Hewitt appointed to ferry authority

By SEAN MCMINTE

Appointment of a local voice to the B.C. Ferry Authority's board of directors is encouraging Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) members to believe in a solution for the island's ferry woes may be on the horizon. "I am very excited about being appointed to the board," said Doreen Hewitt, chair of SSIFAC. "It is hoped Hewitt's appointment will hasten a plan for improved service to the mainland, traffic congestion in Fulford and the increased use of the Crotch-Venuston route." After hearing the news, "I have been the chair of the SSIFAC here on Salt Spring and feel I can bring a new voice to the board of directors of the B.C. Ferry Authority," said Hewitt. "I am representing the people of B.C., not just Salt Springers," she said. "Of course, I will bring the views of Salt Spring to the table but in the context of representing all the people, including tourists visiting from other areas." 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These groups will then report out to the whole meeting.

Tables will provide information about staffing, school closure reconfiguration, property development and new methods, she said.

“They will have done all of that and then at the facilitated table, the conversation at the table will ask, ‘With what you’ve heard, where is the best place for the district to consider spending the money?’”

The process would be a maximum of three hours in length, Herbert said.

“When people move from one table to another, they will be able to see what the other table has written and add in their own opinions.”

Members of the Keep Five Alive Coalition (KFAC) that oppose a four-day school will be looking for content more than form in the consultation meeting.

“I will try to see the progress that would be made to turn their homes into hotels, despite the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission and the guidelines of the OIC,” he said.

“If we’re serious about protecting our community, we’ll have to elect trustees in the fall who are committed to protecting it.”

The proposed bylaws will also let seasonal cottages be used as a STVR, through issuing of temporary use permits (TUPs), if a permanent resident also lives on the property.

TUPs and their associated fees would not be required to rent out one’s principal dwelling for the 30-60 day period, which “are not a very realistic scenario” for regulating STVRs.

Campground density on large properties would also be restricted, although Agricultural Land Commission rules would take precedence for those properties.

The bylaws will likely go to public hearing in May.

Survivor III reunion hits the press this week

Ever since the Driftwood’s last Survivor game ended with Banana Joe Clemente at the top of the heap, it’s been hard to not hope for a chance to do it all over.

In both 2001 and 2002, islanders dove into the Survivor challenge to read the answers of contestants and eliminate one each week with relish.

With Survivor reunions a popular item these days, the Driftwood has launched its own beginning this week, with six veterans joined by two “rookies.”

Castaways for the North Tribe are: John Dolman, the winner of Survivor I, Clemente, Dr. Ron Reznick and Lianne Fidler (the rookie).

South Tribe castaways are Valdy, Bruce Patterson, Dr. Bela Zylbergold and Judy Raddah (rookie).

While a North Tribe member won both previous Survivor contests, south-end voters have proven a well-oiled machine through recent fire trustee elections.

Castaways are playing for $5000 that will be given to their favourite charity.

One lucky reader and participant will also be rewarded.

After the eight weeks are finished, one ballot will be drawn, with the winner receiving a two-night stay at Post’s Cove resort on Pender Island.

See pages 20 and 21 in this issue for the castaways’ answers to this week’s questions, and then fill out the ballot to vote one of them off the island.

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**Newsbeat**

**Vacation rental bylaws tweaked**

By GAIL SJUBERG

Staff Writer

Salt Spring’s trustees cobbled together agreement on vacation rental-related bylaws in order to give them their first reading on Thursday, but they still remain divided in spirit on some issues.

Kimberly Linger and Eric Booth disagreed on two points: the number of days a permanent resident could rent out their home for short-term vacation rental (STVR) use each year; and whether properties in the Rural Watershed 1 zone should be given STVR rights.

“[I]t’s not comfortable with the number of days [proposed],” said Linger in discussing whether it should be a continuous 30 or 60-day period at the March 31 Rural Trusts Committee (RTC) meeting. “I think the 30-day period is easier to manage.”

But she agreed to let the proposed 60-day period stand in order to get the bylaw to the public hearing stage.

As regional planning manager John Gauld explained, the RTC could amend its bylaw from 60 to 30 days, but cannot go the other way following public hearing.

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Local survives crash

Christina Estable received the call all parents fear on Easter Sunday when Cowichan Hospital personnel advised that her nine-year-old son Tommy was involved in a car accident near Crofton.

Fortunately he was sitting in the middle of the vehicle's back seat reading to his young friend — rather than on the side — when a large truck with a long trailer went out of control, hit the vehicle he was travelling in and split it in half.

Estable was at a Mount Tsaikl Buddhist retreat and Tommy was returning from a trip to Tofino with family friends when the crash occurred.

Tommy suffered a concussion and will undergo neurological testing in Vancouver this week, but was otherwise not hurt.

"He was right out," said his mother, "he can't remember anything."

Estable is grateful for her son's protection in the incident.

"He had the good fortune of being personally blessed by the Dalai Lama, and Baba Hari Dass was one of the first people to hold him in his arms as a baby."

Tommy was born at Burgeo Bay.

FERRY APPOINTMENT

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an area where he could store the equipment used for his Salt Spring Rock Products company.

Bader gave the Driftwood a tour of his land, but insisted no pictures be taken.

"Everybody is interested in what their neighbours are doing," he said on the way to the site. "I do not believe there is a law that says you can't store the tools of your trade."

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mental role in the creation of the SSIFAC in order to better address the specific needs of Salt Spring Island residents.

"At the time we thought that the concerns of Salt Springers were different than the concerns of other islanders," she said. In light of the departure, Robert Jones was elected the SSIFAC's new chair in a meeting held Friday.

I hope to keep pushing the ferry company," he said. "Their emphasis is on the customers and we have to remind them about what the customers need."

Jones admitted the committee encountered difficulties in the past and continues to work for a greater degree of transparency during B.C. Ferries' transition from a Crown to a private corporation.

He wished Hewitt all the best in her new position and added she had much knowledge and experience to contribute.

"She is certainly not there to represent Salt Spring directly but will have knowledge of Salt Spring," he said.

"She will bring a Gulf Islands perspective to the board."

UNITED THEY STAND: Members of the Stewart Road Residents Association led by Rosey Brennan (fourth from left) prevent vehicles from leaving and entering 177 Jennifer Way on Monday afternoon.
Patterson, Gillies elected as fire trustees

By SEAN MCGINTYRE
Staff Writer

Four days after voters cast their ballots in Saturday’s Salt Spring fire board election, trustee Dan Lee declared Bruce Patterson and Mary Gillies winners during the fire department’s March 29 AGM.

Following the meeting, board members also elected Ted Hinds to replace Mike Patterson as vice-chairman.

“I wish to bring the community back into the board and try to get Ted Hinds to replace Mike Patterson,” Patterson said.

Board members also elected Ann McPhee as fire board chairman.

Gillies is the first female trustee, and Gillies and Patterson were elected during the fire department’s first all-day elections. Trustee Dan Lee said B.C. Paramedics working on Salt Spring were paid $2 per hour to carry phones for on-call coverage, and paramedics did not have to stay at the station during their shift.

The new deployment model is part of a memorandum of agreement approved by the Ambulance Paramedics of B.C. in November 2004.

“Paramedics won’t have to drive off island or driving out in the community and get to stations before heading to an emergency, so we are not going to see quicker overall response times,” said B.C. Ambulance Service CEO David Morhart.

Patterson and Gillies won the election with 333 and 259 votes respectively.

Canditates David Bar- tle and Hans Hazenboom received 148 votes each.

Gillies is the first female trustee to sit on the board and trustee Ken Lee said he believes she will add an entirely new perspective.

Patterson said the election of two additional south-end residents would not compromise the board’s dedication to providing service to residents throughout the island.

“When the pager goes off, you do what you’re trained to do,” he said. “Issues like policy and training concern everyone on the island and getting people involved in the process means asking people from all over the island to get involved.”

Hinds added board members are elected by the entire community and have a mandate to represent everyone regardless of where they live.

“There is no concern because both people are Salt Springers. They may have been trained to do it, but they have been elected to address everyone on the island,” he said.

Although public notice had been issued prior to the election, the process raised questions when it was learned the results would not be revealed immediately following the election but rather at the Tuesday AGM.

Deputy returning officer Carole Gear said she “never done anything like that before,” but believed the delay did not affect the legitimacy of the results.

She said the board sought to hold the election on a Saturday because of the difficulties in getting people to work at the polling station during the week.

Although the election committee managed to secure workers, the last weekend election attracted only 480 voters. The turnout was considerably lower than the 600 voters who participated in last year’s election (not the 1,200 reported in last week’s paper).

Past board chairman Schubart said people with concerns regarding the delay should bring them to the board where they could be “assurance” opened.

He added the board will seek to strike a committee and gather public insight to review the election process for future years.

Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees are now Schubart, Hinds, Patterson, Gillies, Den Irwin, Ken Lee and Dan Lee.

