Provincial statistics show that between 20 and 25 per cent of school children aren't getting enough servings of fruit and vegetables each day.

Whether it's a busy schedule, a lack of knowledge or just poor eating habits, it turns out the student body at Gulf Islands Secondary is no exception.

"We were running into kids on a regular basis that hadn't had breakfast and they didn't have any money for lunch," said Maggie Allison, a GISS education counsellor who is the driving force behind a new healthy eating program started at the high school in early February.

Every Wednesday at 12:40, Allison and a pair of parent volunteers set out large plastic trays with enough fruits or vegetables for the school's 630 students. Last week it was fresh organic apples from B.C.'s Similkameen Valley. This week and next, students will get cups of fresh snow peas.

Obtaining fresh B.C. produce is always a top priority, but organizers will also offer "world produce" with nutritional value that students may not normally get to try.

"That's where the pineapple fits in," Allison said, looking ahead to the next item on the menu.

Allison admits that an extra apple or two a week may not solve the nutritional problems facing the province's students. She is confident, however, that the program will help kids develop better eating habits and possibly learn more about where and how the food they eat is produced.

"Giving them apples once a week is a bit of a drop in the bucket, but it does expose them to healthy choices," she said. "Maybe they'll try some things they would have never thought of eating raw before."

She said the majority of GISS students already have quite a sophisticated palate when it comes to the types of food they request at the school's cafeteria. Since many parents place an emphasis on home-grown and organic foods, there's been a seamless acceptance of the new program.

"The students like spicy food, they like organic food and they like really fresh things," Allison said. "Our kids are asking for this type of stuff. Our kids are pretty healthy and pretty knowledgeable."

Over in the school's multipurpose room last Wednesday, that knowledge and love of fresh produce translated into a steady stream of students lining up for the estimated 1,356 apples delivered to the school.

"It's very useful for when I don't bring my lunch and it's definitely making us feel very healthy," said Grade 12 student Sara Anstis.



Rudy Gummesson picks out an apple served up by Laurie Blakely and Judy McPhee at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

"We kind of eat whatever is available to us if we're hungry and this is available and free," added Ella Bronstein, while savouring fresh apples with friends Brita Noyes and Alix Wilson. "We love free stuff."

The group was equally enthusiastic when informed of the peas and pineapple slices on the menu in the next couple of weeks.

Parent volunteer Judy McPhee said she decided to become involved as a way to help out a positive school initiative that promotes healthy choices.

"I like to see the kids enjoy something that's free and something that's good for them," she said. "It took them a little while to get the idea last week. We had to keep telling them 'it's free, take one.' This week they know and they're definitely into it."

GISS is one of 739 schools across the province distributing fresh fruits and vegetables to more than 220,000 students

every week, with plans to do so until the end of the spring semester.

The program is funded by the province's Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, select grocery store chains, associations representing various agricultural sectors, the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and HSBC.

"We want British Columbia's youth to get a great start in life," said Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell in a press release about the program's expansion on Feb. 9. "With our government's plan to require 30 minutes of physical activity a day, no more junk food in schools and now with the expansion of the Fruit and Vegetable Snack program, we can guarantee our students a bright and healthy future."

Research conducted by staff at the University of Victoria in 2007 reveals elementary school children exposed to the program eat more fruit and vegetables per day following their participation.

News briefs

Newspaper nominated

Driftwood entries in a provincial newspaper competition made the top-three list in several categories of finalists released on Tuesday.

The paper is up for gold, silver or bronze B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association awards for general excellence in its circulation category, for its Day in the Life publication (photo essay), Aqua maga-

zine (special publication), feature photo (of a Centennial Park plate spinner), and two colour advertisements — one for Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art and another for Cardino's Shoes in Duncan.

Awards are handed out at the annual Ma Murray Awards evening in Richmond on April 4.

Lights reveal drunk driver

Salt Spring Island RCMP issued a three-month driving

prohibition to a driver who flashed his high beams at an oncoming police cruiser last Thursday night.

Police stopped the vehicle just after 11 p.m. on Long Harbour Road. An investigation revealed the 34-year-old Salt Spring man had been drinking.

In other police news, a 44-year-old man was charged with impaired driving and over .08 after he was stopped for driving without insurance or a licence on Feb. 14 at 8:45 p.m.

The man received more

than \$700 in fines and was released on a promise to appear in court.

• Police stopped a 23-year-old man after they observed him enter his vehicle and start his engine just after 1 a.m. on Sunday morning. He admitted to having consumed liquor and received a 24-hour driving prohibition.

• Officers posted at a road check near Drummond Park Monday at 7:15 p.m. charged a 49-year-old man with impaired driving and over .08 after they noticed a strong smell of liquor on his breath

and proceeded with an investigation.

Police released the man on a promise to appear in court and an undertaking to not consume alcohol. Officers also ticketed him for driving without a licence.

Radio station gets new website

After the sudden disappearance of its former website host and server, CFSI is back up with a new site and

a new and slightly different web address. Contacts with Salt Spring's future radio station for any purpose may be made at info@cfsi-fm.com.

Program director Richard Moses said program proposals "are still coming in, still welcome and have proved, during last week's 26 interviews with eager potential programmers, to be most exciting and eminently usable."

Barring unforeseen eventualities, he said, CFSI hopes to begin air checks by early April.

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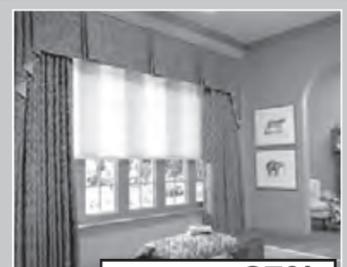
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NEWSBEAT

ISLAND BUSINESS

Renovation: no room for Fields

Popular store to leave island until 2010

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An upcoming renovation at Country Grocer's Salt Spring location will mean the temporary closure of a popular low-price shopping outlet, Fields area manager Craig Crowder confirmed Monday.

Seven employees were recently given severance notices for the end of March, ending weeks of rumour and speculation.

"The complex is being renovated and unfortunately there was no room to accommodate us," Crowder said.

"The landlord has given us a commitment to find

space for us by early 2010."

With a store closure that could last almost a year, the corporation investigated the possibility of finding another location.

However, there was nothing big enough available in Salt Spring's rental market, the area manager said.

Fields is a Canada-wide chain of 196 stores that are part of the Hudson's Bay Corporation, along with The Bay, Zellers and Home Outfitters banners.

Normally during a store closure, the corporation tries to place employees at one of the other locations or affiliates, but Salt Spring's unique position makes that impossible, Crowder said.

The situation has been stressful for staff members.

"It's been horrible," one employee said.

"It's really sad that the staff will have to wait so long [for the store to re-open] and the community will have to wait so long."

Crowder also voiced the company's disappointment at the closure.

"We certainly regret leaving Salt Spring and look forward to getting back there, because Salt Spring's been a great market for us and they've always supported us."

Fields customers likewise have been surprised and unhappy with the news.

As one woman asked, "Where else can you find greeting cards for a dollar?"

Other daily deals include kids' winter boots for \$18 and a complete comforter and sheet set for \$50.

"I feel terrible," said local resident Blanche Porborsa

outside the store on Monday.

"My big thing is that it's a business that is doing very well and it is doing a good service to the community. And it's not just me — for families with young children there's no other place to buy clothes that are affordable. I'm very upset."

Pat Antonik also spoke of the need for economical options on Salt Spring.

"I guess I think it's a mistake," she said of the temporary closure. "I hope they find another location. It's the only inexpensive place you can shop on Salt Spring."

Country Grocer general manager Paul Large said details about the renovation project will soon be available, after a meeting with the architect takes place this week.

Event organizers should alert Ferries

FERRIES

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BC Ferries, said the corporation is looking at ways to best meet the regulations, although nothing has been settled yet.

"If we increase staff on all the routes, it could add up to \$3 million per year," she reported, adding that such an increase would be passed on to customers.

However, she said that in many cases a capacity reduction makes more sense, given that ferries on the smaller routes often run under capacity anyway.

Ferries operate with different licences that allow different capacities, Marshall said. Currently the Skeena Queen is operating with a C licence, allowing 292 passengers. The busi-

est morning run on Monday saw 230 passengers travel from Fulford to Swartz Bay on the 9:50 a.m. sailing, while return trip numbers did not break 60.

Harold Swierenga, chair of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee, also observed that many sailings during the year run "nowhere near capacity." He speculated that BC Ferries could meet the demand for more extra crew members on busy runs with casual staff, adding three to four per cent in costs.

Swierenga said the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC) will meet with Transport Canada in March to get clarification on where new pressures are coming from and how BC Ferries can meet safety requirements.

For example, he asked,

"Does it have to be done with crew? Or can it be done with technology?"

For the upcoming summer months, both Marshall and Swierenga pointed to better communication between groups as a way to avoid overloading and long waits.

Community groups organizing events that are likely to attract visitors from off-island are recommended to alert BC Ferries well in advance. Similarly, private events such as weddings would also be well-advised to let the corporation know.

This would help avoid incidents like last year's occasion where three large wedding parties attempted to leave Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island at the same time, resulting in many passengers being left stranded.

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3 Vesuvius

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4 Long Harbour

Monday - Friday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
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Saturday

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5 Fernwood

Monday - Friday

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Saturday

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2 Fulford Harbour

Monday - Friday

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7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
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Saturday

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NEWSBEAT



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LOVER: The Salt Spring RCMP's Buffalo Bill brings a Valentine's Day message to passers-by outside the detachment on Lower Ganges Road.

TRANSMISSION LINES

Provincial buy-out program skips over Salt Spring Island

Islander urges residents to act now

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Thomas Road resident wants an answer to why he and other property owners along the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's right-of-way aren't being considered for a buy-out plan offered by the provincial government.

"I think what we need to do is get everybody involved in this," said Mike Quesnel on Monday afternoon.

Upgrades to the transmission corridor linking Tsawwassen and Vancouver Island were completed in late 2008 despite strong opposition from residents on Salt Spring, Galiano and the Lower Mainland.

The project's opponents argued that people living close to the new high-voltage power lines faced health risks associated with exposure to electro-magnetic fields.

News of the provincial government's willingness "to

consider the option of purchasing homes of affected property owners on the right-of-way" appeared in an information bulletin issued by the province in March 2008.

After waiting for the province to confirm what's in store for Salt Spring and Galiano residents, Quesnel has elected to put out a call for action.

Quesnel said Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Blair Leckstrom recommends he and any other interested island residents express concerns in writing to the ministry or to Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell.

Despite appearances that the buy-out offer as it stands is a done deal, getting the province to explain its position is only fair, he added.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources contacted on Tuesday said Gulf Islands home owners with properties along the right-of-way were never included as part of the government's buy-out program.

Off-island cops nail prohibited driver

Court also fines impaired driver from California

A Salt Spring Island man stopped at a roadblock manned by off-island police officers received a \$500 fine and a one-year driving prohibition after he pleaded guilty to driving while prohibited in Ganges Provincial Court on Feb. 10.

Ross Hughes was pulled over on Feb. 12, 2008 at 11:40 a.m. whereupon officers from the Capital Region's Integrated Road Safety Unit discovered he was in violation of conditions set out in a prior conviction.

Court heard that Hughes was not aware he still had time to serve in his driving prohibition when he was stopped by police.

COURTDOCKET

In other court news:

Kirsten Broadbear of San Francisco, California received a \$1,000 fine and will not be able to drive anywhere in Canada for a year after she pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

Salt Spring RCMP officers stopped Broadbear, whose vehicle did not have its lights on, near Moby's Pub on Oct. 10, 2008 at 2:10 a.m.

Officers detected signs of intoxication and the driver provided blood-alcohol readings of 0.150 and 0.160 on the second incident when tested at the RCMP detachment.

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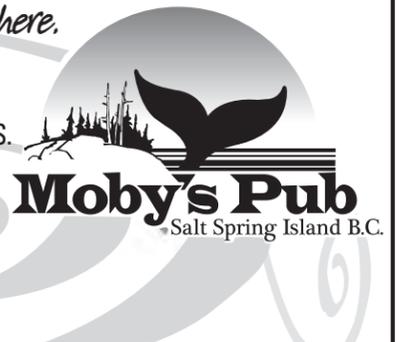
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The impact on people and non-profits.

Part 1 of a 3-part series on the economic downturn, gauging if and how Salt Spring Islanders are affected.

TAKING account

Consumer habits surveyed

Islanders skimp on dining out and travel

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Has the economic downturn spurred cutbacks in your spending?

- » Yes 60%
- » No 40%

Salt Spring Island may be an island, but it is not exempt from the economic downturn that has caused ripples across the globe.

Results of a survey the Driftwood randomly handed out to 50 islanders last week revealed that 60 per cent feel affected by the poor economy and are cutting back on spending as a result.

Survey respondents were asked to check off whether or not they are spending less in nine different categories, as a direct result of the recent economic downturn (see accompanying graph), with an option to check off "I'm not affected by the downturn and am therefore not cutting back my spending."

The survey showed "dining out" was the number one spending area islanders are cutting back on, making home-prepared meals all the more in vogue.

"Our whole spending has changed because we're not sure where [the economy] is going to go," one female respondent said as she shrugged and wheeled her shopping cart into Country Grocer, flyer in hand, saying she planned to fill her cart with bargain items.

Cutting back on travel, domestic and/or foreign, also tied as the number one area people are hesitant to spend money on.

Since Jan. 1, David Piperno is being frugal with the amount of gasoline he puts into his vehicle.

"I only fill it half way every time now," he said. "It's been saving me money because I drive less."

Piperno, and 25 of the people surveyed last week, admitted that while their overall income has not changed, hearing and reading about the poor economy in the media has pushed them towards tighter spending habits. When faced with the decision of

whether or not to make big purchases, they indicated they are putting plans like home renovations or tropical vacations on hold until the economy is in better shape.

But for one female survey respondent who did not wish to be named, local job layoffs have left her six-person household with less money to cover costs.

"Two people in our household are now unemployed," she said. Having overheard that the Driftwood was conducting a survey, she was eager to share her story.

Her son was recently laid off from his job at a local restaurant. Her husband was one of the 35 BC Ferries senior management and administration employees whose jobs were eliminated or restructured in January due to a significant drop in ferry ridership.

The woman said she was cutting back on six of the nine spending areas outlined on the survey, citing her qualms about the high cost of living on the island.

"We may have to leave Salt Spring," she said.

WE ASKED: Where are you cutting your spending?

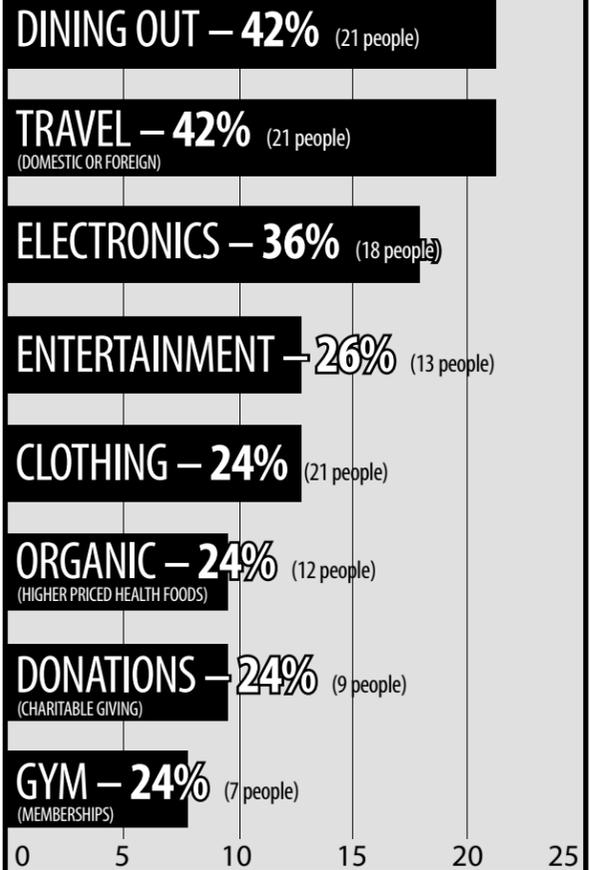


PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

North End Fitness employee Debbie LaVigne says she's not willing to cut back on organic food or health supplements.

Health a spending priority

While she admits the poor economy has taken a toll on her wallet, Debbie LaVigne is not willing to give up investing in her health.

The poor economy has given her the nudge to cut back on travel, charitable donations, electronics, dining out and entertainment, but she refuses to give up spending money on fitness-related expenses or organic/higher-priced health foods.

"I'm a minimalist. I don't need stuff, but mind, body and

Islanders not willing to forgo time at the gym or organic foods

soul need to be balanced," she said at North End Fitness last Sunday.

The Driftwood survey of islanders' spending responses to the economic downturn found that only 14 per cent (7 of 50) of respondents were willing to forgo spending money on fitness, yoga classes or gym memberships.

Only 24 per cent (12 of 50) were willing to cut back on organic foods or higher-priced health foods such as PowerBars or other nutritional supplements.

Salt Spring charities persevere amidst hard times

Island's troubles pale compared to other regions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may be a cause for concern, but the global economic slowdown has yet to cast a serious shadow on many of Salt Spring's goodwill organizations, according to representatives from various island charities.

"Have we been impacted by it? Most certainly. Have we been devastated by it? Definitely not," said Patrick Lee, investment committee chair for the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

In an interview last week, Lee confirmed the foundation can maintain funding levels without dipping into its capital fund for the upcoming annual spring grant period.

"We want to be known as a steady and consistent donor to community organizations both through good times and difficult times," he said. "That's why we're proceeding with our regular giving cycle."

That the foundation is in solid enough financial shape to proceed as per the norm is due to what Lee calls "a very careful investment policy with a long-term vision."

Lee said many larger community foundations such as those in Victoria and Vancouver have had to seriously reassess their priorities, likely because of their higher exposure to the equity side of the stock market as opposed to

safer fixed-term investments.

"That helps to protect us and hold us in relatively good stead," Lee added.

Even with a prudent investing philosophy, the foundation, like so many other large- and small-scale investors, was not immune to the market's phenomenal fall during the final quarter of 2008.

Yet while donations from regular donors are slightly lower than in past years, Lee said, the foundation saw more first-time donors in 2008, which was gratifying.

"The reality is that some of those headlines are not a reflection of reality."

MERON MOROZ,
Board member, SOLID

"We are hopeful that our faithful donors will continue to support us through these trying times. The need today in many areas is greater than ever."

Smaller gifts from a broader source of donors is a trend that's played out across the

country, according to spokesperson Marnie Grona of Imagine Canada, an Ontario-based interest group that looks out for Canadian charities and non-profits.

One of Imagine's latest efforts is to encourage the federal government to increase tax incentives for donors, something that wasn't addressed in the federal budget released in late January.

Since the economy took a turn for the worse in early 2008, Grona said, she's noticed charities have started reassessing how they go about raising funds.

"The economy is forcing organizations to look outside of the box," she said. "Social media and e-mail campaigns calling on people to give what they can, regardless of how small the amount, are getting more popular."

Volunteerism is another area to watch for as people tend to have more time than money at their disposal.

Volunteers play a central role in Salt Spring charities that exhibit a strong community-to-community philosophy.

In 2008, Seeds for Malawi matched contributions it received in previous years thanks to use of incentives such as offering donors home-made garden spirits, seeds and plants. But while donation levels have remained strong, the global economic crash has added a competing pressure to the group's work.

"Malawi is still an undeveloped country in every angle of things," wrote Teddy Phiri, the

organization's Malawian project manager in a recent letter to the group. "Despite fuel prices falling on the world market, no price cuts have been effected here. Likewise the price of fertilizers are still the ones quoted [last year]."

Sky-high fuel prices mean the group will pay 50 per cent more just to maintain existing programs, according to board member Susan Evans.

"It's a reminder that, as bad as things may seem in North America, the economic situation in many of the world's developing nations is even worse than it was before this began."

Thanks to their loyal and closely linked network of island donors, groups like Seeds for Malawi and the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID) have yet to see any of the dire predictions become a reality.

SOLID board member Meron Moroz said she's seen the news of how badly some groups have been impacted, but has yet to witness an all-out donor collapse on the island.

"The reality is that some of those headlines are not a reflection of reality," she said.

"We're with the group that says it's not going to happen," she added. "You have to hope you can continue."

Next week in our series . . .

How island businesses, trades and real estate are weathering the storm

NEWSBEAT

PARENTS & EDUCATION

Acclaimed author visit and workshop will boost island parenting resources

Kids' behaviour, mental health, internet use on retreat day schedule

Gulf Islands parents are invited to come together next Friday, Feb. 27 for Creating Healthy, Confident Kids — a parents' retreat day.

Set for Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the day of free events includes several workshops and a keynote address by Dr. Gabor Mate, bestselling author of various books, including Hold on to Your Kids, which tackles the trend of peers replacing parents in the lives of children.

