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Fire trustees defend hall strategy

Fire district absorbs public blast but refuse to change course

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Fire trustees stood their ground amid heated questioning from an audience concerned with the cost, location and lack of democratic process behind the move to replace the Ganges facility.

"I don't know how many people in the room voted and I don't know how many people in this room have ever come to a trustees' meeting and I don't care. What I can tell you is that if you look up the definition of trust and the definition of trustee, I think you'll find we have a responsibility to the community to

do the right thing," said Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) chair Ted Hinds during a public meeting held Monday evening. "We have no axe to grind, we are just trying to do the best job we can for the community."

Hinds' assurance that trustees know best failed to reassure most of the 25 participants at the fire board meeting at the Ganges fire hall on Monday night.

Many participants said "it's a done deal" after 90 minutes of asking trustees Mike Arnott, Mary Gillies, Ted Hinds, Ken Lee, Bruce Patterson, Wayne Wrigley and Mark Wyatt to gather more information from the community before setting out on a project budgeted at

FIRE MEETING 2

Salt Spring internet tycoon in US custody

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

A dot com success story who moved to Salt Spring and vowed to restore the Vesuvius Pub to its former glory was charged with conspiring to transfer funds with the intent to promote illegal gambling in a Manhattan courtroom Tuesday afternoon.

Police arrested John Lefebvre, 55, in California Monday. His former business partner Stephen Lawrence was arrested in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Canadian citizens face jail terms of up to 20 years if convicted under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act.

Until last Spring, Lefebvre and Lawrence remained the principal shareholders of NETeller, a global online money transfer service based on the Isle of Man with more than 2.5

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC: "Prince" decides to sing along as piper Doug Fraser tunes up the Scottish sound in preparation for upcoming Robbie Burns Day activities. Watch the Driftwood's "What's On" for information on Burns day celebrations.

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Islander sits tight as house foundation crumbles

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

Despite a crumbling foundation, black mould-infested drywall, a non-functioning washer, dryer, furnace, freezer and fridge and a basement that constantly fills up with water, Tamar Griggs has maintained her sense of humour and her health.

The storm that blew in to the island on December 13-14 left Griggs, who lives at remote Bold Bluff on the west side of Salt Spring, with four feet of water in her basement and an emergency situation.

"It has been a nightmare," said Griggs. "The water is still pouring in. The drain-

pipe collapsed that should be draining it out but it is still finding its way in through the foundation."

Griggs contacted her insurance company, Pemberton Insurance, two days after the first emergency and has not yet been visited by adjusters. She now fears that the damage to her home's foundation

has reached a critical stage.

"Even when it snows, the water still pours in," she said. "It's just too much rain and snow."

Griggs is extremely frustrated by the lack of action by her insurance adjusters.

"I call them and they tell me they are too busy or they make appointments and can-

cel them," she said. "They are supposed to be guiding me through this. I have no idea what I am supposed to do."

"My broker was horrified when I let her know. The next day I got a call from the insurance company, but they were busy that week, and

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Present fire hall: uncertain future

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Driftwood Staff

Bringing the Ganges fire hall up to code is not an option, according to Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) trustees. “The existing fire hall has served us well for 40 years, but its time is up,” said Ted Hinds, SSIFPD chair, during an interview late last week. “The lot size isn’t large enough, there isn’t sufficient parking and it’s still an old building built on piles (reclaimed land).”

Debate over the fire hall’s future comes two weeks after trustees announced their intention to purchase property and construct a new hall at 154 Kings Lane.

Hinds said a portion of the borrowed funds will be repaid with proceeds from the sale of the downtown site. According to 2006 assessment figures, the Ganges fire hall and property have a combined value of \$513,400, though the property’s appraised value is closer to \$1 million.

Draft plans for the new fire hall will not be available until March but chair Ted Hinds said initial estimates

call for a 1,114 square-metre (12,000-square-foot) building. An adequate structure, he said, would have three truck bays, offices, male and female dorms and an exercise room.

The new hall would also house the Emergency Operations Centre, currently located in the provincial government building on Lower Ganges Road.

According to a list of frequently asked questions released by trustees last week and available at the Ganges fire hall, the new building would also include room to store the Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue Department’s new rescue boat, an aerial fire apparatus (ladder truck) and an expanded museum.

“The new hall would serve us for decades to come,” Hinds said.

Based on estimated construction costs of \$300 per square foot, trustees anticipate the final tab will be roughly \$3.6 million. Own-

ers of the bowling alley property on Kings Lane accepted a \$1.1 million offer from trustees in December.

According to a June 2005 Insurance Underwriters report, the Ganges fire hall required a minimum \$1 million in upgrades to bring it in line with safety standards.

Despite the million-dollar figure, Hinds said, renovating the existing site is not an option.

Even with the improvements, the district would still be left with a shortage of space, parking and training facilities, he said. Fire fighters would also be left out on the street during the renovation period. In his final recommendations, the insurance auditor agreed constructing a replacement hall is the most cost-effective approach in the long term.

Jonathan Yardley, a Salt Spring architect with an interest in preserving the island’s heritage buildings, agrees the Ganges hall’s days as an emergency building are

up. Despite not qualifying as a disaster response building, he urged trustees and other local government officials to consider an alternative use for the structure.

Trustees have not finalized any plans for the fire hall except that it will be placed on the market if and when the Kings Lane proposal proceeds.

“Maybe there’s some compromise here,” he said. “Nearly 80 per cent of all landfill materials is old building materials. From a sustainability point of view, it makes perfect sense.”

According to Yardley, more cooperation between local government agencies is needed to consider how the site could best serve the community.

He said a library or town hall could easily incorporate sections of the heritage structure. In classic Salt Spring fashion, smaller groups are working in their own spheres without looking at the bigger picture, Yardley added.

A central body such as a municipal council, he added, would be mandated to examine the broader implications of the deal.

“The new hall would serve us for decades to come.”

TED HINDS

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up to \$5 million.

“Don’t get me wrong. I’m not against you guys or a new hall,” said Ron Smith, speaking from the audience. “I’m against the location, the speed we’re moving and I think we should look at the whole picture and let the public get involved in a democratic vote.”

SSIFPD trustees will borrow up to \$5 million for the purchase of land and construction of a fire hall at 154 Kings Lane unless 750 Salt Spring Island land owners sign counter-petition forms stating their opposition to the project.