Norton yields low farming potential

Affordable-housing planners might have harvested a report that counters agricultural zoning on Norton Road.

But the Islands Trust is more concerned with proposed development density than whether the property will grow prize-winning strawberries.

Professional agronomist Brian French said the 12-acre Norton Road zoning issue suffers from “severe soil and land-use limitations,” according to a press release from Salt Spring Affordable Housing Corp.

French downgraded the previous soil rating from Class 2 to Class 5 (on a scale of 1 to 7), improbable to grow some vegetables, irrigation and drainage.

The property was excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve in 1987.

This report confirms what Salt Springers have been saying all along about the severely limited agricultural potential of the property,” said resident owner Norr Elliott.

Consequently, Elliott believes the present agricultural zoning cannot be supported and that the Residential Community Plan (RCP) designation is correct.

The new soil report presents a contrast to comments from members of the Norton Road Neighborhood Association, who argue that Elliott’s land is agricultural, said club secretary Shirley Bond.

“The club play a part when we go to make our decision whether to go forward with the affordable housing development or not,” she said.

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Biodiesel fuels lower emissions

By SEAN MCGINTY
Staff Writer

Members of the Salt Spring Biodiesel Collective (SSBC) are pumped after receiving their first 1,000-litre shipment of biodiesel fuel which they will offer for sale to the public Saturday.

"We've been thinking about this moment for over six months," said Joan Werner. "In the summer we thought we'd get some biodiesel to make available as a community service to people who want to use a cleaner fuel than diesel and now we've done it!"

Biodiesel is an alternative and non-toxic renewable fuel made from combining methanol with vegetable oils, cooking grease or animal fat. Compared with traditional diesel fuel, biodiesel reduces in dramatically reduced pollution levels.

"It's definitely a step towards lowering emissions and helping the environment. Why spend money on a pump that runs fairly clean?" said mechanic Axel Dollheiser, doing some test driving from Vancouver with the fuel. "Once the biodiesel is available, this will be the most accessible thing people can do to lower emissions."

Renned Biodiesel in a regular diesel engine with no modifications has lifecycle carbon dioxide emissions by 90 per cent while cutting carbon monoxide and particulate matter emissions in half.

The commercial use of biodiesel took off in Germany in 1991. The industry has grown ever since, now employs over 19,000 people.

Although it is not yet produced in Canada, the fuel has been available for sale in Vancouver and Victoria for years and Dollheiser believes it to be a matter of time before groups like was spread around and get more people involved.

"It will be provided at a price for now but just want people to know about it and we hope that at some point it will get popular," he said. "If we can get the ball rolling, that's alright!"

SSBC members attribute biodiesel popularity in Europe to high gasoline prices, which forced people to study the viability of long-term alternatives.

Coincidentally, the shipment arrived only days following financial analysis firm Goldman Sachs' prediction that oil may undergo "viper spikes" to more than US$100 a barrel. The plan aims to create a $40-million investment by the government and chart the course for future expansion of Burgoyne Bay.

The plan is to use biodiesel in the farm tractor in addition to a new diesel car recently purchased after hearing the fuel was on its way to Salt Spring.

"If nobody uses it, the new product doesn't stand a chance," he said. Much like organic food became slightly more affordable after it caught on with the public, Bishop hopes an increased demand for biodiesel leads to a price drop.

In addition to doing something positive for the environment, Dollheiser added it was nice to begin breaking free of the petroleum industry and chart the course towards an independent energy strategy.

"People on Salt Spring will now get to find out about what all the talk is about," he said.

Biodiesel fuel will be available at Pretzel Motors from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday. The biodiesel venture is a separate under­taking, the SSBC requests that calls not be made to Pretzel Motors.

Burgoyne park expansion welcomed

By SEAN MCGINTY
Staff Writer

Last week's announcement to expand Burgoyne Park was welcome news for conservationists but does add the dire need to properly manage existing parks on the island and throughout B.C.

The $1.5-million purchase by the province from the CRD will guarantee the preservation of an additional 151 hectares (330 acres) to the south of the park's existing boundaries and increase the park's size by roughly 50 per cent.

The acquisition comes only a year after the creation of Burgoyne Park and Friends of Salt Spring Parks member Nora Layard sus­pects the announcement is linked to the May 17 provincial election.

"Elections are always a good time for parks," she said. "The big question is how they will be able to manage the expanded area."

Burgoyne Bay is the new­est of Salt Spring's three pro­vincial parks. It was created to protect open grasslands, Douglas fir, historical build­ings and First Nations moun­tains.

"This new acquisition will hopefully get B.C. Parks to develop a master plan as to how they will manage the park," she said. "So far there is nothing in place."

PUMPING A CLEAN ALTERNATIVE: Salt Spring Biodiesel Collective members Amy Phillips, Axel Dollheiser and Joan Werner pose with 1,000 litres of fresh-smelling biodiesel. Photo by Sam McIntyre

Layard claimed recent funding cuts have seen the elimination of facilities and healthy. She expressed concern the area would not be managed effectively.

Although exact visitor figures are not collected, she said use of Burgoyne Bay, Mount Maxwell and Ruckle parks has increased. In the Burgoyne area, residents expressed difficulties finding parking during summer months.

Bill Barisoff, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, said the announcement corresponded roughly to the size of nine Salt Spring Islands.

Barisoff said the current government has struggled to overcome "a $40-million park maintenance back­log left over from the past regime." He feels the recent expansion is a move towards correcting what has been long overdue.

"This investment by the province will protect some of the most sensitive habitat in the Gulf Islands, includ­ing areas that support the threatened Garry oak," Bar­isoff said.

"To be able to expand Bur­

goyne Bay less than a year after its creation is evidence that our strong economy is supporting government's plan to expand and protect special habitats."

With the money received from the purchase, the CRD plans to help purchase the Sooke Potholes property near Victoria in cooperation with The Land Conservancy of B.C.
Thai Sea Gypsies greet their new boats

Thai fishermen waded out to greet a flotilla of new boats that arrived at Riawai village on March 17, thanks to Salt Spring tsunami relief donations.

“What a beautiful sight to see,” wrote islander Tom Cairns in an e-mail from Phuket.

And most boats have three to five people employed, he said.

“As I waited for the new boats to arrive yesterday, I saw three fishermen heading out of the village on a motorbike with their daughters on the back dressed in their school uniform. Their fathers were driving them to school. Without these boats, the kids would not be going to school — for each family must pay to go to school, pay for gas for the motorbike, pay for school lunches, pay for plates on the bike and pay for school uniforms.”

All of the fishermen taking their daughters to school that day had received boats from the fund, which enabled them to make money to pay bills and feed their families, he said.

“Salt Spring Island has been the driving force behind our project. Debbie and I want you all to know you have helped these Sea Gypsies recover fully from the destruction the tsunami brought.”

After providing three used boats and 13 new boats for fishermen in Riawai, they have almost completed their initial task to support Phuket area fishermen, he said.

The group has also assisted 10 boat repairs at Koh Lanta, 12 boat repairs at Koh Moel, bought two motors and have ordered 18 other boats for fishermen at Ban Nang and Pak Weep camps.

“We know we can’t help every fisherman that lost a boat, for there are over 1,500 boats lost on Thailand’s coast, but it is hard to say “no” to these men who have lost everything they once had.”

VIHA board ensures full employment for local grads

By SEAN MCINTYRE

Staff Writer

Members of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) guaranteed “local employment” for all graduates of the region’s three nursing schools in a low-profile meeting in Ganges last Wednesday.

“We will be the first region to offer all graduates permanent employment with the Vancouver Island Health Authority,” said board member Brian Stamp.

“It is hoped that difficulties finding work in the area will become a thing of the past,” Stamp said.

He said nurses would be able to apply for positions in acute care sites, seniors’ and community health facilities and addiction clinics in health units throughout the VIHA.

It is currently expected that 175 students will graduate this spring from the University of Victoria, Malaspina and North Island College.

“We are addressing the current shortage of health professionals by providing opportunities for training and work for local graduates on Vancouver Island,” said Oak Bay-Gor­ derns Cunnington. “We have Alida Chang in a position issued before the Ganges meeting.”

“The commitment from VIHA complements our government’s nursing strategies to make Vancouver Island more competitive and attractive to our own young, skilled health care professionals.”

Despite the current short­age of nurses in the region, board members agreed Salt Spring’s facilities and staff were crucial in the recovery.

“Following a meeting tour of the hospital, VIHA president/CEO Howard Waldner said island facilities were a prime example of how health care services should be provided throughout the district.

“We are usually taught that bigger is better,” he said. “I think we should be looking for how efficient and organized can be a thing of the past.”

Waldner added Lady Minto’s critical access committee continues to improve with the recent addition of a new operating room, its first palliative care suite and the implementation of a comprehensive health care plan.

