Pool short $1.6 million

By GAIL SIVISBERG

Salt Spring’s new indoor pool project received a financial “reality check” from architect Alan Roy last Tuesday.

While those intimately involved with the project were aware that a “full-service” facility would be a challenge to build with the available $4.2 million in a climate of skyrocketing construction costs, Roy pegged the shortfall at a daunting $1.6 million.

As a result, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) is prepared to ask the Capital Regional District (CRD) to hold a June referendum seeking taxpayer approval to spend the $2 million in recently received infrastructure funds. That would allow the pool to be finished in one phase by next summer.

“It’s going to be sunny, it’s going to be warm this week, it’s going to be sunny, it’s going to be warm this week,” Roy said.

And a self-described boreal forest student who was previously “just barely scraping by” also spoke in favour of the four-day week.

“I don’t dread coming to school anymore,” said Grade 10 student Chris Abbott, who is now on the honour roll.

Explaining the rationale:

**SCHOOL WEEK 3**

Trustees vote in favour of four-day week

MITCHELL SHERWIN

Supporters and detractors made impassioned appeals at an April 13 school board meeting, but Gulf Islands School District trustees voted unanimously to repeat a four-day week next year.

A dozen parents spoke against the motion to adjust the local school calendar.

“I say you have made the wrong decision and you are totally incompetent,” said Keep Five Alive Coalition member Mona Fering.

PUPPY LOVE: Jameson Hengstler puckers up for a big kiss to the cheek of Abigail Tamboline after a night of dancing at Salt Spring Elementary School’s Mardi-Gras fundraiser. Story, more photos, Page 17.

Photo by Derek Landy

Ascent to Erskine peak purchase begins

By GAIL SIVISBERG

What does it take to buy a mountain top?

Charles Kahn, Peter Lamb and the rest of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy are about to find out.

One of the island’s most cherished peaks — that of Mount Erskine — has been offered for sale to the conservancy by its long-time owner.

The conservancy has until the end of August to raise the $650,000 needed for the purchase price and fees.

“We’re aiming to raise it all — the only thing that will help, if we can’t raise it all, is if B.C. Parks or a major conservation agency comes into it,” said Lamb last week.

The 40-hectare (100-acre) piece of land has long been accessed by the public because of its beauty, incredible vistas and trail connections between Collins and Toyster roads, even though the property is privately owned.

“It certainly is a popular hike,” said Lamb.

If it can be purchased by or through the conservancy, the result will be a contiguous 240 hectares (600 acres) of undeveloped land in the immediate area, encompassing numerous well-used trails.

That includes Crown lands, an Islands Trust Fund park reserve created by a Jack Fisher donation and 20 hectares (50 acres) of the conservancy purchased from Martin Williams two years ago. A further adjacent

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Wildfire awareness is urgently needed

By SEAN MCGINTRY
Staff Writer

Fire trustees are convinced adopting a $23,000 plan to highlight the threat of wildfire to the island's homes, businesses and residents will force islanders to take preventative steps before it is too late.

"Knowledge is power," said Ken Lee after a trustee meeting on Monday evening.

"If the people of the island are informed about the reality of wildfire risk to the island, they may get more involved with prevention."

Trustee Lee considered the situation "explosive" and said the sooner islanders get informed, the faster they can minimize risks of wildfire breaking out.

Trustees lent unanimous support to the project and felt supporting it would address the desperate need to increase public and community awareness.

"We all know that the public has a very laid-back attitude about attending these meetings. The two we held last year were very sparsely attended," wrote fire chief Bruce Patterson in his report to the trustees. "The one at half number one saw more firefighters than the public."

In addition to providing detailed GIS mapping of the island's potential fire hazard, the mapping of the island and the creation of a detailed action plan, the program will spread awareness through a series of public meetings.

Newly-elected trustee Bruce Patterson admitted past attempts to attract public interest in the issue failed miserably and something needed to be done before it was too late.

"Advertising is not effective," he said. "What we're doing isn't getting the word out!"

Half of the funds for the project will come from a grant provided by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, the Capital Regional District. The Salt Spring Fire Department will provide the remaining $11,500.

## School district funding at a glance

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* Figures from 2005/06 are estimated only.

Funding for GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) because of fewer enrolment decline of 67 students, even under a four-day week. What we would lose, a lot more people would complain about the lack of services. Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston believes a four-day week will best support specialty areas in the high school, the middle school and class sizes throughout the district.

"I think the kids in this district are getting a better education with what we've got," Hingston said. "The five-day week would lose a four-day week.

Sears said districts like Edwardsville in Ontario and in Saskatchewan have operated four-week days for several years without detrimental to academic performance. As a former educator and ministerial level representative, Salt Spring trustee Judith Boël argued that counseling and library support are needed in elementary schools.

"If we are serious about early literacy, how can we do that without having libraries open some of the time?"

She also approved of the four-day week because it would mean class-size changes and the loss of staff and programs.

"If there were more kids than projected, we would have the five-day week. If we have more money," Sears said.

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VISTA ENDANGERED: The well-known view from the top of Mount Erskine could be lost to public access if funds are not raised to facilitate purchase of the 40-hectare (100-acre) parcel through the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

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80 hectares (200 acres) is protected by a conservation covenant. If the money cannot be raised in time, the land could be sold and subdivided into five lots, with public access denied forever.

“Once we have a big chunk of money,” said Kahn, “we can go to B.C. Parks and say, ‘we’ve got this chunk of money. What can you do for us?’

The land is considered of high ecological value, based on the B.C. Conservation Data Centre’s Sensitive Eco-system Inventory. It contains older forest, with trees of 100 years in age or more; older second-growth (trees of 60 and 100 years); and open wildflower meadows. In a dust extractor also has wetlands, inland cliffs and bluffs, and Maxwell Creek runs through the property’s southwest corner.

“A important fact is the fact that this property provides Salt Spring’s largest habitat for hairy manzanita, a beautiful shrub and part of a rare plant community in B.C.,” notes a conservancy summary of the property purchase proposal. One of the legendary fairy doors is also on the property, with another class by Salt Spring has little public waterfront, observed Kahn — “You don’t want to lose the mountains too.” He points to the island’s six mountain-tops: Tuam, Bruce, Maxwell, Sullivan, Belcher and Erskine.

“Of these, the top of Mount Belcher and Mount Tuam are lost forever and only Mount Maxwell and Mount Sullivan are secure. Mount Bruce is Crown land and could be sold and Mount Erskine is now up for grabs. At worst, we might end up with only two.”

Kahn and Lamb have illustrated the Mount Erskine purchase needs by dividing a triangle-shaped mountain diagram into blocks of funds — one $625,000 donor must be found for the "top," followed by two $300,000 donors and so on — although pledges and donations of any size are desired. “We need to have solid financial support from the community if we are going to attract some of the major funders,” stressed Lamb. “We need to demonstrate there is enough public support on the island.”

Regular outings for people wanting to tour the property will be scheduled soon. “In the meantime, if anybody wants a tour, I’d be happy to take them up,” said Kahn.

The $625,000 purchase price was negotiated with the vendor, who wishes to remain anonymous, based on a recent property appraisal. Contributors will receive official income tax receipts, and U.S. tax receipts can also be issued.

Anyone wanting more information on pledge funds should contact Lamb at 537-4859 (gellam@saltspring.com), Kahn at 537-1899 (okahn@saltspring.com) or the Upper Ganges Centre conservancy office at 538-0318 (aisconservey@saltspring.com). Donation brochures are now available in several public outlets.

Information is also available through the conservancy office (http://saltspring.islandsconservancy.com).

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phase and with the use of “green” technologies, that option will be considered. “If they say that they don’t care about the environment, they’ll be happy to do that because that is the sensible thing to do.”

Conversely, PARC is also prepared to complete the project in phases, likely starting with a lap pool and change rooms, said Curtin.

A finished facility will include a lap pool, leisure pool, hot tub and service building. PARC reaffirmed that its goal remains a complete indoor aquatic centre.

According to a PARC press release, Roy told last Thurs-day’s stakeholders that “after the current marketplace due to an unprecedented escalation in costs. The stakeholders group includes PARC, Soe, Swimming pool, Com- munity Services, Senior Services, Lady Minto Hos-pital, Salt Spring District Society, Brain Injury Dis- ease and Stroke Support Group, and public-at-large members.

The May 3 meeting will be at GISS at 7 p.m. People can contact PARC at 45 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI, V8E 1K3; sirb@st这套.d ca or 537-4448.

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Dust machine blows smoke

A fire at Gulf Islands Sec- ondary School on the after- noon of April 13 forced the evacuation of the school’s woodworking shop and caused an estimated $15,000 in damage.

Firefighters responding to reports of smoke coming from the school commended teachers and students for safely exiting the building before fire crews arrived on scene.

According to captain Dale Lundy of the Salt Spring Fire Department, the fire started in a dust extractor used to clear sawdust and exhaust from the class.

Since the machine is located outside the building, the room sustained only minor water damage but the interior ventilation once the fire was extinguished.

Lundy said the origin of the fire was still under investi-gation but suspected the cause could be attributed to mechanical failure of the extractor fan.

The fire fighters had little problem bringing the blaze under control and no injuries were sustained in the incident.

A school board meeting was taking place in the school gym at the same time.

According to school district facilities manager Dave Henshall, the ventilation system will need to be replaced.

“We’re going to get a nice new dust extractor,” he said.

The dust-extractor system cost approximately $15,000 when it was installed 10 years ago, he said.

Henshall believes the district will be covered by insurance, but the system will be installed over the summer.

In the meantime, maintenance staff fabricated a temporary dust extractor with a shop vacuum so students can still work on their projects.

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**Lesotho-GISS links teach compassion**

By SEAN MCINTYRE

Staff Writer

Whoever said teenage kids spend all their time sleeping and playing video games has obviously not been around Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) recently. For a dozen students seated around a table in the multipurpose room during lunch break, the priorities are helping orphans in Lesotho, an education, not searching the sofa for the remote control.