Mate, who has also written a book on attention-deficit disorder called Scattered Minds, is a physician/psycho-

therapist working with HIV-positive heroin addicts in Vancouver's downtown east side.

"Mate will share concepts, principles and practical advice to empower parents to satisfy their children's inborn need to find direction by turning towards a source of authority, contact and warmth," states press material from the District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC), which is organizing the retreat day.

Workshops include Gulf Islands School District superintendent Jeff Hopkins on "functional behaviour assessment." The session will help parents understand the goal behind a child's behaviour and how to address the behaviour in a way that honours the child's goal.

Other presentations are:

- SWOVA and Respectful Relationships;
- Kids' Mental Health, presented by the Families Organized for Recognition and Care Equality group;
- Internet Safety: Parent Over Shoulder, Learning the Lingo; and
- Advocacy — How to Empower Yourself to be a Voice for Your Child.

For those parents and community members who can attend an evening session, Mate will appear again at 7 p.m. at GISS. Admission to the evening presentation is by donation.

To register, send an e-mail to dpac64@telus.net. Pre-registration for the DPAC parent retreat day is mandatory in order to accommodate water taxis, daycare and food.

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ISLAND SCHOOLS

Centre School open house highlights compassion

New Grades 5-6 program gets special attention

Salt Spring Centre School hosts an open house on Monday, Feb. 23 for community members interested in enrolling their children in the school.

During the 4 to 6 p.m. event at the 355B Blackburn Road school, there will also be an exploration of the theme "compassion and leadership" in Centre School programs for new and existing registrants.

In press material for the event, principal Erin Porter describes how the school is evolving.

"For 25 years the Centre School has educated students by offering learning opportunities that develop academic, creative and social-emotional skills. We

have built on this commitment in the last few years by adding enrichment in horticulture studies, compassionate communication and leadership development."

Teacher Kate Richer will give a presentation on the new leadership program for Grades 5-6 at 5 p.m.

The school is adding the program with the hope of developing a full middle school component, focusing on community and global project work, mentoring and service.

With limited spaces in this program, new students will be asked to spend a few days at the school prior to acceptance to ensure a fit for all.

Parents Shauna Klem and Kevin Patterson praise the school for its focus on non-violent communication, being learned and practised by staff, parents

and students.

"Our daughter has blossomed in the tender environment of the school, especially in its emphasis on gentle, respectful communication and empathy."

Porter describes the connection between leadership and compassion as "natural for most children."

"Our students, who have been exposed to social and emotional support throughout their years at the Centre School develop their potential solidly with great confidence in facing challenges. These children are the leaders of tomorrow, and I feel proud to see their progress and abilities to communicate their feelings, thoughts and ideas, while understanding their role in a community of learners. They inspire me every day!"

The Centre School is now accepting applications for enrollment for September 2009 in pre-kindergarten to Grade 6.

The B.C.-certified non-denominational school has affordable tuition and options for work exchange or subsidy to assist families.

For more information, contact the school at 250-537-9130 or www.saltspringcentreschool.ca.

RCMP REPORT

Officers tend to ditched vehicles

18-year-old escapes unharmed

An 18-year-old Salt Spring man is fortunate to have sustained no major injuries after his vehicle ended up in the ditch near Fulford's St. Paul Church on Thursday morning.

The driver reportedly lost control of his vehicle while negotiating an s-curve in the west-bound lane of Fulford-Ganges Road at 8:20 a.m.

The vehicle suffered significant damage and was towed from the scene.

In a separate incident, police issued a 62-year-old man a 24-hour driving prohibition after he confessed to driving his vehicle into a ditch along Robinson Road on the evening of Friday, Feb. 13. Police happened upon the man as he was walking away from the scene shortly after the accident.

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EDITORIAL

Searching at night

One need not look far back through the Driftwood archives to find evidence of the Salt Spring Search and Rescue (SAR) group's ability to conduct full-scale, night-time rescue operations.

A front-page story in the Oct. 29, 2008 Driftwood recounts SAR responding to a page at 6:20 p.m. to search for a missing hiker on Mount Maxwell.

Despite search and rescue co-ordinator Chuck Hamilton's own admission that conditions were "very steep, very treacherous and very dark," teams found the man at 11:15 p.m. and reached the top of the mountain with him some two hours later.

On Halloween night, rescue crews were dispatched at 8:20 p.m. to search for a missing

82-year-old woman on Pender Island. It was well past 4 a.m. by the time searchers found the woman and returned to Ganges on a Coast Guard vessel.

THE ISSUE:

Inter-agency communications

WE SAY:

Protocol required

In November, SAR volunteers headed out, once again after dark, to look for a missing woman in Peter Arnell Park. The mission was another success.

Dusk is when many people are reported missing in the first place and, given that a potential search area expands exponentially with each passing hour, a quick response is essential for a mission's success.

The local RCMP detachment's failure to notify rescue personnel until the morning after Peter Wiegand was reported missing on Feb. 8 because the RCMP supposedly deemed a night search in the Walker Hook area too risky for SAR volunteers should be of great concern to the community.

We don't know if a quicker response would have saved a life in this case and won't be able to even guess unless the provincial coroner establishes Wiegand's time of death.

But we do know that a protocol must be established to ensure all missing-person calls, be they received by the Salt Spring RCMP detachment or the after-hours dispatch in Langford, are passed on to SAR.

It should be up to the search and rescue group's leadership to decide when it is too dark or too dangerous to risk their volunteers' safety.

That's what they're trained to do. That's why they volunteer for the job. Let them put that training into action as they work to save lives.

THE OFFICIAL START of SPRING SID AND ARVID ARRIVE BACK FROM MEXICO



Fraser Institute marks shouldn't be ignored

BY KATHY PAGE

I was pleased to see the Driftwood concerned enough last week to offer an article about the performance of our elementary schools, ("Fraser Institute school ratings released amid FSA fracas"), though the news itself was not very encouraging and sent me to the Fraser Institute website for further detail.

Schools are graded out of 10 and also ranked out of the total number in the province.

Salt Spring Elementary had a good year in 2005, but is mostly well below average (6) over the past five years and currently graded 4.9.

The historic figures for Fulford Elementary were missing from the website, so I phoned and was given the following information: In 2002, Fulford Elementary was ranked eight out of 10, one of the best in the province.

Every year since then when figures have been recorded (two are missing, due to a disqualification when enrolment was too low), the school has slipped a little and is now ranked 6, average.

Fernwood is ranked slightly above average at 6.5, and, bar a dip in 2005, has been roughly stable.

2008 figures are not available for secondary schools but the 2007 ranking puts GISS in the bottom half of the rankings, whereas in 2003 it was in the top third.

What's notable is that not one of these schools is improving, which surely should be our goal. It seems to me that having taken on the unwelcome news, the next step is to ask "Why? What has changed?"

VIEWPOINT

So it was saddening to read of our schools superintendent's reaction to the figures: a declaration that they were of limited value because they were measuring "very basic, specific skills."

I am sure the testing does have limits and could be improved upon.

But on the other hand I feel we do need some kind of independent assessment. And likewise, can there be any doubt that "basic, specific skills," while not the whole story, are important, especially at the elementary level?

What I would have liked to hear was a desire to find out what might be causing this and what can be done to improve things — or, better still, a desire to aim for excellence, and to hang on to it once it's achieved.

Ignoring information or denying there is a problem will get us nowhere. My children are doing well in their schools and their teachers are dedicated and hard-working, but I am concerned.

I'm writing not to point fingers but in the hope we'll start to fix things: if schools continue to decline, even more students than currently do so will be travelling off island for their education and that will negatively impact those who remain.

The Fraser Institute's figures and the Foundation Skills Assessment tests themselves may be a crude snapshot of what happens in a school, but they are the only independently assessed measure we have and I feel they should be taken very seriously indeed.

The writer is an author and Salt Spring parent.

"What's notable is that not one of these schools is improving."

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Would legalizing pot reduce mainland gang violence?

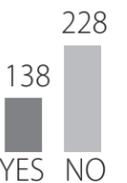
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the SS Coffee Co. rezoning?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"When he helped start up Yellow Submarine, he said, 'We have to stand up for those who can only sit.'"

ROBIN MCLEAN QUOTING PETER WIEGAND

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What should Stephen Harper and Barack Obama talk about when they meet on Thursday?

VIRGINIA GALEA
Children's education. It's so important because that's what defines a child's life.

ROSEMARY BEHNCKE
Harper should stand up for Canadian interests like trade and natural resources.

SUSIE BUCKLEY
The first thing I would suggest is talking about truth. I'd like to hear some truth from both of them.

JEFF HOME
Foreign policy and the need to stop going after oil in countries like Iraq.

ERNESTINE CRAWFORD
I think they should talk about NAFTA and make sure everybody is playing from the same deck.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com, under the Opinion tab.

Development

Last summer I was concerned that a request for rezoning a large parcel between Beddis and Fulford-Ganges roads to industrial could cause strip development.

Now the Salt Spring Coffee Co. is requesting a similar rezoning on Fulford-Ganges Road even further outside of town. The occurrence of two such proposals indicates the incentives for poorly planned strip development are strong on Salt Spring.

The situation is typical. Land outside of town is cheaper than near town partly because it is zoned residential, not industrial or commercial. The proposed rezoning is a

few lots from another commercial site, Star Barks. If the coffee company property is rezoned, several residential properties will be sandwiched between the two businesses. Their values are likely to fall because they will be less desirable for homes. In time, when current residents sell, the best prices will probably come from speculators who will rent the property out while waiting for the right time to request a rezoning.

Sometimes such properties deteriorate because there isn't a reason to put money into them. The deterioration provides another incentive for rezoning because new development may "improve" the appearance of the neighbourhood. In time, expectations

of rezoning can increase land values beyond what anyone will pay for a residential property. At that point, requests for rezoning are rarely turned down and the strip of road becomes predominantly industrial and commercial.

This is how strip development has spread along major routes outside of towns and villages across North America. The cure is for local government to stand firm and say "no" to requests for rezoning in such locations.

Commercial and industrial zoned parcels should be clustered together in an area selected through a public process, not in reaction to requests from individual businesses. Even then, there may be some activities so bother-

some to neighbours that there is no appropriate location for them on Salt Spring Island.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
MT. BELCHER HEIGHTS

Striking a balance

I realize the value and importance of dogs to their owners. We had two wonderful springer spaniels who were much-valued pets.

After living without pets for a number of years I now regret how at times we were too liberal with our pets, showing a lack of understanding and consideration to others. In reading the Feb. 11 "Dog owners responsible" letter to the editor I have found this is generally true but definitely

not always.

I have resorted to carrying pepper spray because of the number of times I have been confronted by aggressive dogs, their owners nowhere in sight or not able to control their dog. I know of at least five people, including my daughter, who have been badly bitten by uncontrolled dogs while out for a walk. I am dismayed at the number of people I know who will no longer walk on trails because of the fear of uncontrolled dogs.

There are other issues with respect to dogs in parks. There are a number of studies that have shown that wildlife diversity is dramatically reduced in areas where dogs are regularly present. This is due to the avoidance by some wildlife

species of an area frequented by a high density of predators. (Dogs are predators.) For example, dogs can easily stress ground- and shrub-nesting birds such as thrushes, and wrens, causing them to abandon their nests. There is also the issue of dog excrement. The amount of dog excrement on the road beyond the barricade on Broadwell (a popular dog walking area) illustrates my point.

In the end it becomes a matter of setting priorities in our parks and striking a balance between wildlife and, in the case of Ruckle Park, the farm animals, people and people with dogs.

KAREN CLARK,
CHANNEL RIDGE

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Save surplus tofu for SS Winter Olympic Games juggernaut

The countdown has begun. The winter pipe dream that seemed so far in the distant future is now right around the corner. On February 12, 2010, just less than one year from now, the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympic Games at Vancouver/Whistler are set to begin.

Not everybody is celebrating the upcoming party. You must have heard by now of all the problems being experienced by VANOC (Vancouver Olympic Committee). There have been financial pressures, incidences of misspending, budget overruns, sponsorship scandals, building delays, displaced renters, lawsuits, and you name it. Compared to the engineering and construction obstacles that have befallen the improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway linking Vancouver to Whistler, the digging of the Panama Canal at the beginning of the last century seems like an afternoon spent building sand castles on Vesuvius Beach.

Nobody asked me, but the solution to this Olympic-sized headache is obvious. Move the games to Salt Spring. As a matter of fact, I have appointed myself chairman of the Ad Hoc Salt Spring Olympic Committee (ADHOCSSOC). If all goes according to plan, this island will truly be the centre of the universe a year from now.

How, you ask, can this be possible? It's all simply a matter of infrastructure. Our advantage is that here on Salt Spring we have most of this infrastructure already in place and don't have to create it from scratch.

For starters, we don't need to spend a king's ransom on roads and highways. We do, however, need a snazzier name that is in keeping with the grandeur of hosting the games. How about the "Ferry to Ferry to

Ferry Highway"?

Let's take a look at the housing question. Where will all the visitors stay? Easy. There are probably enough "illegal suites" already built and available to house all the athletes, as well as the foreign dignitaries and foreign guests. As an added bonus, all this will take place during what is normally the tourist "off season." In essence, our Olympic Village is already built and encompasses the entire island!

When it comes to scheduling of events, we can put the same experienced crack team of B.C. Ferry Corp. boys to work that has been in charge of scheduling the ferry routes. Close your eyes and picture this pamphlet entry: "The finals for the ice dancing competition will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays (but not Fridays preceding holiday weekends) at 10 minutes before even hours except for noon and one other mystery hour we cannot divulge at this time."

As far as coordinating the project and making sure that there are no misunderstandings between the different athletes from all the participating nations, who else but the Islands Trust could do a better job at facilitating and making the games run smoothly and harmoniously? After all, the Trust has a long history of successfully mediating controversial situations and pulling opposing groups together so that "all feathers remain unruffled."

Still not convinced we have enough existing infrastructure? What about other important considerations? Okay. It's an obvious "slam dunk" to put parking in the reliable hands of the same people who manage the


Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Saturday market. Likewise, communications should not be a problem as we'll just let our old dependable "rumour mill" system, which travels at 10 times the speed of microwaves, spread any and all information right around the globe.

Of course, we can always rely on our highway snow removal crew to guarantee that any existing snow remains on the ground for as long as possible.

Oh, I'm not saying there won't be need for some further spending. More than likely, if any additional funding is necessary, it can be raised in the tried and true island way: through bake sales and flea markets and silent auctions. If absolutely essential, funds could always be diverted from less crucial areas such as water, clean air and food supply.

Now you may ask how Salt Spring could possibly come up with the facilities for staging the games. Where are the snow-capped mountains? The ski resorts? On the surface, it would seem that Salt Spring would have only the slightest advantage for hosting the Winter Games over, say, Jamaica. Never, however, underestimate our island's resilience or creativity. What is the number one disposable waste product created here? If you said coffee grounds, you would be spot on the mark. Now think of truckload after truckload of these grounds being driven up Mt. Maxwell House and dumped. Picture the peak eventually reaching up into the stratosphere, surpassing even Whistler and Blackcomb. Imagine how many of the old skiing world records will be smashed as caffeine fumes waft up into the nostrils and

bloodstreams of the competing athletes. This could produce a new kind of mountain high.

What happens if we get an unusually warm winter and there is not enough snow on Mt. Maxwell House to support the games? Certainly, we do not have the snow-making equipment here that already exists in Whistler. Fear not, ADHOCSSOC is on top of that one. We are prepared to use an existing product with a lower friction factor than even ice and snow. What's more slippery than ice and snow? Tofu gone bad, that's what. You've probably got some of the goop in the back of your fridge right now. Imagine truckload after truckload of the slimy ooze . . . you get the picture.

Perhaps you're thinking this is all a bit too far-fetched. If so, take a look at some of the old photos in Mouat's. You will see that much of the current downtown shoreline was once part of the harbour before it was filled in with soil dredged from the boat basin. As a matter of fact, if you were standing in the middle of the Thrifty's parking lot 50 years ago, you would be several fathoms under water (and so too would be Thrifty's). Nothing is impossible.

The wheels are in motion and it's all coming together nicely. There is still a little bit of tweaking to do. ADHOCSSOC plans to introduce a few new winter sports to complement existing ones. One such event, "slalom smorgasboarding," will pit competing snowboarders in a race around the island. Points will be scored not only for fastest time but also for most food consumed at the greatest number of island eateries.

We're so excited! We hope you climb aboard the 2010 Salt Spring Winter Olympic juggernaut too. Let the games begin!

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

continued from A9

Dogs must be on leash

Like many Salt Springers we were taken aback by the recent prohibition of dog walking in Ruckle Park.

We would like to share a recent experience that reinforces the importance of the "dog-on-leash" mentality in Ruckle Park.

A Ruckle Park hiking trail runs within 50 feet of our farm. Our sheep are lambing. While I, Reayane, was up checking on three newborn lambs, I witnessed a huge white dog come running out of Ruckle Park straight towards one of these new lambs and its mother. The surrounding sheep scattered, some with their young lambs,

some without, panicked by the sudden intruder.

The dog's attention was diverted from the new lamb by another large adult sheep. The dog then turned on this sheep, chasing it full speed for about 200 feet. I watched in horror, shocked by its display of "wild animal" behaviour. I began screaming at the dog while running after it. My dog ran up to it — it stopped — I grabbed the dog, hanging onto it while the owner approached, running from the park, leash in hand! The concerned owner was apologetic, well aware that this was a bad situation.

I am astonished, shocked and amazed by the speed and focus of the dog's attack. I love dogs. This kind of uncontrolled owner/dog behaviour is 100 per cent not acceptable. I allowed the owner to walk away with their dog.

To be 100 per cent honest, I question if this was the best decision.

**REAYANE KANNE,
DEMETRI STEVENS,
BEAVER POINT**

Conservation

Re: "Rainbow Road rezoning gets first reading" (Feb. 11 Driftwood) and water issues.

Beats me why a proposed development like this doesn't employ some innovative thinking when it comes to water-supply issues. Implicit in your article is that all water requirements will be supplied from potable water sources, yet only a small fraction of the water we consume (a generous 70 gallons per person per day) needs to be truly potable — try drinking one gallon of water a day!

So what about the other 69 that's needed for toilet-flushing, laundry, bathing, etc.? You don't need potable water for toilet-flushing or watering the plants. You'd likely need some primary treatment for laundry, bathing, etc., but that doesn't need full treatment (chlorination, flocculation, etc.)

As to the supply of water, what about all the rain that falls on the roof of the building? Collect that and you save on mains water and well-water. We have something approaching 36 inches of rain per annum; collect that off a 1,200-square-foot roof and you have enough water for one person for

one year. In a multi-storey, affordable-housing development, the roof area won't be big enough to support the relatively high density of residency, but it's a good start and could mitigate the demand on "public water" sources.

And what about rain catchment from the parking area? That's good enough for collection in a cistern for gardening and firefighting storage. (Oil traps can cream off oil traces.)

In hot, dry climates, codes (or sheer necessity) require that residences be constructed with cisterns as part of the basement. In this instance, for a relatively modest additional cost, we could have a multi-cistern basement, one each for roof-water, car-park-water and (for another day) possible grey-water recycling.

Has it been done before? Yes, I did it on a boat-access property — my only water supply came from the heavens. Was it potable? Yes! Actually, it all went through a pre-packaged treatment plant that included sand and carbon filtration and ultra-violet purification.

Firefighting? By pump direct from the rainwater storage tanks.

We are scandalously wasteful of this precious resource. It's time for water-conservation measures. How about it, developers and bureaucrats?

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**NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on: Proposed Bylaw No. 177, cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaws 103, 1996, Amendment No. 3, 2008"; and Proposed Bylaw No. 178, cited as "North Pender Island Official Community Plan Amendment No. 1, 2008".

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

The Public Hearing will be held commencing at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Pender Island Community Hall, located at 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island.

At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the above time and place.

Following the close of the hearing, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider further readings of the bylaws.

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 177 is to amend the North Pender Land Use Bylaw to rezone all lands in the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on North Pender Island into a new zone (National Park (NP) zone) and to rezone waters in the Parks Canada Protected Marine Area abutting North Pender Island into a new marine zone (Water 5 (W5) zone).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 178 is to amend the North Pender Island Official Community Plan Land Use Map (Schedule B) by re-designating two parcels of land in the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and two parcels of provincial crown land as shown on the following schedules:

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaws to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing February 11, 2009 and up to and including Wednesday, February 25, 2009.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, a copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various notice boards on North Pender Island **commencing February 13, 2009.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, the proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: "http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np/bylaws.cfm"

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155, or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: "http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np/meetings.cfm" and completing the "Public Hearing, February 26, 2009, Submission Form" prior to **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2009;**
- after **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2009**, to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **9:45 a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2009.**

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

Written submissions made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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OPINION

Protection owed

When I visited my daughter, who was living in England near the River Deben, I went for a walk near her home.

I was impressed by the beautiful countryside, the song-birds and the abundance of flowers everywhere. I picked some, just a few common ones, nothing rare or exotic.