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Acting locally, thinking globally

Effects of international trading will be under a microscope next week as a Global Week of Action on Trade is observed on Salt Spring and around the world.

A local coordinating committee is inviting “all islanders who feel connected to each other and the planet” to “think globally and act locally by buying locally, which supports small producers and businesses and reduces greenhouse gases and our reliance on unfair global systems.”

Representatives will be in the Saturday market with information on April 9, and boards for posting comments and suggestions will be set up around the island. Two discussion topics will be raised: “How the unjust trading system affects us and individuals and communities; and Salt Spring Island alternatives in support of our micro-economy — what is being done and what could be done.”

On April 16, all comments and suggestions will be gathered together, with the best ones presented to the media for sharing and possible action.

The idea of a Global Week of Action came from a trade discussion held in India in November 2003, and was put into action at the World Social Forum in Brazil in January of this year.

Local action is being coordinated by Eiden Witwatt (gande@saltspring.com), Marion Pape (marionpape@telus.net) and members of the Wednesday afternoon book club.

Other Salt Spring groups are being asked to support the week’s activities, noted Witwatt.
Library board seeks more public input

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Library board members planned another chapter in the quest for a new library by announcing the creation of two initiatives to increase community involvement and develop a solid building plan.

“Despite the fact that much of the year felt like two steps forward, one and a half steps back, and the main issue of site and financing for the project is still beyond our resolution, the committee has developed some interesting prospects for the new library,” said Pat Fraser, chair of the library board’s long-term planning committee.

Creation of a building or development finance committee and Friends of the Library group were deemed immediate priorities at the library AGM held Thursday at the Ganges United Church.

The finance committee will seek to quell rumours and pursue reasonable scenarios for the site selection and eventual purchase of land for the library.

“It’s not the glitz and excitement of a facility crumbling from concrete and rebar foundations,” said Fraser with regard to the board’s immediate future.

“It is, more accurately, the true foundations for a successful project; sound planning, broad-based research, careful consideration and investigation.”

Fraser cautioned people to avoid forming conclusions since a site for the library has not yet been selected. She said the board examined every available site in and outside of the core but would not make a final decision without further research.

“We are doing background investigation because there is no point in getting excited or upset about a site that might not even happen.”

In the matter of location, the first choice of library members and the community as reflected in the island’s official community plan, appears to be a site within the core, she said. “However, the fact is undeniable that public lands owned by the Capital Regional District would be the best deal financially.”

Fraser explained the library has cut many services over the past decade, not for a lack of funds but rather due to a shortage of space.

The library’s ever expanding collection of more than 44,000 items, recent expansion to the children’s area and computer terminals contributed to space restraints.

While recognizing the increasing diversity of services to a varied population, Fraser emphasized the need to develop public support for the new library project.

“The library is taken for granted by a lot of people who are happy as long as there is a door to walk through, shelves with books on them and pleasant people to check them out,” she said. “If you want a library that is growing, it has to be changing and should be a vital and progressive part of the community.”

Pat Byrne sees the newly formed Friends of the Library as another way to spread the word about the need for library expansion. Last week, he submitted applications to both the provincial and federal government so the group may obtain status as an official non-profit group.

“I would like Friends of the Library to begin by persuading the community that we need a library,” said Byrne. “I would also like the group to help organize events to raise funds for the project.”

He encouraged members of the public to contribute ideas and money for a cause aimed at benefiting the entire community.

Board members suggested money be raised through a combination of public fundraising events, government and non-government grants and tax levies.

The meeting also saw the election of two new board members: Tilly Crawley and Duncan Hepburn. Incumbents Pat Fraser and Andrew Peat were also chosen for another two-year term.

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Duck Love: James Twaites gives his duck a hug as the two check out the daffodils at Foxglove. Visitors to Foxglove’s annual Lawn and Garden Show were treated to lots of kids and their animals as representatives of the Salt Spring 4-H Club attended.

Photo by Dennis Condy

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Call The Driftwood Office at 537-9933 or drop by at 528 Lower Ganges Road to pick up your copy of the Gulf Islander 2005 Magazine.
A leisurely stroll on Salt Spring could have a communal benefit.

The writer is a Horel Road resident.

By DWIGHT JONES

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**Ice rink should be considered for infrastructure grant**

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Letters to the Editor

Matt Burt
I like getting a soy chai latte first thing in the morning.

Nancy Wood
I think it's great that I can participate in the market even though I've come in from Victoria.

Jop Briet
It's my first time here and I am really impressed with all the interesting food that's available.

Beth Balderston
I think the fashions, the wonderful colours, and smells make it a special event.

Submerge them
I am writing this letter to garner support to have the B.C. Transmission Corporation’s (BCTC) two new 230-kilovolt circuits rerouted from their current plan over Salt Spring to an all-submarine route directly from the Lower Mainland to Vancouver Island, completely bypassing Salt Spring.

My concerns are primarily the potential health risks for my children. BCTC claims that the wires will be safe; however, a careful analysis of the existing studies relating electromagnetic fields to childhood leukemia reveal a concerning trend.

Consider this comparison: Let's say you can choose from one of two taps of water. The water from the first tap had significantly increased the risk of childhood leukemia and was later proven to be due to an epidemiological studies but an absolute cause-effect relationship had not been conclusively proven.

Some scientists believed it was too likely safe. They all agreed more study was necessary to be certain. All the scientists agreed that water from the second tap was safe. Which one would you drink from? Would you have BCTC force feed your children water from the first tap? Rerouting would guarantee no increased risk to our children.

Do they really think it's safe? BCTC's proposal to set up a summer camp for the children of politicians, the executives of BCTC, B.C. Hydro and B.C. Utility Commission. Heck, the politicians can come too. It would be a novel and all-inclusive completely free vacation — nothing but the best — except the sleeping arrangements and fun activities would take place under two 230-kv transmission lines.

How many parents would send their children there? How many would admit it was because of concern for their children's health? I'll bet you wouldn't vote for or trust any of the parents who did send their kids, would you? They live nowhere near where BCTC's transmission lines were proposed, so they don't care. It's just the almighty dollar that's concerned with health, not our children.

To have the plan changed to an all-submarine route where the help and support of the whole community. Please visit IRAWHOL's website page at www.irahvol.org for info on how to help. Sign petition and write to one MLA, Murray Courey, our Premier Gordon Campbell and to BCTC, and tell them we deserve an all-submarine route that protects the Gulf Islands.

TOD BISHOP
Norton Road

Squash squash
It was entirely predictable. Now that the pool is approved, there is a call to add other amenities. The push for squash courts at the new rec centre should be stopped in its tracks. It will be challenging enough to build the pool without getting additional facilities. Adding costs to an already increasing tax burden for the basic pool does not make a lot of sense.

(Urban assumption — like squash, tennis and others) should be supported by a private enterprise, not public funding.

For example, the fact that an excellent fitness centre (an urban amenity) exists on Salt Spring Island is a tribute to the business acumen and initiative of our owners and the demand and willingness to pay by its users. Squash courts will not fit the order. If private initiative can make it happen and users will pay for it, let's do it.

Several attempts to create a squash facility on Salt Spring using private capital have failed, largely due to lack of interest. So, why use public funds? We should have a private investor who has the entrepreneurial amenities in the same fashion.

We have to stop using our property taxes to pay for turning Salt Spring into a Vancouver suburb. I expect many who moved to Salt Spring did so to escape the urban lifestyle. So why turn our island into something that we left behind?

BEN GOODMAN, Salt Spring

4-day support
As a mother of four lovely, talented, hard working, and raucous kids, I do not support the 4 day Salt Spring. I couldn't agree more with Susan Lundy's timely opinion piece regarding the four-day school week.

Rather than go on about all the reasons why the pool has worked out so well in our family, as most of our viewpoints are shared in Susan's, I will simply add my affirmation.

My kids now are 12 to 22 years of age, and having been involved actively in my children's education for over 18 years, from the Little Red Schoolhouse through the high school, maintaining great connections with many of the kids, I feel I have the experience to add a voice of reason.

Most of my kids are in the middle school now and teach a group of 13-year-old girls after school one day a week, as well as work two other jobs when my kids are in school. Since they were born, I have chosen to be home when my kids are at home and have not regretted it.

Although sometimes things have been quite frugal as a result, my older children have told me that they've always felt their time with me was important. Indeed, they have been my most rewarding creative work in progress!

I find it ironic that some of the main spokespersons against the four-day week no longer use public school but seem to have the time and energy for this cause to voice their considerable writing talents. Ask the kids! They love it and yes, many of their parents have seen too much home-work and not enough time in nature and nurturing our own personal creativity. We want our own children to be inside closed doors being programmed for the nine to five? Come on!

So many people wish they could spend more time with their family. Here's an opportunity to do just that. The quality of education could use improving — and if a four-day week can re-locate funding to do just that, we are winning previous public protests when we could be spending it with the kids?