Students in the group have done their fair share of volunteer activities, but Amanda Nobes feels this event is especially meaningful due to the sense of connecting with someone on the other side of the world.

"This group lets us feel like we are helping and having a relationship with these kids," she said. "When the grads graduate, we'll still have a relationship with those people and it won't be cut off and we won't be something to forget because we'll carry it on for a really long time."

Community to Community Twinning is helping provide orphans in Lesotho, a small country landlocked by South Africa, with the supplies, motivation and strength to go to school.

In the process it's giving students here on Salt Spring a lesson in reality.

On April 26, speakers from the World will visit GISS to express their appreciation and show teachers, students and all Salt Spring residents how the help is making some of Lesotho's poorest schools better places.

"I would really like a big turnout because I think the community should be involved," said island filmmaker Judy Jackson. "I think parents and teachers and anybody who wants to help can make a difference."

Jackson has spent time in Africa working on films about victims of the HIV/AIDS crisis and is passionate about the cause.

"If you haven't got a mom and dad and half your friends haven't got mums and dads and you can't go to school, what's your future?" she asked.

In search of an answer she spent much time researching schools throughout Africa to make sure everything will work successfully.

She said the inspiration for the project followed a presentation given last August to Salt Spring's Uniteds Nations' Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.

"During his speech, he said the one thing that could really help, because governments are really slow, is community to community action," Jackson said. "From that moment everyone has been really gung-ho."

The enthusiasm has inspired dozens of students from GISS and Salt Spring Island Middle School to hold bake sales, school dances, a basketball tournament and a recycling drive.

So far, they have raised $1,500 and show no signs of letting up.

According to Grade 11 student Morgan Smith, interest in the project was overwhelming right from the start.

"I would say there were many people who wanted to help, but there wasn't an answer or an easy opening," she said. "We're enthusiastic and now we're a team."

The April 26th event will include a video presentation and speeches, along with traditional African music and drumming. Students plan to send letters to the students they are helping, a move Jackson feels is of special significance.

"I think the most important thing will be the letters because one thing these orphans don't have is love," she said. "These letters will show that there is someone out there who cares."

The April 26th twinning event will be held in the GISS multipurpose room at 7 p.m.

More information is available at www.soldsalisprings.com.

**Island driver dodges impaired charges**

A Salt Spring man agreed to pay a $1,000 fine and give up driving privileges for three months after he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without due consideration at Ganges Provincial Court on April 5.

Chad Williams evaded two impaired-driving charges when he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge under the Motor Vehicle Act moments before a trial was about to commence.

Court heard that Williams showed signs of impairment and provided three breathalyzer readings and all Salt Spring RCMP stopped him at a roadblock located at Central on April 5th between 10 and 11 a.m.

Since Crown counsel David Sissons was not pursuing a charge relating to the driving, judge Jeanne Harvey recommended Crown to issue the lesser charge under the Motor Vehicle Act instead of proceeding with the lesser charge and Crown counsel agreed.

If Williams had pleaded guilty to the lesser charge under the Motor Vehicle Act, he would have been disqualified for 10 months to pay the fine.

**Fidler doesn't survive**

In what could be a case of voodoo at work, Lianne Fidler was forced off the island in this week's Survivor III contest, just as she was overcome by crippling back pain.

But the competition is clearly tight as only nine votes separated Fidler, Brian Patterson and Judy Ralston.

Voter K.D. Williams provided this pithy comment: "In the mosaic that is Salt Spring Island, each of these dedicated participants has added unique "paving" to the "paths" on the island.

In casting a vote against Vally, another noted, "Can't see him making a coconut telephone."

A north and south-end rivalry came through loud and clear in several comments. "North end rocks!" "Go south-end!"

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Keith Oliver
Poets Cove enters not guilty plea

Owners of Poets Cove Resort on South Pender Island pleaded not guilty to charges of violating the Heritage Conservation Act at a court appearance in Victoria last week.

Charges were laid against the luxury resort overlooking Bedwell Harbour after RCMP uncovered evidence that ancient artifacts and human remains were disturbed during construction of a swimming pool in 2003. This is the first time the Heritage Conservation Act has been used and the maximum penalty for a corporation convicted of the offence is $1 million.

“This is an important case to watch,” stated Robert Morales, chief negotiator for the Hu’u’u’hi’u min’nuq Trust Group. “The future of all land development projects where there are archaeological concerns in British Columbia may very well be impacted by the outcome of this court case.”

The judicial confirmation date is set for December 15 and the trial itself is expected to begin in early 2006. Morales said the delays were not unusual and suspected legal counsel for Poets Cove needed time to prepare its case considering the charge is unprecedented. Representatives from Poets Cove were not available for comment.

Morales said he hoped the case would confirm the province’s cultural heritage is not at the mercy of the ever-increasing pressures of development.

“I hope this case will begin to set out the enforcement of this act in terms of judgments and how we can act as a society to protect these sites,” he said.

School bands top charts at West Coast Jazz Festival

Gulf Islands kids “swing like nobody’s business.”

Or so said Canadian jazz great Hugh Fraser when talking about the middle school jazz band’s superior-rated performance at the West Coast Jazz Festival on Saturday.

At the same event held at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior jazz band earned its highest-ever mark at the annual event — with a 92.5 per cent.

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) music teacher Mitch Howard said he was pleased with the whole event with his extracurricular band of grades 6-8 musicians was “amazing.” The kids played extremely well and their solos were outstanding, he said.

It was the third year in a row a superior standing was achieved. Their 70 mark — with the same out-of-100 scale used regardless of the musicians’ age or grade level — put them well above their middle school range, said Howard.

“Seventy is where the Grade 12 bands begin their superior standard,” he noted. “For a middle school, anything above 50 is a superior. We smoked ‘em.”

The other adjudicator was Montreal-based saxophonist Christine Jensen.

“She said she didn’t have much to say to help us out at the clinic because we all played music with a capital ‘M.’”

And for the second year in a row the SIMS jazz band was invited to attend a national festival, although Howard said the cost to take the band to Ottawa next year would be prohibitive.

“It doesn’t really matter what score they get but it is nice to get that validation,” he said. “It’s nice to hear somebody else besides me or their parents — say they play well. The adjudicators don’t love them.”

Other GISS senior jazz band honours saw Simon Millerd named Best Senior Piano Player at the festival, while Dalhi Gonthier won a $735 scholarship towards attending summer school at the Berkley performing arts school in the U.K.

Addi Perkins won $100 towards a workshop at the Victoria Conservatory and Lindsay Bryon won $100 for a Malaspina workshop.

This Saturday the SIMS concert band heads to Port Alberni for the Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival.

Anyone curious about BC-STV and how it works can attend a presentation and mock election at a Sidney event on Saturday, April 23.

Salt Spring Verna Lewis will be discussing her support for BC-STV electoral reform at the Mary Winspear Community Centre in Sidney, along with Andrew Petter, Bruce Hallis and Peter Roach. The evening gathering in Activity Room 2, from 2-4 p.m. Admission is by donation, with seating for 100.

Lewis is deputy chair of the Green Party of Canada; Andrew Petter is dean of the UVic Law School; Bruce Hallis is vice-president of Fair Vote Canada; and Roach is a policy chair of the Democratic Reform Party of B.C.

DIGGING IN: Members of the Norton Neighbourhood Association and supporters gather outside the Baptist Church with spades in hand last Wednesday as members of the Islands Trust’s Agricultural Advisory Committee consider a rezoning proposal for a Norton Road parcel of land currently zoned agricultural. The association is opposed to the rezoning and subdivision plan.
Election issues simmer for Eggheads

Prospect of free fill anger residents

“Why not make a weekend of it!”

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Paula Stewart, Mortgage Specialist

Editor’s note: The Driftwood is canvassing some non-political island groups to find out what provincial election issues most concern their members.

By SEAN MCVITYRE Staff Writer

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North Salt Spring Waterworks District Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 26 at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

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

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.

2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.

3. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.

4. To elect one Trustee for a three-year term.

Nominees for Trustee are:

Bobby Watson, Pine Place

Trevor Hutton

General Manager

Officially, the group remained neutral with respect to the scrambled topics of religion and politics. When it was formed, the group’s members were a place where serious issues of consequence could be discussed and debated.

In true Egghead spirit, Paul Robinson begged to differ with the dominant attitude.

“I think the polarities in this province are severe,” he said. “I would like to see an end to this business of setting one set of the public against another. I think all the people should be recognized and respected.”

He feared the public interest would be drowned out by the clamorous battle between unruly unions and glibulous corporations.

Robinson claimed it was important for parties to remain neutral and that they had no interest in the “horizontal” conflict that the local community needed and our first priority would be to distribute the fill equitably, provided it makes sense to the delivery of the project and for the safety of the equipment operators.

Galpin warned property owners a permit did not guarantee the delivery of fill because there was a number of factors used to select two or three of the applicants.

“We’d like to be able to spread it around but there are many factors to look at. We can’t be sending trucks all over the place.”

When asked if he thought providing the fill to a private company was unfair, Galpin said that was a community issue and the matter would be examined during the decision phase.
Trust seeks alternatives for power line proposal

By SEAN MCDISETTRE
Staff Writer

Residents opposing the proposed upgrade of high-voltage power lines over Salt Spring Island are hopeful letters from local government bodies will add clout to their demands to examine alternatives and perhaps even turn it into an election issue.

In an April 5 letter, Islands Trust vice-chair Tony Law expressed the Trust Executive Committee’s desire “to ensure that feasible alternatives to the project have been fully explored prior to submission of applications for regulatory approvals, and that potential effects of the project on the environment and public health be minimised.”

Trustees Eric Booth and Kim Liniger, and regional director Gary Holman also sent a letter to BCTC urging consideration of alternatives.