When I returned to the house I was told, "It's a trust area. Picking flowers is forbidden. Even the buttercups!"

Impressed, I put them in a glass of water and painted a picture of them.

Framed and on my wall, it reminds me of the sanctity and strength of Britain's National Trust and how it is honoured by those who live there.

The beauty there remains unspoiled year after year for all to enjoy.

We live in what is supposed to be a "trust area." The southern Gulf Islands have a climate, ecology and beauty that is unique in Canada, and perhaps except for the San Juan Islands to our south, unique in the world. What a gift!

These islands are like a string of pearls in the protected waters of the Salish Sea.

And they are greatly needed by people in the increasingly crowded urban areas of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, as well as other parts of Canada, and the American cities to the south as an area for recreation, rest and renewal. We have a wonderful opportunity and responsibility to protect and preserve this irreplaceable treasure.

But this is not Britain and our Islands Trust is not the National Trust. The respect, sanctity and strength are missing.

Wildflowers disappear, trees are cut, wetlands and streams are destroyed, land is cleared, divided and sold.

How can this be? "We need more housing, more business, more money, more jobs, more people, more, more, more..."

No we don't!

We need to wake up before it is too late and there is nothing left to save. We need the rules we have to be adhered to and enforced, and if they

are not strong enough we need stronger rules. There needs to be real deterrents and penalties for violations, and damaged areas need to be repaired and restored at the expense of those who damaged them.

A trust area is like a park. If there are inconveniences, restrictions and extra costs for those of us who live here, it is what we owe for being able to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. We owe it our protection.

Not everyone can live here, but if the Trust is effective as it should be, all will still be able to visit and enjoy it, and generations yet to come will be able to enjoy it. Let not this opportunity be lost forever.

NANCY WIGEN,
SALT SPRING

Contractors' generosity

In November, the Gulf Islands Secondary School Parent Advisory Committee (GISS PAC) started a fund-raising project to replace aging tools and equipment at our high school woodshop.

Jim Watkins, shop teacher, had requested funds for a new drill press to replace the one that had been purchased used when the new school opened over 15 years ago.

It quickly came to our attention that most of our funding, (from BC Gaming), is only allowed to be used for extracurricular projects and a narrow selection of program expenses, such as computers.

Principal Judy Raddysh explained that the school administration has access to limited funding for equipment. GISS PAC decided to appeal to local contractors to help provide tools and equipment for the 100-plus students who participate in shop programs each year.

Diane Melen and I called over 40 local contractors. The verbal support for our project was very encouraging! I spoke with two fellows who were GISS alumni and a teacher who had moved on to construction. Some people would have liked to support the project but were unable to at this time.

A few other folks pledged to check their trucks and sheds for unneeded hand and power tools in good

condition that they could donate instead of cash.

We would like to thank these people for their generous cash donations, totaling \$860: Mountain Star Ventures, Salt Spring Interiors Drywall, Dashwood Construction, Nick Langford Construction, Next Generation Homes and Leier Ventures.

After discussing the much appreciated gifts, Jim Watkins, and Ronn Edmonds, the other shop teacher, have decided to proceed with purchasing the drill press for approximately \$400.

The rest of the donations will be the seed fund for purchasing a new "stop" saw, valued at \$4,500.

This new table saw will combine practicality with very important safety, as it is designed to prevent the loss of fingers and limbs. Woodshop class parents are already following up by planning for a spring raffle to add to the fund.

Others who are interested in adding to our woodshop fund may drop or mail a cheque to GISS, made out to: GISS Educational Trust Fund, with "woodshop" noted in the memo field.

ALICIA HERBERT,
GISS PAC CHAIR

Caring across the ocean

My name is Molly Patterson and I am in Grade 4 at Salt Spring Centre school. My school is helping grandmothers in Africa who are taking care of kids whose parents have died of HIV or AIDS and are poor.

On Monday, Feb. 23 our school is playing Scrabble and I am looking for people to sponsor me or anyone else who is playing. The money goes to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

If you want to know more about it you can phone me at 250-537-1107.

Last year I raised money to take to Ethiopia and I met a grandmother who was taking care of three kids because their parents had died. She was really nice and she tried to make me food even though they were really poor. She was really old and she had to go crush rocks to make money. She had to crawl to go crush rocks when she broke her ankle. She hugged my mom because people cared about her from across the ocean.

I really want to help people like her.

MOLLY PATTERSON,
SALT SPRING

Absolute disgrace

Once again, here's another story about teen alcohol abuse.

We came home from our vacation to find that our house had been vandalized.

A party had obviously gotten out of control — a window was cracked, antiques were broken, door hinges were ripped off, the doghouse was found half a mile up the road smashed to pieces, two lawnmowers were trashed, precious things were stolen, drawers were gone through, the barn was damaged.

You know who you are. How about stepping up to the plate and apologizing?

And here's a challenge to all you parents of teenagers who don't know where your kids are. Ask them about the party on Beddis Road on Saturday, Jan. 31 — what happened to accountability? It's an absolute disgrace!

LINDA KOROSCIL,
PETER CODLING,
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OPINION

De-cluttering is first step in preparing your home for sale

BY TOM NAVRATIL

Soon it will be springtime. Seasonally, new listings come on the market and existing ones get re-listed. But currently the market continues to be slow and there are a lot more listings than buyers. How can you make your home rise above the competition and attract the buyer's attention?

There are many aspects affecting a successful sale of a property. Some cannot be changed, such as location or a basic style of a house, but of those that can be changed the three fundamentals are: price, marketing and presentation for viewing.

We will not discuss pricing and marketing today except to say that, especially in this market, properties for sale must be priced sharply and attractively, and that there is indeed a lot more to marketing than "listing on the MLS and a sign on the lawn."

In the matter of presentation of a home for showings, that is the one thing that the seller has the most control over. Interestingly enough that is also the one aspect of marketing that seems to be neglected most often. To prepare a home for viewing prior to going up for sale is commonly called "staging."

Though I will stick with the word "staging," I personally do not like it as it may seem to imply a form of pretense designed to coax the buyer. I think it would be better described as "arranging your home to look its best," as if we were dressing for a first date or a wedding. That is what staging is. It does not mean expensive renovations, to the contrary, it can be done quite inexpensively and it can be a refreshing personal experience at the same time!

How do you start? One way is to pretend that you are the buyer, drive in the driveway, then enter your home and walk through it, preferably with another person who does not live in the house — your realtor, friend or a professional home stager. Observe and make notes.

Perhaps the biggest offender preventing your home from looking good is clutter. We collect many things that were once perhaps useful and prized items, but now lie collecting dust and taking up space. The best way to de-clutter is to start methodically and do

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not attempt to do it all once. Start with the entry hall and closet, and then do a cupboard or a drawer every day until you're done. Or do it room by room. Be merciless with your surplus possessions — lots of things can be passed on. The thrift store or a garage sale is a good solution.

Take most personal photos, memorabilia, paintings, etc. off the walls, fireplace mantles and display cases, but do not totally strip your home of its personality — it should remain a home, not a house. All kids' rooms should be included and the kids should help.

Do not confine the clean-up to the indoors but include everything around the house, in the carport or garage, in the pump house and the garden shed. Clip hedges, trim dead branches, cut the lawn and clean up the garden.

Equally important is attention to detail. Change a switch plate if it is broken, replace broken bulbs and scrub around door handles and kitchen knobs where usage grime collects. Clean the walls or repaint them if possible, especially if they sport unusual shades of dark colours. Clean the windows inside and out, use CLR on bathroom stains, recaulk cracked caulking around the tub, sparkle and shine everything obsessively! Do everything possible to brighten up your home.

If this is too much, hire help. There are at least two house-staging businesses on the island that can provide guidance or actually do the work. It is worth it as it is well documented that houses well prepared for sale sell for more and sell sooner. What used to be a marginally considered option is becoming a necessity.

Google "staging a home" and many more ideas come up.

There are actually several reality shows on TV dealing with sprucing up homes and you can buy a book in the "for Dummies" series. Yes, you guessed it, "Staging for Dummies."

Next month we will look at the topic of listing your home for sale.

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RANTS and Roses

Rants

Shame on you for recycling your huge bundle of bubble wrap in the ditch at the end of Isabella Road. We cleaned it up and we hope you enjoy your new frames, even if the neighbourhood does not enjoy you. Jerk! It is recyclable. Bob & Lois Shipley

Copper Kettle roses and hugs to Soul Shakedown, Loaded, Soul Singers, Allie George, Simone & Mike, and the Mystery Girls. The Kettle crew: Adam, Bill, Rick, Ryland, Jewel and Val! TJ Beans and Jana's — yum! Dave and Colt of Living Water, and Malcolm, Salt Spring's finest H2O.

Love, Diana

A bunch of yellow roses of friendship to Herman and René of Calvin's for the kind words, gentle teasing and good food! You both went out of your way to make my mother's time here on Salt Spring special. Thank you. Jo Logan

Roses

A bunch of catnip-scented roses to all of our donors from the holiday season: The Local, Country Grocer, Thrifty's, Mouat's, Jay and Anne MacAulay, Judy Banks, Lorraine Bell, Roberta Shapiro, Lise Fraser and H. Crawley are some among our many generous donors. Thank you! Brandy Glovka, Salt Spring Island BC SPCA

Roses to those who look after Salt Spring's parks! This morning I took my first walk in 2009 along the beach at Booth Bay and found that the beach access to the trail up Quarry Drive Park, in a ruinous and dangerous state last year, has been replaced with a great new set of steps. Jim Monger

To Dr. Jim White, we would like to send a dozen Valentines for his most selfless time given to Bob at home after his recent surgery. Thanks, Jim. Cheers, Rita and Bob

Roses of love and appreciation for the support given to our mother and Oma, Aty Rundell. Paula Ryan and Jan MacPhail: you are the best! Thank you to all the homemakers, especially Paula, Becca and Jan. Also to the home care nurses with special thanks to Maureen, who always made Mum feel special, and to Sue, who gave us so much during the last few days. Charlene and Jo-Anne, for a short time you became welcome family members sharing our laughter, tears and hugs. Because of you our mother was able to remain at home. What an amazing community of caregivers we have on this island! Jo Logan and family

A large bouquet of red roses to Herman, René and all the staff of Calvin's Bistro for making their Valentine's dinner so enjoyable. Good food, good service and good company! Sue and Jonathan

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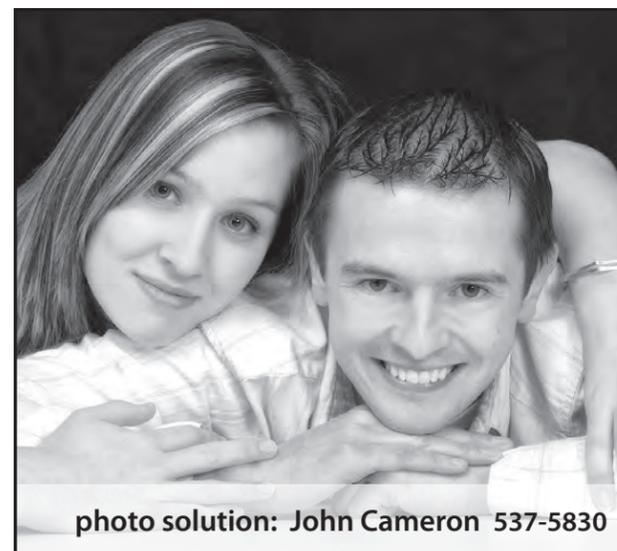


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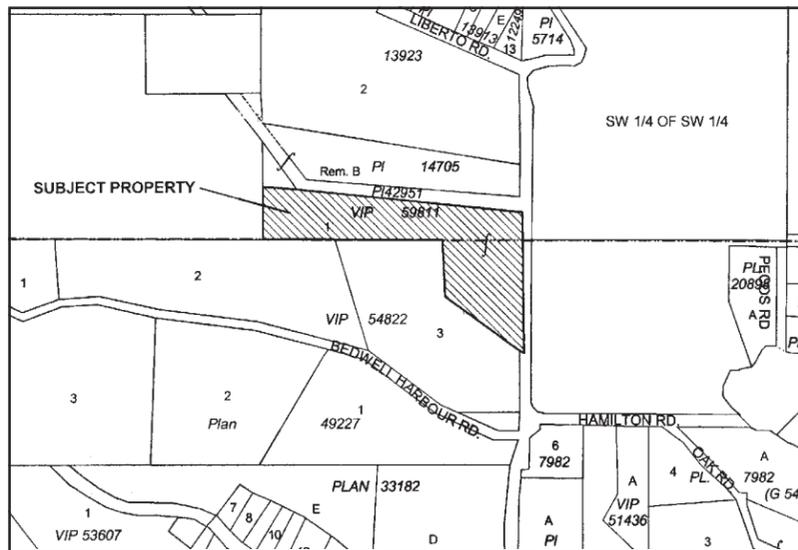
NOTICE

NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NP-TUP-2008.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of Lot 1, Section 10 & 15, Cowichan District, Plan VIP 59811

The purpose of this temporary industrial use permit would be to permit an additional use "transfer, storage, and shipping of discarded goods and materials" on a portion of the property. The establishment of these uses would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for two years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional two years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing February 13, 2009, and continuing up to and including February 23, 2009.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed permit, please contact the North Pender Island Planner, Robert Kojima, at (250) 405-5159; for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867, or fax (250) 405-5155, before 4:30 p.m., February 23, 2009. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., February 26, 2009 at the Pender Island Community Hall (Lounge) on North Pender Island.

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Kathy Jones
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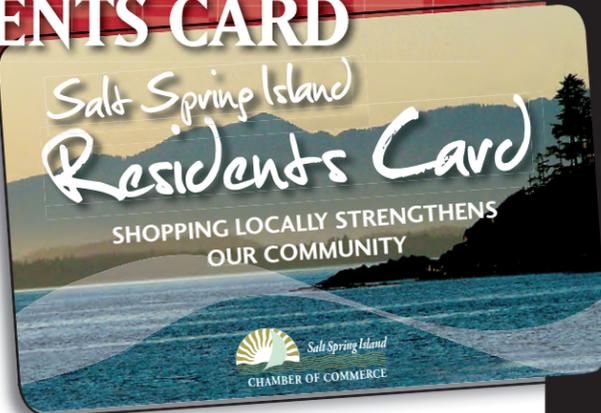


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Herbs de Provence (Provencal herbs) is a mixture of dried herbs from Provence created in the 1970s. The mixture typically contains rosemary, marjoram, basil, bay leaf, thyme, lavender flowers and other herbs (I think lavender is an essential ingredient of true Herbs de Provence but is not in all mixtures we buy today). You can use Herbs de Provence to flavor grilled foods such as fish and meat, as well as vegetable stews. The famous mixtures of Herbs de Provence were unknown to Provencal grandmothers, who used, individually and with discernment, thyme, rosemary and savory gathered in the countryside. It was in the 1970s that standard mixtures were formulated by spice wholesalers, including notably Ducros in France (now part of McCormick & Company). Coupling the Herbs de Provence with French Lentils (a smaller & heartier green lentil that doesn't break down) gives you this amazing stew that is meant to be served vegetarian style but can also be made with beef. Enjoy this tasty stew!

In a skillet over medium heat caramelize **1 chopped onion** with **2 tablespoons butter**, **3 cloves garlic minced**, **1 portabella mushroom sliced** (optionally you can add **½ lb. thinly sliced meat**, it can be browned at this time). Transfer to a stock pot. Add **4 cups vegetable broth**, **1 ½ cups French lentils** pre-rinsed, **2 tablespoons Herbs de Provence**, **½ teaspoon cracked black pepper**, **2 celery stalks chopped**, **2 peeled & cubed red potatoes**, **2 carrots diced**. Bring to a boil, cover and cook over medium low heat until the lentils are just tender (about 20 minutes). When the lentils are tender add **½ cup red wine or sherry**, and **salt** to taste. When vegetables are tender serve with hearty crusty bread.

Shopping list:

- 1 onion
- Butter
- Garlic
- Portabella mushroom
- Vegetable broth (Optionally Beef)
- French lentils
- Herbs de Provence
- Cracked black pepper
- Celery
- 2 red potatoes
- 2 carrots
- Red wine or sherry
- Salt
- Crusty bread

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CHEERS! Salt Spring Community Theatre members celebrate a scene from *Key For Two*, the comedic sex farce by John Chapman and Dave Freeman. It opens next weekend at Mahon Hall, running Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 at 8 p.m. and continuing the following weekend. Tickets are on sale now at Salt Spring Books.

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FILM FEST

10th anni festival may be 'best yet'

Volunteer assesses film choices from Courtenay event

BY MURRAY REISS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Hannah Taylor is an 11-year-old schoolgirl from Winnipeg. Through her Ladybug Foundation she's raised over a million dollars for homeless people.

Quique Cruz is a Chilean-born musician, composer and writer who's performed with Jackson Browne, Pete Seeger, Sting and many others.

He was arrested by Augusto Pinochet's secret police the day after his 19th birthday and for the next year was imprisoned in Chilean concentration camps and torture centres.

While Quique and Hannah may live worlds apart, their stories are equally moving and transformative. I met them a few weeks ago, through the magic of documentary film, at Courtenay's Travelling World Community Film Festival.

You can meet them here, the weekend of March 6-8, at Our Island, Our World, Salt Spring's own social justice documentary film festival.

The Courtenay festival started 18 years ago and was the original inspiration for Salt Spring's.

This year it supplies about half the films we'll see here. I went there with a half-dozen other festival volunteers to preview many of the films that will be playing on Salt Spring. Diane Thomas and Jim Meadows, Our Island, Our World coordinators, have been going to the Courtenay festival for the last three years.

"Going to Courtenay," Thomas says, "gives us the really valuable opportunity to meet with coordinators from other festivals on the circuit to exchange ideas and experiences."

"The enthusiasm is contagious," Meadows adds.

"We return to Salt Spring newly

inspired to make our festival better than ever."

Choosing which documentaries to see is no easier in Courtenay than it is here (although, in response to a popular request, we are screening about 20 fewer films this year), but judging from the films I did see, this year's Salt Spring festival may be the best one yet.

I have nowhere near enough space to describe all the films that will be playing here.

In locale alone they range from the rainforest of Ecuador to the streets of Vancouver's downtown east side.

Hannah and Quique's stories moved me so deeply, though, that I've got to tell you a little more about them.

When she was just five, Hannah Taylor spotted her first homeless person eating garbage from a back-alley dumpster.

That started her asking what was wrong with the world and she didn't stop until she'd begun to change it.

Her foundation has just helped fund Hannah's Place, a 65-bed emergency shelter that housed 275 people in its first month alone.

Hannah has crossed the country talking to school kids, business leaders and MPs, including Paul Martin when he was still prime minister, sharing her simple message: Share a little of what you have and always care about others.

After his release from prison, Quique Cruz spent 13 years in exile, piecing together his fragmented history into a stunning multimedia composition called *The Archeology of Memory*.

We see him buying bamboo in San Francisco's Chinatown to make the flutes he remembers from his Chilean childhood.

We meet some of the poets, painters and writers who were imprisoned with him in the infamous Villa Grimaldi. We hear how they've not only survived torture, but transformed terror and trauma into the raw material of their art.

At the end of the film, Quique returns to Chile and performs his suite for an

audience that includes Chile's new socialist president, herself a Grimaldi survivor.

And as a special festival sneak preview, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, there's one more person you'll get to meet — this time in person as well as on the screen.

I have nowhere near enough space to describe all the films that will be playing . . . they range from the rainforest of Ecuador to the streets of Vancouver's downtown east side.

Charlie Russell has spent the last decade raising orphaned grizzly bear cubs in the wilderness of Russia's Southern Kamchatka peninsula.

The *Edge of Eden: Living with Grizzlies* highlights his work rescuing the cubs from Russian zoos and releasing them into the last remaining grizzly sanctuary in the world.

The scenery is stunning and the story inspiring, showing how humans and bears can peacefully share this earth.

Russell will be at The Fritz theatre for this showing, answering your questions and talking about his work.

The event is a special fundraiser for the Salt Spring Film Festival and entrance is by donation. We'll also be selling memberships for the newly registered Our Island Our World Film Society.

The *Edge of Eden* starts at 7 p.m. For more information on the film and the festival, check out www.saltspringfilm-festival.com. See you at the movies!

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ART SHOWS

South-end gallery opens dialogue on ways to interact with 'the other'

Lynda Walker paintings and Marion Pape film converge at The Point

A new exhibition at The Point Gallery looks forward to a more hopeful future while forcefully criticizing current and past practices of human cruelty.

In a follow-up to last year's showing of Hilda Woolnough's monumental work Guantanamo, Unto the Other features paintings from the War and Torture series by Lynda Walker in the lower gallery.

The upper gallery will show the video Okurimono: The Gift, directed by Marion Pape.

Both video and paintings reflect the philosophy that art can enlarge the scope of individual freedom by expanding awareness of our options for action, as well as furthering our understanding of the forms our human relationships take.