TEMA DAWN, Salt Spring

Tax levy procedure followed and justified by LTC
By ERIC BOOTH
I am responding to Hornby Islander Tony Law’s opinion piece last week entitled “Trustees’ unortho­odox process led to tax levy qualms.”

For all intents and purposes, the STL or special tax levy did not exist until two years ago when I pointed out to the Trust Council that under the Islands Trust Act a Local Trust Committee (LTC) can request a STL.

As a “newbie trustee,” all I did was actually read the act and legislation and say, “Hey, here’s another way tax equity could actually be achieved.” As you know, my tax equity proposal was defeated but the awareness of STLs did go away.

So in December, upon my urging, Trust Council developed and adopted a policy regarding how/when WHERE STLs can be used. The policy says prior to a Local Trust Committee (LTC) proposing a special levy, it has to meet a number of criteria. Tony states that Kimberly and I “fol­lowed neither the letter nor the spirit of (the) policy which was circulated to all trustees in January.”

I take extreme exception to this charge. In fact, I would counter that the “spirit of the policy” to allow Trust communi­ties, like Salt Spring and Hornby, to tax themselves for local projects that council (LTC) does not appear as a base budget, was certainly not given the support one would, perhaps naively, expect by all members on council, including Tony.

As far as the timing of the process, I can’t for the life of me see another way the STL could actually have worked. In sequential order, we had to publicly announce that we may be getting a STL for the Community Viz project which we did at our February LTC meeting, and hear feedback from the pubic, of which there was none, other than “If that’s what it takes, do it.”

Next, we had to propose to the project to council. Council, in turn, had to approve for funding which they did. We, the Salt Spring LTC, had to create a resolution without meeting for the STL, then present the STL to council. Finally council had to approve the project over $2 million, which the policy reads and that’s the order it is occurred.

I believe Tony’s sense “most trustees were left feeling quite uncomfortable about an extremely off-the­-track process,” may be true, however, there was not one of the trustees who didn’t vote in favour of the STL policy as they wanted this was their first experience with it, guess it actually worked as intended and it didn’t take forever to happen.

Now, Tony claims that Salt Spring has been allo­cated three quarters of the budget for planning projects and also has the significant non­negotiable value of a three­person staffed, on­island office — council of envy for those of us on outlying islands! Well, considering since I first brought forth the tax equity issue Salt Spring taxpayers have “over­compensated” by $10,000 — just enough to fill the shortfall, on­island office — council of envy for those of us on outlying islands!

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Plecas’ platitudes

I read the Sean McIntyre piece (March 30 Driftwood) relating Mr. Plecas’ views on electoral reform and the referendum on whether to replace our voting system with BC-STV.

As being as we are now close to the May 17 referendum, what is at issue is the relative merit of the two contestant voting systems. Yet Plecas’ platitudes, non-believers and, ultimately, the garden magazines are so enticing, the garden magazines are so much part of our community. And the unripe seeds are the products of those who suffer from addiction to popular drugs. The advertising is there for world peace if we only recognize it in our daily lives. It is entitled to be safe, healthy, welcoming neighborhoods, parks, and community groups who had an interest in this area: Salmon Enhancement, parks board, CRD, and Artspring. The federal government suggested that 12 trees be planted, one to represent each province and territory. By the time our Peace Park was dedicated, Nazavat was too young to become a teacher, and Salt Spring had the honour of being the first in Canada to plant a 13th tree.

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ROSES
A bundle of roses to Peter Prince and Salt Spring Cable for considering allowing volunteers to participate in the production of local programming and editing, CT.

Roses to family, friends, neighbours and others who added in the search and ultimate recovery of Caliente and Spartikis.

Many pink roses to all those who have donated to the Ray Newman Fund over the past years, so that we could donate $1,000 to the music programs at GISS and SIMS. V&WN

Big bunches of roses to Owen Berwell and his trail-clearing crew. Mark Haugh­ and friends, Charles Kahn and all those other folk who have been clearing our trails after the big snow. Thanks for the hard work — it is appreciated, JO.

The rose last week regarding fuel shortage was actually meant for Dar, not Dan.

Bouquets of beautiful ivory roses to Christian — the ultra-talented sitar player who created magic by tingling our ears during our love ceremony. S&A.

I wish to thank workers at the Ganges Post Office. I mailed a big homemade Easter card and some mementos to my grand-daughter in Vancouver. Then my daughter discovered I had sent it to her old address. I called the post office for help and the girl who answered was so nice and courteous, saying she would do her best to find it. Later she called to say it had been found. I’d like to thank them by sending the biggest bouquet of pink roses and a posy of heather. JK.

A ghost rose for the rancher who, instead of exercising his right and shooting two loved family pets, could have made another choice and done the right thing by capturing them and calling the owners.

A scented yellow rose for David Beneteau for his commitment and time in designing and maintaining Keep Five Alive’s website.

Roses are red/ violets are blue/ Bevan’s the best hairstylist on the West Coast/ not magic in design.

More letters
No limits
This back and forth on vacation rentals is appalling. What don’t you understand about losing jobs when no one is allowed to rent a home for their family? What is it that businesses can’t comprehend about the fact they will be denied hundreds of thousands of dollars from tourists if the tourists can’t stay anywhere and leave the island the same day (or don’t come at all)?

Vacation rentals are not commercial accommodation (see the Supreme Court decision in Ontario where it was noted they are just the same as bed and breakfasts). All five kinds of accommodation (B&B, VR, hotel, resort, campground) are needed on Salt Spring if the island economy is going to be sustainable and vibrant.

Vacation rentals use less water than B&Bs, they don’t ruin the neighbour­hood and they provide much-needed work for the service corps in garden­ing, housekeeping, hot tub maintenance and building renovations.

Limiting vacation rentals to 30 or 60 days, outside the watershed areas only to permanent residents is tantamount to shutting them down.

To the Islands Trust: Re­think your stance — do not limit vacation rentals in any way.

DAVE DUCKWORTH, Fulford­Ganges Road
A plan to transfer one density from the bank created from the Burgoyne Bay parklands to a large Garner Road parcel was given first reading by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) on Thursday.

Resident Elizabeth Nickson has applied for a density transfer rezoning, in conjunction with the donor property owners. Province of British Columbia, Capital Regional District and Nature Trust of B.C. It would facilitate the splitting of an 11.47-hectare (28.34-acre) property into two lots.

The proposal faced opposition at the LTC meeting from Salt Spring Water Preservation Society president Maxine Leichter. She said that without accurate data on the island’s current population and water supply, density transfers should not be contemplated. Leichter also said they should be reserved for cases of public benefit.

However, trustees reminded people that withdrawing densities from the “bank” established through new bylaws and a public process in the past two years was not the same as increasing the population potential.

“I do not increase density,” noted trustee Eric Booth. “It takes it from the [Burgoyne Bay] park and puts it somewhere else. Is it an appropriate place to put the density? We’ll see.”

Trustee Kimberly Liniger concurred and addressed the “public benefit” issue. “I think the community benefit in this case is Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.” When the provincial government agreed to contribute $20 million to the purchase of the lands from Texada Land Corporation, negotiators suggested some of the funds could be recouped through the sale of the 73 densities attached to the 188 hectares (470 acres) of land.

The Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the Nickson application subject to inclusion of creek cov­er­nates, which have been proposed with a minimum 15-metre set­back area.

The LTC’s new Environmental Advisory Committee will review the application, which will also be sent to various government agencies for comment before a public hearing is held. In other LTC news:

- Trust staff will try to come up with a cost recovery agreement to compensate the Trust for extra staff time needed to deal with Ganges Marina’s proposals to develop its lands.
Part II of the chlorine-free myth

The electrolytic generation of chlorine (salt water treatment) is thought to be effective in reducing odour because at the point of discharge, the chlorine is intense enough to oxidize the chloramines. The use of ozone and ultra violet are attempts to further oxidize the chloramines.

At PARC’s request, the Alan Roy engineering team will cost out these alternatives. Within the mandate to build the best pool possible with limited resources, PARC will look into the feasibility of adding a secondary pool treatment at a later date when funds to do so may become available.

PARC invites your input. Please write to us at PARC, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SS1, V8K 2M3 or parc@saltspring.com.

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Dear Mr. O’Connor,

Re: Professional Opinion on Soils and Agricultural Capability for Norm Elliott Property Described as: That part of the West 6 Chains of Section 5, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, lying to the north of the Lower Ganges Road

Further to our on site meeting on March 9, 2005 at the above described property, I provide herewith my professional opinion on the soil conditions and agricultural capability of the property. I also discuss the suitability for agriculture of climatically adapted crops and uses. This opinion is based on a site inspection of the property, observing ground conditions from recent clearing activity, digging hand exposed test pits and observing surrounding land uses. Photographs of the property are included in Appendix A.