The current proposal is to replace the existing lines with 30-meter towers carrying 12 high-voltage lines over Galiano and Salt Spring islands. The upgrade would increase the capacity of the lines by 23 times.

Opponents to the plan are concerned the upgrade will result in higher health risks and decreased property values due to increased levels of electromagnetic radiation.

In order to proceed, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) must receive approval from the B.C. Utilities Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The BCTC application will be made in June and project opponents are urging the commission to examine all options, including alternate routes and burial of power lines, before the approval process gets underway.

Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams said proceeding with the application process did not mean BCTC was closed to alternatives, but that applicants are generally hesitant to spend the time and money needed to review new proposals once the regulatory process has begun.

“The further you go down the road, the more locked in you get because you’ve already gone through so much of the regulatory process,” she said.

Adams admitted the letter may not single-handedly force BCTC to reconsider but said it, along with sustained public pressure, could have an impact.

“We see this as one piece of the puzzle,” she said. “Public pressure is a big thing, but it never hurts to have a letter supporting the cause.”

Members of Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) said despite the slow response from Liberal MLA Murray Coell, the Islands Trust and its representatives on Galiano and Salt Spring islands have been very cooperative.

Dara Zovi, a Salt Spring IRAHVOL member whose family lives along the corridor, agreed the letter is a positive step, but said the wording could have been “a little more forceful.”

She said letters written by project opponents who successfully defeated the original proposal in Delta South and Tsawwassen were “quite passionate.”

The dedication of MLA Val Roddick also played a big part in forcing BCTC to bury the cables, she added.

IRAHVOL members wish to set up an independent commission to examine the issue so both the public and politicians may get a clear picture as to what is at stake. Although construction of the project may begin as soon as 2006, BCTC has not approved any plan.

BCTC communications director Moira Chicilo said the proposal is still open to change, as was proven by the recent decision to bury the lines in Tsawwassen.

“We are seriously considering alternatives and are doing an evaluation based on all the available options,” she said.

Though the use of underground cables and a different route will not be looked at independently, she said, both are included as alternative proposals to the current plan.
**Leave out dogma**

Gulf Islands families face another year of four-day weeks following a motion passed by school trustees.

The calendar issue has proven to be divisive within the school community, but islanders now need to move forward without harboring acrimony.

Trustees unanimously stated that they opted to “preserve programs” with the cost-cutting measure that could save $350,000 annually by shifting educational minutes from five days to four.

In reflecting on the decision and the future, some might heed the words of an articulate high-school student, Jacob Schweda, who advised speakers to address the four-day motion, rather than attack individuals who supported that motion.

Schweda’s comment struck a chord that resonated through discussion about the calendar-change issue — and perhaps other issues in the community.

Obviously, islanders could be better served if Keep Five Alive Coalition members, school trustees and other concerned parties would discuss issues of quality education without personal attacks, but the altered-calendar issue also needs discussion without fear or malice-driven attacks.

Many four-day supporters have expressed fear about the future educational environment on the Gulf Islands without the altered calendar. Likewise, four-day opponents have expressed fear over the possible academic or sociological effects arising from the shift.

During public meetings, members from both camps expressed hostility toward opposing views, even though both positions are difficult to support due to a lack of solid facts.

Little research has been done anywhere on the effects of a calendar change on students’ education. Local surveys don’t do much more than tell whether or not families are “inconvenienced” by such changes.

And while financial figures might appear irrefutable, budgets can be easily adjusted when priorities shift.

Now that we have another year of discussions before trustees revisit the calendar vote, it might be constructive to deliberate the actual merits or detriments of the four-day week in their own right without the dogma.

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**Response**

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The Statistics Canada 1993 Violence Against Women Survey found that:

- 16 per cent of all Canadian women (1.7 million) have been involved in at least one incident of sexual or physical assault by a date or boyfriend since the age of 16.
- Half of all women who reported an incident of dating violence were between the ages of 18-24.
- 24 per cent of women 18 to 20 years to 14 per cent of women over 50.
- 28.9 per cent of the reports, the woman was assaulted by a spouse or partner.
- Four in 10 Canadian women were victims of assault by a spouse or partner.
- One in 10 Canadian women were victims of assault by a spouse or partner.
- Five in 10 Canadian women were victims of sexual assault.
- Young single women represent the highest percentage of women who are dating and are at greatest risk to be victims of dating violence.

The writer is a longtime SWOVA member.

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**Design and build ‘green’ pool for now and the future**

**By ELIZABETH WHITE**

The indoor pool is a big project, and PARC has demonstrated good leadership in selecting an excellent design team and in researching advanced water-treatment options to reduce the use of chlorine.

However, I am concerned that efforts to minimize construction costs may result in long-term liabilities. It would be negligent of us as a community and PARC to ignore the potential long-term liabilities.

**Responsive**

America is adopting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards for their municipal buildings. Is Salt Spring going to build a minimum-standard dinosaur simply to prove that it can?

“Green” buildings do not have to cost a lot more than conventional ones if the green measures are considered at the outset. A U.S. survey completed a year ago found that LEED-certified, cost-effectively.

Resource people with computer modelling capabilities assess costs and performance of various design strategies as they emerge, enabling the best combination of technologies and design options to move forward for fine tuning.

This approach strengthens the project team and enables an optimum solution to be developed. One bad thing for an indoor pool, which is probably the most technically demanding environment to build and maintain. The Salt Spring Energy Strategy recommends that the energy performance of the indoor pool building be at least 25 per cent better than the Model National Energy Code and that LEED measures be considered. Additional measures will be needed for detailed computer analysis if these energy standards are achieved.

Some, such as ground-source heat pump or solar collectors, are very expensive; additional insulation requires comprehensive assessment. Appropriate solutions need to be designed into the project from the outset. They also cannot cost-effectively be tacked on as afterthoughts.

Various modest federal grant programs may be available, although some funding sources have already been exhausted.

It is increasingly clear that we cannot ignore the planet’s dwindling resources. Salt Spring is an environmentally conscious community and PARC would be well advised to take this into consideration. If allocated some funds now to ensure that the indoor pool will be designed, built, green and built to last.
**Letters to the Editor**

Not excessive

At the last Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, the Islands Trust had the first reading of an amendment to Bylaw 555 (on vacation rentals), and they will now be subject to a public hearing.

This is needed because the Islands Trust must not abdicate its role, or be subject to a public hearing. I should be allowed to do what I should be charged the same fees.

No, it is not subject to a public hearing.

But the amendments smack of anti-American and anti-freedom language.

Salt Spring and anti-foreigner language... suggesting that vacation rentals be limited to permanent residents who live in the Islands Trust area and have been in the Islands Trust area for two years. This is a move to not follow protocol of the Vancouver Islands Trust Planning Community (or the community planning area). A number of us have been working with an archaeologist to uncover the remains of personal discs.

I am wondering how many people have cost the Trust planning community for the Islands Trust planning area.

The Islands Trust Planning Community (that rent by the week).

MAY GABRE, Salt Spring

Short word

Further to letters and articles about short-term vacation rentals (STVRs), I draw your attention to the fact that our islands trustees have chosen to ignore the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the community planning area.

I am wondering how many people have cost the Trust planning community for the Islands Trust planning area.

STVRs represent commercial interests only.

Obviously the STVRs are not in the best interests of Salt Spring.

The Islands Trust Planning Community (that rent by the week).

MAY GABRE, Salt Spring

Reconsider

We think it is highly inappropriate for the Driftwood to have selected a trip to Pender Island as the prize for its Survivor contest.

Earlier this year, as reported on your paper, charges under the B.C. Heritage Act were laid against the Driftwood for desecration of the archaeological site there, the case has yet to be resolved.

The resort has been built on an old village site, and the remains of as many as 50 people were inset with heavy equipment.

The developer is now working with an archaeologist to preserve First Nations heritage in the process of retrieving the remains for reburial, but the remains have yet to be re-interred.

An elder from Tsawout First Nation, visiting Salt Spring for Thanksgiving weekend, April 9, said what he heard was being done by Poole's Cove would have made him feel if First Nations had started digging up the Ross Bay cemetery.

In light of the growing awareness of the importance in preserving and honouring the ancient heritage of the Gulf Islands, which past coverage in the Driftwood has suggested, we wish to reconsider your choice of prize for your contest.

KATE LEWIS, PHIL, VERNON, and eight others, Salt Spring

**Refreshings**

**F. E. R. R.**

April 13 Viewpoint article (Mourning for Pope out of heart and mind) is refreshing, and much needed to remind us that Karol Wojtyla was a paragon of Liberal Theology, and courage, to be admired by all, working with all-too-human failings.

His reaction to dissert was neverlover when his claim of infallibility was questioned. Who can forget his disas-torous performance in Central America, when he responded to the gentle expressions of Liberation Theology with obvious rage that his words were being questioned?

Silence! Silence! to the delight of all enemies, and his finger-wagging to his kneel- ing Archbishop were more shocking and more revealing than he could have known.

I hope that his successor can undo some of the damage, while building on the work that he did.

ANDREW GIBSON, Rainbow Road

Admired man

Pope John Paul II. In the Catholic catechism there is a list of "seemingly irrational, especially when we abide by these rules there is a happiness which is hard to describe it is so profound. Pope John Paul II abided by these rules and that is one of the reasons why between three and four million pilgrims waited for hours to say farewell to an admired leader.

Do not say that the next pope adhere to the same rules.

RUTH D. LISTON, Salt Spring Way

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**John Paul II led the world by following his leader**

By GREGORY SMITH

"Follow me," two words hold the key to understanding the message of the true Christian faith.

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...most modern heresies cry out "look at me!" John Paul proclaimed "look at Him!" Even by means of his personal charisma, the pope directed our attention to Christ. He told those gathered in Toronto for World Youth Day in 2002 to listen for Jesus speaking to them with "his gentle and urgent voice," just like the first disciples.