Victoria artist Walker's paintings are a searing indictment of all that has gone on at the Guantanamo detention facility and of our continuing ability as human beings to inflict the most awful cruelty on each other.

Walker is a Fine Arts graduate of the University of Regina and has previously shown her work in the prairie provinces, Vancouver and Victoria.

In her statement Walker says: "My aim is to aggressively break the insanity of silence surrounding torture with the medium of art. At protests, I exist but I am not a shouter. I do not contribute verbally to the noise; I know that's not me. However, I want to express myself visually as loudly as possible to continue to keep alive 'the noise.' I would be unhappy if I didn't make works of war and torture. It

is a necessary part of who I am and what I think."

In the upper gallery, Marion Pape's video Okurimono: The Gift documents an entirely different way of reacting to "the other," according to press material. The video shows the legacy of the Murakami family, whose story of expulsion from and return to Salt Spring is already well known. This

video, set within the context of that history, records the Murakami's gift of a property for affordable housing and in particular showcases their extraordinary generosity of human spirit.

Pape says in her statement: "The Murakami's story of forgiveness and reconciliation is one of the most poignant I have ever heard. As a lifelong activist, I have been aware of how often we use edgy, angry methods to communicate. The transformative aspects of this personal narrative to me represented a vision of something larger than all of us, requiring a different treatment. This is what I wanted to work with, teaming a compelling story with the power of the film medium."

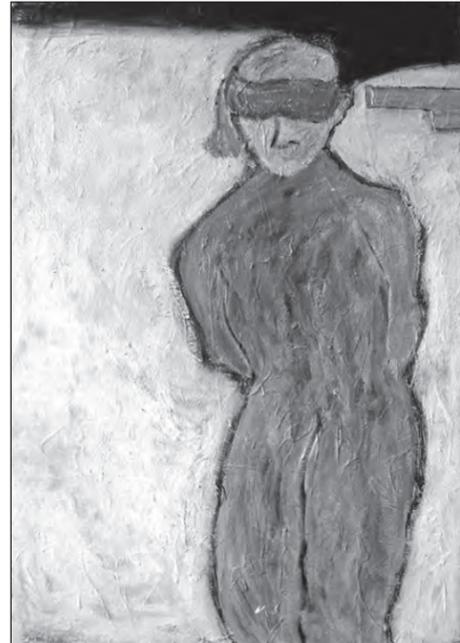
Long involved in the applications of modern technology to communications, this is Pape's second documentary piece completed with the guidance of The Gulf Islands Film and Television School.

Unto the Other opens Sunday, Feb. 22 with a reception for the artists from 2-5 p.m., and continues until March 15.

The Point Gallery is a privately funded alternate gallery located off South Ridge Road.

Entrance is by donation, with donations in this case to be divided between the artists, Amnesty International and the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society.

For more information, contact Margaret Day at 250-653-0089.



Lynda Walker (at right) and (above) her piece Mock Execution With a Gun.



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Political bio 'W.' is over-the-top entertaining

Surprisingly funny and not-so-surprisingly insightful, Oliver Stone's W. does a pretty impressive job of summarizing the life of one of history's most controversial political figures. With the DVD coming out just a few weeks after Bush Jr.'s displacement by Barack Obama, the timing couldn't be better.

Stone's film expertly flips back and forth between an overall chronicle of Bush's rocky rise to the presidency and a detailed look at the events surrounding the Iraq War while he actually occupied the Oval Office. It's a brilliant movie that allows us to more closely see the ways in which W.'s formative years affected

his first term in office.

Stone portrays his subject's youth as wild and aimless, a time spent drinking, chasing women, losing jobs and more drinking... all a partial consequence of not wanting to deal with the fact Bush Jr. felt slighted by his immensely successful father. Not only does this (admittedly banal) dynamic lead to W.'s eventual rejection of alcohol and rebirth as a "born again" Christian, it colours his political affairs with a desire to finish what his father started in Iraq.

Of course, none of this is really big news to those of us who in some kind of masochistic fervour pored over stories of little Bush's history

looking for indications of just how in the hell a guy who couldn't pronounce "nuclear" managed to become the most powerful man in the world.

But Stone isn't preaching to the choir by demonizing Bush Jr. Instead, Stone portrays him as a damaged soul whose genuinely down-home values are manipulated by a host of self-interested politicians with Machiavellian agendas for the future of the United States. In this way Stone evades questions of prejudice by (accurately, in my opinion) positing that Bush himself is more of a foil for largely behind-the-scenes forces, both political and economic.

The fact that the film plays out somewhat like a circus (complete with Big Top silly music) of crazy characters is no mistake. This isn't meant to be subtle, folks, that's why pretty much every significant buzzword and controversy is brought to bear with a nudge and a wink obvious enough to even the most dumbed-down audience member.

It's made all the more over-the-top entertaining by amazing pairings of roles with actors: W. (Josh Brolin), Bush Sr. (James Cromwell), Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss), Laura Bush (Elizabeth Banks) and Donald Rumsfeld (Scott Glenn) are the best of an impressively rendered cast of characters.

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'Genre-defying' klezmer band set to dazzle island audience

Beyond the Pale plays Feb. 22

One of Canada's most exciting folk, roots and world music ensembles is heading its way to Salt Spring this weekend.

Beyond the Pale is a Toronto band whose explosive acoustic sound is inspired by a wide range of cross-cultural influences, from European folk styles (klezmer, Balkan, Gypsy and Romanian) to contemporary and North American styles such as bluegrass, jazz, reggae, funk and more.

According to ArtSpring executive director George Sipos, "They are known for their instrumental virtuosity, infectious energy and unique repertoire featuring both origi-

nal compositions and inventive arrangements of traditional material.

With spectacularly dynamic and exuberant live performances, Beyond the Pale's unique genre-defying sound has delighted audiences of all kinds at major music festivals, concert theatres and clubs across Canada, the U.S. and Europe."

Beyond the Pale plays at ArtSpring on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m.

"You'll love them, I guarantee," said Sipos. "In fact, you'll kiss me — and anyone else within reach — sloppily on both cheeks. They're that good."

Tickets are available through the ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

PERFORMERS

Piano protégé holds CD release

Zav RT also a guest performer Thursday

Emilyn Stam, a protégé of fiddler Oliver Schroer, will appear at a special concert to launch her first CD, *Hold-ing Time*.

Performing at the home of Carol and Ted Brown on their famous Steinway piano, Stam will devote much of the evening to solo piano improvisation. She promises music created on the spot,

often with no pre-thought-out idea, and specially made for that audience. She will also perform her arrangements of originals.

Salt Spring's Zav RT will join Stam for some tunes on her five-string fiddola, with room for double five-string play with both artists.

"I think a lot of people have never heard Emilyn play and don't know what a truly amazing pianist she is," says Zav RT. "It is her passion and she is fabulous.

Her music is not folk, not classical — but truly from the heart."

To listen to samples of Stam's CD, which will be available at the show, check online at www.emilynstam.com.

The concert takes place Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at 143 Castle Cross Road.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 children, available at Salt Spring Books or from Zav RT (zav@fiddleworks.ca).

BARN DANCE

Community-wide invite goes out for family dance, potluck and AGM

Fiddle society seeks new members

Fiddleworks Community Development Society welcomes the entire community to attend its annual general meeting, as well as a barn dance and potluck supper on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Fiddleworks is looking for more local people to join its team and help with the

May Fiddle Fest, a North West Territories/B.C. youth exchange, summer fiddle camps and community dances.

A short and interesting meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. will include a slide show of the organization's community work on Salt Spring, Vancouver Island and the NWT over the past year. A new board of directors will also be elected. Following a potluck sup-

per, participants can enjoy a barn dance with Carolyn Hatch and the fabulous Salt Spring Island Fiddlers. People are also welcome to attend just the dance without going to the AGM. Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going to the Salt Spring Island Fiddlers' upcoming visit to New York.

The family dance begins at 7 p.m. at Fulford Community Hall.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK? TURN THE PAGE...

Toronto-based Beyond the Pale is set to take the stage on Sunday at ArtSpring.

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What's On This Week

Wed. February 18

ACTIVITIES

The Edge of Eden: Living With Grizzlies. Award-winning film screens at The Fritz. With film's subject Charlie Russell attending. 7 p.m.

Reel Drinks Film Social. Hosted by James Falcon at Salt Spring Inn. 7 p.m.

Contemporary Dance Class. For all ages and levels. 211 Horel Rd. W. 4-5:30 p.m. Info: Robbyn, 250-537-5681.

Tea House Poetry Collective. Poets meet at Arbutus Therapy Centre on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Info: www.teahousepoetrycollective.com.

Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild. Mystery quilt night. Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Road (around the back). 7 p.m. Info: ptquilts@telus.net.

Salt Spring Island Poultry Club Meeting. Backyard flocks, pets, youth, serious breeders. Farmers Institute. 7 p.m.

Thurs. February 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Emilyn Stam House Concert. Celebrate the release of Emilyn's Holding Time CD with Zav RT. At 143 Castle Cross Rd. 7:30 p.m.

Moby's Blues Jam. Hosted by Dave Roland, with special guest KC Kelly. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salty Wheels Square Dance Club. Dances at Central Hall every Thursday. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.

SS Weavers Guild. Bag handle how to's and demos. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.

Basketry I Course. Six-week workshop with Joan Carrigan. Thursdays from 7-9:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-538-1877.

Fri. February 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke with Dave & Nikki. Moby's. 9 p.m.

Free Food & Beer Comedy Tour. Award-winning comedians Paul Myrehaug and Phil Hanley present adult-oriented comedy show. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Owls of Salt Spring. SS Conservancy presentation by John Neville. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

West African Dance Class. All Saints church. 6-7:15 p.m. Info/register: Deanna, 250-653-2431.

Thank God for Red Shoes. Intro seminar: a new definition of ego that makes sense of the world. Harbour House. 7 p.m.

Awareness Through Movement Class. Fridays at Cats Pajamas Studio. 10-11 a.m. 250-537-5681.

SS Local Trust Committee. Public hearing on Fulford fire hall training site. Fulford Hall. Public info session from 3-4 p.m.; public hearing begins at 4 p.m.

Storytime at the Library. The Owl and the Pussycat. For children in early grades & preschoolers. Library, 1 p.m.

Sat. February 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Non-A Cabaret, Concert & Dance. Alan Moberg & Ed Peekeekoot. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.; doors at 7:30.

Gareth Owen & his Familia Flamenca. Evening of music, song & dance. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras Dance. Music, dancing and decadence with music by Dman & Scottie. Gays & Lesbians of SSI event. Costumes encouraged. Barb's Buns. 8 p.m.-midnight.

Fiddleworks Barn Dance. With caller Carolyn Hatch & the SSI Fiddlers. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Thank God for Red Shoes. Workshop: practical tools to balance your life. Harbour House. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 250-653-9900.

Salt Spring FC. Men's soccer game at Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

Scrabble Tournament. Stephen Lewis Foundation fundraiser. Public library. 2 p.m.

Fiddleworks Community Development Society. AGM and potluck supper at Fulford Hall. (Before the barn dance) 5:30 p.m.

Sun. February 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Beyond the Pale. Canada's top klezmer band from Toronto. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation. Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to noon. Info/register: Simon 250-537-1721.

Ganges Gremio. Men's soccer game at Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

U-18 Girls Soccer Play-off. Portlock Park. 10:30 a.m.

Japanese Garden Society. AGM at Croftonbrook residents lounge. 2 p.m.

The 3 Doshas. Ayurvedic workshop on Vata, Pitta, Kapha. Ganges Yoga Studio. 2-4:30 p.m.

Mon. February 23

ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Dance. Solar/power chakra session. Core Inn 3rd floor. 7-9 p.m.

Floor Hockey. Mondays at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.

Creative Vessels Support Group. Bi-weekly group support people through challenges of the creative process. Suits all creative fields. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m. Info: Gillian, 250-537-5833; Louise, 250-537-4521.

Toastmasters. Group meets Mondays downstairs at the United Church. 7 p.m.

Scrabble Tournament. Salt Spring Inn. 2 p.m.

Salt Spring Centre School Open House. At 355B Blackburn Rd., 4-6 p.m., with a new program presentation for Grades 5-6 at 5 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission. Regular monthly meeting. Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Voice of Women. General meeting. Discussion about upcoming fundraising Afghan tea for "PARSA." 440 Old Scott Rd., 11:30 a.m.

Tues. February 24

ACTIVITIES

Pancake Lunch. Shrove Tuesday tradition. Pancakes, sausages, dessert and coffee. All Saints.

Scrabble Tournament. OAP Room, Fulford Inn. 1:30 p.m. and SS Literacy office, 2 p.m.

SS Transportation Commission. Public meeting in the meeting room at 118 Fulford-Ganges Road, off of hallway near CRD office. 7 p.m.

More Basketry II. Six-week workshop with Joan Carrigan. Tuesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. 250-538-1877.

Wed. February 25

ACTIVITIES

Brad Jalbert. Rose expert speaks at SS Garden Club. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

Collaborative Activity. SS Painters Guild event with Carol Watson, Jeanne Allen & Don Hodgins. First of three Wednesday sessions at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Carolyn, 250-537-5114.

Scrabble Tournament. Salt Spring Inn. 2 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Point Gallery** walk in entrance on South Ridge Drive, **Unto the Other**, a joint exhibit of paintings from **War & Torture** series by Victoria artist **Lynda Walker**, and the video documentary **Okurimono** by Salt Spring director **Marion Pape**. To March 15th. Opening reception Sunday, Feb. 22. 2 to 5 p.m.
- **Strujohemaza** — collaborative ceramic monster made by **Creative Fire** studio kids is on display at **Knotty Threads Local Artisans Gallery & Textile Studio** in Fulford.
- **An Immense and Unexpected Field of View** — Works on paper by **Jamie Callum Macaulay** runs at **Salt Spring Books** from Feb. 15 to May 15.
- **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members show pieces created in recent workshops in the lobby space at **ArtSpring**.
- The February show at **SS Coffee Co.** is textiles by **hamza bin al-wathan**.
- **Sherren Ann MacLeod** shows watercolours of local places at **Island Savings** until March.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.
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COFFEE TO GO: With Auntie Pesto's undergoing renovations following flood damage suffered in December, restaurant co-owner Lis Walton serves coffee at a temporary kiosk in Grace Point Square.

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BOOKS

Vancouver sculptor book represents unheralded artists from everywhere

The Life and Art of David Marshall first in Mother Tongue artists' series

BY GAYLE MAVOR
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

In the late 1980s when I lived in Vancouver's Kerrisdale neighbourhood and didn't want to drive to a more remote natural destination but was intent on finding an oasis of peace, I would visit VanDusen Garden just off Oak Street.

Strolling through the garden I'd come upon an eight-foot piece, one part of it oblong like a pregnant belly.

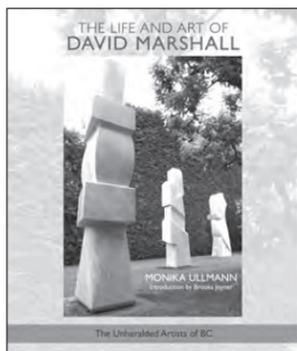
I'd place my hands on the warm, smooth surface and feel the heat radiate back into my fingers as if the energy within the stone was communicating with me. I'd wonder why it was there, who made it and what it meant. I never thought to ask. It was about the moment.

The sculptor's name was David Marshall.

I know that now because of the first book in The Unheralded Artists of B.C. series written by Monika Ullmann and published by Mona Fertig's Mother Tongue Publishing.

The introduction is by Brooks Joyner, an American who was curator at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG) between 1993-1996. He purchased Evolution, a small marble piece and the only Marshall sculpture in the VAG's permanent collection.

Marshall, who grew up in rural Alberta, lived in Van-



couver between 1948 and 2006.

He worked in wood, stone, marble and bronze. His wife Carel, now in her 80s, still resides in the same house where most of his 700 or so sculptures are located. She's wondering what will happen to them when she's gone.

Three Forms, the VanDusen sculpture made of Travertine marble, is Marshall's only public sculpture in Vancouver. He had one solo exhibit at the VAG in 1959, but continued to work, organize symposia, teach at Capilano College, mentor, work tirelessly for the Sculptors' Society of B.C. and sculpt.

His pieces are in private collections and there are more Marshall public sculptures in Bellingham's Big Rock Garden Park than the city he resided in for five decades.

As well as examining the artist's life, the book provides socio-political commentary as it follows the Marshalls in London during 1953-54 when they met the famous British sculptor Henry Moore, who also worked in the modernist tradition.

Marshall's steadfast commitment to his own muse and tradition, even when it

fell out of vogue as a result of abstract expressionism's rise to dominance, the 1960s and conceptual art, corporate influence, the personal and institutional agendas of gallery curators and the opinions of art critics presents a microcosm of the challenges faced by the majority of artists.

What constitutes art? Who decides? What factors determine which artists gain notoriety? Why do we value artists so meagrely in Canada through so few institutionalized supports (including tax breaks and subsidized housing) and how do we manage artists' legacies, famous and not, when they die?

The book's author was married to sculptor Peter Paul Ochs (1931-1994) and her closeness to the sculptors in the '50s and '60s and Vancouver's art scene is what brings the book alive. At times she cannot conceal her cynicism about the "establishment" in the tone.

We learn that Marshall's disdain for marketing could not be discounted in contributing to his lack of notoriety in Vancouver and Canada.

It paints an unfavourable but realistic picture of the VAG's lack of support of local artists except for the chosen few.

If you don't want to play the "marketing game" at all, then do you have only yourself to blame for a lack of notoriety? We know what Marshall McLuhan said.

If you enjoy these types of questions, want to immerse yourself in the work of a prodigious B.C. sculptor whom you really should know, then

you will not be disappointed by the colour photographs of the sculptures, black and white photos of the artist, diary entries and commentary.

I was glad to finally meet through words the man whose work I'd run my hands over two decades ago.

The soft-cover, colour, 160-page The Life and Art of David Marshall sells for \$34.95.

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ART EXHIBITS



Teresa Hitch with her painting titled Journey.

Teresa Hitch paintings add 'SSplash' of colour at exhibit

Sales benefit pool society's UV-system fundraiser

BY MARY HUGHES
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring artist Teresa Hitch will soon be making a splash in the lobby of ArtSpring.

Hitch will show more than 20 of her paintings and has generously decided to contribute a percentage of the proceeds to Ssplash, the indoor pool society. She's a dedicated swimmer, but is having problems with the chlorine levels at the pool, so she's a big supporter of the proposed UV water treatment system which will permit a reduced level of chlorine.

"Swimming is very important to me," said Hitch. "My mum was terrified of water and I was fearful myself. When I was eight and all my friends were learning to swim, I took lessons and failed beginners three times."

As a teen, she managed to break through her fear and became a swimming

instructor and a life guard. She even started the first women's water polo team in Hamilton, Ontario.

Water is a central image in many of her paintings, which can be described as "contemporary contemplative impressionistic." She's constantly experimenting with texture and mixed media, and is currently fascinated by the effects she gets with different metallics. The deep impasto texture layered with fine glazes offers images rich in visual depth and meaning.

Look for Lyropecten Nodosus, stunning and luminous with gold and copper leaf. Another highlight will be Oceanic Blossoms, to which the artist added these words: "dancing, pulsating crinolines, ribbons of white, aqua luminesse."

Spanning almost four decades, Hitch's professional art practice has ranged from photo-realism to abstract. She has worked in materials as diverse as metal (sculpture) and raku (ceramics). Collage and assemblage have been passions since childhood, when she would retrieve discarded objects

and then recreate them into precious artworks. An injury to her right hand has dictated a move away from sculpture to works on canvas. Her work has been exhibited internationally and is in collections throughout the world.

Teresa Hitch has been on Salt Spring for three years and last summer moved into her new home and studio in Ganges. She relocated from White Rock where she had lived for 17 years.

"White Rock was changing," she told me. "I was losing my sense of community there and friends told me I was naturally an island person. When I learned that Ssplash was supporting a UV system, that was the clincher."

Hitch is familiar with some of the negative effects of chlorine.

"It irritates my nasal passages and eyes and certainly exacerbates the pain of fibromyalgia, and somehow it seems to cause fatigue."

Her paintings, which range in price from \$200 to \$2,000, will be on exhibit in the lobby of ArtSpring throughout March.

PERFORMING ARTS

Fundraiser paves way for classic Tommy rock opera project here

First event from Vancouver's Little Lamb Artist Group

Lauren Bowler, professional singer and daughter of islander Sue Newman, has announced the inaugural project of the newly formed Little Lamb Artist Group.

As artistic director for the Vancouver-based organization, Bowler is pleased to present a production of The Who's Tommy in Concert, coming to ArtSpring March 24-27.

The classic rock opera will be brought to life by professional singers and musicians from Vancouver, Victoria and Salt Spring.

In press material, Bowler says part of Little Lamb's mandate is to produce theatrical shows, events and workshops that also benefit a charitable organization in the community where the event is being held.