The provincial government loan represents a \$40 per year tax increase for each \$500,000 of assessed property value, for a 20-year period.

Since it operates as an “improvement district,” the SSIFPD is not legally required to seek any formal public support from rate-payers in order to proceed.

“Because we’re not a municipality, you people don’t even have to talk to us. You can go and get your five million or you can even get 10,” Smith said. “Five million to me is a lot of money and I think it should really be looked at so we get best value.”

Board members said the decision to proceed with a counter petition was made

with the interests of the community in mind.

“We could just get the money and spend the funds,” Hinds said. “It was our choice to go to counter petition and it was our choice to endeavour to save the ratepayers an additional expense by not holding a referendum.”

Holding a referendum on the issue would cost the board an additional \$5,000.

Audience member Harold Katzman suggested a referendum could be held in conjunction with upcoming trustee elections in March. The result would keep costs down and provide a meaningful opportunity for public response.

It would allow islanders currently away for the winter an opportunity to participate in the process, Katzman added.

“Why would they be worried about [a tax increase] if they can afford to go to Mexico?” Hinds responded.

Rate-payer Don Gainor read out a prepared statement calling on trustees to act in the public’s best interests by living up to promises made during their election campaign last year.

“The existing board of trustees was critical of the previous board for having a country club mentality and lo and behold it appears you have followed the same mentality,” Gainor told trust-

ees. “Why not slow down a little and let the people who have to pay for this have a say? There are a lot of very smart people on this island and a lot of them are not on this board. Why not try to be open and accountable?”

John Woodward spoke of the need for trustees to take advantage of the Islands Trust ongoing OCP review process and work with other community organizations to build a hall in keeping with an overall island vision.

“Why are you not looking for advice and direction from members of the community?” asked Woodward.

For Salt Spring Island realtor Gil Mouat, the matter came down to economics and democracy.

He expressed disappointment with the counter-petition process and called on trustees to take responsibility even if provincial regulations did not force them to.

“Five million bucks is a lot of money and taxpayers deserve a little more time. The public is concerned with how their tax dollars are being spent to build Salt Spring,” he said.

“Democracy is costly and it takes longer, but that’s what you people volunteered for.”

He asked trustees to weigh the demands of a growing fire department with how much rate-payers are willing

to spend.

Trustees declined to pass a motion withdrawing the counter petition and repeated the fact landowners have until February 16 to sign the counter petition against the proposal. No public SSIFPD meetings are scheduled before the counter petition deadline.

One person suggested Monday that many island residents were unwilling to sign the counter petition, feeling the security of their home or families could be compromised.

Firefighter Dale Lundy assured island residents that was not the case.

“I’m a career firefighter and also a volunteer and to hear the insinuation we will keep a list of names gives me a sick feeling,” he said. “I speak for all firefighters when I say this a sickening statement.”

Hinds assured the public all petitions would be kept in sealed ballot boxes until they are collected by an independent returning officer on February 16.

After that point, names will be made available to ensure no names have been excluded.

“The only reason we are making a list is because somebody doesn’t trust us,” he said. “Somebody doesn’t have the trust in the trustees and I find this unbelievable.”



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they have still not been over to assess the damage.”

Until friend Alan Bibby asked her if she had black mould on her rotting dry-wall, she had not heard of that problem. Sure enough, when she checked, she discovered that her basement was full of the substance. Local drywaller Colin Walde came out the next day and ripped out and removed all the wet drywall.

The foundation to the house is rotting and the structure is basically resting on two by fours at this point.

“We just pushed on one of the supporting posts and it fell over,” she said. “The foundation has been sitting non-stop in water since that first storm.”

Griggs is constantly pumping water out of the basement, but has never managed to get the level below three inches. Despite steady pumping, it is usually sitting between five and eight inches. After the most recent heavy rainstorm, she kept track and pumped out eight feet of vertical water over a 48-hour period.

“It just keeps pouring in,” she said. “The ground is just too wet. They tell me I will have to keep pumping until summer. It’s a huge mess.”

Griggs is sitting tight until Salt Spring contractor Colin Drummond comes to assess the state of her foundation. He assured her that he would “send the army in” to help her before the foundation totally collapses.

Griggs is extremely grateful for the support of community members and tradespeople who have showered her with concern, hugs and generous offers of help.

“It has been the most horrendously challenging month I’ve had since [the] Texada [logging controversy],” she said.

Despite her furnace not working, she has managed to stay warm with a woodstove, but her firewood supply is now dwindling.

“I wasn’t prepared to use all that wood,” she said. “I may have to barge in a cord if this continues much longer.”

With the continuing water flow and a foundation on its last legs, Griggs feels that one more storm may be more than the house can handle. Knowing that the island is still just entering the winter and spring rainy season, her outlook is bleak without immediate assistance.

“I’ve remained healthy thanks to all the love and support I’ve received from the community, but I think one more storm is going to be it.”



SNOW BOUND: Joe Lange puts chains on Mainroad Contracting truck as snow hits Salt Spring last Wednesday.
Photo by Sean McIntyre

Fulford fire training case pled

While the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) moves ahead to build a new fire hall in Ganges, it’s also pressuring the Islands Trust to give another plan some preferential treatment.

A few months back the district submitted a rezoning application for its Fulford fire hall property, so a full-fledged training facility can be created there.

“We want to plead to you the necessity of getting this facility in place,” said SSIFPD board chair Ted Hinds to Thursday’s Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

He said that at present any firefighter needing Justice Institute of B.C. courses,

for example, must spend the weekend on the Lower Mainland or in Kamloops, taking their Fridays off work in order to attend, and having to return on the late Sunday-night ferry.

“They are taking days off work or holidays to attend these courses.”

Hinds said the training spot, estimated to cost \$400,000, would be “an environmentally friendly facility using propane as the fuel.”

The meeting also heard from consultant Gerard LeBlanc, who the fire district hired to help speed up the rezoning process.

He said the service the fire department provides is suffering because of the lack of

local training facility.

In conjunction with a staff report on how to streamline the Trust application process, trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb agreed the training facility was the type of proposal that could be moved up on the priority list.



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million registered users, 800 employees and annual 2005 revenues of \$172 million.