To even begin to understand the impact and appeal of the late pope, one must turn to look at his death a symbol of ultimate victory, much as the dying pope did. Again, John Paul's words echo the words of Jesus: "If anyone follows me..."

The lasting contribution of John Paul to the church and the world will not be determined by how well or how often he is remembered. It will be seen in the "sprouting of the seeds of faith" he planted. In this sense, his work has not ended but is just beginning.

The undeniable sense of loss for so many of us is greatly tempered when we realize that the cross under which the pope stood "marched" messages of hope, of peace, of life, of love, and of human dignity — and not originate with him and cannot die with him.

Understanding his pontificate in this way leads to important consequences. If the late pope's actions were not masterful, and not his mastery of communication, then his death does not mean the loss of an irreplaceable figure. If he has shown success, other bishops, priests and indeed every Christian the power of the indelible pontiff, then the phenomena of his pontificate will continue.

Indeed, if he has shown all people of good will to the need for these beliefs and convictions even against social currents, then the renewal of society he championed will continue.

This is the challenge that issues from the life and death of John Paul II: to admire or to imitate?

The challenge confronts, of course, every Catholic. Will we respond by leaving the "cafeteria line" of individualistic faith and embrace the uncompromising doctrines that were the hallmark of this pontificate?

Will bishops and priests of the third millennium be formed by the example of the pope and strive for all things to live the gospel without compromising preaching as much as by what they do not do?

No less the challenge affects other Christian churches facing ever-greater social pressures on their systems of belief. Will the legacy of Pope John Paul II, whom a Protestant friend of mine called "the best evangelical I ever knew" — encourage them to maintain unswerving positions that are at the heart of many more difficult teachings? He challenged all of us — Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, and all people of good will — to live our lives with greater clarity, consistency and courage. He invited those who fear or face death, to live their trials with serenity and purpose.

John Paul II led by following his leader.
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Look at STV

Don't miss this opportunity to make our province more democratic.

I’m speaking about the upcoming referendum on STV or the single transferable vote system.

Our government did a wonderful thing when it randomly selected ten people from all walks of life, people of different ethnic backgrounds, ages, etc. to form the Citizens’ Assembly.

These people were politicians and had no special interest motivating them; but they did care about democracy and how our voting system works. They looked into the current system and found it deficient in several respects and chose the STV system over the many different ones they looked into.

The STV system has many advantages over the current system. For instance:

• We would be less likely to swing from one landslide victory for one party to another, so less likely to have over-represented voices swinging from one extreme to another.

• If a voter’s first choice was not the candidate elected, their second or third choices could make a difference in the outcome of the election, so each vote counts more.

• Riding size would be larger and each riding would have at least two elected representatives. This means that if one representative was lazy, “sold out” or whatever, there would still be a good chance of having someone decent to represent their views. Even representatives might want to pay attention to this situation, and their constituents.

One disadvantage is that the STV system is new to Canada. Many people may not have much time to look into it; please do take the time. We will need the best democracy we can get, especially as our society and environmental problems become increasingly severe. This could be an exciting time of renewal, rather than a dismal sliding into disaster.

There is no formal group to promote the STV, that I know of, but there are quite a few individuals who are finding out about each other.

If you would like someone to explain the system to you or someone else please get in touch to contact Brenda Guiled (crouch@guiled.com, 653-4722), Harry Warner (653-4041), Jan Slakov (537-4251), Joanna Montrichard (537-4510) or Brian Hay- old@olddogbody@yahoo.ca.

JAN SLAVOK,
Salt Spring

Devastation

As a member of the Stewart Road Residents Association, I was pleased to hear hands with other protesters on April 4 to stop the movement of dump trucks on and off Larry Bad-

er's property at 177 Jennifer Way. Following our appearance on Mr. Bader's drive-

way, the trucks went back to work, business as usual.

To clarify why we were there, I will go back five and a half years to when the lots up Jasper Road, the very sub-
division Mr. Bader helped develop, were up for sale. At the time, these lots were the most expensive on Salt Spring. Buyers from off island bought into what realtor and developer Mel Topping described as a pristine setting, a quiet and peaceful neighbourh-

ould the site preparation. More than a year ago Islands Trust to provide new soil removal bylaw. This new bylaw would give Local Trust Committee (LTC) power to regulate mining on the island. After month we received assurances LTC would intro-

duce this bylaw.

I hope the LTC will be back on track by next meet-

ing and prioritize the new soil removal bylaw, because I fear this entire Stewart Road valley could one day turn into a huge mining area.

Who knows? Maybe it will be your residential neighbour-

hood, too.

Mr. GESSINGER, Stewart Road

Warning

A warning to people walk-

ing the end of Cran-

berry Road.

Keep your dogs on a leash and off people’s property.

Very careful.

Harry, and JOAN WALLS,
Toynbee Road

Suggestions

I decided to check it out – what was this room (on the Tswawassen/Swartwout route) that you had to pay $7 to gain entry to?

Marketing materials I glanced at appeared to describe a private elitist gathering of place on the ferry, with the admission fee only getting you in the room.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that the money didn’t just cover entry into the room, but also newspapers, coffee and tea, and light snacks. Most importantly, a quiet area to either rest, read or get some work done. Based on a conversation I overheard it also appears there may be a high-speed internet connect-

on computer cubicles in the room.

I was disappointed to find that the area isn’t quite as quiet as a library, especially when you get two or three men on cell phones and a family of kids fighting over the screen for family gatherings that involve much talking. I think taking in general should be minimal.

I have a couple of other suggestions as well. A local B.C.-owned coffee company should be contracted for the supply of that beverage, perhaps Salt Spring Coffee Company, as well as locally owned and operated companies to supply the food and tea.

Great use of non-dispos-

able items such as spoons, knives, plates and coffee cups would be good to see, as would milk and cream in small metal containers rather than the mini disposable packets.

DONN TARRIS,
Salt Spring

Letter to the editor: Press release? What’s On calendar event? Send it to news@gulfislands.net.

SUGGESTIONS

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Bad apples
I was at the skate park the other day watching my son and his friends skate. Several young standing near me were using foul language and drinking beer. This went on for a good 10-15 minutes before I heard one of them mouth off at one of the skaters. I guess one of the intoxicated punks was looking for a fight. Unfortunately for them I was there and have zero tolerance for such garbage like that. So I threw myself in the middle of things before it got too ugly. The skaters are out having a good time and the good group of kids that do use the park take pride in it. There always has to be a few bad apples to ruin it for others just trying to have a good time. It’s these punks that give the skaters and a first-class skate park a bad name in the community. If they were there to skate and have fun with the rest of the kids that would be nice.

However, drinking under age in a public place is not good, and to me is a reci- pe for disaster; Perhaps the police should take a drive by the skate park more frequently so it would make conditions more uncomfortable for these types to hang out.

Don’t the parents of these kids know what they are up to? It really is upsetting to see them encourage their kids to drive drunk out of their minds by 5 p.m. on a Thurs­ day.

Maybe they should take up skating themselves so they would have something better to do.

BANDS, SPOKE, Salt Spring
No garbage
A great big thank you to all the friends and supporters of the Lady Minto Hos­ pital Thrift Shop. Without you we could not do all the marvellous things we do for the hospital. The donations we receive from you are appreciated. Without the donations we could not continue to provide the service to the community.

Our volunteers receive no compensation. They volunteer through them and put out only the items that are acceptable to the community. You, as part of Salt Spring, have the opportu- nity of purchasing very good merchandise at a very reason- able price. They need to go purchasing items for the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood.

Lately we have been receiving truckloads of left- over garbage. This Sunday there was a load dumped at the shop. There was an old microwave, filthy underwear, broken lampshades and numer- ous other items that were absolutely disgusting. We had to remove every one of these items in the articles we offer to you, the public.

The volunteers, who are all friends and neighbours of yours on Salt Spring, ask who is it that is leaving their garbage for the volunteers to handle? Our volunteers can- not be asked to sort through garbage that unpeople don’t do all of this.

We have signs that say NO DONATIONS after 4 p.m. and daily. On Sundays, only clean items are acceptable.

No furniture, no electrical items. The culprits who are guilty either cannot read or don’t care.

We are disappointed that a few very uncaring people are spoiling the Thrift Shop philosophy. Many of our volunteers are very devoted to you, the public, care so little for us.

On the other hand it is exciting to open a bag that is full of goodies that we may put out in the shop for the shop’s public.

There will always be donated items that are discarded. This we under- stand, but truckloads of garbage should go to the dump and not be left on the door- step.

This is a plea. Please, now that garage sale season is upon us, take your garbage to the dump and not to the Thrift Shop.

To our many friends and supporters, please continue to bring us all that good stuff that you have in the past and appreciate your dona- tions. We look forward to seeing you at the shop.

John Ryan, Chairperson, Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop

Other side
Three cheers for Rodger Beelsher who wrote in Viewpoint (April 13) the other side of Pope Paul II. I wonder if he knows that Pope Paul II, who preceeded the late pope, was apparently murdered after a short time in office because he was soft on birth control and wanted to get the huge wealth of the Vatican down to the poor people.

Two no-no’s.

BRISTOL FOSTER, Salt Spring

Surprising
In the latest issue of the Driftwood, Nick Hodson commented that Trustee Lineger was “surprised that she had received little feedback from those opposed to short-term vacation rentals and that she found it “hardly surprising.” I too, find it hardly surpris- ing but for different reasons.

Being an eternal optimist, it is my belief that she got very little feedback because the numbers of those opposed are not as large as she — and Mr. Hodson — believes. One has hope that common sense will win out and that before the donor has perma- nently closed on the short- term vacation rental option contract with Salt Spring there will be a groundwork of support for allowing people to rent their homes less than 30 days and for however many weeks they wish to do it.