"Because the story of Tommy deals at times with the physical and mental abuse of a child in a catatonic state, partial proceeds from our 'pay-what-you-can' performance of Tommy on March 24 will go to Salt Spring Island Community Services' mental health and addiction programming. Additionally, a representative will have an information table set up at every performance of Tommy."

Bowler also invites the community to attend a fundraiser open house on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the ArtSpring gallery.

The no admission evening will boast live music, wine and cheese, a silent auction, information on Salt Spring Community Services and the Little Lamb Artist Group, special sponsorship opportunities and more.

Admission to the open house is by guest list only, so guests are asked to RSVP by e-mailing LLAGLauren@gmail.com with their name(s) and phone number; or by calling either Lauren at 604-808-7690, or Sue at 250-537-5289.

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WORKSHOP

'Dance like no one is watching' at class

Nia instructor leads Ganges Yoga Studio event

A Sunday, March 1 workshop will explore the different ways that music and sound is expressed through movement of the body.

"We all recognize that certain rhythms just make you want to dance," notes a press release from workshop teacher Leslie DeAthe.

"What does that dance look like when it is the response to lyrical classical music, jazz sounds, drum beats, or even near silence? What gets your toes tapping? What makes you bob your head to the beat? What does it take to encourage your whole body to give up inhibitions and dance with wild abandon? When do you want to just close your eyes

and listen?"

At the Music Moves Me workshop, DeAthe, a certified black belt teacher of The Nia Technique, will provide participants with various listening and movement exercises that will help tap into their innate physical response to various music styles and sounds.

"The goal of the afternoon is to explore movement, have fun, dance like no one's watching and gain an appreciation for your body's natural responses to different sounds." The session is suitable for all levels of fitness and no dance or Nia experience is needed.

Music Moves Me takes place on Sunday, March 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Ganges Yoga Studio. Cost is \$30.

Pre-registration is recommended by calling 250-537-2444.



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RITA LOVE: Salt Spring's well-known and well-loved Rita Dods is "all heart" on Valentine's Day.

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Island Anthology

The following poem by 19-year-old Kalen Tessman is the winner of the Youth Poetry category of the Driftwood's Island Anthology literary contest.

BY KALEN TESSMAN

*This isn't a poem, it's a venomous slant
Against people who try things,
Though they know that they can't.
Then people like me have to clean up their mess*

Who they think that they are is anyone's guess

*Now I'm not knocking courage, or drunken ambition
The promotion of forethought is my preordained mission*

*If you know you can't do something, please let it rest
For guaranteed failure is failure at best
This may seem like a rant, a chewing-out even
But it's just a reminder of pure, basic reason.*



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GARDEN CLUB

Rose expert speaks

Garden club presents Brad Jalbert

The Salt Spring Garden Club's next meeting at Meaden Hall will feature special guest speaker Brad Jalbert.

According to the garden club, Jalbert graduated top of his class in horticulture from the University College of the Fraser Valley. He opened a rose nursery in 1990 and established a hybridizing program that has introduced over 50 roses to the world rose market to date. His varieties, ranging from miniatures to hybrid teas and shrubs, are recognized for their unique qualities and remarkable colour range.

Jalbert has co-written two books, *Roses for British Columbia* and *Roses for Washington and Oregon*. He has also written for many Canadian garden magazines, contributed articles to various rose bulletins in Canada, and is an international speaker and a guest on television gardening programs. He is past president of the Vancouver Rose Society and a member and regional director of the Canadian Rose Society.

Jalbert is also speaking at the World Rose Convention and Festival in Vancouver June 18-24.

The garden club meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 25 beginning at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ON THE TABLE: Nicole Macwatt sells plants at the Farmers Institute as part of annual Seedy Saturday events.

Candlemas, full moon make for bright play

BRIDGETRICKS

Shapeshifters also hover during full moon game

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Feb. 2 is not only Groundhog Day, but Candlemas, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox, and it's a festival of lights when all the candles to be used in churches for the coming year are blessed.

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,

Winter will have another flight.

But if Candlemas Day bring clouds and rain,

Winter is gone and won't come again.

(This was not written by the groundhog.)

Fair and bright at bridge that night were Flo and George Laundry, with Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder shining just behind. Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor were a close third, and Paul Retallack with Prem Margolese came fourth.

There were six and a half tables competing, and those left in the clouds and rain could take hope that perhaps their winter won't come again.

There was a full moon on Feb. 9, replete with all the weirdness attributed to that phenomenon. Shapeshifters hovered around the cards, but Margolese and Retallack had a good supply of silver bullets and scared them away, coming first among the four and a half tables.

Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak probably brandished a silver dagger, because they were just one point behind, and there was a tie for third place between the Linda Stafford-John Woodward pair and the Gillian Mouat-Jennifer Quick partnership, all bearers of the threatening wooden stakes to do the dastards in and see through them.

What lies ahead? Who knows?

Except that fun and games will take place at Seniors on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., and if you'd like to have a go at light-hearted duplicate bridge, just call George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or e-mail pastorale@shaw.ca.

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FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Award-winning Bobs & Lolo highlight daycare celebration

30th anniversary event on Feb. 28

BY LORETTA RITHALER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

This year, Salt Spring Island Daycare Society celebrates 30 years of providing early childhood education and childcare to Salt Spring Island families.

Salt Spring Island Daycare Society was originally founded by Barb Aust and Kathy Mazzei, along with Heather Cashin.

Over the years it has provided full-day, high-quality preschool programming and child care to hundreds of island children, including those with special needs, five days a week, at affordable rates.

Today, Salt Spring Island Daycare is caring for and educating its second generation of Salt Spring Island-



Children's entertainers Bobs and Lolo.

ers and currently cares for the children of over 40 island families. We continue to offer a high-quality preschool program and licensed daycare, along with an afternoon kindergarten program. In conjunction with Queen Alexandra Children's Hospital, programming for chil-

dren with special needs is delivered in a setting that is integrated with the regular programs.

These services are delivered by professionals of the highest calibre and we are grateful and very fortunate to have them caring for our precious children.

As part of our 30th anniversary celebration, we are very excited to be hosting an event on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Community Gospel Chapel.

We invite you all to attend to help us celebrate our 30 years of service to the community and its families.

Our 30th anniversary event will feature a wonderfully talented pair of young ladies known as Bobs & Lolo. Clearly up-and-coming talent, they are children's entertainers whose full-length album Action Packed recently received international acclaim as awards recipient for the 2008 Best DVD for Preschoolers, from the U.S.-based Children's MusicWeb Awards.

Their album Musical Adventures won the Silver Honour of the 2007 Parents' Choice Awards.

Bobs & Lolo regularly

perform across Canada and the U.S. They have been featured in many children's festivals and community celebrations, throughout British Columbia in particular. Just recently, Bobs & Lolo's full-length videos appeared on the Treehouse TV Network.

We are extremely lucky to have arranged for this marvellous couple to perform for us at our anniversary celebration.

This will be their first trip to Salt Spring Island and we hope to make it an annual event.

Both women have a background in teaching. Their programs are designed to educate, inspire and engage children as Bobs & Lolo teach kids to care about themselves, their neighbours and the planet.

Their show is lively and the music, with its distinct green theme, is catchy,

enjoyable and easy listening for kids and parents too.

Doors for the Feb. 28 show open at 11 a.m. with the show beginning at 11:30. Running for 50 minutes, it will be followed by a meet and greet with the performers.

The celebration continues with a food concession, face painting, an imagination station, a silent auction, displays of children's art through the years and a presentation to our supporters. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the event.

We hope to see many of our alumni (many of whom now have young families of their own) come out to share in this celebration with us.

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WORKSHOP

Ayurvedic system applied at workshop

Cordula Vogt leads Ganges Yoga Studio event

Ayurveda, an Eastern systematic approach to health, is fast gaining popularity amongst Western cultures.

Much like acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine, Ayurveda treats the whole being to restore balance through the use of herbs and oils, the application of massage and pressure point/marma points, yoga asanas (postures) and specific breathing techniques.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., popular island yoga teacher Cordula Vogt will help students determine their personal body types or "doshas." These doshas — Kapha, Pitta and Vatta — indicate the elemental make-up peculiar to each individual.

Learning about one's specific constitution or body type increases understanding of the best approach to one's health. According to Ayurvedic principles, maintaining a strong digestion is key.

Ayurveda treats the individual. A person with a more earthy constitution will practice quite differently from one who has more fire, air or water as their doshic type.

To pre-register for the \$25 event at Ganges Yoga Studio, contact 250-537-2444 or visit www.gangesyogastudio.com.

PERSONAL GROWTH

'Thank God for Red Shoes' talk steps up this weekend

Gail Glode shares forthcoming book

An innovative look at the psyche is offered through a talk and workshop called Thank God for Red Shoes presented by Salt Spring resident Gail Glode.

"It's a very different way to look at ego," said Glode. "We need a new understanding of how we work and new tools to create lives of joy and meaning."

Glode, an accomplished presenter, is about to embark on an international tour to promote her upcoming book and Salt Spring gets to hear it first at a Friday, Feb. 20 event at the Harbour

House Hotel. It runs from 7-8 p.m.

"I also want to fundraise for Room to Read, John Wood's organization," said Glode.

She explains that Wood left Microsoft to build schools and libraries around the world and promote education, especially for girls.

While admission to Glode's talk is free, a \$10 donation to Room to Read is suggested.

The workshop runs the next day, Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harbour House.

Cost is \$99. People can phone 250-653-9900 for information and registration.

HEALTH

Local psychologist to speak at support group meeting

Mind's role in healing addressed

Salt Spring's Prostate Cancer Support Group promises an exciting speaker for its meeting this month.

Island resident Dr. Tom Gilligan is a registered psychologist who often counsels people facing life-threatening diseases. Gilligan will talk about stress and cancer and mind/body medicine.

"This is a topic of real interest to our member-

ship," says long-time member Chris Rieder. "We've learned so much about the physical aspect of prostate cancer from many excellent speakers, but we've scarcely touched on the mind's role in disease and healing. This should be interesting for anyone facing serious disease of any kind."

The meeting takes place Thursday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the Farmers Institute upstairs meeting room on Rainbow Road. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

2009 Subaru PZEV: clean-air cars better for environment

Car gets near-perfect air-pollution rating

BY JEANNIE OWENS-WALLACE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Advanced engine and exhaust features that substantially decrease harmful vehicle emissions are on Subaru Legacy and Outback models, referred to as partial zero-emissions vehicles, PZEV.

"We are very excited about our new PZEVs," says Edie Foster, sales manager for Saunders Subaru. "There is an immediate benefit to the environment without any change to the quality product we deliver."

Foster is referring to the fact that performance, standard perks and price remain comparable for the PZEV Subaru; the snazzy PZEV metal badge on the tailgate and stitched emblem on the front floor mats of the Outback or Legacy are the only clue that there's a change.

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CLASSIC CARS



Dan Wittenberg and his 1928 Model A roadster.

Recreation of Model A hot rod becomes 'a neighbour thing'

Story of Dan Wittenberg's 1928 roadster pick-up continues

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The love of cars has brought a lot of people together over the years. But it was an amazing coincidence that three people who would play a crucial role in bringing to life the memory of one of Vancouver's most historic and important hot rods would end up living on the same quiet street in a small waterfront community east of Vancouver: The man who built the hot rod in Vancouver

half a century ago, the man who would conceive of building a tribute car and the craftsman who would be the architect, designer and painter.

The story really began in East Vancouver in 1953 when then 17-year-old Dan Wittenberg was smitten with hot rod fever driven largely by the growing popularity of turning early 1930s roadsters and coupes into stripped-down racers with big engines. Wittenberg and his buddies scrounged a pile of wood and built a two-car garage. It was to be their hot rod clubhouse.

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continued from A25

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Lou Timermanis, sales consultant for Saunders Subaru, adds that with a PZEV, "Subaru leaps forward in environmental stewardship, yet keeps their customers in the level of comfort they are accustomed to."

This is true of the Subaru Outback PZEV Plus. Subaru standard safety equipment remains the same — dual-stage front airbags, front-seat side-impact airbags, side-curtain airbags, traction and stability control, anti-lock brakes and Subaru's trustworthy all-wheel-drive system.

Eight-way adjustable driver seating, heated front seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel and moonroof are interior features

standard on the Outback PZEV Plus.

It also has an AM/FM/CD/MP3/WMA stereo with auxiliary input for audio source (oddly placed in the armrest console — my choice is on the front console near a built-in pocket for the device), SIRIUS satellite radio (installed with a three-month trial subscription) and a 440-watt Harman Kardon nine-speaker system.

Cruise controls are integrated into the tilt adjustable, telescopic steering wheel. Air conditioning, power windows and power locks are included in the Outback PZEV Plus.

Wagon styling in the Subaru Legacy and Outback provides extra space inside for travellers and luggage, a benefit consistent in the twin body styling of the PZEV alternatives.

There is really no way to tell the difference in the ride, as both the PZEV Legacy and

Outback perform as responsively and with precision as always. Although, maybe, not as quiet when starting.

In a couple of trade magazines, reference is made to the Subaru PZEV being slightly noisier when starting with a cold engine (likely the rapid warm-up process for the exhaust and converter).

I didn't get a chance to notice this personally as my test was in a warmed-up PZEV, which ran at an octave level as close to hushed as I'm used to in a Subaru.

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ISLAND WHEELS

'Flabbergasted' at car discovery

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littered with old cars from the Depression era that nobody wanted. Wittenberg paid \$20 for a 1928 Ford Model A roadster pickup truck, hauled it out of the brambles at an Abbotsford-area farm, got it going and drove it to Vancouver.

Then a car jockey for the famous downtown Vancouver Bowell-McLean Cadillac dealership at 615 Burrard at Alberni Street, Wittenberg and his crew of neighbourhood teenagers began the task of creating a cut down hot rod similar to what they had seen and read about in California's Hot Rod Magazine.

The process took five long years. During that time, Bow-Mac parts man Al Mills took it upon himself to order in a brand new hot Pontiac V8 motor in a crate for Wittenberg's project.

"I was totally taken by surprise that he went ahead and did this," Wittenberg recalls of the event that took place in 1956. "The result was I was able to install what probably was the first crate engine in a hot rod in Western Canada."

When the low-slung, copper-coloured, Pontiac, V8-powered Model A roadster pickup hit the streets of Vancouver in 1958, it was an instant sensation. Wit-

tenberg installed two small seats facing backward in the pickup bed so he, his buddies and girlfriends could cruise to Kings Drive-in Restaurant on Kingsway, the hot rod hangout of the era.

The early hot rod would go on to win major trophies at the Vancouver Motorma and custom car shows in Seattle and Portland. By 1961, Wittenberg had married long-time girlfriend Shannon Ward and it was time for home ownership and a family. The hot rod had to go. It was sold to Jim Johnston of the Johnston Chrysler dealership family and Wittenberg would never see the car again.

In fact, 45 years went by with Wittenberg building a career as a construction superintendent for major projects like Vancouver's 200 Granville, Harbour Centre, the Guinness Tower and the Raymur Avenue housing development. Wittenberg ended up as general manager of the Foundation Company — Canada's largest construction company — and forgot all about youth and hot rods.

That was the case until two events took place: an introduction at a neighbourhood barbecue to John Carlson, past-president of the Vintage Car Club of Canada and current president of the National Association of Antique Automobile Clubs of Canada, and a chance

meeting with veteran hot rodder and auto body shop owner Sandy Morita. Wittenberg, Carlson and Morita all live within minutes of each other on the same street.

"My wife Barbara had taken her car into Sandy Morita's body shop to have it repaired and I dropped in to check on progress," Wittenberg recalls of the first time he met Sandy Morita.

"After seeing photographs of old hot rods in Sandy's office, I took a photo of my old hot rod from 50 years ago out of my wallet to show him."

Morita not only recognized the hot rod but told the astonished Wittenberg that he had painted it for a subsequent owner of the 1928 Model A roadster pickup. He also told Wittenberg that car was now in Sicamous owned by Jim Woods.

"I was flabbergasted," Wittenberg says. "I had no idea my old hot rod was still in existence. I hadn't thought about it for nearly 50 years."

The next event was going to change the course of his life dramatically.

In June of 2007, one thousand past and present members and supporters of the British Columbia Hot Rod Association came together for a two-day 50th anniversary celebration in Cloverdale. Wittenberg, Carlson and Morita all attended the Saturday night banquet. So

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ISLAND WHEELS

Highlight of old car hobby

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did six other owners of Wittenberg's old hot rod, including Dan Maxwell, who had owned the car in the 1970s, as well as present owner Woods.

Wittenberg became determined to buy his old hot rod back despite the fact that it was in pieces and had been apart for about 25 years. When his bid to buy the car failed, a remarkable coincidence was brought to his attention by Carlson.



Maxwell, who had the hotrod repainted blue by Morita before putting it back in the car show circuit in the 1970s, had acquired another Model A roadster pickup project car with a view to building another hot rod. This didn't happen and he was willing to sell it. Wittenberg bought the car.

At a lunch with Wittenberg organized by Carlson, Morita was brought back into the picture and, as one of B.C.'s premier auto body painters, agreed to become the architect providing the vision and "look" for the impending project and to give the new hot rod its paint job.

To kick-start the project, Carlson introduced Wittenberg to Jim Lester and Jim Flett at Jimmy's Rod Shop in Pitt Meadows to construct the modern-day hot rod as a tribute to the hot rod built and put on the road by Wittenberg 50 years ago.

The project took just 10 months to complete. The hot rod utilizes a TCI chassis, high-end stainless So-Cal front end and brake components, a Speedway quick change rear end and a modern Corvette ZZ4 engine coupled to a GM four-speed auto-

matic transmission.

Custom touches like recessed 1937 Ford tail-lights and a wood-grained dash were designed by Morita and built in by metal wizard Lester. Morita applied three-stage translucent candy-apple red paint, custom mixed by long-time hot rodder Ed Loewen of Canadian Body Shop Supply.

Now, 50 years after he completed the first 1928 Model A roadster pickup hot rod with a GM crate engine, Wittenberg is behind the wheel of a hot rod built from the same bones but with much more modern components.

"Back then, I had lots of time and no money," he muses. "Now I have not so

much time and enough money to see this through."

It is very much a project spearheaded by three car enthusiasts who ended up as neighbours on the same quiet street. And it is a project that flowed directly from events surrounding the 50th anniversary of the British Columbia Hot Rod Association.

For Wittenberg, it has reconnected him to a very important time of his life that wasn't wasted. It has also reconnected him to important people from his past, many of whom he hadn't seen or heard from for half a century.

To his neighbours Morita and Carlson, the hot rod is a rolling sculpture and a wonderful retrospective look at the creativity of a group of friends and neighbours, young and old.

"This venture has truly been a highlight in my 40-year career in the old car hobby," Carlson says. "The Wittenberg car is far more than an assembly of parts. It really is the fulfillment of a dream. Few of us have that privilege."



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BIG VICTORY: Kaeli Dragomir, left, and Katie Villadsen cheer after Salt Spring's U18 silver girls team upset the status quo by beating Peninsula's gold U18 squad in a 2-0 cup match on Sunday. The island silver squad was elevated to B-Cup play with U18 gold teams by finishing at the top of its silver division in league play. The win launches the U18 girls into the Lower Island finals against Sooke's U18 gold team. The game is set to be played on Sunday, with a kick-off time of 10:30 at Portlock Park.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Senior girls Scorpions advance to island finals

See-saw game with Carihi ends in win

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior girls basketball team slammed its way to a berth in the Vancouver Island AA Championships after taking third spot in the North Island Championships.

All four high school basketball teams competed in mid- or north-island championship tournaments last weekend, with only the senior girls squad advancing.

Ranked fourth going into the event, the girls — coached by Tony Mason and assistant Evan Chen — won three of their four games.

The first game pitted GISS against 5th-ranked Woodlands from Nanaimo.

"We jumped out to a lead right away," Mason said, "but were never able to really pull away and had to settle for a one-point lead at the half, 27-26."

The team played a strong third quarter, holding Woodlands to only six points, while scoring 16, but "faded

a bit" in the fourth quarter, allowing them to get within seven.

Final score was 54-47, with Feline Schaeffer scoring 14 and Colleen Hillis 13.

In the second match, GISS faced off against top-seeded Wellington (also from Nanaimo).

"We played solid defence in this game, holding Wellington to just 45 points," Mason said. "However, we played atrociously on offence, unable to find a rhythm. Turnovers were rampant and we managed just 27 points in a losing effort."

Things picked up for the team's third game against Kwalikum, which it won 67-52.

"This time, we came to play. We took the lead right from the start and never looked back."

GISS was up 18-6 in the first quarter and 35-18 at the half.

"We had a more balanced attack," Mason said, noting that scoring occurred from both in the key and from outside."

The final game, which

would determine third or fourth place, matched up GISS and second-seeded Carihi from Campbell River.