A majority of the company’s revenue comes from service charges levied on internet users conducting transactions via online gambling sites. According to the company website, it is “the world’s largest independent money transfer business.”

Lefebvre retains a five per cent stake in the company. NETeller promptly suspended trading of its shares on London’s AIM exchange upon hearing the news.

A statement from NETeller released following Lefebvre’s arrest denies he “has any current position with or connection to” the company.

It remains unknown if the arrest was made under regulations set out in the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act passed in the United States last year.

In an interview with The Driftwood last summer, Lefebvre, 55, said he came to Salt Spring in order to pursue his life-long love of music.

“The island is known as a great artistic community and having a venue for live music is part of that heritage,” he said. “I thought the pub should be revived in its finest tradition and decided to buy it.”

Plans for the Vesuvius Pub included a retractable roof and an appearance by legendary rocker Neil Young. Following his meteoric rise, Lefebvre contributed generously to the arts, including a \$1.2 million donation to the University of Calgary Faculty of Arts.

Staff at Lefebvre’s Salt Spring office did not return calls Tuesday.

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No explanation for ferry mishap

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Although last Tuesday's Gabriola ferry incident garnered a lot of media attention, life for residents on the island quickly returned to normal.

The incident occurred while the MV Quinsam was being loaded for the 6:55 p.m. sailing from Nanaimo to Gabriola Island on January 9.

Randy Nicifore was the last passenger being loaded on the ferry, said BC Ferries' director of media relations Deborah Marshall last week.

As Nicifore was pulling his 3/4-ton pick-up truck onto the ramp, he was signalled to stop by a ferry attendant. His truck then began sliding down the ramp towards the water. Nicifore quickly pulled himself out of the vehicle. He escaped unhurt, but his truck plunged into the water.

Ferry service to Gabriola was immediately halted, leaving some residents

stranded.

But although life was disrupted for some, it didn't seem to be a major heart-ache for most, said Gabriola Islands Trust trustee Sheila Malcolmson.

"It seems like things are back to normal on the island now," she said via telephone on Thursday morning.

Ferries were back on schedule by 7:50 a.m. Thursday, and a cancelled Wednesday dangerous goods sailing was rescheduled for Friday.

"The imagination can take you to some bad places, but in reality [the island's emergency response teams were ready in case of emergency]," said Malcolmson.

Three water taxis were available to transport foot passengers to and from the island while ferry service was cancelled. However, the timing of the incident combined with the bad weather meant many did not make it to work as float planes were also grounded, said

Malcolmson.

Malcolmson added "there's nothing but good will" towards the ferry crews on the route.

According to Marshall, the accident occurred when the ferry unexpectedly pulled away from shore, but she was unable to comment on how that happened, pending results of a further investigation.

Marshall said the Quinsam is generally tied to the shore with chains and the engine also pushes the ship towards shore.

The boat was taken out of service Wednesday so that technicians, engineers and Transport Canada could perform a number of tests.

"They tried to simulate this occurrence and they weren't able to replicate it," said Marshall. "The boat was therefore put back into service Thursday."

Transport Canada continues to investigate the matter.

Sharon Perry estate donates 'substantial' funds to new library children's section

A donation from the estate of a former Salt Spring library volunteer will be earmarked for the children's section of the new library.

"Salt Spring Public Library has received a most generous and substantial donation in memory of Sharon Mitchell Perry, a Salt Spring resident who passed away recently, from her daughter Jane," states a library board press release.

"In recognition of this gift, the members of the board of trustees of the library have agreed to name the children's section of the new library when it is built 'The Sharon Mitchell Perry Children's Library.' In due course a plaque designating the children's library will be placed in the new building.

"I am making this gift to the Salt Spring library, not just because my mother

loved to read, but even more because she loved Salt Spring Island," writes Perry's daughter Jane. "As sad as I am that my mother has died, I am so very grateful that her last 14 years were spent somewhere that gave her such happiness. And this is why I am giving the gift. I want to give something back to the place that gave my mother a place to belong to, a place where she fit in. I want her to be

remembered."

The library board, Friends of the Library fundraising group and library volunteers thanked the donor for her generosity.

"Such help is not only useful but encouraging at a time when we are beginning the struggle to build a new, larger, and better library for all Salt Spring residents," said board vice-chair Tilly Crawley.

District takes leading-edge stand on its sexual orientation policies

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

School District 64 now has one of the most thorough and specific policies concerning sexual orientation education in British Columbia.

Board members unanimously passed Procedure #617, LGBTTIQQ Diversity, at last Wednesday's monthly board meeting. LGBTTIQQ stands for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Two-spirited Intersex Questioning Queer.

The procedure identifies nine points to help ensure LGBTTIQQ students within the district are not only free from discrimination but also

supported and made to feel included. It also includes specific definitions of terms such as homophobia, questioning and two-spirit, and statistics and information pertaining to gay and lesbian youth.

Anti-violence procedures are already in place in the district to ensure no student is discriminated against on the basis of gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation, but the new policies are much more specific concerning inclusion, said district superintendent Jeff Hopkins.

The procedure has been in the works for about a year, said Hopkins. The need for such a policy was first identi-

fied by the Gay/Straight Alliance, a student group at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The group then approached the board, and together the groups drafted the procedure.

As far as Hopkins is aware, "procedures like this in other districts are more general."

He added the policy might be viewed as controversial to some, especially those outside of Salt Spring, when the procedure is made public through the Ministry of Education's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools initiative, likely later this year.

"They often call the leading edge 'the bleeding edge,'" he said.

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Salary hikes gobble funding increases

Although School District 64 received an increased operating grant from the Ministry of Education for the 2006/2007 school year, it turns out the government wasn't really giving away free money after all.

In December, the Ministry of Education announced that B.C. schools received the biggest funding increase ever.

School District 64 received an operating grant of \$15,380,291, up from the \$13,975,744 that was originally estimated in March. This increase is a result of the government's funding increases.

But that money wasn't just for a rainy day, it was for a specific purpose: employee salaries. The money covered the pay increase teachers received after signing the new collective agreement in

June of last year.

"It's new money, but they told us how to spend it at the same time," said Scotvold, who added that the government played it as though they were just giving away the cash.

"We got the money we hoped we would get, but certainly there wasn't any additional amount of money to deal with inflation . . . What we did not get is additional funding to deal with the things that are happening every year, such as fuel [increases]."