That the regulations being suggested would eliminate virtually all the existing short-term vacation rentals is a travesty of justice and unnecessarily punitive. Few of these houses were bought solely for investment pur- poses and few permit more than six people to occupy them. Most are owned by soon-to-be retirees who have decided to rent their second- ary homes (and for some their primary residence) to cover the escalating costs of maintaining them and pay­ ing the taxes. They employ property managers, gardeners, cleaning staff and a host of tradespeople, and the money they get for the rentals.

Removing them from rent- ing their homes short-term “will not make these houses available for affordable long­ term rental (a) because they and their friends and families use them, and (b) because they have large mortgages. If they are forced to sell, and many of them will be, their desire to returning to a peaceful and friendly community will be shattered. Because most of these houses were expensive, they will not be sold cheaply, either, which will result in affordable housing property.

Those who wish to elimi- nate or drastically curtail short-term vacation rentals (and thus prevent families from enjoying Salt Spring Island) because there are some few abuses to the do- so, remind one of the teacher who punishes the entire class because one naughty child causes a ruckus.

That there should be some standards for this home­ based business as there are for many others is reason­ able and few home owners would object. The Islands Trust should be working toward that, they should not be imposing unnecessarily harsh restrictions that will adversely affect many home owners.

One of our clients likened the Salt Spring “solution” to this perceived problem to cracking a peanut with a sledgehammer. ”CHERIE SPENCER, Pender Island

Peoples’ choice
In the trustees of the Salt Spring School District 64 with the 2005 Peoples’ Choice Acad­ emy Award for Best Support­ ing Roles in the Disas­ ter Movie, “The Four Day School Week. ”

MONA FERTIG, Ganges

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More letters

Need VRs

Recently it was noted by the tourism council in B.C. that part of the NDP’s budget cuts, should they get into office, would be $43 million that would come from tourism marketing.

On Salt Spring, it seems both the Salt Spring Conservancy and NDFers want to stem tourism and one way of doing so would be to eliminate vacation rentals.

They have been consistently writing the Islands Trust and the Driftwood complaining almost every week about only one specific abuse by a homeowner (see last week’s letter from Nick Hudson). Aside from the clear exasperation that vacation rentals ruin a neighbourhood, the premise to eliminate all because of one or two specific incidents is ludicrous.

Vacation rentals are needed because the island economy is based on tourism and without tourist accommodation for families, we won’t have an economy, which means we won’t have jobs.

Chamber of Commerce statistics show that those coming here just for a day trip don’t spend very much money. Stores in town and the artists make money off tourists that stay overnight or for several days.

We only have two hotels and about seven rentals commercially zoned for accommodation that can handle families. B&Bs aren’t family friendly because they rarely have room for a family.

So as an island, are we prepared to turn away families who want to visit? How is that fair to the businesses that have sustained themselves through the hard times until we finally got to a critical mass of visitors that spend enough money now to keep us going through the winters?

We need vacation rentals as much as B&Bs and other forms of lodging. They don’t hurt the neighbourhood and they certainly don’t overtax resources (the house was built with a permit, so it is expected a family will be living in it and using water and septic — whether that family is full-time resident, or vacationer).

The homeowner is paying several forms of tax to have the right and privilege of utilizing resources — she has the right to them.

So naysayers go home. Allow vacation rentals to exist without limitations.

Jon Ehly
Salt Spring

Vacation rental agencies

We need vacation rental agencies (not a specific landlord). They provide a marketing tool. Business Gala Event could be a huge success: co-producer Lewis MacKay, Hip Hop Till You Drop such as Ramesh Meyers; Jean and Newman and Liz Vaeson and the Excalibre sound guru Davies aka Ethereal Flare, Sonia Tuttle, Liz Vaeson and the Excalibre.

We appreciate your hard work and support.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Rants of Roses

Perhaps you could come up with a more positive activity than stealing a non-profit’s sandwich board that cost money and took a volunteer two hours to make. I know why not take a hip hop class instead of stealing our marketing tool!

Andrea Robinsworth
Stagecoach School of Performing Arts

A bouquet and a tube of muscle linament to the following volunteers who made Hip Hop Till You Drop such a rousing success: co-producer Shelley Smith and her family Dave, Morgan and Benn; drivers Lindsay Neville, Laurie Blakely and Lewis MacKay, Kim Tuttle, Sally Daily, Chris Malcolm; sound guru Sue Newman and Ramesh Meyers; Jean and Debbie Elwell; Lee Sigmund and Sonia Langer, DJ Dylan Davies aka Ethereal Flare, Liz Vascon and the Excalibre gang for being such amazing dancers and nice kids; teacher Joanne and Alex-how much-fun-was-that?, the SSI b-girls and b-boys who supported the endeavor.

Roses to Bob from Victoria. Thank you for help at Mrs. Clean. It was very kind of you. We were able to be home earlier than planned.

R&S

There aren’t roses enough in the world to say thank you to Gordon Lee and

Derrick’s Island Pics

Gervin Kyle, Lee and Son. Thank you for providing the warmth in my life. MM

Roses to everyone who stopped driving near Fox-glove last Tuesday at 1 a.m. and especially to Adrian English who pulled over and sprinted after my tiny, terrified dog running up Fulford-Ganges Road. He caught her and left her at the vet clinic, where I caught up with her!

Roses to all of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers at Transitions Thrift Store. We appreciate your commitment and skills.

Tons of roses to the kind strangers who donate to the Copper Kettle. You guys make all the difference. Tons of roses to Babs’s Buns for their donated bread, and one billion roses to Cherie at the Copper Kettle.

A huge bouquet of non-allergenic unscented flowers to the staff of Lady Minto Hospital and another to the Jessie Dun Hospice volunteers for easing the transition during the loss of our father. The secret’s out; they are not really people, but angels.

A bouquet of sweet roses to Susan, who has lovingly taken Lizzie, Cy’s little white dog, into her family.

Roses to the “mystery” islander who returns the Salt Spring Conservancy’s brown puller ASAP to 901/1, Upper Ganges Centre. Roses also to anyone who has borrowed a puller for “free,” who now makes a donation to the campaign to purchase Mount Enkine.

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A bouquet and a tube of muscle linament to the following volunteers who made Hip Hop Till You Drop such a rousing success: co-producer Shelley Smith and her family Dave, Morgan and Benn; drivers Lindsay Neville, Laurie Blakely and Lewis MacKay, Kim Tuttle, Sally Daily, Chris Malcolm; sound guru Sue Newman and Ramesh Meyers; Jean and Debbie Elwell; Lee Sigmund and Sonia Langer, DJ Dylan Davies aka Ethereal Flare, Liz Vascon and the Excalibre gang for being such amazing dancers and nice kids; teacher Joanne and Alex-how much-fun-was-that?, the SSI b-girls and b-boys who supported the endeavor.

Roses to Bob from Victoria. Thank you for help at Mrs. Clean. It was very kind of you. We were able to be home earlier than planned.

R&S

There aren’t roses enough in the world to say thank you to Gordon Lee and

Derrick’s Island Pics

Gervin Kyle, Lee and Son. Thank you for providing the warmth in my life. MM

Roses to everyone who stopped driving near Fox-glove last Tuesday at 1 a.m. and especially to Adrian English who pulled over and sprinted after my tiny, terrified dog running up Fulford-Ganges Road. He caught her and left her at the vet clinic, where I caught up with her!

Roses to all of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers at Transitions Thrift Store. We appreciate your commitment and skills.

Tons of roses to the kind strangers who donate to the Copper Kettle. You guys make all the difference. Tons of roses to Babs’s Buns for their donated bread, and one billion roses to Cherie at the Copper Kettle.

A huge bouquet of non-allergenic unscented flowers to the staff of Lady Minto Hospital and another to the Jessie Dun Hospice volunteers for easing the transition during the loss of our father. The secret’s out; they are not really people, but angels.

A bouquet of sweet roses to Susan, who has lovingly taken Lizzie, Cy’s little white dog, into her family.

Roses to the “mystery” islander who returns the Salt Spring Conservancy’s brown puller ASAP to 901/1, Upper Ganges Centre. Roses also to anyone who has borrowed a puller for “free,” who now makes a donation to the campaign to purchase Mount Enkine.

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Reburial ceremony plants better relations

By SEAN MCINTYRE

Staff Writer

A recent burial of ancient remains found on a Salt Spring worksite demonstrates the protection of First Nations' sites and development can co-exist.

"This is a perfect example of how the handling of human remains can be done respectfully. Instead of plowing through, they're trying to compromise," said Phil Ver- non of Salt Spring Island- ers for Justice and Reconcilia- tion (SSJAR). "There have been other cases on the island where, whether or not they knew, developers went ahead and destroyed the remains."

The March 31 burial cer- emony followed the discov­ ery of human remains by an equipment operator clearing stumps on the site of a Fra­ ser Road development near Ruckle Park.

In this case, everyone con­ cerned made an effort to treat the remains as respectfully as possible and the appropriate individuals were contacted, said Vernon.

According to one of the developers, Jane Durante, the idea behind the entire project was to preserve part of the natural beauty that made the area so attractive in the first place.

The Lyneons Estates group of owners learned of the midden site after the arche­ ological survey in 1993. As a result, some of the plans were altered to minimize the impact of development.

"Right from the get go, we were aware the process was to have an archeologi­ cal report and a map of the midden site," she said. "The land has a spirit and we feel that the midden site confirms another civilization felt the same way about the land as we do today."

Durante said treating the remains and the site with the respect it deserves caused some minor delays, but has not changed the project's anticipated July completion date.

Morley Eldridge, an archaeological consultant for Victoria-based Millen­ nia Research was hired by Lyneons Estates to assess the project.

Though many developers may shy away from addressing the issues when they arise for fear of unantici­ pated delays and costs, he said dealing with concerns up front is the best way to prevent long-term difficulties.

Treatment of remains in this instance reflects a much broader mental shift when it comes to dealing with the history and culture of the area's First Nations people.