"This was a hard-fought game. Carihi jumped out to a 15-9 lead after the first quarter and extended its lead to nine points on a few occasions before we were able to come back to within two [26-24] by half time."

In the third quarter the lead changed hands repeatedly and GISS finished down one 43-42.

"But shortly into the fourth quarter we took the lead 46-45 and never looked back."

The final score was 55-49.

"This was our best game of the year," Mason said. "Our scoring was balanced and our rebounding, passing and composure was much improved."

Hillis was the lead scorer with 16, followed by Monique Comeau with 12 and Erica Rimmer with 10.

The Vancouver Island Championships take place this week — Thursday to Saturday — and could springboard the team into the provincial finals in March.

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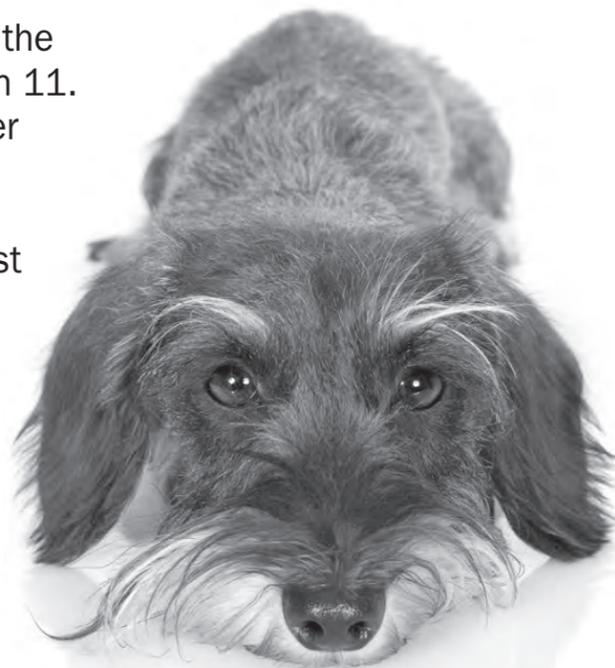
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Washington (Live)	CHEK News	Fresh Prince of Bel Air III Will	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	Politics With Don Newman	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30 Wheel of Fortune		(35) Arthur		Global National	According to Jim	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6 PM	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Think Big		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30		Water Under Fire		CHEK News Island 30	George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	Sportsnet Connected
7 PM	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Canadian Waterways	SportsCentre	E! News	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Eight Heroes	Instant Star Vicious	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Animal Takeover	Entertainment Tonight	Prank Patrol	WHL Hockey - Saskatoon vs. Calgary
	:30 Jeopardy	L'Épicerie	Spectacular Lakes		The Insider	Frasier Dark Victory	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Travels to the Edge		The Insider	Prank Patrol	
8 PM	:00 The Week the Women Went (N)	Le match des étoiles (N)	Man Made Marvels Okinawa Aquarium	Off the Record	Knight Rider Knight and the City (N)	Stargate: SG-1 Prisoners	Lie to Me Love Always (N)	American Idol 3 Finalists Chosen (N)	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	Lost This Place Is Death	13: Fear is Real	Privileged It's All About Tough Love	American Idol 3 Finalists Chosen (N)	Lost This Place Is Death	Knight Rider Knight and the City (N)	An Evening with Eartha Kitt	News	Old Christine (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30																	Gary Unmarried	Futurama Mother's Day	
9 PM	:00 Being Erica Such a Perfect Day (N)	Les invincibles	Suzie LeBlanc: A Musical Quest	NFL Films Presents (N) Motorcycle Experience	Party Monsters: Cabo (N)	Third Watch Jimmy's Mountain	Bones The Princess and the Pear (N)	Criminal Minds Zoe's Reprise (N)	Sabor Latino	Lost 316 (N)	Everybody Hates Chris Friends	90210 That Which We Destroy	Lie to Me Love Always (N)	Lost 316 (N)	Life I Heart Mom (N)	American Masters Jerome Robbins	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Zoe's Reprise (N)	Adrenaline Project	
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10 PM	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Suzie LeBlanc: A Musical Quest	Winter X Games	True Hollywood Story Carmen Electra	Scrubs	Life on Mars (N)	CSI: NY The Party's Over (N)	Sabor Musical Travel Television	Law & Order Rapture (N)	I Love Money	Seinfeld The Rye	(05) Q13 FOX News	Life on Mars (N)	Law & Order Rapture (N)	Something to Dance About (N)	Animal Takeover	CSI: NY The Party's Over (N)	Falcon Beach Chemistry Lessons	Sportsnet Connected
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11 PM	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Jazz Festival Pat Metheny Group, The Way Up Tour	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	MI-5	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
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12 MID	:00 (05) Fashion File	La zone	Man Made Marvels Okinawa Aquarium	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	That '70s Show South Park	RENO 911! Back in Black	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno	Alone in the Wilderness	The Hour	(N)	Malcolm in the Middle	The Ultimate Fighter
	:30 (35) Hour 22 Mins	(45) Fosse aux lions		Rally	(35) Late, Late Show	The Daily	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien								(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Mother's Day	

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

5 PM	:00 (4:00) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	(4:30) The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show	CHEK News	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	(4:30) The Obama Visit	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Ottawa (Live)
	:30		(35) Arthur		Global National	According to Jim	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
6 PM	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30		Working Animals		CHEK News Island 30	George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	
7 PM	:00 CBC News: Vancouver	Virginie (N)	Recreating Eden		E! News	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Eight Heroes	Instant Star	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Dreams of Obama	Entertainment Tonight	H2O: Just Add Water	Sportsnet Connected
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8 PM	:00 Coronation Street	Enquête	Myths and Heroes The Queen of Sheba		My Name Is Earl (N)	Smallville Identity	Survivor: Tocantins (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Miscarriage of Justice (N)	What's in Vancouver? Kirdaar	Wife Swap Berwick/Roachford	Ugly Betty There's No Place Like Mode (N)	Smallville Identity	Bones The Princess and the Pear (N)	Ugly Betty There's No Place Like Mode (N)	My Name Is Earl (N)	Doc Martin Haemophobia	News	Survivor: Tocantins (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30 Wheel of Fortune				Kath & Kim (N)										Kath & Kim (N)				Futurama	
9 PM	:00 Year of the Hunter	M pour musique	Adventures in Dreams	Score Golf TV	"Blind Trust" (Thrill, '07) Jessica Capshaw.	Supernatural	The Office Baby Shower	Grey's Anatomy An Honest Mistake (N)	Dheeyan Ghar	Eleventh Hour Minamata (N)	30 Rock Fireworks	Supernatural	Hell's Kitchen 14 Chefs Compete (N)	Grey's Anatomy An Honest Mistake (N)	The Office Baby Shower	A. Christie's Poirot Triangle At Rhodes	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Miscarriage of Justice (N)	Zixx: Level Three	
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10 PM	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Vertical City	Winter X Games	Scrubs My Screwup	Life I Heart Mom (N)	ER The Beginning of the End (N)	Desi Uncle	Private Practice Wait and See (N)	Hell's Kitchen	Seinfeld The Caddy	Q13 FOX News	Private Practice Wait and See (N)	ER The Beginning of the End (N)	Globe Trekker Iran	Dreams of Obama	Eleventh Hour Minamata (N)	Falcon Beach Family Portrait		Sportsnet Connected
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11 PM	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	FASD: Finding Hope	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier First Date	Family Guy	News	News	Spain... On the Road Again	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20

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8 PM	:00 Rick Mercer Report	Paquet voleur	Poirot The Incredible Theft	Off the Record	True Hollywood Story Mario Lopez (N)	May to December	Howie Do It (N)	Ghost Whisperer Firestarter	Weekly News Forum	Terminator Desert Cantos (N)	Mantracker Shannon and Stephanie	Everybody Hates Chris The Game	Terminator Desert Cantos (N)	Wife Swap Berwick/Roachford	Howie Do It (N)	Washington Week	News	Ghost Whisperer Firestarter		Hockeycentral Gillette World Sport
	:30 Marketplace								CTS Night Club						NOW					
9 PM	:00 the fifth estate	Une heure sur terre	Dalziel and Pascoe The Wood Beyond	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Gonzalez vs. Gutierrez	Friday Night Lights (N)	Enigma	Dollhouse The Target (N)	Flashpoint Who's George?	Here Comes Aajuma	Supernanny Sachs Family (N)	Survivorman Mountain	13-Fear Is Real Boom (SF) (N)	Dollhouse The Target (N)	Supernanny Sachs Family (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Flashpoint Who's George?	Falcon Beach	The Ultimate Fighter
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10 PM	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	"Time Indefinite" ★★★ (93) Ross		20/20 (N)	Scrubs	Numb3rs The Decoy Effect	Raising the Bar A Leg to Stand on (N)	Vitamin	Whistler Fallen	Crusoe	Seinfeld The Seven	Q13 FOX News Wash. Most Wanted	20/20 (N)	Dateline NBC	"The In-Laws" ★★★ (Com, '79) Peter Falk.	Doc Zone The Disappearing Male	Numb3rs The Decoy Effect	Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected
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11 PM	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal		SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																			
12 MID	:00 (05) Fashion File	La zone	Memoirs: Sherlock The Cardboard Box	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately	Paid Program	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: NY Heroes	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	That '70s Show South Park	RENO 911! The Wall	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno	Tallahah Bankhead.	The Hour	(N)	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter
	:30 (35) Kenny vs. Spenny	(45) Fosse aux lions		In This Corner	(35) Late, Late Show	The Daily			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien								(35) Late, Late Show	Pinky & the Brain	

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Toronto (Live)	Une heure sur terre	(05) W.World /20) Mama M. (40) Babar The Gift	(4:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Nationwide	CHEK News	Dhoop Chaon	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	TMZ	Electric Playground	Cold Case Look Again	Friends	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Lawrence Welk Songs by Johnny Mercer	Antiques Roadshow Rochester 2	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) Moovi Bot	(4:00) NCAA Basketball -
6:00		Le Téléjournal	Profiles of Nature	Series - Slater Bros. 300 (Live)	Global National	Dharma & Greg	News	News	NTDTV Weekly	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye The Gambler	Most Amazing Inside Fashion	CSI: Miami Evidence of Things Unseen	Two and a Half Men	News	KING 5 News	Magnificent Mind at Any Age With Dr. Daniel Amen	Saturday Report	News	Kid vs. Kat	Martial Arts UFC 95 - Sanchez vs. Stevenson
7:00	NHL Hockey - Calgary vs. Edmonton (Live)	Le moment de vérité	Nefertiti and the Lost Dynasty	Curling Tournament of Hearts (Live)	Chef School	Awaz E Quam	Global Currents	W-FIVE Halton Preacher/ MS Update (N)	Stay Local, Think Global	The New Canoe	Without a Trace Snatch Back	CSI: NY Charge of This Post	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads		the fifth estate	Entertainment This Week	Team Galaxy	
8:00		3600 secondes d'extase	Heartbeat The Big Chill		"Obituary" ★ (Thrill, '06) Josie Bissett.	Mirchi TV	Masterminds	Without a Trace Last Call	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Road to Avonlea The Sea Ghost	Less Than Kind Kaya	Boston Legal	Cops (N)	Scrubs My Happy Place	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Vanishing Act	Antiques Roadshow Wichita (Hour One)	Saturday Report	Without a Trace Last Call	Zixx Level Three	Storm Hawks Royal Twist
9:00	(4:00) Hockey: After Hours (Live)	Les Tudors	Midsomer Murders The Axeman Cometh			Foundations	Doc	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Transitions	Asian Variety Show	Kool Countdown	"Murdoch Mysteries: Under the Dragon's Tail" (Myst, '04) Peter Outerbridge.	Boston Legal Guantanamo by the Bay	America Most Wanted	'05) Will Smith.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Transitions	New Tricks Big Topped	Saturday Report	Criminal Minds Catching Out	Bleach Bleach 1	Sportsnet Connected
10:00	CBC News: Vancouver	Le Téléjournal	Tellement sport	SportsCentre	Show Me Yours	48 Hours: Live to Tell (N)	Doc	Law & Order Sweetie	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical	Countdown/Awards	Comedy Now	CSI: NY People With Money	Local Programmin g		Law & Order Sweetie	MI-5	the fifth estate	48 Hours: Live to Tell (N)	Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	Cover Girl	Montreal Jazz Belte and Carlos Placeres	SportsCentre	News	Stargate: SG-1 Prisoners	News	News	Bubble Gang	Bravo!Fact Presents	SeXtv	CSI: Miami Simple Man	Talk Show With Spike Feresten (N)	News	News	Austin City Kings of Leon/ Roky Erickson	Saturday Report	News	Mystery Hunters	Poker World Open IV
12:00 MID		"Le Collectionneur" ★★ (Act, '02) Lawrence Arcouette.	Rebus Strip Jack	Curling Tournament of Hearts	Talk Show With Spike Feresten (N)	Paid Program Jack Van Impe		(05) "Goodfellas" ★★ (Cri, '90)	"Kabza" ('Dra)	"The Full Monty" ★★ (Com, '97)	Biography Party Poker European Open 4	Without a Trace Party Girl	Mad TV	Chappelle's Show	(35) Whacked Out	Soundstage Umphrey's McGee	Wal-Mart	(05) Paid Program	Futurama The Honking	The Ultimate Fighter

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

5:00 PM	"Chicken Little" ★★ (Ani, '05) Zach Braff.	Oniva	WordWorld/15) Mama M (35) Babar School Days	Boxing HBO After Dark - Berto vs. Collazo	CHEK News	Tomorrow's World	Family Guy	Oscars Red Carpet (Live)	Spazio Libero	Eureka Blink	The O.C. The Links	Everybody Hates Chris	(2:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup - Auto Club 500 (Live)	Oscars Red Carpet (Live)	KING 5 News	(05) Doc Martin Haemophobia	The Mama Mia Story	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Garfield" ★ (Com, '04)	(4:00) CHL Hockey - Kelowna vs. Chilliwack (Live)
6:00		Le Téléjournal	The Saddle Club	Curling Tournament of Hearts (Live)	Global National	Key of David	Global National	The 81st Annual Academy Awards (Live)	"Kabza" ('Dra)	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Into Thin Air	The Murdoch Mysteries Let Loose the Dogs	The Drew Carey Show Jericho Black Jack			News	Travels to the Edge	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties" ★★ (Ani, '06)	
7:00	Heartland Gift Horse	Laflaque	National Geographic Born of Fire		The Best Years Cruising	60 Minutes	The Barbara Walters Special (N)			To Be Announced	Two and a Half Men	"Tomorrow Never Dies" ★★ (Act, '98) Pierce Brosnan.	Wash. Most Wanted		Dateline NBC	Nova The Four Winged Dinosaur	Dubai: Miracle or Mirage?	60 Minutes	Breckin Meyer.	NCAA Basketball Pac-10 - Arizona vs. Arizona State (Live)
8:00	"Miss Marple: A Pocket Full of Rye" ★★ (Myst, '08) Julia McKenzie.	Tout le monde en parle	Doc Martin The Two of Us		"L.A. Confidential" ★★ (Susp, '97) Kevin Spacey.	Waiting for God On the Buses	The Simpsons King of the Hill	The Amazing Race (N)		To Be Announced	Friends	Friends				Nature In the Valley of the Wolves	The Mama Mia Story	The Amazing Race (N)	Prank Patrol	
9:00		Rebus Resurrection Men		SportsCentre (Live)	The Daily	Family Guy	American D. Stan Time	Old Christine	"Starsitil Nopiti" (Dra, '82)	Cold Case Glory Days	Rock of Love Bus		Family Guy	Family Guy	The 100 Most Outrageous Moments 2 (N)	Masterpiece Classic Oliver Twist (N) [Part 2 of 2]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Glory Days	In The Real World Rodeo Cowboys and Cowgirls	The Ultimate Fighter
10:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	(20) Le Téléjournal	(15) Dalziel and Pascoe The Wood Beyond	Motoring 2009 Motorcycle Experience	Medicine Woman	The Unit Sudden Flight	Old Christine	Samantha Who?		Medium Heads Will Roll	Crusoe	Seinfeld The Friar's Club	Q13 FOX News (35) Q It Up Sports	Academy Awards: The Winners (N)		The Passionate Eye	The Unit Sudden Flight	Adrenaline Project	Zixx Level Three	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	News	Studio 12	(05) Montreal Jazz Festival	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	(35) 16:9 Bigger Pic.	CTV News	Hokus Pokus	World of Skiing	AZN Lifestyle Television	House Euphoria	News	News	Magnolia Blossom	CBC News: Our World	(35) Face the Nation	Ghost Trackers	Martial Arts UFC 95 - Sanchez vs. Stevenson
12:00 MID	Hockey Day in Canada	"Crimes et délits" ★★ (Psy, '89) Woody Allen.	Nefertiti and the Lost Dynasty	TSN the Reporters	Curling	EI After Party (N)	Crede	(05) Popoff Ministry	(05) CSI: NY Charge of This Post	"Starsitil Nopiti" (Dra, '82)	"Black Hawk Down" ★★ (Act, '01)	American Gladiators	Without a Trace Manhunt	House Who's Your Daddy	(35) Monk	Casey and Wendy Treat	In the Life	the fifth estate	(05) Judge Judy	(35) Judge Judy

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	Pardon the Interruption	CHEK News	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00	Wheel of Fortune	Le Téléjournal	Taste Buds	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts (Live)	Global National	According to Jim	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		News	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Pratt & Taylor
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Undersea Explorer		CHEK News Island 30	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Eight Heroes	Instant Star	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Tortured	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	18 Pregnant Schoolgirls	KIRO 7 Special	Adrenaline Project	Poker World Open IV
8:00	Jeopardy	Les Parent (N)	Landscape as Muse		The Soup (N)	The Practice In Deep	House The Softer Side (N)	The Big Bang Theory Gary Unmarried	It Will Be Difficult to Love	Gossip Girl Gone With the Will	The Bachelor The Women Tell All (N)	Gossip Girl Gone With the Will	House The Softer Side (N)	The Bachelor The Women Tell All (N)	Chuck Chuck Versus the Best Friend (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 2 of 3]	News	The Big Bang Theory	Malcolm in the Middle	Hockeycentral
9:00	Just for Laughs (N)	Les Boys (N)	Masterworks	SportsCentre (Live)	Rules of Engagement	One Tree Hill A Hand to Take Hold of the Scene	Heroes Cold Wars (N)	Two and a Half Men Corner Gas	Marimar	Ghost Whisperer	One Tree Hill A Hand to Take Hold of the Scene	24 Day 7: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (N)	Heroes Cold Wars (N)	American Experience A Class Apart (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men	Prank Patrol	Zixx Level Three	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Rock and Roll Kid	Poker 2008 Mosconi Cup	Father Hood (N)	Scrubs	24 Day 7: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (N)	CSI: Miami	Pinoy	Medium ...About Last Night (N)	True Beauty Finale (SF) (N)	Seinfeld The Cadillac	Q13 FOX News	True Beauty Finale (SF) (N)	Medium ...About Last Night (N)	American Experience	18 Pregnant Schoolgirls	CSI: Miami	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Ravens and Eagles	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	The List	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	American Experience	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Fashion File	La zone	A History of Britain Victoria & Her Sisters	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Diya	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	That '70s Show	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	News	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	(4:00) NBA Basketball - Minnesota vs. Toronto (Live)	CHEK News	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Montreal (Live)
6:00	Wheel of Fortune	Le Téléjournal	Popular Mechanics	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts (Live)	Global National	According to Jim	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		News	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Pratt & Taylor
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	World of Gardens		CHEK News Island 30	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Eight Heroes	Instant Star	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Privilege	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Seeking Refuge	Entertainment Tonight	Adrenaline Project	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	Jeopardy	La Factice	Recreating Eden		The Insider	Frasier	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	About the Money	News	The Insider	Prank Patrol Earthquake	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Montreal
9:00	Rick Mercer Report (N)	Providence (N)	Stephen Fry in America True West		The Biggest Loser: Couples (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Islam 101	NCIS South by Southwest (N)	Criminal Minds	Officina Italiana Qui Si Parla Italiano	Cold Case World's End	Privileged	90210 Hello, Goodbye, Amen	Bones The Skull in the Sculpture	Homeland Security USA (N)	The Biggest Loser: Couples (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Nova Rat Attacks (N)	News	NCIS South by Southwest (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Futurama
10:00	Wild Roses Sin and Redemption (N)	Roxy (N)	The Choir	SportsCentre (Live)	Ruby Meet Ruby	Poltergeist: The Legacy	90210 Hello, Goodbye, Amen	Criminal Minds	Made in Germany euromaxx	Law & Order	Scrubs	Privileged All About a Brand New You! (SF) (N)	The Simpsons	Supernanny Winter Family	To Be Announced	Frontline Ten Trillion and Counting (N)	CBC News: The National	To Be Announced	Prank Patrol The Audition	
11:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	None Without Sin	In This Corner	Ruby (N)	Scrubs His Story II	Project Runway Canada (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Schauplatz Europa European Journal	Comedy Now	Primetime: What Would You Do?	Seinfeld The Cadillac	Q13 News	To Be Announced	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Retro	Independent Lens The Order of Myths/Bi-Racial Hair (N)	Seeking Refuge	To Be Announced	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Fashion File	La zone	Stephen Fry in America True West	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Aina-e-Afghan	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	That '70s Show	RENO 911! Baghdad 911	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	Student Loans	The Hour	With David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN'S SOCCER

FC Alumni decimates Gordon Head

Team begins cup play with a bang

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC Alumni set off on their Tony Grover Masters Cup journey in grand style Sunday morning by annihilating host Gordon Head FC 5-0.