1. Qualifications and Experience

This letter report was prepared by Brian M. French, P.Ag., an Agrologist with over 25 years of professional experience and qualified in soil survey, agricultural capability assessment, soil physics, land drainage, irrigation, agricultural land development, and land reclamation. A resume of experience is included as Appendix B.

2. Current Conditions

This property was excluded from the ALR in 1987. There is an existing home on the northern portion of the property. The owner intends to develop the southern portion of the property for affordable housing applying a density transfer from the northern portion to the southern portion. The southern portion of the property was recently logged and cleared.

3. Surrounding Land Use

3.1 North: A narrow strip of forested land, in the ALR;
3.2 South: Craft brewery and vineyard, in the ALR;
3.3 East: Residential lots, out of the ALR;
3.4 West: northwest is forested land, in the ALR and southwest is mobile home park, out of the ALR.

4. Soils

The soils on this property were developed from stony marine till parent materials. Surface textures were sandy loam grading to loam and clay loam in the subsoil. The organic matter content was very low except in the disturbed duff layer at the surface which has been inevitably disturbed by the clearing activities. The rooting depth was severely restricted at the 50 to 60cm depth by the very hard, impermeable till subsoils. Drainage was also restricted by the impermeable subsoil and almost all drainage was by overland flow. Stoniness was a severe limitation on this property with common boulders exposed at the surface and very common cobbles and stones in the soil matrix. The soil water holding capacity was moderately low due to the restricted rooting depth and high stone content. The topography was gently sloping with slopes 5 to 10% in a south aspect.

5. Agricultural Capability

The unimproved agricultural capability of this land was Class 5APD improvable with stone picking, irrigation and drainage to Class 4DW. This rating is made according to the MOE Manual 1, 1983 for Land Capability Classification in British Columbia. Excerpts from the MOE Manual 1 are included as Appendix C.

The improvement by stone removal is technically feasible but removal of the significant volume of stones would reduce the available rooting depth above the impermeable subsoil. This would result in a decrease in available rooting depth and increase drainage problems. Therefore, major stone removal activity would not result in any significant increase in capability. Irrigation would improve the aridity limitation to the Class 3A level but the shallow soil conditions would still retain some limitation requiring frequent irrigation to maintain adequate moisture conditions. Water would need to be stored in a reservoir in order to provide summer water supply. Other, more severe limitations remain at the Class 4 level.

6. Agricultural Suitability

On Salt Spring Island, pasture and hay are the primary agricultural uses. Vineyard use has been established on climatically favorable sites with south and southwest exposures well away from the ocean. Intensive field production is not found on Salt Spring although field crops and vegetables could be grown on some of the organic meadows and bottomlands. Intensive non-soil bound livestock and poultry agriculture is unsuitable due to transportation limitations. Small fruits and berries such as strawberries and raspberries can be grown on well drained sites and blueberries could be grown in the organic meadows. Horticultural uses such as in-ground nursery stock, container nursery and bedding plants are possible under suitable soil conditions.

For the subject property, the severe soil and land use limitations restrict the range of possible commercial agricultural crops. The most suitable agricultural use would be permanent pasture. Hay production would be difficult because the stones would continue to rise to the surface and damage harvesting equipment. While a vineyard has been established on the property to the south, the plantation has not been in long enough to see if it will thrive. For the subject property, the restricted drainage would be a major concern for grapes. Experience on Vancouver Island has shown that wet soil conditions leads to severe root problems with grapevines and early dieback or loss of vines. We do not recommend planting grapes on poorly drained soils in this climate region. For similar reasons, strawberries and raspberries are not suitable for this site. Vegetables are not suitable due to the stony soils and poor drainage.

Intensive non-soil bound livestock production is unsuitable due to the surrounding urban land uses. In-ground nursery stock production is unsuitable due to the stony soils and shallow rooting depth. Container nursery stock could be developed on this site with establishment of a trafficable surface of wood chips or gravel.

7. Impact Issues

The lands in the ALR to the south could be buffered with a berm constructed along the south boundary and vegetative plantings on the berm. Drainage from the proposed housing development would need to be controlled by detention ponds or other means of attenuating flows in order to prevent increased drainage flows on downstream lands.

8. Conclusions

The exclusion of this property by the Agricultural Land Commission in 1987 was justifiable based on soils, agricultural capability and surrounding land use issues. The property has very low potential to support any sort of commercial agricultural enterprise and at best, it could be developed as a small tax break hobby farm supporting a few animals. The intensive housing development, particularly on the west, would preclude any sort of intensive livestock operation or crops requiring regular spraying or crop protection from birds. ALR lands to the south could be protected from impacts by berms and drainage attenuation.

Yours very truly,

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Per:

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HEART OF THE PHOTO: Deb Hagarty is surrounded by some of her photographs as she prepares for a debut exhibition at ArtSpring April 7 through 14. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Transformation through island life reflected in Hagarty photo exhibit

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Everything changed for Deb Hagarty when her 16-year-old daughter Kara was killed after being struck by a car in a crosswalk three years ago.

"Death is this line," she explains, slicing the air with her right hand during an interview. "Everything is before or after the world changed."

Part of the "after" was a sight-unseen move to Salt Spring six months later, following the suggestion of her friend and islander Lynda Grindle Blanchette.

"In this place of huge grief, she came and spent a week with me. She said 'you should come to Salt Spring' and I said 'yes.' I really wanted to come to a place where I was unguarded — because people didn’t know the story."

"No one knows, or seems to know, what to say to a friend in heartbreak. Big grief is hard to see and there is no comfort to offer in the face of big pain."

Rather than letting severe loss squeeze her heart shut, Hagarty says she learned to open it wide instead.

What she now calls her "gift of heart" is manifested daily through her relationships with friends, family and as a caregiver to elderly people and in palliative care, a new career she loves.

"I came to Salt Spring with this heart and my life is totally transformed."

Then last year Hagarty suddenly decided she wanted to try taking pictures, despite having never owned a camera. Her partner Donnis Beamish was a serious photographer in his earlier years, so helped her track down the right equipment online, including a wonderful Leica zoom lens.

She has been amazed by the results.

"I don’t know anything about photography, but I can take photographs that will make you go 'oh.'"

This week islanders can see what she means at her debut ArtSpring gallery exhibition called "the way I see it," which opens Thursday, April 7 and runs through the 14th.

It consists of 84 large photographs, mainly of Salt Spring scenes, with some depicting the Tofino area.

While having a photography show after one year of shooting may seem bold, it fits right in with Hagarty’s philosophy of living fully and with her arms and heart ready to give and receive each day.

"I can be as much as I want," she explains, "because it’s a gift my daughter gave to me forever."

Hagarty decided to proceed with the exhibit, "just to practise my ‘I can.’"

She has been encouraged in her pursuit by family and friends and in Salt Spring Fall Fair photography classes. She won several ribbons and trophies for best entry in classes 1-16.

"I have never won a ribbon in my life," she says. "My toes were tingling."

One of the fair images was taken at Long Beach last year where she went to mark her daughter’s birthday with a Wiccan ritual. But because she wasn’t yet familiar with the equipment, some of the photos unintentionally came out "blue."

"That blue mistake won the best photo award," Hagarty is doing her own printing, Beamish has made the frames and she is also producing a line of cards.

Everyone will be welcomed to the show — and may even get a bonus hug along with the pleasure of seeing the island through Hagarty’s fearless eyes.

Folkies need to commit to Charlie King concert

Islanders can hear Boston folk legend Charlie King at a local house concert on May 3 if enough tickets can be sold in advance.

Organizers Phil Vernon, and Deb and Harry Burton need 30 people paying $15 each for a living-room-type venue in order to book King.

The concert falls on the same day as Pete Seeger’s 86th birthday. Seeger has called King “one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time.”

“Charlie King has been at the heart of American folk music for over 40 years,” states his website. "His songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, John McCutcheon, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Judy Kuhn."

King will be accompanied by Ken Wallace, a singer, accom­dionist and songwriter.

"Interested folkies need to get on board and commit to coming out that Tuesday evening," said Harry Burton.

Anyone interested in attending the concert should call the organizers at 623-3901.
Folk dance fest returns

Following on the success of last year’s first Salt Spring Island Folk Dance Festival, organizers are doing it again a few weeks’ time. Robbyn Scott, Margarett Jardine and Rosemarie Keough invite everyone to attend the second annual event, running Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 at Fulford Hall.

The program will feature Russian, Scandinavian and Romanian folk dances taught by excellent teachers: Alexandria David and Mikhail David, both of Los Angeles, and John Campbell of Portland.

Throughout the festival people will experience the lively music of Gammel Danik, a six-member Vancouver ensemble. The flyer can be downloaded at http://www.vch.bc.ca/scandisaltspring-folkdancefestival.pdf.