"The First Nations people have become much more vocal," he said. "When I started working as an archae­ ologist, they were extremely repressed individuals."

Eldridge said the change in mindset has altered the way First Nations sites are perceived.

No longer viewed as obsta­ cles to development, there is an increasing sense ancient sites contribute to the shared history of the area's inhabit­ ants.

"Middens are sensitive areas and should be seen as any other non-renewable resource. Some of these sites date back thousands of years and once they are destroyed, the stories they tell are gone forever," he said.

"The First Nations communities involved have comment­ ed that they are very happy everything has treated so sensitively," he said. "They feel this is the way things are supposed to proceed."

Tsawout elder Harry Underwood attended the burial ceremony and said he was impressed to hear that an effort was finally being made to show some respect for native history.

"People are more tolerant of native concerns and they ought to be," he said. "The whole place is native, it's all native. A greater number of people have died than are living now."

Despite Underwood's optimism, he added fur­ ther outreach and public needs to be done since the increasing number of develop­ ments in the Gulf Islands have not been matched by a corresponding increase in the number of reported archeological sites.

The best way to achieve a con­ tinued awareness, he said, is to keep speaking with and educating people to make sure they are aware of what they're moving around under the soil.

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### Wickershams add to fundraiser shindig as elementary school raises $11,000

Families from Salt Spring Elementary (SSE) raised the roof with a Mardi-Gras fundraiser that collected approximately $11,000 on Thursday.

"It was a blast," said SSE parents advisory council (PAC) co-chair Cindy Rabson.

Some 250 people attended a dinner, silent auction and all-ages dance with Zudeco blues masters Gary Comeau and the Voodoo Allstars, Rabson said.

"Gary called me up and said he'd had the biggest turn-out he's ever had at Moby's Friday and Saturday night because of the people who had come and seen him at the fundraiser."

In addition to the dance and auction, the SSE PAC raised money with a raffle, dance-a-thon pledges, and a generous donation of $5,000 from Jill and Grover Wickershams.

"He upped it. Last year it was $2,500 and this year he's given us $5,000." Rabson noticed that the Wickershams are U.S. citizens who don't even have children attending the school.

"I know Grover does a lot to help the community."

The PAC will use the funds to provide sound-field systems and enhance theatre and music programs at the school, Rabson said.

"It will basically give the kids some really strong artistic supplements now that they are on a four-day week." 

### La Soirée Francophone will highlight French programs

With a theme of "I am Canadian" and a colourful "Wall of Fame" to welcome visitors, a celebration of school district French programs takes place on Thursday, April 28 at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GIS). Students from both the French immersion and core French programs at GIS and the middle school are involved in the two-hour Soirée Francophone extravaganza, which includes skits, music, displays, and a bistro.

The Soirée Francophone runs from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Activities include displays, songs and music in student booths from 7 to 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room, and skits presented from 8 to 9 p.m. in the theatre room. A bistro with roving entertainment will be open upstairs and sweets and beverages will be available for sale.

For the younger set, a "Resto-Ado" will be open on the main floor, providing juice and sweets in a fun atmosphere.

Student involvement is high for this annual event. Between 20 and 30 per cent of District 64 students are enrolled in French immersion every year, and many more take core French as their second language at GIS.

The soirée also provides an opportunity for younger language students to interact with high school students.

### Isaac De Niro falls while others rise in Fockers

One of those movies that is badly made and yet somehow compellingly entertaining, Meet the Fockers is the sequel to the incredibly successful Meet the Parents.

As in the first film, Gaylord Focker (Ben Stiller) and his girlfriend Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo) visit Pam's family. It was a disaster: moody mother Dina (Blythe Danner) is fine, but ex-CIA agent and rabid traditionalist Jack (Robert De Niro) is too scary for words.

This time around, marriage is in the air, and Gaylord brings the Byrnes down to Florida to meet his own parents — the extremely named "Fockers." Creations ensue. Brieber (Dustin Hoffman) and Roz (Barbara streisand) are not only Jewish, but ultra-flaky hippie types, and Roz's career as a sex therapist you wish you had here, he's the touchy-feely, always polite dad you always wanted.

Streisand is similarly good, though a bit under-used and seemingly in the running for a bit on Saturday Night Live's old "Coffee Talk" sketch.

In the scenes with Streisand and Hoffman, the film rolls along as steadily as can be. Even the editing seems better, the camera hopping back and forth in snap-quick dialogues between wacky parents and an always exasperated son.

But, when De Niro appears, Meet the Fockers tries amazingly hard to make him out to be a huge monster. Even though it's a silly comedy, you can't help but see how the mighty actor falls. Though Bob presumably had a huge chunk of change for this awkward, awful performance. I think his Travis Bickle would rather be run over by his own taxi than take credit for it.

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Viking events
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Islanders can expect to see Vikings marauding through Ganges on Saturday, April 30, but the sight shouldn’t come soon.

The Heathen Freehold Society’s fourth annual May-day celebration makes its Ganges debut with games, a maypole dance, costume parade and traditional Nordic feast.

Dedicated to the modern revival of the old traditions of the Nordic and Germanic tribes, the Heathen Freehold Society celebrates the third anniversary of its founding with a special itinerary geared for children and parents.

“The local kids have been great. They rocked the hall last year. Natural Vikings!” said Freehold spokesman Dan Miller in a press release.

“This year we’ve moved the event to Ganges to make it easier for island single parents and families to participate.”

The celebration will commence at Peace Park, across from ArtSpring, at 4 p.m. with a special treasure hunt similar to the modern Easter bunny. A mask-making workshop will create original animal masks to be worn by participants in the later parade. A Maypole and circle-dance will follow, before the whole party of kids and creatures form the Viking Parade.

The parade begins at Peace Park, Seaview and Jackson, at 6 p.m., heads to Fulford Ganges Road, past the fire hall onto Lower Ganges Road to conclude at Mahon Hall, location of the Nordic feast.

The ceremonial potluck feast, planned for 7 p.m., is modeled after the ancient tribal traditions of the Nordic tribes and includes a special toasting ceremony.

More folk dancing is scheduled after the feast, followed by poetry readings and story telling.

“Story telling and poetry was a sacred art to the Germanic people,” Miller said, “not to mention our love for music and dancing.”

A musical and poetic open-stage rounds out the evening starting about 9 p.m.

There will also be door-prizes and a contest for the best Viking or Medieval costume. Admission to the feasting hall is by donation and people should bring a food-bank donation and a potluck dish.

“Closing ceremonies include a poetic tribute to the Anglo-Saxon Gods whose names are still used for most of the days of the modern week: Twi, Woden, Thunor and Frea. The Norse knew them as Tyr, Odin, Thor and Frey,” Miller said.

The group hopes to celebrate May-day in Ganges every year as a fun cultural event geared towards the kids.

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When Peter Levitt put a few posters up inviting people to attend an Introduction to Zen Practice workshop a few years ago, he was shocked to see 45 people come through the doors.

From that evening, a weekly meditation group focusing on Zen meditation began.

Levitt said the group hopes to celebrate May-day in Ganges every year as a fun cultural event geared towards the kids.

For more information, check the Heathen Freehold website at http://be-freehold.org/ or call Dan Miller at 653-6575.

Levitt is offering the introductory talk again, this time on Monday, April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

After that session, participants will be welcome to join the regular Zen meditation group.

Weekly sessions include sitting and walking meditation, a brief period of chanting and a dharma talk led by Levitt.

People wanting to attend Monday’s event should call 537-9783.

Levitt has published a number of books, and edited A Flock of Fools, Ancient Buddhist Tales of Wisdom and Laughter from The One Hundred Parable Sutra, along with master calligrapher Kanazaki Tanahashi. He is now undertaking a final edit of a book on the major teachings of Dogen as translated by Tanahashi and others.
Theatre group seeks smaller show space

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Members of Graffiti Theatre say the absence of a venue for alternative and experimental theatre is preventing the island from developing a thriving theatre scene.

“We’ve started tailoring what we choose to produce to fit the space rather than doing what we had originally intended,” said Graffiti Theatre’s artistic director Yvonne Adalian. “When we have done shows that fit our mandate we are playing to 50 or 60 people and nobody enjoys it because artistically it just doesn’t work.”

Since its inception in 1997, Adalian said the company has sought to become a progressive artistic force in the community, but high rental costs and the large size of existing venues have not helped the types of “alternative” groups the company is interested in performing.

“When ArtSpring opened, everyone was just thrilled to bits that we had this fabulous space and for the first while it was just an enormous relief that we didn’t have to make a theatre,” she said.

“At time we went we realized that the space was of limited use to us in terms of our mandate and the type of theatre we want to do,” Adalian said the time has come for Salt Spring to find a venue that could house a modest theatre geared for theatre we want to help the types of productions it successfully produced in San Francisco.

This “black-box” style of theatre would not be intended for the company’s larger productions it successfully stages at ArtSpring, but would be sufficient to “mature and create theatre” at the community level.

Executive director of Graffiti Theatre, Amanda Spottiswoode, explained the main advantage of a black-box theatre is its flexibility for theatrical and community potential. She could not imagine needing the space seven days a week and hoped other groups could also find a use for it.

“With the way Salt Spring is developing and all the different cultural things that are going on, I really think the time is coming where an alternate performance space is needed,” she said.

There are other groups that I think would find it useful for dance classes, workshops and all kinds of things. Spottiswoode stopped short of asking for an entirely new building and said their efforts are focused on finding an existing empty space in reasonably good condition.

“We are not talking about building anything, we want to see this happen in our lifetime,” she said. “We are talking about finding a space that exists and reusing it.”

The ideal spot would be similar to that held by Off Centre Stage in the old Valley court centre on Lower Ganges Road during the 1980s and early 90s.

“New plays were presented there and it was a place to try your stuff and develop theatre,” said Adalian.

All options are being considered. Anyone with ideas is asked to contact Yvonne Adalian at 653-0033.