"In the two years of our existence, I don't think I've seen the boys play a better game," said FC Alumni keeper Ken Marr.

FC Alumni began slowly but managed to gain a two-point lead at the half on goals by Richard Lee.

FC Alumni maintained control of the ball through the second half as Gordon Head began to show signs of weakness.

"They completely broke down," Lee said.

FC Alumni padded its

lead with goals from Jude Shugar and Kerry Walker. Richard Lee added another late goal to get a hat-trick.

Marr said a solid performance from everyone on the field helped him notch a shutout.

FC Alumni will have to play just as well, if not better, when they travel to Vancouver Island this weekend to face the legendary UVic Alumni squad.

"They are the only team who has ever beaten us in the regular season," said Marr of the provincially acclaimed and nationally ranked club.

In other soccer news:

A series of late-season wins wasn't enough to carry the Salt Spring FC O35 squad's good fortune into cup play as the team lost a close 3-2 decision to the Cordova Bay Bobcats Alumni on Sunday morning.

Home-team scorers Richard Steel and Mike McCormick each a single goal in Salt Spring's inaugural game of the Tony Grover Cup.

The Old Boys (2-11-2) will get another chance to find their footing when the team travels to play Cowichan MC (6-5-4) in a make-up game in Duncan at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

A win could push Salt Spring out of a two-team tie for last place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division.

Salt Spring FC dropped a 2-1 decision against Juan de Fuca FC in a makeup match on Vancouver Island over the weekend.

"It didn't go as well as it should have," said player Jordon Morrison.

Juan de Fuca took an early two-goal lead as Salt Spring struggled with a new

offensive formation.

Second-half changes allowed the visitors to regain control of the ball for the remainder of the match.

A goal by Julian Smith midway through the half brought Salt Spring to within one.

"That was definitely the nicest goal I've seen in quite a few years," Morrison said of West's rocket-like shot from 25 yards out.

Salt Spring FC's next game is at Portlock Park on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2:15 p.m. against Alberni Oceanside.

Salt Spring (5-5-5) and Alberni (6-7-2) are tied for sixth place in Division 2.

Ganges Gremio will resume play in the George Pearkes Challenge Cup when they host Division 4's Vic West Green at Portlock Park on Sunday at 2:15 p.m.

LOCAL ATHLETES

Funding required for 'once-in-a-lifetime' soccer experience

Salt Spring's Kevan Brown and members of a Lakehill U16 boys gold soccer team need islanders' support for a trip to the world's largest amateur youth soccer tournament.

More than 40,000 players, leaders and parents from 127 countries will

converge in Gothenburg, Sweden in July for the Gothias Cup.

Brown and his 15 teammates must raise \$65,000 if they're to have any hope of representing British Columbia at the event.

"The idea is that through soccer as a

common denominator, we gather the youth of the world to create a meeting ground," reads a press release about the team's campaign.

Potential donors are asked to call 250-653-9559 if they wish to contribute or have any questions about the campaign.

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Salt Spring Island Referenda

Fernwood and Highland Water Treatment and Water System Upgrades

Notice of Application to Volunteer as a Scrutineer

Take notice that the assent of the electors is required with regard to:

- Bylaw No. 3581, "Fernwood Water Supply Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008"; and
- Bylaw No. 3580, "Highland Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008".

Qualified electors of the Fernwood Water Supply Local Service area and of the Highland Water System Local Service area within the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island will be asked to vote on the following questions on **Saturday, March 21, 2009**:

Fernwood Water: "Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 3581, "Fernwood Water Supply Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008" to authorize the borrowing of up to \$195,000 for participation in the construction of a new water treatment plant and for water distribution system upgrade works for the Fernwood Water Supply Local Service. YES or NO?"

Highland Water: Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 3580, "Highland Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008" to authorize the borrowing of up to \$559,000 for upgrading water treatment and water systems for the Highland Water System Local Service. YES or NO?"

Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw No. 3581 and Bylaw No. 3580 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), P. O. Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 until Friday, March 6, 2009**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

List of Registered Electors

Beginning **Wednesday, February 11, 2009 until Friday, February 27, 2009** a copy of the List of Registered Electors for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be available, **upon signature**, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Mon. to Fri. You may also call the following offices to enquire whether your name is on the List:

- **CRD Administration Dept.**, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129
- **CRD Building Inspection (Salt Spring Island)**, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC Telephone 250.537.2711.

Notice of Advance Voter Registration

Advance Voter Registration closes on Friday, February 27, 2009 for the List of Registered Electors for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area. Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications:

You are entitled to vote as a **Resident Elector or Non Resident Property Elector** if you:

- are 18 years or older on voting day (March 21, 2009)
- are a Canadian Citizen
- have resided in British Columbia for six months,
- and either
 - **have resided in the Fernwood or Highland Water Local Service area** on Salt Spring Island for 30 days; (If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature); **OR**
 - **have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the respective local service area** on Salt Spring Island for 30 days; and
 - do **not** qualify as a Resident Elector; (If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day, you must provide the following information:
 - a recent land title registration of the real property OR a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; and
 - 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), **and**
 - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

For more information about registering as a Resident Elector or a Non-Resident Property Elector, call Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2009.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

SPORTS & RECREATION

Salt Spring teams sprint to victory

Hard work pays off

The Salt Spring U13 girls were back on home turf Saturday, after knocking Peninsula Riptide out of second place with a 2-1 win in Sannich. Zorah Wiltzen took the goals, one on a cross-kick from Becki Steel, but it was the strong defence that secured the league's second-

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place spot.

Back at home, it was a slow start to the game against Juan de Fuca, but near the end of the first half, Jade Beauvais connected with Wiltzen on a corner kick and Jasmine Cooper assisted Brenna McIntyre for 2-0. Beauvais connected again, this time with Maggie Birch, who scored her first goal ever, making it 3-0.

In the second half, one of Steel's shots got past the goalie and Wiltzen was there to pound it in. U12 recruit Sophia Pickstone left-footed off the post, but it was Steel on the corner kick this time to Cooper for the 5-0 win.

• Salt Spring's U13 boy's Oasis played the second-place gold team, Juan de Fuca, on Saturday, hoping to better their 0-5 defeat to this elite squad in their November meeting. It would be a tall order, as only eight Oasis regulars were available to play. Fortunately, several

kept U12 gold-level players were added to the roster on short notice.

First-half play began in favour of the visiting blue Juan de Fuca squad, but, thanks to solid defence anchored by Alex Graham, their early attacks never amounted to scoring chances. The Oasis began to get their confidence rolling, slowly taking some of the edge away, and evening the attack. Midway through the frame, Juan de Fuca opened the scoring with a well-placed shot over the outstretched arms of keeper Eldin Miller-Stead.

Shortly before the half, however, Lukas Wenzel was taken down in the penalty area, giving the Oasis a chance to tie. Sam Montalbetti's ensuing penalty kick was stopped by an astute keeper, leaving it 1-0 at half time. Second-half play again started in favour of the visiting team, ultimately resulting in first one, then two well-executed goals. The first was on another well-placed

one-time shot from about the 18, hitting the top corner. The second resulted from a "hail Mary" free kick that was back-heeled to a team-mate and kicked in at short range.

Salt Spring was able to answer back with about 10 minutes to play. Wenzel threw it in to Montalbetti, who beat his man, and found Mark Camps on the wing. Camps dribbled briefly and then astutely crossed it to an open Billy George, who shot it past the keeper. The game ended 3-1.

• The U15 boys came out victorious after an entertaining game against Cowichan Valley this weekend. Luc Comeau in particular had a spectacular game — his amazing speed and accuracy were a pleasure to witness.

Comeau scored the first goal on the breakaway while the Cowichan goalie didn't stand a chance against his well-placed marker. Comeau scored his second goal after a nice corner-kick from Dylan Bullach. His third goal was an excellently executed shot with Armando Rivero Morineau giving him the assist.

The second half of the game gave Dave Oswell his opportunity to try his hand at goaltending. His stand-up performance helped earn the Salt Spring boys another shut-out. With only one spare available, the boys played strong and kept their stamina the entire game. Comeau scored his fourth and final goal of the game with another beautiful assist from Morineau.

Austin Reynolds had a strong game with many great plays, as did Jonah Grindler. Torin McIvor and Corey Miles held a steady defence. With strong players and even stronger teamwork, the Salt Spring Storms continue to dominate their division.



Salt Spring Island CONSERVANCY

Join us for a presentation on the Owls of Salt Spring by local bird expert John Neville.

**Friday, February 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Lion's Hall**

email: ssconservancy@saltspring.com
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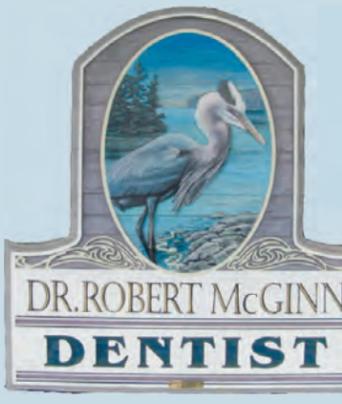
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chloe!

DEATHS

RUNDELL, Aartje Johanna
 Our much loved, courageous and feisty matriarch, Aty, has moved on. She left us on Friday the 13th surrounded by family. She is survived by her daughters Jo (Simon) and Lea (Stewart), her beloved grandchildren Sean (Naomi), Amber (Emmanuel), Aaron, Troy, Vanessa (George), Rachel (Greg), Dylan (Brett) and Miranda and great-grandchildren Jordan, Taylor, Logan, Dustin, Cloe, Cole, Anais and Hunter. No service by request.

COMING EVENTS

BINGO MEADEN HALL
 Royal Canadian Legion
7 PM THURSDAY Feb. 19
 Early Birds, 6:30 pm

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92
 All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island Students.

COMING EVENTS

We are now accepting Alumni enrolment for the 2009/10 year.
NEW ENROLMENT for the 2009/10 year will be accepted starting Feb. 28

Please join us at our **OPEN HOUSE**
Saturday, Feb. 28 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Call Crystal @ 250-537-5343 for more information

COMING EVENTS

Jonathan Field Four Day Horsemanship Clinic
Date Change Sat 28th Feb to Tue 3rd Mar
 Auditors (spectators) welcome. \$25 per day or \$75 for four days.

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 Saltspring Island
 Ph: 250-537-2089

COMING EVENTS

SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT
 In support of Stephen Lewis Foundation, to help African grandmothers raise orphaned grandchildren.

Feb. 21, 2pm, Public Library.
 Feb. 23, 2pm Salt Spring Inn.
 Feb. 24, 1:30pm OAP Fulford.
 Feb. 24, 2pm Literacy office.
 Feb. 24, 5:30pm Literacy office.
 Feb. 25, 2pm Salt Spring Inn.
 Feb. 26, 2pm Public Library,
 Feb. 27, 7pm Lions Hall.

Pick up sponsorship forms at Salt Spring Inn, Literacy Office, Public Library, download solidsaltspring.ca or play for minimum \$5 donation.

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 Determine your personal constitution or Dasha (mind and body type) and learn how to support yourself in staying healthy. We will cover the characteristics of the 3 Doshas: Kapha, Pitta and Vata and explore asana practices in each one. Join popular Island teacher, Cordula Vogt this Sunday 22 Feb. at 2-4.30pm at Ganges Yoga Studio. Cost \$25 pre-reg recomm.. Phone 537-2444 www.gangesyogastudio.com

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FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

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'THANK GOD FOR RED SHOES'
 A free introductory seminar. A new definition of Ego that makes sense of the world. Friday, Feb. 20 7-8 p.m. Harbour House Hotel. Admission free, with \$10 donation suggested to Room to Read. Call 250-653-9900 for info.

DEATHS

A Celebration of Doug McMillan's Life to be held this Saturday, Feb. 21 @ 3:00 p.m. at The Gatehouse, Stowell Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Road

fiddleworks COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Barn Dance
 with caller Carolyn Hatch & the Salt Spring Island Fiddlers
7pm Sat Feb 21 Fulford Hall
 Admission by donation

Fun for all ages!

OPEN HOUSE- Feb. 23. Thinking about your child's school for September? The Salt Spring Centre School is currently taking applications for September 2009. Come to our Open House on Feb. 23 from 4-6 p.m. and meet our teachers, pick-up registration information and take a tour of our rich and creative learning environment. The school is located at 355B Blackburn Rd.

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Saturday, March 7, 2009 At the Fulford Hall

Refreshments 5 p.m.
 Dinner 6 p.m.

Grand March and Dance to follow

Tickets for sale at RCMP office For more info contact Gwen Denluck at 250-537-5555 or saltspring@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Black Tie/Formal
 Tickets \$75.00 each

COMING EVENTS

FESTIVAL FRANCOPHONE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: ESTATE OF OLIVIA MARY STEPANIUK.
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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now receiving applications from interested community members to fill currently vacant positions on the Advisory Planning Commission, the Advisory Design Panel and Advisory Environment Committee. These appointments are for a 2-year term and may be extended for a further term. All applicants must be Electors of the Local Trust Committee and residents of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

Role of the Advisory Committees	
Advisory Planning	To advise the Local Trust Committee on matters respecting community planning, land use, proposed bylaws and permit applications referred to the committee.
Advisory Design Panel	To evaluate the design of proposed development projects and advise the Local Trust Committee on the merits of the designs referred to the committee.
Advisory Environment Committee	To provide advice and education to the Local Trust Committee about environmental issues; to encourage and promote private stewardship, and to advise on land use matters and applications referred to the committee.

Further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members may be obtained at the Islands Trust office (noted below) or by email request through ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca. We can also be reached at 250-537-9144.

While a professional background or work experience in a related field would be an asset and is required for the Advisory Environment Committee, the Local Trust Committee is interested in hearing from all persons who have a broad understanding of the island community and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character. Citizens interested in participating in any of these committees are invited to apply in writing before March 11, 2009. Applications must include a statement of interest, relevant experience, qualifications, and identification of which committee(s) you wish to be a member of, and should be addressed to:

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Missing 2 Dogs
Giorgio & Keira went missing on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 in the North End area of Langs Rd./North End Rd.

KEIRA is a female (spayed) Rottweiler/Heeler X, mostly black, some brown and white chest and front legs with dots.

GIORGIO is a male (neutered) Lab/Samoyed X, short cream coloured coat with gold brown on back and ears. He will be limping badly.

They are extremely friendly dogs, possibly a little scared as they lost their way. Both dogs lost their collars with identification tags.

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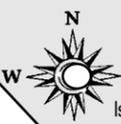
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A pull between an inward retreat and social involvements continues as a current challenge. Knowing what you need both personally and for the sake of social success is important now. Drawing clear boundaries and knowing when and how to say yes and no will continue for another few weeks or so. Innovations, inventions and creative ideas aimed at future goals are brewing in your mind. Many of these will be stimulated by social interaction, yet you will also seek space to gestate them on your own. Aim to strike a balance between inner focus and outer activity.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

The future beckons! Claims for fame, or at least a position that accurately reflects your individuality, are high on your mind. The time is right to take calculated risks. This can imply new educational pursuits. You may want to attend seminars or perhaps you are in a position to offer them. You yearn to give free reign to your imagination. Yet, you also probably realize that not all of your ideas and visions can be manifested, at least not all at once. Be open to new friends, subjects, locations and career directions now. Honour your many talents, interests and versatility!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The time has come to pay closer attention to your public and/or professional status. Dreams and ideals or exploring new territory are strong these days. You want to experience a new level of freedom and social connections. Confidence and self-worth themes are part of the plot. The more willing you are to try new things, the happier you will feel; few fear boredom more than you do. Intend to commit to learning new modes of expression and/or gain knowledge that open you to a wider scope of yourself and the world.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

New subjects, educational and possibly spiritual interests are gaining your attention now. Others in leadership positions are guiding you to make changes in your usual style and approach. This can be exciting and rewarding, unless you are resisting the flow. Obtaining new tools and techniques is part of it. Opportunities for travel may be available and if so this is probably a good time to go. A journey to an educational or spiritual retreat would really hit the mark. Be willing to exchange ideas and resources. Know when to speak and when to listen and you will gain a lot.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

What to keep and what to release? That is the sort of question you must ask now. This can include possessions, habits, attitudes and possibly even friendships. In order to answer to an inspiring and expansive host of opportunities, you are challenged to choose. People and circumstances are pushing you to be at your best. Be careful not to get lost in blame and over emphasis of other people's issues at the expense of taking a good clear look at the quality of your own performance; it will prove worthless. Aim to nurture more professional and agreeable modes of expression.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Stimulating the quality of your relationships is now in the spotlight. The focus is especially strong on the home front and with your family, and on professional fronts as well. The quality of one will affect that of the other. Changes are brewing and unless you handle these well the quality of your health, attitude and energy levels in general could suffer. Make extra efforts to define your actual needs, differentiating these from wants. Freedom of some kind may be a major theme. Get clear about what changes you can make and at least set intentions to make some big moves soon.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Health is perhaps the most important consideration of all. Of course, true health includes body, mind, heart and soul. Deciphering how each can and perhaps must be met at this stage of your journey is important. Over time our needs change and periodically, we are wise to reconsider what these are. The ability to weave creative purpose and expression into finding the answers and methods of implementing them is a good idea. See your own beauty as well as that in others and your environment.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Creating more balance in your life is a call to activate a greater measure of creative self-expression. Whether you are seeking to express untapped or dormant talents as an end in themselves or to increase your income, it is time to act. This may include changes and renovations close to home to accommodate your ambitions. You may feel pregnant with innovative ideas and possibilities. Make efforts to record your inspirations as you may later discover that they have eluded your memory. Sketch your plans and outline your intentions as a creative process in itself. By spring, at least, you will be ready to act on them.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Much is shaking close to home and you may feel challenged to be strong. Strength includes character, vision, intention, trust, willingness and perseverance. This is a good time to increase your scope of communications and social contacts. However, you may also feel the pull to be inward and to escape. If so, simply work from that place and/or do the inner work of cultivating the right attitude and approach from your lair. You can also do the inner work of imagining what you want and need and getting emotionally ready to follow through.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Investigating new prospects and building upon existing ones should be keeping you busy now. Change is in the air and denying it is simply that. Accepting the pace and reality of change is important now because it will accelerate progressively over the next several years! Make extra efforts and possibly investments to see a bigger picture over the long term and prepare now by seeking information and knowledge to fortify your decisions.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Getting clear about what is most important and of greatest value to you now is a central theme. Deep changes are rumbling within you and these will continue for some time to come. Yet, this is an expansive time as well and the time is right to take risks to broaden your horizons. A search for more meaningful relationships and social contacts is likely. Your will and intention to explore alternatives will bring rewards. While entertaining new friendships and philosophies is ideal, so too is connecting to your own source to access your authentic power.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Taking pioneering initiatives to realize your dreams is the call now. Commitment to a vision with purpose and power is ideal now. Otherwise, you may get lost in reactions and lose touch with a passionate and proactive momentum. The world is changing quickly now, but avoid getting lost in fear and over imagination about the outcome. Trust in the greater evolutionary plan and in the reality that society will adjust according to these changes. If you run for the hills you may find yourself lost in the wilderness. Summon courage and follow your intuitions to face any fears and go where the action is.

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Lots of action on and off the soccer field as season heads into final stretch

Comedy fundraiser on tap for association

As the soccer season starts to wind down, our teams enter cup play and then tournaments, or the fun part for our players and teams. But not all the action is happening on the fields, as our association has many off-field items of interest as well.

But back to cup play — it all began last weekend with men's teams playing in Jackson Cup (SSFC Div 2), Challenge Cup (SSFC Div 5) and Tony Grover Cup (SS Alumni and Old Boys) competition.

We also had one youth squad playing in provincial play-downs this weekend — the girls U-18 squad, who have quietly put together an excellent year on the soccer field under the tutelage of coaches Rob Holmes and Cal Steel. With only one loss this season they are a team to watch in cup play. Their first-round victory this past weekend means they will be playing at home this Sunday, Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Portlock Park.

Let us all hope these teams do well.

In March all our youth teams will play in District Cup with the finals scheduled on weekend of April 4-5.

Well, let us look at what your soccer association has on tap for you for the remainder of the season:

Raffle

The raffle is finally wrapping up with the prize draws at 11 a.m. at Godlonton at lastbite@telus.net. This is our big fundraiser for the year, so let us all make sure it is a success.