Interested Salt Spring Islanders who can’t free up an entire weekend for the festival are invited to attend the evening feasts, performances and dancing to live ethnic music on Saturday, April 30. While no fee is charged, a contribution of food for the potluck dinner is requested.

Attendance should be confirmed by calling Rosemarie Keough at 653-4993.

Last year some 115 people participated, which was considered maximum capacity.

Folk hero Hannam at StarBooks this Thursday night

Entertaining folk clubs across B.C. with his grassroots musical stories, John Wort Hannam marks the halfway point in his Western Canadian tour with an appearance at StarBooks on Thursday night.

Described as “blue collar roots” music, Hannam states emphatically, “I wasn’t born blue blood, I was born blue collar.”

His voice has been called warm and embracing with lyrics that spotlight the loves, hopes and everyday struggles of the working and low-income people, fishing communities and folks still living the old farmer ways.

“Epic and so beautifully crafted and sung, John’s lyrics leave you with a sense that you have just touched the pulse of Canadian living, past and present,” notes a StarBooks press release.

Throughout his 10-year journey of music writing and touring around the country, Hannam has won many music awards and grants.

He has played the side-stage at the Juno Awards, can be heard on CBC Radio and innumerable university stations, and has been one of Canada’s musical ambassadors in the U.S. and most recently, in Australia.

Hannam plays at the Gasoline Alley bookstore on April 7.

Cost is $15 per class and admission is FREE.

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**NORTH END TRIBE**

**“BANANA” JOE CLEMENTE**

Name: Banana Joe Clemente
Age: 43
Occupation: Parks and Recreation maintenance worker
Hobbies: Growing palm trees and other subtropical plants
Favourite colour: Black, sometimes yellow
Favourite food: Anything Thai
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite charity: Lady Minto Hospital
Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Salt Spring Green Bank
I'd do anything to save the environment in any way I can. I use both sides of the paper and try to make kids cakes for fun, so if it's a very worthy cause, I'll buy extra for the kids to try!

**JOHN DOLMAN**

Name: John Dolman
Age: 43
Occupation: Mail carrier
Hobbies: Movies, Tennis, Golf, Gardening
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite food: Zucchini 500
Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Salt Spring Food Bank
I think it’s a very worthy cause. I'd like to win the Best Decorated Cake. If I could win first place in the fall fair for an entry, what would it be? The Zaccheus 500. Sounds cool!

**LIANNE FIDLER**

Name: Lianne Fidler
Age: 43
Occupation: Hair stylist
Hobbies: My daughter says I'm the Kidney Queen
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite food: Italian Chocolate
Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Salt Spring Fund
I'd do anything for an entry. What would it be? The Zaccheus 500. Sounds cool!

**DR. RON REZNICK**

Name: Ron Reynolds
Age: Only my hairdresser knows for sure
Occupation: Body mechanic
Hobbies: Weightlifting, cycling, sailing, after my children and annoying Jean and Tracy in my office.
Favourite colour: Salt Spring Green
Favourite food: Santa’s chicken wings
Community Betterment project or Charity and why: Housing for the homeless
I’m about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer with 7 other castaways. What one luxury item will you allow yourself? A good-sized lighter.

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- **Age**: 59, 70, 35, 18
- **Favourite colour**: Anything other than blue and black, Green, Pink, Red
- **Favourite food**: Chocolate, Salmon, Ice cream, Watermelon
- **Hobbies**: Acting, gardening, writing, Reading, hiking, photography, Drawing, skateboarding

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Black makes Leacock shortlist

Arthur Black has again been shortlisted for a prestigious literary award. The Salt Spring writer’s latest book — Black and White and Read All Over — made the shortlist from a list of 49 books nominated for the 2005 Arthur Black was its winner in both 1997, for his book Black in the Saddle Again, and in 2000 — for Black Tie and Tales. A silver medal and $10,000 comes with the award, with the 2005 winner announced on April 20.

New ArtSpring piano gets warm Rogé endorsement

By GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writer

ArtSpring audiences are now quite accustomed to seeing world-class perform­ers stride onto the arts centre stage, but they’re not often privy to one of them “breaking in” a brand new instrument.

Last Wednesday night those attending the Pianist who recently purchased the Island Arts Centre Society.

Would it really make a difference to the listeners’ experience? Or perhaps, more importantly, would it ensure continued visits by the calibre of artists we’re now so used to seeing?

Rogé did not speak between pieces, except to briefly introduce his first encore — Poulenc’s homage to Edith Piaf. So when he volunteered his opinion of the Steinway it was all the more astonishing.

“IT is one of the most inspiring pianos I have ever played,” he said with emotion before dedicating the second song to the instrument and clearly pleased with a chance to play it one more time that night.

The audience erupted with exclamations and applause upon hearing the comments from a pianist who considered the greatest living interpreter of French music.

His ArtSpring repertoire was a generous sampling of Faure, Ravel, Satie and Poulenc, one of them, with Debussy’s Preludes Book II comprising the second half.

Unfortunately, with no breaks between pieces and no chance to see the program in the dark, it was not possible to identify each song or movement.

But it was immensely pleasurable to sit back and be enriched by cascading colours and images evoked by the music from Impressionist and early 20th-century French composers.

Rogé also performed on Thursday night to a house that had long ago sold out, prompting the second show the night before.

ArtSpring should be commended for arranging second performances when possible for those occasions this season when demand was so high.

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Pat Tripp and Jim Ganderton reminisced about their days in the RCAF.

Dave Bartram and Donna and Scott Eichel were in attendance.

Les Price helped organize the evening.

Bert McCann said he was glad to be anywhere with old RCAF friends.

Roy Lamont and Judy and Glen Willett shared a laugh before sitting down to eat.

Betty and Tom Burridge enjoyed meeting with friends.

Doug Fraser sampled some of the fare.

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**wed., april 6**

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**Photography**

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**other activities**

SS Soft & Country Club: Annual spring business meetings. At the clubhouse, 7 pm

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**thurs., april 7**

**live entertainment**

Tantalus with Paul J. Tom
At Airways Taperoom & Lounge
Door Mike Night.
With Donald Rayno at Fiddle Inn
John Hart Harvey. Folk singer at StarBook, 7 pm

**other activities**

Promising Moms & Babes Yoga,
Thursdays at Ganges Studio, 11 am to noon
Dr. William Code.
Spa and wellness repair. June 10, 1 pm. Reservations required at 537-0972.

**other activities**

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**sun., april 10**

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**other activities**

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**other activities**

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**tues., april 12**

**other activities**

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Church door blessing first of St. Paul’s anniversary events

A blessing of newly installed doors at St. Paul’s Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon was the first of several events planned to mark the church’s 125th anniversary.

Geoff Swift, construction personnel used the previous doors as a model to replace the original ones damaged by a vandalism incident last year. “It couldn’t be a repair job — it had to be a replacement — and they certainly used the same style for historical accuracy as much as possible,” said church administrator Emily Hepburn.

Congregation members are also looking at restoration projects, an open house and a Solemn Mass with Bishop Richard Gagnon. “An anniversary does not only mark the date a significant event occurred,” notes Hepburn in press material. “It celebrates all that has transpired and grown out of that occasion over the years. And since there have been many special occasions celebrated at St. Paul’s since its consecration, the congregation is collecting photographs and stories that will help preserve its history. Of particular interest are photographs of the church’s interior — anyone with photos or memories of events celebrated at St. Paul’s is urged to contact Hepburn at ourladyofgrace@saltspring. com or leave a message at 537-2150.

In recognition of the historical significance of St. Paul’s, church members are focusing on two restoration projects, involving cemetery upgrades and the stained glass window at the front of the church.

According to Hepburn, a major portion of work on the cemetery upgrades had already started and witnessed the help of Patrick Beattie, and a series of work bees is planned to finish the project. An open house is planned to occur during this year’s Fulford Day on August 13, while the Solemn Mass is set for September 10.

St. Paul’s was founded in 1878 under the direction of Father Gustave Doncelke, the first Gulf Islands Catholic priest, who used to row to Salt Spring from Cowichan to say masses in parishioners’ homes.

The church was built between 1980 and 1985 on land donated by Horace John Shepherd, a non-Catholic. The Hawaiian Catholic community did most of the construction along with assistance from the B.C. Forest Service, the people of Fulford, and the number of Fulford valley residents, including Joseph and Ted Akerman, John Maxwell, John King, Dick Purser and Michael Gyes.

E J. Bittancourt, who had the first store in Vesuvius, also helped.

Doncelke oversaw the transport of lumber, the original doors, the bell and a stained glass window from Cowichan by dugout canoe to Burgoyne Bay, and then by oar-driven stone-boat through the valley.

St. Paul’s was consecrated by Bishop J. B. Brondel on May 10 in 1885.

“Since then,” notes Hepburn, “St. Paul’s Church has stood near the head of Fulford Harbour as a symbol of God’s presence and a tribute to the faith of the early settlers and the dedication of Father Doncelke.”