Mooney spots available

A few spots remain in this Saturday’s Voice, Rhythm and Activism workshop with Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney from San Francisco.

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• Education: Public awareness and education are key to ensuring that the community is aware of the prevalence of relationship violence and that victims know of available sources of help. Community members can seek out and support the resources needed to provide assistance and promote violence prevention.

• Resources: Several resources are available for victims of relationship violence and for prevention of violence against women. Community members can support resources such as SWOVA, transition houses, help lines, drug and alcohol dependency services, and Community Services.

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What slogan would you create for your tribe?
"Our competition is none, because we're tribe number one!"

CHARITY: LMHF

Favourite Sport: Tennis
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe?
I was the one who brought the Zippos from week one.
Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?)
My father, because it's from him I get my love of movies.
What slogan would you create for your tribe?
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CHARITY: FOOD BANK

Favourite Sport: Tennis
What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe?
Two years ago I took archery lessons at the Rod & Gun Club. Also, I was the one who brought the Zippos from week one.
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**Bruce Patterson**

**Favourite Sport:** Trying to watch three TV shows at the same time. What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? Both my parents were born and lived all their lives on islands. I also was born on an island (SSI) and have lived all my life on an island. So I guess you could say island life is normal to me. This sense of calm I would pass on to my fellow survivors, reassuring them they are not truly marooned. If this failed I’m fairly good at reading ferry schedules.

**Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?)** My father Bob Patterson. He was a community-minded person who believed that everyone should be involved in working toward the betterment of the place you call home.

**What slogan would you create for your tribe?** To preserve and protect.

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**Judy Raddysy**

**Favourite Sport:** That’s a tough question, but basketball would edge out soccer for me. What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? Our basketball team would be the champions of the island series. Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?) Willem. He finds such joy in every minute of every day.

**What slogan would you create for your tribe?** No matter what happens, it’s all good.

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**Valdy**

**Favourite Sport:** Downhill skiing for a singular sport; volleyball for team games. What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? I’m really good back-line, support, a willing apprentice with some journeyman skills, and I sing in tune.

**Who has been the most influential person in your life thus far? (and why?)** I owe everything I am today to my kindergarten teacher, Miss McLeod, at Ogden Street Elementary School. It was through her that I learned I could get a lot further in life if I wasn’t tripping over my own shoelaces.

**What slogan would you create for your tribe?** Gooters Unite!

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**Shilo Zylibergold**

**Favourite Sport:** Demolition kayaking. What special survival skills do you possess that will make you a valuable asset to your tribe? I play a strong game of Scrabble.

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**What slogan would you create for your tribe?** Gooters Unite!
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Minke whale tale continues as skeleton finds home

By MITCHELL SHERIN
Staff Writer

Long into the future, islanders might tell fantastic tales about how they once witnessed a pod of orcas ravage a minke whale in the shallow waters at the mouth of Ganges Harbour. Three years after the legendary event, remnants of that same minke whale have re surfaced to offer another chapter in the saga.

Even when the event was a fresh gash in the fabric of normal life - with blood in the water and a pack of circling dorsal fins - researchers flocked to Ganges from all over B.C. to join locals gawking at the spectacle.

And the minke whale that beached itself along Grace Point in October 2002 had an eye on gaining attention for a considerable period after it was killed and devoured by four orcas.

Islander Gene Bellevance recovered the whale carcass when it was spotted the carcass when it was floating, "I was keeping an eye on it and looking after it. As it was breaking down, I took the bones and took them home," he said. "I've got a lot of time into this thing." He meticulously cared for each yellowing bone, letting natural decomposition processes work away until he could remove and clean individual parts with a pressure washer. The carcass looked disgusting and it smelled vile, he said.

"Even my dog wouldn't come close to it," Robinson said. But once he'd started the task, he couldn't leave the project unfinished, because he'd made a commitment, he said.

"The skull, it would have taken two men to pick it up. But I have a crane and my wife Felicity and I struggled to get it into our aluminum boat."

There was still a lot of flesh on the skull when he got it home, so he put the whale head into a cargo net and immersed it back into the ocean for more decomposition.

"My wife thought I was nuts," he said. And Robinson has even questioned his own sanity.

"I keep looking at myself and thinking, 'Why did I do that?'" Originally, I thought, "This is my retirement. I'm going to sell this to some university and make a few bucks out of it." But I didn't make a commitment, I'm sure that's illegal.

Until up two years ago, he could have sold the bones for a tidy profit, he said. But he believes new laws created in the Species at Risk Act makes sense.

"If you were going to be able to [make a profit from selling whale parts], then a lot of people could say, 'Let's go out and kill a whale and sell it,'" he said. But he still needed to find a home for the treasured minke skeleton after he recently sold his home on Secret Island.

He contacted Jim Borrowman, director at the Whales Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove, and Borrowman arranged to find a home for the whale bones at Malaspina College.

"My wife and Felicity managed to keep every piece, which is a real challenge," Robinson said.

Borrowman's been collecting skeletons of marine mammals since 1978 and he has a baleen whale specimen.

And Robinson hasn't even used the opportunity. If he'd have sold the whale bones, he could have still sold the whale head. And Robinson even transported the bones from Secret Island to Nanaimo on his 60-foot boat after he cleared the plan with the Robinsons.

"They are going to being teaching about all this stuff, so it's going to good use," Robinson said.

The skeleton will also be on display for the public with a plaque indicating it was donated by Tony and Felicity Robinson.

"By the time they've got it cleaned up and reassessed, it will probably be two years," Robinson said.

And Robinson doesn't even want to know how much he could have earned for his labour, if he'd have followed the path.

"That would just be torturing myself, wouldn't it?"

Housing door opens for Earth Day event

Award-winning rammed earth builder Meray Krayenhoff speaks on housing and environment issues at an Earth Day talk on Friday night.

The Earth Day event will focus on three aspects of construction: what's not working, how we're trying to fix it and what's possible for the future.

Krayenhoff will address current housing woes such as rot, mould, toxic off-gassing, electromagnetic fields and consumptive resource extraction. He will follow this with some practical solutions to fix problem houses, based on his 30 years of experience as an environmental builder.

In the final section of his talk, Krayenhoff will address the basic building principals with images of the rammed earth homes he has built for clients on Salt Spring Island.

Admission to the talk, which begins at 7 p.m., is by donation.
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Recipes are still being accepted for the Salt Spring Community Cookbook being published by the Driftwood.

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People should send contributions either by e-mail to driftwood@gulfislands.net or drop them off at the Driftwood office by Thursday, April 2.

Please include a recipe title, your name with a daytime phone number and an explanation of why the recipe is special to you or your family.

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**Fun events mark Earth Day**

The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning is taking registrations for its Earth Day Celebration set for Friday, April 22.

Activities include a guided kayak trip in and around Ganges Harbour with Island Escapades, a nature session with Robert Bateman, an Earth walk at Ford Lake with Judy Raddish and Cate MacEwen, wildlife drawing with Donald Gum, a discussion of area First Nations history with Chris Arnett and explorations of the intertidal zone in Fulford Harbour.

Morning activities run at Fulford Community Nature School from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an afternoon games celebration for all participants from 2 to 3:30.

Cost is $10 for the day or $25 for the kayaking session.

Parents or teachers can also participate in the morning session by attending a talk by Dr. Peter Carter on Environmental Child Health, or a guided walk through the Andreas Vogt Museum of Natural History, led by Andrea LeBongos and Kate Lesleur of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

For more information and to register, call 530-0614, or e-mail geel@gulfislands.com and include your first and second choice of morning activity.

**Outer Islands are invited to “camp out” at the Fulford gym on Friday night.**

There will be an astronomy session, a campfire and sing-along and dinner cooked by the Salt Surf Nature Club.

Joni Ganderton, Seachange Seafood, and the Chamber of Commerce (Perry Ruehlen and Jimmie LeCoffe). We also welcomed the participation of our non-profit guests, the SPCA and Transition House.

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Plus the over 130 women in business from our community. We enjoyed the conversation, the laughter and the company.

Shall we say, same time, next year?

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**The Driftwood sends a much appreciated...**

**Thank You**

To everyone who was involved in the Women in Business special section and Gala Event on April 14.

Many thanks to all the businesses which contributed prizes including Calvin’s Restaurant, Skin Sensations Day Spa, Baker Beach Cottage, Studio One, Galleries Lap, Salt Spring Clay and Cloth, Island Savings Credit Union, Island Escapades, Joni Ganderton, Seachange Seafood, and the Chamber of Commerce. We apologize to any whose contribution was omitted.

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**Larry's Island Wonderfalls**

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**What's On This Week**

**wed. April 20**
- Live entertainment
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- Science Centre Open Night, 4-6 pm. Science World, 6-8 pm.

**thurs. April 21**
- Live entertainment
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**fri. April 22**
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This week’s Islanders in Focus highlights the Driftwood’s Women in Business gala event held April 14 at the Harbour House Hotel.

If your community group has a special event planned, call The Driftwood for coverage in Islanders in Focus.

Providing a little entertainment (from left) are: Candace Snow, Rick Mackinnon, Peter McCully and Christa Rogers.

Driftwood publisher Penny Sakamoto is with guest speaker Joyce Carlson.

People enjoying the Women in Business gala are captured in a mirror at the Harbour House Hotel.

Mary Lou Bompas and Simone Lamers take part in the gala event.

Raffle winners’ names are announced.

At left are Margaret Mots and Carolyn Maycock; while below is Peggy Barron, and below right are Sam Bourdin and Cathy Ward.

Andrea LeBorgne and Perry Ruehlen enjoy the event.

Pauia Stewart holds a bouquet of flowers.

Andrea Rabinovitch and Karen Shergold check out the food.

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Garden club hosts David Tarrant

The Salt Spring Garden Club once again hosts award-winning television host, international lecturer, writer and horticulturist David Tarrant when he visits the island on Wednesday, April 27.