Comedy and soccer

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) will link with a comedian act in an event that is called Comedy Night, which will be at ArtSpring



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

on Friday, Feb. 20. Tickets will be \$25 per person and a percentage of ticket sales will go to our association. Therefore we are encouraging all our members to get behind this show, buy tickets, tell your friends and bring your relatives so that we can raise some funds for our youth and have a good laugh at the same time.

Tournaments

Yes, we are at that time of year again where all our players and teams get to play in tourneys with the chance to win more silverware. They are as follows:

- Mini Program Wrap-up Jamboree – tentatively March 28-29 for all our Mini Program teams.

- SSIYSA Youth Challenge Cup – this year will be held on April 25-26 at all our fields on Salt Spring and will include teams from U-9 to U-18. Already many teams are lining up to register, but our home teams should start inviting teams that they would like to have come to the tourney.

- Salt Spring Challenge Cup, the adult version, comes to Salt Spring on May Day weekend (May 16-18). Registration for this happens online and details are on the website at www.saltspring-challengecup.com.

Island championships

Lower Island Soccer Association, our governing body in Victoria, has requested we stage the Island Championships this year on May 2-3 at Portlock and GISS fields. This tourney will feature the top gold boys and girls teams from U-13

to U-18 levels from Upper Island versus Lower Island. Over the two days there will be some excellent soccer played on Salt Spring, games you should all get out and watch as the calibre will be excellent. We will also have concessions at both fields so you can stay all day.

New logo/website

In recent weeks our association has been working on creating a new logo, club name and website. In conjunction with Diane Weatherby we have developed a new logo and new club name (still has to be registered) and will be getting the new website functional over February. The idea has been to create a better identity for the association, especially as it appears amalgamation with the senior teams seems to be happening.

The full unveiling of the "new look" will probably come at the youth tourney at the end of April.

Directors

This season saw our association lose several directors due to other commitments, creating a very heavy workload for those left on the board. We will be actively seeking new directors to help us in many areas (team photos, Mini Program, social events, risk management, coaches committee, turf field committee, tourney committees).

With the size of our program and the number of participants we have (over 400 with adults), we need all hands on deck. Fortunately we have already added a couple of new directors in Joanne O'Connor, Jesse Fisher and Sandra Crandall, but more are needed.

There will be more to come as our association will be revamping itself with the addition of senior teams, but in the end we hope to provide the best soccer experience for the youth and adults of Salt Spring.

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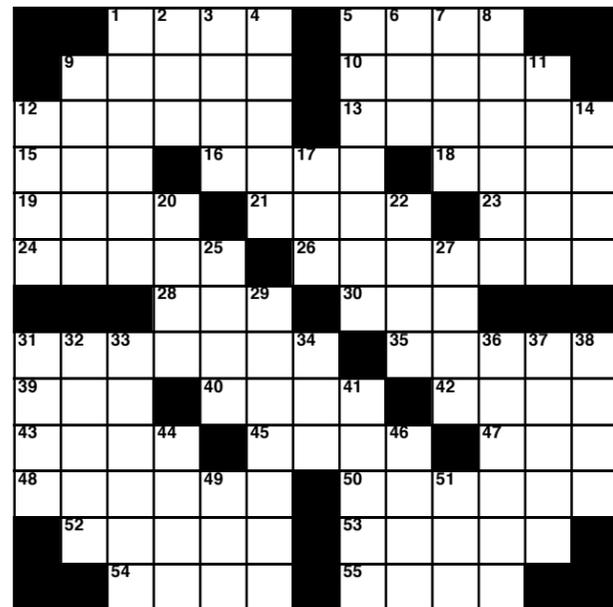
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Green wedding — choose local, organic and 'give back'

Writer and fiancé create original eco-friendly wedding plan

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With "going green" being all the rage right now, the business of being eco-friendly has, not surprisingly, also infiltrated the wedding world. Today there are eco-homes, eco-tourism, eco-spas . . . why not eco-weddings?

A natural-born tree-hugger, it wasn't long after my fiancé's proposal that I was vowing to keep our September 2009 wedding not only easy on our budget, but also easy on the Earth. I've since discovered that if you're willing to put in a bit of extra time and make a few concessions when tying the knot, it's actually easy to be green.

And reassured, you won't have to wear a hemp sack, have a raw-food-only reception, or give out patchou-

li sticks to your guests for favours. I promise, you can have that fabulous wedding of your dreams while also treating the planet like a guest of honour.

Despite people saying, "This is supposed to be your day. Don't make it harder on yourself," we felt that a wedding shouldn't mean throwing our principles out the window.

I came to realize that planning a great environmentally friendly wedding was simple.

So, we got to work planning and challenging ourselves on our green values.

I will admit (with burning cheeks), I was lured into the earthy green fonts on

the covers of bridal magazines proclaiming "Green Wedding Guide" or "Eco-Friendly Ideas You'll Love." I bought a few, hoping some wise, mother-earth writer would enlighten me on how to plan a green wedding.

Instead, I found droves of flaky articles featuring über-expensive earth-friendly wedding gifts (including a \$500 duvet cover, not made of sustainable fabric, but featuring a nice image of a tree), simply dripping with a go-big-or-go-home consumerism that contradicted the very notion of being green. Not to mention suggesting the most lame and tame, barely-there green tips like skipping the release of doves or helium balloons after your I-do's and avoiding serving any threatened species for dinner.

After my short affair with the glossy mags, I came to realize that planning a great environmentally friendly wedding was simple. It was all about the little things.

For the wedding ceremony location, it was a no-brainer. At Ruckle Provincial Park we're forgoing the expense



The 'Great Room' at Ango Retreat.

and waste of any manufactured wedding decorations and letting the exquisite setting speak for itself. After all, no amount of drapery, flowers or crepe-paper wedding bells can match the natural ambience created by sea, sky and forest. Besides that, showing support for the conservation standards of local parks was an easy way for us to walk a green aisle.

Being a fairly non-traditional couple (give my fiancé a tradition and he'll find a reason to forgo it), we decided to switch things up and hold a casual, all-day reception the day after the ceremony. The Ango Retreat on LePage Road provided the perfect venue. Relatively new, Ango is the best-kept

wedding venue secret on the island, especially for those looking for a greener alternative. Set on breathtaking grounds, the site includes a main building, two B&B style accommodations that meet the local chamber of commerce "green accommodations" standards, a commercial kitchen, a 100 per cent organic garden and a delightful yurt.

The fact that the owners use the proceeds from Ango to help finance micro-loans for projects in Africa and support several initiatives to help Maasai and Swazi children made our decision even easier. After all, giving back and being socially conscious is simply another way to ensure our planet stays

healthy and productive.

For our eats, we found a local chef (Chef Kelly of Catering by Kelly) who will not only whip up a delicious dinner, but also tries whenever possible to use local, organic food. Providing our guests with tasty treats representative of Salt Spring, we opted for (local) gourmet lamb burgers, fresh Fraser Valley corn, (wild and locally caught) West Coast fish cakes and (local) drunken prawns.

Even though our reception is a très casual affair, we're renting or borrowing all of our cutlery, tableware, tables, chairs and linens in order to steer clear of plastics or disposables.

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Scenic Ango Retreat grounds.



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it simple. No exotic, out-of-season bouquets grown in greenhouses hundreds of miles away. We plan to grab some cheery, island-grown, organic bouquets from our island's farm stands.

We opted for blue, green and brown as a colour scheme, representing the ocean, forest and mountains around us, which will make finding decorations as simple as finding an islander with artistic talent. The idea came from my fiancé (although he might deny it) after he spluttered with eyebrows raised, "A colour scheme? We have to pick colours?"

Being deeply opposed to buying decorations that would only be used one time, his simple idea was to use objects from our surroundings, like rocks, shells, branches and leaves to create beautiful décor for our dinner tables. I knew I was marrying him for a reason!

I have been reassured by those in the industry that while the idea of eco-friendly wedding dresses is still

relatively cutting edge, in a few years it'll be a cinch for brides to find their dream dress while still remaining kind to the Earth. Right now, however, the options are either pricey organic dresses from well-known designers who've jumped on the eco-trend, or organic gowns that seem, for some reason, fit only for a medieval costume party.

After a ton of research, I've found a willing local seamstress who will design and sew my dress from either organic or sustainable fabric, hopefully purchased from a Canadian fabric company.

You won't see this girl forcing her bridesmaids into hideous gowns that get worn once and shoved into the back of a closet, either. Instead, I'll nudge the gals towards some convertible dresses, which allow the piece to be worn many different ways, ensuring it'll see multiple uses.

As for make-up and hair-styling options, with Salt Spring's own Studio One

Aveda Salon, it's a match made in green heaven. Because Aveda products are eco-friendly, this allows for beautiful hair and a beautiful face that won't come at the expense of a healthy planet.

Our guests will also have the chance to join in the eco-blitz.

For invitations, we'll hopefully use a Canadian company like Botanical Paperworks' plantable paper. That's right, our guests can check out the invite, dig a hole in their backyards and plant the invitation, watching it bloom into beautiful flowers. And, in order to cut back on paper invite inserts, we created a wedding website that includes info for guests on travel and accom-

modations, RSVP page, schedule of events and even an on-line registry.

We're even contemplating using a company like Tree-Canada to plant trees in our guest's names as favours.

Our guests will also have the chance to join in the eco-blitz as we encourage them to carpool and choose green accommodations like the Harbour House Hotel. Guests can choose to offset their flights' emissions with organizations like zero-footprint.com (it only costs \$11.20 to completely offset a flight from Toronto to Vancouver, return!). Or, they can choose companies that are carbon neutral, like Harbour Air and Salt Spring Air.

Basically, planning an eco-wedding boils down to three simple phrases (besides reduce, reuse, recycle): go local, choose organic and give back. By following these three mottos, we've been able to paint our celebrations with a strong shade of green, while still creating an affordable wedding of our dreams.

SUMMING IT UP . . .

- Encourage guests to carpool or use carbon-neutral travel options.
- Steer guests towards green accommodations.
- Choose earth-friendly hair and body care products.
- Use a website to send out invites or to communicate all the details.
- Create decor from materials found in nature.
- Get a second-hand dress or sew one from organic/sustainable fabric.
- Choose local and/or organic food, wine and beer for the reception.
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BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Against an ocean backdrop, costumed stilt walkers teeter high above wedding guests, trailing coloured scarves and bubbles in the breeze. While the Laotian bride finishes getting ready in the log house bathroom, Salt Spring lamb roasts on the spit and guests sip wine, lounge on hay bales and tuck in and out of the fortune teller's tent.

It is a sunny Saturday afternoon, June 7, 2008, and guests begin to arrive at Tom Boivin and Phouthalak Phichit's wedding on a Ruckle Park-adjacent property overlooking Captain's Passage. Those arriving are treated to an unexpected carnival of activities that breaks beyond the "traditional" wedding many North American wedding-goers have come to expect.

May you be filled with loving kindness

BUDDHIST BLESSING

backgrounds of the bride and groom.

Boivin, a Canadian, first met Phichit, a Laotian, in 2004 while on a business trip in Laos. As president of West Vancouver-based environmental consulting firm Hatfield Consultants Partnership, Boivin was working with the government of Laos on an environmental training project at the time.

"He would tell me about this girl he met and how sweet she was," recalls Boivin's sister Suzanne. "I could tell this was something special."

The multicultural wedding theme celebrates the unity the couple found in their diversity; two people from separate

The caravan of jugglers, plate spinners, magicians, unicycle riders, musicians, fortune tellers, story tellers and belly dancers present — all local entertainers — are a testament to the whimsical talents Gulf Islands entertainers have to offer.

But the wedding's multicultural flair also reflects the



PHOTOS BY AMY GEDDES

Members of the Flying Dreams circus troupe and other talented performers.

backgrounds brought together by their love and desire to make a life together in Canada, for themselves and their one-year-old son Nolan.

Guests in attendance had flown from Japan, Thailand, the U.S. and from across Canada, and Phichit's mother Manikhone Phichit had made the journey all the way from Laos.

"It's very special to bring people of all walks of life together," says Julie Robinson, the groom's sister-in-law, before the ceremony begins. "The intermingling of cultures reflects who the bride and groom are."

As the wedding party assembles inside the log house, marriage commissioner Gabrielle Page stands on the white, latticed podium before a stunning, sparkling ocean backdrop. A string of Tibetan prayer flags swing in the breeze behind her.

Bridesmaids, groomsmen and little Nolan (the ring-bearer)

make their way down the grassy path from the log house to the outdoor auditorium of guests seated on neatly arranged hay bales. The men wear black suits and the women are dressed in fine dresses in shades of pink and white.

The groom takes to the podium followed by the bride wearing a white dress — one of the few traditional elements upheld in this non-traditional wedding.

Someone's dog provides comic relief, tinged with a bit of nail-biting uneasiness, when the animal decides to chase and bark at the bride's hem.

All sing and repeat a Buddhist blessing, previously handed out to guests: "May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well. May you be peaceful and at ease. May you be happy."

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Native story tellers and healers Jimmy Spencer and Prem Margolese waft the smoke of sage and wheatgrass around the heads of the bride and groom. Pichit's mother from Laos, seated on a chair to the left of the podium, is "smudged" as well.

"It's very special to bring people of all walks of life together. The intermingling of cultures reflects who the bride and groom are."

JULIE ROBINSON
Groom's sister-in-law

Smudging is a purifying and cleansing preparation for the couple's new life together, Margolese explains. In native traditions, he says, all elders are treated with respect and Pichit's mother was the elder representing the Pichit family.

The couple are married by Page in a short but touching ceremony.

The afternoon extends into the evening and there is a feast of lamb, crab, prawns and a selection of Thai/Lao food.

"My wife and I are both easygoing and flexible people," the groom explains. "We wanted a nice celebration and we wanted to incorporate a whole bunch of different cultures. And we thought it would be nice to have something that reflects Salt Spring's character."

He describes the property as "one of the most beautiful places in the world," and was pleased with the eclectic mix of entertainers and supporters who helped make their wedding a day to remember.

Boivin's friend from Salt Spring, Chris Hatfield, organized the wedding. Hatfield said he aimed to provide an event that reflected Salt Spring's character.

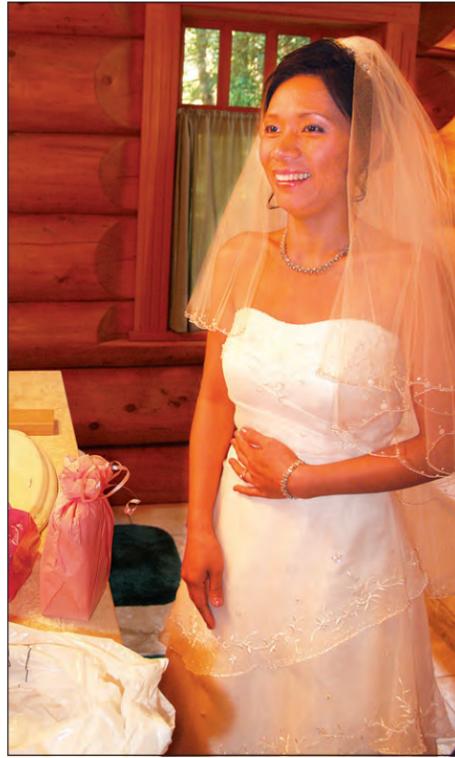
It took place on Hatfield's property, the site of a 1900s sawmill.

As part of the wedding experience, Hatfield hosted hourly tours of his museum (above the garage) that showcases Asian artifacts found buried on the property, used by Japanese and Chinese sawmill workers in the early 1900s.

The property's historical significance was just another element that added multicultural weight to the Boivin-Pichit wedding.

The couple now lives in North Vancouver where Boivin continues to work as president of Hatfield Consultants Partnership and Pichit is a homemaker.

They come to Salt Spring every quarter to visit Hatfield and "enjoy the beautiful surroundings," Boivin says.



Above, bride Phouthalak Pichit gets ready. At left is bellydancer Oriana, one of the day's performers.



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I'm a Mrs. helps the bride keep her smile while going through the name change process.

Bride's name change shouldn't be a nightmare of red tape

Online service set to ease frustration

A new website promises to help make the lives of new brides easier.

I'm A Mrs., www.imamrs.com, is an online Canadian marriage name change service that provides all of the forms, instructions and personalized letters new brides need when they embark on their official name change.

"By visiting www.imamrs.com, women can save hours — even days — in the name change process," states a press release.

The website is the first of its kind and was born of the frustration new brides face when looking to legally change their name.

Rather than venture to a government office for forms, and then search and call various other organizations, I'm A Mrs. takes care of all of the above in one easy step.

The site offers two packages. The standard package which includes access to all of the necessary government forms, as well as access to three additional forms of your choice from our database. The other option is the premium package, which

includes access to all forms in the database, including government, banks, credit cards, utility companies and mortgage companies.

"Planning a wedding can be a very stressful time, and once the wedding and honeymoon are over, we want to ensure that all women need to stress over is getting their thank you cards out the door," says Claire Lamont, co-founder of I'm A Mrs. "In chatting with new brides, we found one of their biggest frustrations was the name change process, so I'm A Mrs. was started to help alleviate that pain."

Insurance helps couples keep vows to look after each other's needs forever

But it's not usually on a newlyweds' to-do list

BY EDITH STEVENSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

You're in love. You talk about your future together. You have hopes and dreams, you make plans: a home, children perhaps, being financially independent, growing old together. It will be wonderful.

But what if one of you gets ill, or has a serious accident, or dies at a young age?

A friend of mine, a lovely elderly gentleman, once said: "When you sign a marriage contract, you vow to the other person, 'I promise to love you as long as I live.' When you sign a life insurance contract, you are essentially saying, 'I promise to love you, as long as you live.'"

Chances are not huge that you will die before you are in your 70s or 80s. Neither is the likelihood that our homes will burn to the ground, and yet we do not hesitate to insure them. The reality is, if you do get sick, or die, you want your family to have choices. You want them to be able to stay in their own world, and have time to decide what to do next, without being burdened by finances.

We aren't supposed to lose our spouses until we are old. But if you do, life insurance will not only help, it can guarantee your financial security.

The best time to buy life insurance is

while you are still perfectly healthy. A qualified life insurance advisor can assist you, helping you understand the various types of plans, and the amount of coverage appropriate for your needs. When you are young, it need not cost a lot.

Making insurance a part of your overall budget is simply a smart thing to do. It also says, "I care about you."

In the last 10 years, another kind of personal insurance has become an important financial consideration as well: critical illness insurance. It has become a reality that you are far more likely today to survive being diagnosed with a serious illness such as cancer, or multiple sclerosis, or survive a heart attack or stroke, than die. Doctors are doing a great job seeing to this, and yet at the same time, the government is cutting back on coverage for many conditions.

Critical illness insurance pays you a lump sum, tax-free, to use however you wish. You may want to seek alternative therapies, or faster treatment in the States, modify your home to accommodate a wheelchair, or allow your partner to take time off work to care for you or children.

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The writer is a Salt Spring-based insurance advisor with Sun Life Financial.

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Little things can change everything

A wedding can be perfect — or ruined by bad judgement

Here's a list of tried-and-true do's and don'ts.

DO:

- Write a speech
- Plan a gift for your loved one
- Have a good night's sleep before the wedding
- Make a list of the photos you'd like the photographer to take
- Ensure a special menu for any vegetarians
- Include a list of nearby

hotels with your wedding invitations

- Supply a list of your favourite songs to the DJ or the music group
- Organize a table for the presents and plan a safe place for cards with money
- Plan a rehearsal for the bride's makeup and hairstyle to avoid unpleasant surprises on the big day
- Seat children at the same table
- Be sure that table centre pieces or other gifts are presented to the guests of honour.

DON'T:

- Forget that the wedding video will immortalize everything you say
- Bankrupt yourself when organizing the wedding
- Have one glass too many on the wedding day
- Be late
- Ignore the tradition of having a guest book at the entrance of the reception hall
- Forget to send thank-you cards
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The tale of one Yofi dress and three island couples

Nothing can cause more wedding-related stress — or excitement — than choosing the bride's dress.

When Salt Spring Islanders Sheri Cook and Don Hickman were planning their wedding in 1977, Sheri found a beautiful Yofi Designs dress in Vancouver. It cost about \$100.

Four years later, when Brad Bompas and Marylou Kobierski were set to tie the knot, Marylou decided to borrow Sheri's dress rather than buy a new one.

Then, in 1986, when Don's brother Andy and Caroline Hunt were ready to become a couple, the Yofi dress came onto the scene again.

Brad and Don also wore the same suit, said Sheri. Andy wasn't the same build as the other two men, though, and he had Sheri make him a unique Japanese-

style shirt instead.

Sheri says their tale illustrates that weddings don't have to be elaborate or cost a fortune in order to ensure a long and happy marriage.

"It's not how much you spend on the wedding, it's not how much you spend on the wedding," she says. "It's what you put into the relationship."

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