 Seeds for Malawi project discussed at tea

An informal and relaxed tea event is promised when Seeds for Malawi hosts several guests from Malawi and Victoria on the afternoon of Sunday, April 10.

The public will have an opportunity to meet people involved with the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi, the B.C. Institute of Agrologists and the African Angels Association (AAA) — the partner organization of Seeds for Malawi, which is a Salt Spring Garden Club project.

The event runs from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea as an open house and tea, with a more structured session between 2 and 2:30. That’s when Teddy Phiri, a land-use specialist of urban and rural planning and founding member of the AAA, will answer questions.

According to a Seeds for Malawi press release, the main purpose of AAA is to improve the lives of AIDS-impacted households (widows, orphans and the infected) in an isolated rural area.

The association works with the local community to develop and coordinate programs such as an AIDS widows self-help group.

Local churches and the Ministry of Agriculture are involved in the project, which Seeds for Malawi funds, AAA programs include school fees for orphans, micro-credit to assist women in starting small businesses, and home-based care for AIDS patients.

In addition to Phiri, guests will include Jean Phiri from Malawi (no relation to Teddy Phiri), and Larry and Mary Bomford from Victoria. Jean Phiri does gender sensitivity training within the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi, and Larry is working on a large staff of extension workers.

Larry Bomford, outgoing president of the B.C. Institute of Agrologists, has worked on a CIDA-funded rural development project in Malawi for several years.

The Salt Spring Garden Club’s grassroots connection to Malawi resulted from the Bomfords’ link to Malawi.

Guidance and Discipline Workshop

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This workshop will explore some general principles of setting limits for young children, while assisting them in learning self discipline through parent and caregiver intervention. It will also include discussion regarding the fundamental differences between discipline and punishment.

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Island teacher retires on the ‘crest of a wave’

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer:

Retired teacher Deborah Miller is feeling a burst of renewed energy now that she’s wrapped up 35 years of teaching on the Gulf Islands.

“I’ve never had a spring in the garden, so it was a bit of a compelling thing when the option came up. I hope my students and parents will forgive me,” Miller said.

Miller taught her last day at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SSIMS) on March 17 and now she’s busy gardening, painting her house and planning camping trips across the country and journeys to Mexico and Australia.

“In my mind, I see lots of bright bits of lightness in my time of teaching,” she said. SIMS principal Kevin Vines told her she was riding the “crest of a wave” by leaving teaching while she is still positive, thoughtful and enjoying life, she said.

“Exactly, what I like too. I’m not sick, I’m not unhealthy and I’ve got other things in the works.”

Retiring as the most senior teacher in the Gulf Islands, she recalls when she was first starting out and met legendary educator Florence Hepburn.

“I remember saying glibly, ‘Who would teach for 35 years in one district?’ I guess I would.”

Local homeopaths are marking Homeopathy Awareness Week with a week-long educational display at Salt Spring Books. The April 16-18 display is one of many international events held to celebrate the 250th birthday of Samuel Hahnemann, founder of homeopathy.

“Although most health conditions require the expertise of a trained homeopath, tens of thousands of people have learned to use homeopathy to treat minor problems at home. When used properly, homeopathy provides an effective, non-toxic and inexpensive alternative to many over-the-counter medicines,” said homeopath David Bevire in a press release.

The display will feature books, posters, handouts on using homeopathic remedies, and a free draw for a First Aid kit donated by Dolgos Canada.

“The Homeopathy Awareness Week is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn a bit about homeopathy, to be encouraged to try acute remedies for the first time and to learn about who is practicing homeopathy on the island,” says participating homeopath Phyllis Coleman.

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Lali has a passion and dedication for Natural Medicine and believes in the body's ability to restore balance and health naturally. In her Chinese Medicine practice she also has a keen interest in sports injuries and muscular-skeletal, acute and chronic disorders.
Lali volunteers every Wednesday at the Community Services offering free acupuncture for detox at 7pm.

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Due to the overwhelming response from “pro-active, health-conscious Salt-Springers,” all seats for an April 7 Health and Wellness Seminar with Dr. William Code have been reserved.

However, Dr. Code has agreed to offer another free health and wellness seminar at ArtSpring the following morning at 10:30 a.m. Registration is at 10 a.m.

G R A V I T Y W O R K: Bones for Life instructor Anna Haltrecht assists Pat Duke with movements using pressure against a wall, while Linda Quinn practices the same in the background.

Bones for Life program introduced with free class

If we don’t look after our skeletons, it could let us down one day.

But a local dance and movement instructor has a plan for ensuring blood and nutrients flow freely to our bones and keep them strong.

A program offered on Salt Spring by Anna Haltrecht gives people a chance to optimize the state of their skeletons so they can rely on it for the rest of their life.

Haltrecht is holding a free trial class of Bones for Life on Monday, April 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. in her Cats Pajamas Studio at 104 Langs Road. People should bring their own mat or blanket, although some mats are available.

For some people, running and jumping and vigorous movement is not so easy,” said Haltrecht. “Bones for Life has developed a whole new repertoire of interesting movements and fun things to do with safety.”

Part of the program focuses on developing a “dynamic and springy” walk, which encourages blood flow and skeletal rejuvenation like more physically demanding activities.

Weight is added in a variety of ways to maximize the effects of gravity and the movements are diverse enough to keep the interest level high.

“It inspires trust of the Feldenkrais approach in dance and movement,” Haltrecht said.

Deadline set for grant requests

Registered charitable organizations wanting to apply for a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation have until April 30 to complete their applications.

Twice a year, in May and October, the foundation approves grants to a number of local groups.

Last year a total of $70,000 in grants was approved.

As the endowment fund increased significantly in 2004, the foundation will be able to distribute up to $80,000 this year,” states a press release.

Charitable organizations interested in applying for a grant before the end of the month deadline should obtain a copy of the guidelines by contacting Bob Rush (537-2501) or rush@saltspring.com or Tom Toynbee (537-2860 or vjm@saltspring.com).

The Salt Spring Island Foundation supports a wide range of worthy charitable organizations by investigating and supporting projects that contribute to the cultural development of the area.

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BY KEN MACKENZIE

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What is British Columbia’s role as the world moves towards globalization and continentalism loses its lustre? All of these questions will be addressed without us suffering the major inconveniences of those who went before, the railway dreamers, their financiers, their builders, their workers and their historians! We will also hear some of their stories.

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Then it is on to Vancouver by the two-day Red Leaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer train. Besides watching the spectacular scenery, learn of that railway’s success, and wonder at how the two established railways, C&O and CP failed at passenger rail service. Spend the night in Kamloops and get a hint at the answers to that question. Continue on from Kamloops to Vancouver on the Rocky Mountaineer train. Besides watching the spectacular scenery, learn of that railway’s success, and wonder at how the two established railways, C&O and CP failed at passenger rail service. Spend the night in Kamloops and get a hint at the answers to that question.

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Murphy tied for fifth in the amateur division masters at Pender and placed third overall within the series.

Some 97 disc golfers hail ing from as far away as Bell ingham, Cortez Island and Pender Island attended the Duck Golf finale.

Morrison sets five-goal FC record

By MITCHELL SHERREIN
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Sunday to determine the outcome of their multiple-game suspensions. And Salt Spring FC is looking good as they head into the home stretch of the season tied for fourth with 7-6-2 for 23 points.

If they can collect one more point to secure fourth place, they will go on to the Provincial Cup.

"We've got a lot of young faces and a lot of young guys. We definitely have some momentum going," said Murphy. The islanders will play Bays United White for their last game of the season at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

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Island-based rower Williams honoured

Barney Williams was honoured along with his 2004 Olympics silver-medal rowing crew at the 32nd Annual Canadian Sport Awards (CSA) at a gala event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on March 29.

Williams won the Partners of the Year award with fellow Men's Rowing Four team members Cam Basy, Tom Herschmiller and Jake Wenzel. The island-raised athlete also recently rowed with a crew of eight from Oxford University to win a historic annual match up against their rivals from Cambridge on the River Thames.

Williams plans to compete in the World Cup in England at the end of May before he returns to B.C. to train with the Canadian team in June. Other CSA winners included Male Athlete of the Year, Kyle Shewfelt, gold medalist on the gymnastics floor at the 2004 Olympics, and Female Athlete of the Year, Chantal Petitclerc, five-time gold medalist in Wheelchair Track at the 2004 Paralympics.

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Trust Canada works

Keegan Pearson will be spending lots of time on ferries and buses in the next six months, but it will be done in the pursuit of his favourite sport—soccer.

Twelve-year-old Pearson of Salt Spring was last week chosen to play on the U-13 provincial boys soccer team, one of only two players from the Vancouver Island region.

“T here were only five guys from Vancouver Island and only two invited back,” said his father Doug Pearson.

Keegan spent three days at a West Vancouver soccer camp where final selections were made.