Last year, the cost to fuel the water taxis alone rose by \$30,000, said Scotvold.

In addition, the district's capital plan requests for upgrades to eight schools were turned down, except a \$2.9 million request for seismic upgrades to the middle school.

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Galiano trustees resolve to settle forest lot debate

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

The only way Bill Eller can build a home on his 375-acre property on Galiano Island is if he hands over 75 per cent of his land to a local conservation group.

For 15 years, Eller and nearly 100 other forest-lot owners on Galiano Island have petitioned the Islands Trust to reduce zoning requirements preventing them from living on their land. Last week, they finally glimpsed a light at the end of the tunnel.

“At last things have the prospect of becoming sensible,” Eller said in an interview from Victoria, where he lives and works full-time. “We see this as a major breakthrough.”

At a meeting of the Galiano Local Trust Committee last week, the island’s trustees agreed to receive public input concerning the idea of restoring residential rights on the properties.

Trustees will hold a public hearing in February and expect to make a decision as early as March.

It may sound like just another round of talks, but Eller and his neighbours are optimistic last week’s decision marks a step in the right direction.

Restoring residential rights, he said, would do a lot to return the dignity of forest-lot owners.

“It’s been difficult. It’s the

“When potential buyers hear they can’t live on the property, they can’t believe it.”
— Bill Eller

most ludicrous thing I’ve ever heard,” he said. “Our attempts to reach a compromise have been stonewalled. Many other issues on the island would disappear if this were resolved.”

Eller said several lot owners have grown frustrated and cannot even sell their properties because of the stringent zoning requirements.

“When potential buyers hear they can’t live on the property, they can’t believe it,” he said.

After logging company MacMillan Bloedel put 98 forest lots covering an estimated 2,800 hectares (7,000 acres) of northern Galiano Island up for sale in 1991, buyers believed zoning regulations would continue to permit construction of one family dwelling per parcel.

Fifteen years later, they’re still waiting.

In 2005, the Islands Trust expressed its intent to pursue the eviction of three property owners living on their land illegally, but has since backed down.

Galiano conservation

groups have lobbied the Islands Trust to maintain the regulations as a way to preserve and protect the island’s northern half.

The ensuing debate has caused a thicket of controversy dividing the community’s 800 residents. Since 1991, only three property owners have gone ahead with the rezoning proposals.

If no serious issues are raised against the proposal, said Galiano trustee Roy Smith, it is likely he and fellow trustee Michael Sharp will have a decision by the next LTC meeting.

“We’ve basically initiated a different process than we had before,” Smith said. “We’ve always sought to resolve this issue.”

Ken Millard, director of the Galiano Conservancy, said the group does not have an official political position on the matter at this point.

Millard said his personal opinion is that the matter needs more clarity.

“I’m a little puzzled about what appears a rather vague resolution by trustees,” he said Monday.

“I really have no idea what the process is and am quite in the dark on this.”

Millard said he is disappointed a “supposed conflict of interest” forced cancellation of a facilitation process in December.

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Impaired drivers plead guilty

Two Salt Spring Island drivers were issued minimum mandatory sentences in Ganges Provincial Court last week after pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol.

Justice Keith Bracken issued Brett Gibson a \$600 fine and a one-year driving prohibition for an incident dating back to the evening of June 15, 2006.

Court heard that Salt Spring Island RCMP officers stopped Gibson's vehicle shortly after receiving complaints of four young men drinking alcohol in a blue car near the skate park on Kanaka Road.

According to the police report, officers spotted the vehicle "spinning its tires and fish-tailing out of the parking lot" at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The police report describes Gibson as unsteady on his feet, smelling of alcohol and slurring his words at the time of the incident.

A breath sample determined Gibson had a blood alcohol level of .170 mg.

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Gibson's Class 7 licence does not allow any alcohol consumption before getting behind the wheel.

Police impounded the vehicle, sent his three passengers home and kept Gibson in custody for the evening.

In a separate incident on November 17, 2006, an unmanned pick-up truck left running with its door open in front of the Fulford Pub aroused suspicions of RCMP officers on routine patrol in the south end.

On their return from Fulford village minutes later, officers noticed the same vehicle "swerving wildly" into the opposite lane.

According to Crown counsel Barb Penty, a police report indicates the driver did not stop until he reached the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Beaver Point roads.

Upon questioning, driver Douglas Rhodes admitted

to probably having had too much to drink.

"It's Friday night," Rhodes told police. "On Fridays everybody goes to the Fulford Pub and they all drive home."

Police found Rhodes had a blood alcohol level of .170 mg. He was issued a \$600 fine and a one-year driving prohibition.

In other court news:
• Justice Bracken ordered Sean Burke to pay a \$500 fine and serve a one-year driving prohibition after Salt Spring RCMP pulled him over in Ganges for driving while prohibited in May 2006. Burke plead guilty to the offence.

• Due to BC Ferries staff's refusal to allow Alan Gear aboard any of its vessels unless in police custody, the former Salt Spring resident's trial has been moved to Victoria.

Gear allegedly assaulted a ferry worker during an incident on the Skeena Queen in August 2006. He is scheduled to register a plea at Victoria Provincial Court on February 13.



SALT SPRING ISLAND
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE



TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to proposed Bylaw No.106 cited as New Fire Hall #1 Land Purchase Borrowing Bylaw and Bylaw No. 107 cited as New Fire Hall #1 Building Construction Borrowing Bylaw, the trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District intend to purchase land and construct a new fire hall to replace the Ganges fire hall due to the following reasons:
1. Fire Underwriters Survey July 2005 states that the existing building has many drawbacks e.g. no training facilities, poor administration offices, limited public access, questionable seismic construction, no vehicle exhaust system, combustible construction with numerous renovations and exposed electrical, convoluted access and egress, limited parking for volunteers responding to calls, probably not capable of housing an aerial fire apparatus if needed in the future. In summary the existing building has now become non-functional as an emergency hub for the island.
2. Seismic evaluation by Herold Engineering Sept. 2005 determined that the building would not meet seismic requirements for a post disaster building as per requirements of the 1998 British Columbia Building Code.