Back after five years, Tarrant’s lecture takes listeners behind the scenes of his TV program Chasing Spring around the World.

Tarrant is well known as the host of the popular CBC weekly series Canadian Gardening, which ran very successfully for almost two decades. He is currently public relations and programs coordinator at UBC Botanical Gardens, and leads horticultural study tours to exotic locations around the world.

In addition, he has authored many books and is a Fellow of the Garden Writers Association of America. New members are welcome. Cost for non-members is $5.

ROSE FOR ALEX: Rowan Wales offers a rose to Alex Mitchell as a crowd of well-wishers help the well-known islander celebrate his 80th birthday. Photo by Lerry Lunny.

Sun ‘salutations’ set for Earth Day

Ganges Yoga Studio invites people to celebrate Earth Day on Friday with sun salutations and donations for seed-centered groups.

In addition to regular yoga classes led by Celeste Mallett at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., two special sun salutation sessions will be held. Donna Orsi will lead one at 8:30 a.m., and Mallett will do the same at 11 a.m.

Sun salutations are a series of 12 movements where the sun is symbolically honored.

“For those who want a more practical approach to life, donation boxes will be made available for the plant and seed sanctuary of the island and for Seeds for Malawi,” said Mallett. “We wanted to do something that is Earth based and close to home and something further away.”

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Muscle car guy shines with eBay car parts biz

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

John Quesnel’s workshop has all the accoutrements you’d expect from someone obsessed with automobiles: shelves of Haynes and Chiltons manuals, tools all within easy reach and auto-memorabilia hanging on the walls.

But it also contains a pile of Canada Post weigh-bills, packing boxes and eBay transaction records, detailing things like a dash panel being sent to New York and a steering column to Illinois. Since 2002, the islander has been restoring and selling sought-after parts for older American vehicles through the wildly successful online auction.

The business — called The Muscle Car Garage — lets Quesnel use years of acquired knowledge and skills, especially when it comes to beloved classic cars from a bygone era. “It’s definitely a passion, or a disease,” he laughs, “depending on how you look at it.”

Quesnel grew up on Salt Spring into a mechanically inclined family, where he learned to do vehicle restorations and then became even more familiar with the business by working at the local auto parts store. One of his friends in Victoria, who bought cars from Quesnel and sold the parts on eBay, suggested Quesnel do the same — and it has definitely been worth the effort.

Pointing to a gleaming Ford disc brake kit with newly painted cherry red backing plates, he explains, “I could sell the dirty brakes, but because I’ve cleaned them up, I get my labour out of it.” He can buy a rusty, worthless Ford from the 1970s, take off the in-demand parts — many of which can be used on several models and years of vehicles — and restore them to prime condition.

Most items are bought by U.S. customers, although he has also shipped to countries like Norway, Denmark, Sweden, China, Japan and Australia. Parts for late ‘60s General Motors vehicles, like Chevelles and Novas, are among the most popular, he said, although he does a lot of business with Fords. Chrysler parts fetch good prices because of their relative scarcity, he notes.

Managing eBay demands can be challenging, and with between 15 and 50 e-mail inquiries coming his way daily, he’s often working on the computer past 10 at night.

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Studebaker ahead of its time

By MARV COULTHARD
Driftwood Contributor

I often look at the styling of cars as a piece of art. Some like it, some don't. Some artists paint what they want to paint and some paint specifically to the market. Some artists are lucky and paint what they want and it happens to be what the general public wants.

Often, after an artist has passed on, his or her artwork becomes popular and valuable. One can spend hours, days, or even years trying to predict what the public will buy.

This, I leave up to the marketing specialists. I know what I like in art and this includes old cars.

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The Cord, for example, was a wonderfully styled car. Reasonably priced and an engineering marvel. It was front-wheel drive with the transmission right out front. A little unconventional for a made in America car. Was this the reason for its demise?

Today they are rare and their market value is, of course, considerably higher than the original cost (not including inflation) compared to products from more common manufacturers like Ford or GM. To me it seems that the demise of many companies was strictly due to styling.

An example that comes to mind is the Studebaker Post World War II, practically all cars had what is called a “buddle back” or “torpedo back.” The roofline went in one continuous curve from the top of the windshield to the rear bumper (torpedo) or the curve only had a small bump from the rear window to the trunk. All cars had a long hood to house the engine.

I can remember being out travelling one day with my folks and spotting a car that had a long hood and a matching long trunk, with almost matching front and rear wraparound windscreens.

Dad told me, “That’s the new Studebaker. It’s ugly.”

He was driving a new 1947 Nash (with a torpedo back). It was not until two years later that Ford followed the Studebaker with somewhat the same styling and Chevy and the rest were to follow in 1950/51/52.

Now for some reason and my guess is it was due to low sales in 1947-48 — Studebaker had a hard time keeping up with a very competitive market and never did recover. The company lasted until the mid ’60s but never really sold a great number of cars in comparison to its competitors.

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But Quesnel isn’t complaining about how much work he has to do.

“People put the money in and we get the work out of it,” he says. “It’s real fun.”

Then there’s the recycling aspect of the business, where scrap aluminum is taken to the recycle depot once or twice a month, used oil is accepted by the auto parts stores and the “carcasses” are transported off-island.

But Quesnel doesn’t only dismantle cars and use e-bay. He also has restoration work for other people and has three personal projects ongoing.

He bought a 1975 GMC pick-up and restored all the aluminum and stainless steel trim, and given the car a rich blue paint job in turning it into a classic of its own.

A 1968 GMC pick-up truck is also getting his attention, along with a pumpkin-orange ‘68 Camaro.

Besides being able to make a decent living doing what he loves through e-bay sales, Quesnel is also happy to be able to work from home with his family — wife Jennifer and young sons John and Daniel — nearby.

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- Tues., April 5 Special Olympics: Naomi Van Pelt, 205; Jason Newport, 249; Carlos Manzanaño, 163; Carlos Manzano, 156, 207.
- Tues., April 5 Legion League: Connie Hardy, 216; Don McMahon, 203, Lance Leask, 216, 234, 600; Ken Strike, 257; Ron Howell, 200; Carol Kaye, 216.
- Wed., April 6 Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 140; Stuart Elliott, 169; Mahjor Bains, 223; Carlos Manzano, 170.
- Thurs., April 7 Legion League: Jeff Ham, 253.
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Driftwood Contributor

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Ribbons shower on April Rain

A team of riders from Salt Spring’s Pringle Farm col­lected pouches of ribbons during a B-level competition at the Saanich Fairgroundson April 10. Sacha Kazakoff and her pony April Rain won overall high-point pony of the show.

As a rider under age 10, Kazakoff placed first in sev­eral western tack events: hunter, pony pleasure, road hack and pleasure rider. She also placed first in English pleasure pony and hunter pleasure pony.

The duo placed second in the western tack champi­onship, second in the basic seat equitation for riders 12 and under, second in English pleasure pony and third in hunter pleasure championship.

Jody Pringle, riding TR Cinabarr, won two high points. The team won high point junior rider (12 and under) and the overall high-point horse of the show. They won firsts in three championship classes and all the under age-12 classes, including western tack, equi­tation, hunter pleasure and road hack.

As a senior rider on TK Bronson, Patricia Lockie missed high point senior rider by one point. The team won all senior rider classes, English pleasure, road hack, hunter pleasure and equita­tion, and all open and championship classes.

“Pringle and Lockie also won the pairs class on Bron­son and Cinabarr,” said Jason.

Applying more physical pressure, the Islanders had a goal called back on an off-side call early in the second and they hemmed Chilliwack into their own end.

“We brought the game to them and they were getting nervous,” said Jason.

“We continued to pressure and basically just ran out of time,” he said. Jason thought that Tom McColm and Jordan Haemn had particularly outstanding games.

“Everybody else was on par with what I expected but those two guys worked harder,” he said.

Now, the islanders will take a break for a week before they begin training for the local May tourny, he said.

Salt Spring FC finished the season ranked fourth in the Vancouver Island divi­sion (seven wins, six losses, three ties) while they placed eighth (5-10-2) during their first season in Div.1 last year.

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Mike Best bowls perfect 300 game

Islander Mike Best hit a rare accomplishment by collecting 12 strikes in a row for a perfect 300 score in 16-pin bowling at Duncan Lanes last week.

"Bowling is a lot of very little skill," said Best.

He had been the most consistent bowler in the world with three strikes in a row last Wednesday night's men's league game of the season.

But even though Best played 10-pins as a youth, the top-level tennis coach had just returned to bowling last year after a 31-year break.

"The funny thing is that I've bowled better as a senior than I ever did as a teenager," said Best.

He's not the only one trying to keep their high game going as well, said the Doug Day Cup semifinalist Mike Hinkle.

Another was the saying by another bowler who hit a string of five strikes in the same match.

"I happen to be a pressure bowler," said Best.

Duncan Lanes has had only one other 300 score in the last year, said manager Mike Hinkle.

Becky Gammie's hand, he said. She was a perfect 300 game on the morning of his game, which were

alleviated with an adjustment.

Another aspect was a very friendly rivalry by another bowler who hit a string of five strikes in the same match.

Wearing that cool shirt and nobody else's. There's those hands like they belong to a 12-year-old old macadamia of leisure.

Mike Best bowling at Duncan Lanes last week.

A perfect 300 game for a 31-year break.

"If you figure it out, you can shut down many chances.

There's no way to see how hard they played.

It was the first time in this whole season that we had a 300 game," said MCColl.

Their keeper was unbeatable.

But even though Best had just returned to bowling last year after a 31-year break.

"His hands have always fascinated me... they have built homes to shelter families and friends, held every tool imaginable with considerable dexterity and skill, tinned cold, silent engines to life and knuckled-danced their way across countless kitchen tables to entertain a mesmerized child.

So you see people signing up for Pilates and tai chi lessons. Jumping in the pool for

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