Making the provincial team means Keegan will become even more familiar with the Lower Mainland, since provincial team practices are done for Earth Month and in conjunction with one of her salon product suppliers—Aveda.

“T hey will undertake one of her favourite runs, which leaves from her place on Wilkie Way and traverses a trail through Mount Belcher to Mount Maxwell and back,” she said.

Laing will have joined a related running event in Victoria but thought it made more environmental sense and for the cause to run in her forested neighbourhood, which is home to numerous cedar trees.

“T his is such a positive thing and is very uplifting, and when it is for the environment it is really nice to be doing something that is outside.”

Anyone wanting to contribute can call Laing at 537-9542.

Tax receipts are issued for donations of $15 or more.

People can also see her off at 1 a.m. on Sunday from her home at 296 Wilkie Way. Laing noted that Aveda products are all plant based and sourced in an ecological manner around the world.

“They really impress upon their salons that they take part in Earth Month and Earth Day.”
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unravelling their techniques is a very good time to explore the mysteries of your own sphere, you. Education of some kind is important. You even had are now in the place can you go where you or others you know have it is not as potent as the retrograde longitude that happens in your life. With Mercury turning retrograde on March 19th, 2023, it is a global and personal time to take stock and reflect on your journey. Mercury goes retrograde three times a year; this current retrograde in Virgo (Aug 23-27, 2023) will happen while Mercury is in the sign of Virgo, which is associated with practicality, efficiency, and analysis.

**March 19th to 23rd**

This period is ideal for taking a step back and reassessing your goals and priorities. It is a good time to reevaluate your plans and strategies, and consider whether they are still in alignment with your current needs and aspirations. This time can also be a good opportunity to engage in self-reflection and introspection, and to explore new ideas or approaches.

**March 22nd to 26th**

This period is best suited for taking a break and focusing on your inner world. It is a good time to engage in self-care practices, such as meditation, journaling, or spending time in nature. This time can also be a good opportunity to address any emotional or psychological issues that may be affecting your well-being.

**March 26th to 30th**

This period is ideal for taking action and making changes. It is a good time to set new goals and to take steps towards achieving them. This time can also be a good opportunity to connect with others and to form new relationships.

In summary, the current retrograde of Mercury in Virgo offers a unique opportunity for self-reflection, introspection, and personal growth. By taking advantage of this time, you can develop a deeper understanding of your own needs and desires, and make necessary changes to align your life with your true purpose.
ROSS McIrvine had repaired marine and small engines and did sales for 25 years on Salt Spring Island. He came to the island and bought the marine division Ganges Auto Marine from Jack Reynolds and called it Ross & Ganges Marine & Equipment, working out of Gasoline Alley. He then moved to the end of Ganges Harbour and renamed the business Harbour’s End Marine & Equipment and, with partner Jim Pavey, formed Salt Spring Marina.

Years ago Ross was appointed the first small engine instructor at Cariboo College in Kamloops. He later converted his Spanish house into Eltoro’s Steakhouse, and it’s still Kamloops’ finest restaurant, called Storms. Later Ross, with partner Terry Reeb started Ross & Terry Marine & Equipment, which was famous for organizing the Great Snowmobile Summer River Run. They then set the records for running a stock snowmobile on top of the water for 15.9 miles. To this day that shop still operates as Ross & Terry’s, although both Ross & Terry moved on to their next adventure more than 26 years ago.

On Salt Spring at the marina Ross bought the Salt Spring Lands & Salt Spring Insurance building from the Grace Point location, moved them to Harbour’s End and rented a portion to the Driftwood newspaper for 10 years, later selling Harbour’s End Marine and then Salt Spring Marina to Dick Durante & Associates which built Moby’s.

Ross & Jo sailed their 38’ Cross Trimaran, called Corazon De Oro, to Mexico and explored the sea of Cortez for 3 years. Upon returning they formed Ross The Boss Marine & Equipment, and after a successful 12 years they are now into the next phase of life, passing the business on to our Apprentice Nick Williams. Ross had put through many apprentices in his day and for the past 4 years Nick has been great. Born on Salt Spring, he joined Ross at 17, working after school and Saturdays. He graduated high school and won 2 major bursaries. He topped his class at B.C.I.T. for 4 years running. Nick has now formed Mid-Isle Marine & Equipment, and is out to give the best service and selling the best products possible. Of course, Ross will be there giving free advice to Nick and his customers.

It’s great to see a young lad with that much ambition. Mid-Isle Marine is located 5 minutes south of Ganges on the Fulford-Ganges Road across from Garner Road. Nick will continue with the same lines as Ross did, with Jonsered chain saws and weed eaters, makers of Husqvarna, and of course the Nissan outboard motors, the Maytag of the industry. They take a lickin’ and keep on running. Just like Ross, Nick will be giving the best prices in BC on marine and accessories. Come on down and have a coffee with Ross & Nick.

Ross congratulating Nick and handing him his B.C.I.T. marks for his 4th and final year as Marine Apprentice.

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called Storms.
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Strokes set in Learn to Row program at St. Mary Lake

Rain didn’t deter local adults and youth from having a blast with a Learn to Row program at St. Mary Lake during spring break. Some 18 local youth and another group of 13-15 adults participated in the program, said Salt Spring Island Rowing Club member Sarah Stoffelsma.

“All I’ve heard from the adult camp and the youth camp was good things,” Stoffelsma said. “It was very rainy during the week but everyone kept up good spirits.”

Rowing coach Brian Carr and high school students from Brentwood College hosted the Learn to Row program, she said.

“It’s a huge learning curve,” Stoffelsma said. “It’s a natural motion but it takes a while to learn.”

Brentwood College also held its own training camp on St. Mary Lake over the week, she said. Salt Spring’s rowing club will hold an inaugural club row on Wednesday at 6 p.m. (today).

“We just want to go out to have some fun and get some memberships,” she said. The club will be holding more Learn to Row programs in the summer, she said.

Karine club seizes awards

Seven members of the Salt Spring Island Karate Club (SSKC) competed and did the Island proud by bringing home trophies and medals from the third Jimmy Mac Karate Competition at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney on March 19.

“It is nice when such a small unknown club as SSKC can go to a competition and walk away with so much hardware,” said Chris Denhoff.

He placed first in kata and first in sparring for men’s green belt, Paul Ceyssens placed second in yellow belt kata, Kristin Peabody placed third in green belt kata, Leslie Wens placed first in kata and third in sparring for orange belts, and Eric Abbott placed third for sparring in his green belt division.

Black belt Chris Barclay placed third in sparring but the highlight of the tournament for him was to judge the age 14/15 blue and brown belt sparring division with 200 spectators.

“There were hundreds of competitors and so many spectators that the centre did not seem large enough at times,” said club member Steve Hunt.

It was hard judging, said Barbara. “Those boys were ruthless.”

Prior to the event, SSKC was also honoured with a visit from third-degree black belt Sensei Greg Turnbull of Victoria, who instructed about 30 students on the technical aspects of karate, provided demonstrations of advanced katas and self-defence techniques and gave a talk on the essence of karate and preparing for competition.

‘Magnificent Seven’ defeated

Salt Spring’s Masters C-Division Old Boys were compared to stars from a heroic cowboy film when a depleted squad faced Boys United for a 5-0 loss at Central Park on Sunday.

“The Magnificent Seven,” led by Graham Twaddle in the Yul Brynner role, strode out onto the field... confident that reinforcements on the horizon — much like the Seventh Cavalry in the cowboy movies of old — to ensure victory,” said coach Fraser Hope.

Old Boys player Antonio Alonso blamed the change of clocks for the much depleted bench, said Hope.

“If we were not for the dedication of Mike McCormick tearing himself away from a long-planned family outing and Jim racing over the Malahat, Salt Spring Old Boys would have suffered the same fate as the Division 5s and forfeited the game,” he said.

Faced with a daunting task, Hope chose a conservative strategy and kept all eight starters behind the ball with orders to conserve energy in an attempt to frustrate the 15-man Boys team, in hopes of a no-score draw. 

“All went well for the first 20 minutes with Old Boys comfortably holding the Boys’ attack, but a well-executed headed goal began to drain the energy from tired legs.”

Despite the score, Jack Braak had a great game in goal and the entire squad (as listed above, plus Paul Sinclair, Campbell Blair and Don Brown) must be congratulated for an effort that went well beyond the call of duty in their efforts on the field and in turning out for the team, said Hope.

Top bowling scores listed at Kings Lane

High scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

- Monday, March 21 Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 170, 181, 224; Carlos Manzano, 145, 145; Jason Newport, 142, 171, Stuart Elliott, 214, 142, Jim Beck, 173.
- Tuesday, March 22 Circus League: Lance Lean, 203, 210, 605.
- Wednesday, March 23 Special Olympics: Stuart Elliott, 151, Naomi Van Pelt, 172; Mahjor Bains, 180.