AND THAT to finance the purchases of the new land and building construction the trustees propose to borrow by way of long term borrowing a sum not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, repayable not later than 20 years from the date of issue.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Bylaw No. 106 and Bylaw No. 107 will be deemed to have received the assent of the land owners 30 days after the last publication of this notice unless petitions against the proposed bylaws have been received by more than 10% of the estimated eligible electors. It is estimated that 750 electors would be required to petition against the bylaws. Petitions for the purpose of permitting the electors to petition against the proposed bylaws will be distributed to all eligible persons who request them or same may be picked up from the below listed locations during standard business hours Monday to Friday.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT the proposed bylaw nos. 106 & 107 will cost each land owner \$0.081851 per \$1000 property value for the next 20 years (average property value of \$500,000 = \$41.00 per year estimate). During this borrowing period, seven existing borrowing bylaws shall be retired.

PETITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE for pickup at the following Salt Spring Island addresses:
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road
Mary Hawkins Memorial Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue
Government Agents Office, 343 Lower Ganges Road

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in order for a petition against the project to be deemed to have been received within the time period ending 4:00 pm February 16th, 2007, completed petitions, signed by electors, must be delivered to the following Salt Spring Island addresses:
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road
Mary Hawkins Memorial Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue

AND THAT this ad is the first of two publications of this Notice.
Dated this 17th day of January, 2007 at Salt Spring Island, BC.

Governance contract announced

The Islands Trust has picked their man to do a report on three governance renewal questions.

Consultant Allan Neilson-Welch of Kelowna will fulfill a \$25,000 contract to see if the Islands Trust's operation can be tweaked to address governance concerns of the federation's largest islands.

Neilson-Welch will look at:
• Increasing the number of trustees from two to four for Salt Spring Island;
• Giving larger local Trust areas weighted votes at Trust Council;
• Increasing coordination between the Islands Trust and regional districts.

The contract cost is being shared by the provincial government and Islands Trust,

with a contribution from the Capital Regional District.

At last Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, Trust chair Kim Benson explained the potential governance changes would be an "evolutionary option" between the status quo and incorporation.

She noted island communities would still have the option to pursue municipal incorporation, if desired.

Both Salt Spring and Gabriola Island voters rejected incorporation in referendums held in 2002 on Salt Spring and in 2004 on Gabriola. In April 2006, the Islands Trust established a Governance Task Force to determine how governance could be improved in the Islands Trust Area.



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ALONG FOR THE RIDE: Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Mike Bell takes a test drive on a sled built by Grade 10 student Nicholas Ogilvie.
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Islands Trust seeks smoother path for development applicant log-jam

Salt Spring trustees hope a backlog of development applications might be eased following recommendations of a senior Islands Trust staff member.

Brodie Porter, acting co-director of local planning services and regional planning manager for the Trust, submitted a strategy-filled report at Thursday’s Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, along with a list of 107 currently open local files.

The roster includes rezoning applications, subdivision referrals from the transportation ministry, development permit requests and prop-

erty boundary adjustments, among other items.

“Why do things get jammed up?” asked trustee George Ehring, referring to the list. “Because there’s a lot of things in the queue . . . I’m happy we’re going to think about moving things ahead, or to dismiss things more quickly.”

Porter noted that some of the 107 files may no longer be alive, but it will take staff time to determine that for certain.

He suggests new application guidelines, pending a Trust-wide review of its Local Planning Services function, ways to speed up

decision-making by trustees and to get through LTC meetings more quickly.

Porter recommends against the practise of “cost recovery,” which sees developers hire contract planners under Trust direction to facilitate unwieldy proposals such as the Ganges Marina rezoning or Channel Ridge development permit.

“If applicants want to contribute to the [Trust’s] planning services budget, it might help us get to the application quicker,” he quipped.

Lamb agreed on the cost recovery point.

“Having applicants jump the queue is in my mind not a very fair way of doing

things,” said trustee Peter Lamb. “As a general procedure, if the idea is just to speed up the application, I certainly discourage it.”

Trustees responded favourably to Porter’s suggestion that priority be given to considering applications “initiated for broad public benefit by a public service agency (fire department, police, hospital, school district, local government)” . . . “if urgency is defined by the applicants.”

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) has requested priority consideration for its proposed Fulford training facility rezoning.

Green Party federal leader greets islanders this Tuesday

The new leader of the Green Party of Canada, Elizabeth May, will be on Salt Spring next week as part of a larger B.C. tour.

Islanders will have a chance to hear May speak and ask questions at a public meeting at the high school multi-purpose room on Tuesday, January 23 from 7-8:30 p.m.

“With another federal election likely some time this year, the third in three and half years if we go to the polls this spring, and the Green Party showing growing strength across the

country, this is an ideal time to meet with May in one of the strongest Green ridings in Canada,” states a press release.

“With climate change and the environment becoming the number one issue for Canadians recently, May brings a wealth of experience to federal politics on this file, having been executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada for 17 years.” May is also the author of five books, including her most recent How to Save the World in Your Spare Time, a manual for activists. May holds two

honourary doctorates, and the Elizabeth May Chair in Women’s Health and the Environment at Dalhousie University was created in her honour.

She has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the National Round Table on Environment and Economy and is currently is a member of the Earth Charter International Council.

May became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005.

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Ilona Deri

No. Accidents happen. We drive and we have accidents, but we always drive again.



Gayle LeBlanc

Should I? It's a freak thing. Considering the number of people on the ferries, I think we're getting a great service.



Maggie White

I just think the ferries are marvellous. I still get excited every time I get on them. I really do. There's just something about them.



Cole Eadie

No. It's very rare that this happens.

Letters to the Editor

Done deal?

Amid the fuss about our new fire hall and the process (or lack thereof) of locating, designing, and funding it, let's not forget about our old fire hall.

It's smack in the middle of chamber-of-commerce heaven, in what's possibly the most coveted location in town.

Will the residents of Salt Spring Island have an opportunity to determine its future role in our community, or has the deal already gone down?

CHRIS DIXON,
Mansell Road

Referendum needed

This is a letter to the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. The fact that it is not required to hold a referendum on the borrowing of \$5 million for a new fire hall and lot does not prevent the district from holding a referendum anyway. I encourage them to take this step.

This is a significant

expenditure which requires time for public information and support. It cannot possibly be comprehended by the public very well in such a short time as 37 days, with only two newspaper notices required during that time.

People will not begin to even formulate all the right questions in such a short time, and you know it. A series of public meetings is required after a series of educational advertisements, bring a properly supported decision through referendum. Public services are publicly accountable.

That you have petitions people can sign, if they are opposed to your approach, located at only two locations -- the Ganges fire hall and the library -- is not enough locations. Additional locations are required in Fulford, Vesuvius, etc. Newspaper notices over a greater time period are also required.

That a referendum would cost \$5,000 and take 60 days is nothing compared with \$5,000,000 taking 20 years to repay.

What's the hurry? The fire hall can still function for 60 days.

You rationalize "this is a public service and replacement must proceed." This may well be, but it is not as if the fire hall is on fire. Stop. Take the necessary time. Do it properly or risk public antipathy and poor faith.

To help ensure that you do so I encourage 750 people to sign the petition before February 15 against proceeding immediately with the project. Again, the petitions are located at the Ganges Fire Hall, the Library and the Government Agent's Office.

RON HAWKINS,
Salt Spring

Priorities

Wonders will never cease! Now one can go to the Middle Eastern country of Dubai and bake on the beach one day and go skiing the next on a nearby indoor ski hill!

Makes you want to gag to think of the waste of energy this represents? Sorry, there's more. (Just look up "Mall of the Emirates" or

"Do-Buy-Land" — no, it's really "Dubailand" — on the internet if you don't believe me.

Humans are capable of stunning achievements; surely we can find ways to meet our needs without destroying the earth!

Imagine Salt Spring! is a series of presentations intended to help us move towards sustainability here. The first talk is scheduled for January 25 at the Community Gospel Chapel, starting at 7:30 p.m. Sebastian Moffatt, a consultant on energy efficiency and ecologically based community planning will speak on Planning for Uncertainty: Design concept to shape a resilient and sustainable island community. And earlier that same week (January 23), Elizabeth May, the wonderful leader of Canada's Green Party, will speak at Gulf Islands Secondary starting at 7 p.m.

Currently, Salt Spring is one of several communities which is reviewing its official community plan (OCP). I hope the various OCP review

focus groups will do much more than change the wording of our OCP. We might, for instance, want to recommend limiting the size of single family dwellings and requiring the use of green technologies such as composting toilets. We need to look seriously at our priorities.

One example: I know that Salt Spring's Island Pathways group is trying to raise funds to build proper cycling and walking paths. Wouldn't it make more sense if proponents of highways that cut through organic farmland (such as the Formosa blueberry farm) had to do that instead?

There are many things we could do to protect Salt Spring's natural heritage and reduce our negative impact on global ecosystems. I hope many people will find ways to contribute to this work.

JAN SLAKOV,
Salt Spring

Broken windows

It is with deep sadness and considerable confusion that

I address this lament to a person unknown.

Do you have nothing better to do late on a bitterly cold night than to look for a big enough rock or to come already prepared with a blunt instrument so that you could hit and hit and hit the plexiglas covering that we purchased to protect our beautiful stained glass windows at the United Church? It must have taken a lot of effort but you finally were able to smash through to break the window.

Did you know — or would you even care — that the window depicted The Last Supper? I know that somewhere deep in our hearts we must find a way to forgive you, but it would be easier if we could understand why the hurt in your heart compels you to lash out at a work of art and at the property of a church that does its best to be an instrument for good will in the community.

HELEN HINCHLIFF,
Salt Spring

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Fire district doesn't deserve a blank cheque for a new hall

I don't think the fact we need a new fire hall is a matter of dispute, and no site is ideal.

But I seriously question the need to spend \$5 million on this project. It's a huge chunk of change to expect island taxpayers to cough up — especially since property taxes generally and those incurred by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District specifically have gone berserk along with our assessments in the past few years.

Look at data on the last two fire halls of comparable size built on Vancouver Island and tell me if you think we need to spend \$3.6 million for a 12,000-square-foot building that beyond three truck bays, administration, storage and training space also envisions male and female dorms, a museum and classroom area, space for a future ladder truck and a work-out gym.

Lynn Lawlor, administrator for the North Cedar Improvement District, gave me the scoop on her community's award-winning 11,000-square foot hall that opened one year ago.

Building cost? \$2.2 million.

OTHERWISE BY GAIL SJUBERG



(The 2.5-acre parcel of land was only \$100,000.)

The building houses four trucks and office space for five full-time staff — the district also has a water board function — and room to accommodate its 35 volunteer firefighters. We have the same number of full-time fire staff plus up to 50 volunteers.

In March of 2006 the Oyster River volunteer fire department, administered through the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, moved into their new 7,800-square-foot digs, with space for five truck bays, a workshop area, office and storage space, two training areas, kitchen and pantry, and handicapped washroom with shower area.

Building cost? \$1.6 million. Yes, it's smaller, but still has room for five trucks, training and administration.

Let's say construction costs have risen in the past year and we may pay more because of an island location, but if that's the case, a responsible district would aim for a less endowed structure and try to give their citizens a bit of a break. We're already paying an astronomical amount for the land — perhaps that means we have to shave some square feet off that dream-team emergency building.

When the Oyster River project came in over budget, the project was scaled back considerably to reduce taxpayer impact.

But putting the numbers aside, residents in both Oyster River-Black Creek and North Cedar were given a chance to vote on the costs, following an extensive public consultation process.

Our district doesn't even have a building plan or detailed financial data to share. The trustees want a blank cheque and the provincial counter-petition legislation gives it to them.

We might feel comforted had we seen signs of restraint on the operating side of things in the past few years. But the district's operating budget has jumped 34,

16 and 21 per cent in the last three years, respectively.

A large bit of this year's 34 per cent went towards wage parity for the three non-management career firefighters — fair enough — but to suggest our island is at risk if we don't spend \$400,000 to create an on-island training facility in the Fulford valley sounds completely bizarre.

By any measure at all, fire department spending is now out of control.

Dig out your property tax bills. I did. From 2003 to 2006, taxes to support the fire department jumped 56 per cent. That's before the 34 per cent operating hike trustees approved in 2007 and before the \$41 per year (estimate for the average property) to fund the new fire hall. That 56 per cent was the biggest hike by far among taxing bodies, except for the CRD (63 per cent), but in the 63 per cent is the referendum-approved pool.

How much more do we need to spend in the quest to be the best protected community of our size in B.C.? Where does this stop? Presumably the sky is the limit. And this wonderful new 10 per cent counter-petition threshold brought in by the provincial gov-

ernment a few years ago makes that sky enticingly blue.

If taxpayers were pushing for acquisition and spending because of concerns about poor fire protection service, that would be one thing. But that's not the case. Those involved are doing a stellar job on both the response and prevention side.

But they've not acted responsibly as players in our Mickey Mouse system of local government. They're disrespecting islanders by not seeking borrowing approval (of any type) until a detailed project is ready to show and justify to us, and by not doing it the time-honoured democratic way of an all-island, secret-ballot referendum vote. So what if they're not "obligated" to hold a referendum because they're an antiquated improvement district? The legislation was envisioned for organizations that serve small populations — think Dogpatch Creek, pop. 350 — not a 12,000-strong Salt Spring Island.

If the Kings Lane hall can be justified as the right project at the right time, a referendum will pass. We're paying the bills. We deserve full and clear information and the right to truly vote.



NOTICE TO ELECTORS WITHIN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CRD BYLAW NO. 3351 - AMENDMENT TO SOURCE CONTROL LOCAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District (“CRD”) proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3351, “Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2006” for the purpose of ensuring that there is fair cost apportionment for the services of the Regional Source Control program (RSCP) throughout the CRD.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3351, which amends **Bylaw No. 2402, to include sewage flows from privately operated sewers or other facilities that have connections to CRD sewage facilities in the apportionment of RSCP costs to each municipal participating area**, unless at least **26,555 electors** within the CRD indicate by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3351.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within all municipalities and electoral areas of the CRD, including Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria and View Royal and the Electoral Areas of Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms, in relation to Bylaw No. 3351, to the CRD is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2007. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Capital Regional District is 265,553 and that 10% of that number or 26,555 electors must submit elector response forms to prevent the CRD from enacting Bylaw No. 3351 without the assent of the electors by referendum.

Further technical information concerning Bylaw No. 3351, or the RSCP may be obtained from Mr. Trevor Smyth, CRD Offices, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Telephone 360-3082) during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 26th day of February, 2007. Information on the RSCP is also available at:
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QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS

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Carmen Thiel
Corporate Secretary
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Process questioned

I must question the logic involved in the decision to push forward with the bowling alley location for a proposed new fire hall.

The existing Ganges fire hall apparently needs a \$1-million upgrade to bring it up to standard, so to save that expense the trustees want to spend \$5 million on a newly located fire hall?

The existing fire hall seems ideally and centrally located to serve the mid island, as well as the commercial core and government dock areas. It also has direct access to the main road north and south of town — I guess that’s why they put it there in the first place.

Fire board chair Ted Hinds states that the Kings Lane area is becoming the “public service centre” for the island. In fact, with the recently completed Greenwoods facility, the new Heritage Place facility, the original Greenwoods centre, and the long-term care in the hospital, it is the most densely populated residential area on the island. These buildings are all full of elderly people who would be regularly disturbed by emergency sirens.

Access and egress issues were also cited as reasons for moving from the downtown location. Having lived on the Leisure Lane “short-cut” for a few years I can say that I’ve had my fair share of close calls with the blind corners that bracket the bowling alley location. The blind corner closest to the new Greenwoods was so problematic that they installed a three-way stop. For every fire call there will be the risk that the incoming volunteers and the outgoing fire trucks may be creating an emergency as they race to deal with another.

The approval process seems designed to minimize taxpayer involvement as the short window and mid-

winter timing guarantee the lowest number of property owners will be on island to slow down the rubber stamp of approval. It is unfair that a lot of the elderly residents who will be most affected by this location are the least able to make their way to the fire hall, library or government building to sign a petition to allow public consultation. Referendum costs only represent a tenth of one per cent of the proposed budget.

It’s time for the Islands Trust to address the extreme shortage of commercial and service-zoned land on our growing island. Perhaps then the fire district could find a more appropriate location if they feel the need for a brand new fire hall to put their new truck in.

STEPHEN CARTER,
Howell Lane

Residents need a say

Regarding the fire hall and library spending. I feel it is very important to let residents of Salt Spring know how to let their opinion be heard for the opposition of this spending.

How many years and referendums did it take to get a swimming pool? Should a library be classified as more useful than a swimming pool in our community? I think not, especially with the access to knowledge available on the internet and the fact that many cities are looking at closing libraries.

I am not opposed to a new library or even a better location for the fire hall, however with all respect, I think the residents of Salt Spring Island should be given just as much say in the matter as they were with a swimming pool.

C. MALCOLM,
Salt Spring

Editor’s note: Like the swimming pool, taxpayer funding for a new library can only be acquired through a referendum.

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Sickness and snow

Snow days are fun for kids and parents alike, but the inconvenient truth is that under the four-day school week, each day missed is (if we believe what we are told) packed with 1.25 days worth of instruction. This is the same when a child is sick, or when parents decide to take a holiday during the semester.

Let's estimate how much instruction a typical child might miss: suppose a year in which there are four snow days, plus three days when the school is officially open but the buses don't run, so the few students that do turn up are given a movie to watch. This is equivalent to 8.75 days of instruction. Add to this two half days for student-led conferences, a day at the beginning of the year for sorting the children in to their classes, and a day at the end of the year for parties, cleaning out desks and moving out of class and you have another 3.75 instructional days, bringing us up to 12.5 instructional days missed. Then, let's suppose a child is sick five days in a year (very conservative for some) and we reach 18.75 instructional days missed.

You might add to this, say, a cheap skiing break in January: four actual days, but five instructional days (right or wrong, it happens). This child has now missed 23.75 instructional days.

Teacher substitutions are another matter and harder to evaluate, but there is always some kind of loss of momentum.

Snow and sickness happen: my point is that the four-day week leaves no slack to accommodate them. Every moment, including the time when elementary school children are read to while they eat their lunch, is already being used as "instructional time."

KATHY PAGE, Isle View Drive

Washouts need repair

Most islanders know that Collins Road ends in a steep sweep down the side of a ravine, providing access to the Cranberry outlet beach.

Used by boaters, swimmers and dog walkers like myself, it is a magical, beautiful spot. Unfortunately, the storms of the last two months have been unrelenting in their destruction of this stretch of road. Great chunks of it have now washed out and fallen into the gully and ominous cracks have appeared between the washouts. The small culverts that used to

adequately carry away water will probably wash right out with the next big rain. Even the roadway around the monster cement culvert at the top has suffered damage.

The highways people have put up signs warning of flooding and blocking vehicle access. But they have done nothing in the way of repairing the damage. A friend of mine suggested they probably don't have the money in their budget, that they bid on a contract that barely covers maintenance, never mind damage repair in a winter like the one we're having. He's probably right.

Yet, If the ravine road is allowed to completely wash out, because our highways contractor can't afford maintenance and repair now, think of how much more it will eventually cost to build a new road.

J. GREY, Salt Spring

He's no musician

In a letter to last week's Driftwood, Bob Weeden charitably describes me as a musician. I wish I could lay claim to such an honourable title, but my performing days are practically part of the fossil record.

I'm glad to have the opportunity, though, to talk about music from time to time, and I'm looking forward to teaching an introductory classical music appreciation course at ArtSpring starting next month. Anyone who might be interested can call the ticket centre at 537-2102 for more information.

GEORGE EHRLING, Salt Spring trustee

Power outage tips

The Salt Spring Island Emergency Program would like to remind everyone that in the event of a power outage most telephones will not work.

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What usually does work is the old-style rotary dial phone or the style of phone that does not rely upon electricity.

You may have an old rotary dial phone put away some place. Dig it out, check that it works and have it readily available for you when the power goes out.

In the event of a power outage we do not condone the general public out walking the streets in the dark; you could quite easily trip across live wires down on your property or the roadway. If you do see lines

down, do not assume that they are dead or that they may be telephone or cablevision. Treat them all as live!

Call 9-1-1 and if possible keep people clear of them from a safe distance. Emergency service personnel will be notified and attempt to block access until BC Hydro arrives.

We have done through an amazing six weeks of weather here on the island and we owe a debt of gratitude to the local hydro employees. They have been phenomenal.

DAVE ENFIELD, SS fire chief and Emergency program coordinator

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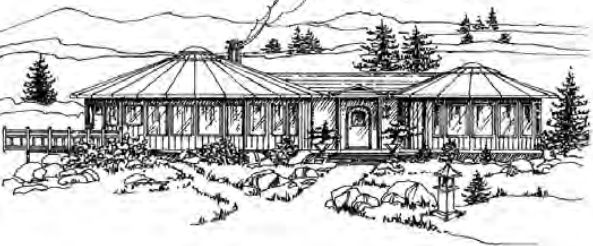
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Crosswalks and signs

The Fernwood area is very popular for people to walk for exercise and to walk their dogs. It is also popular for children on foot and on bikes, and people using the wharf or visiting the market cafe and the two mailbox locations.

There are no sidewalks or pedestrian crosswalks and some of the vehicle traffic along North Beach and Walker Hook roads is a real hazard.

On January 7 tragedy struck when a dear little dog was run over and killed right in front of her distraught owner. We will all miss the familiar sight of Miss Daisy (the dog) going for her regular morning walks with him. They were inseparable.

People in cars need to be aware of people and pets, and drive within the speed limits. It must have been very upsetting for the driver also to have killed that little dog. It would really help if we had a crosswalk and warning signs, both on North Beach and Walker Hook roads, to slow down and watch for foot traffic. There is a stop sign where Fernwood Road joins these two roads, but a warning sign there too would be a good idea.

Not all drivers, and particularly visitors, are aware of, or prepared for, the presence of so many pedestrians and pets in this area.
NANCY WIGEN,
Fernwood Road

Galiano library

Thank you for spotlighting the Galiano community's project to build a new library for the island (January 10 Driftwood). The community has outgrown the current rented storefront that serves as our library and looks forward to a new, centrally-

located, accessible structure with room for our collection to grow with the community.

Your editorial decision to mention CRD tax increases in the same article might have misled some people into thinking the new Galiano Library will impact their taxes. Though the Galiano Library, like all others in the Gulf Islands, receives part of

its operating funds from the CRD, the construction of the new library will be funded by grassroots support from our community as well as by provincial and federal grants that might be available. This community will build its new library without an additional cent in property taxes.
JERRY AZEVEDO,
Treasurer
Galiano Library Society

RANTS & ROSES

ROSES

Grateful roses to those in the community who heard our call in last week's Driftwood to help with our In from the Cold program down at the United Church. We have been sheltering an average of 10 people on cold and snowy nights this past week, so whatever the community can do to help us is appreciated.

A rose of Greenwoods appreciation for Joanne Burns, Lynn Regan, Carrie Cunninham, Lynn Earwaker, Maeve Davis, Timmie Staveley, Dorah Ward and Haidee Wood's family for the fabulous donations they gave us at Christmas. Also roses to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for picking up the residents' shopping list every Tuesday, doing the shopping, and returning

the products to them.

A "fair-traded" rose to every person who drives slowly through Ganges and on up to GVM, and to every person who stops when a pedestrian is about to enter a crosswalk, and to every person who gives a lift to a person needing a ride. MLJ

An "Oscar" rose to Peter Prince for his very filmic and artful clip of the Rose Bead Cottage with artisan Marcus Knox. MLJ

Roses to the generous Salt Spring businesses that donated to Global Awareness' Holiday Basket Raffle at GISS. Over \$350 was raised for our twin school in Lesotho, Africa. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

My little front paws are clutching a huge bouquet of fragrant red roses for the very kind lady who stopped and picked me up on Saturday, January 6. I was running away from home — right down the centre of Fulford-Ganges Road — where she rescued me. She is an angel! Loads of licks from Freddy (the naughty little white Jack Russell in the baby blue sweater).

A single, long-stemmed, perfect rose for Ineke, skipper of the Ganges Faerie, who broke her own rules, working overtime into a blustery Fulford evening to fetch a long-distance traveller home again.

A rose to John and Phyllis Malcolm of Vesuvius Bay Road on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on January 11.

What's for Dinner?

Shopping list:

- ☐ 2 chicken breasts
- ☐ Poultry seasoning
- ☐ Cooking oil
- ☐ 1 onion
- ☐ (Optional: 1 chili pepper or curry paste)
- ☐ Garlic
- ☐ Almond milk
- ☐ Saffron
- ☐ Salt and black pepper to taste
- ☐ Basmati rice
- ☐ Slivered almonds



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Directions: Season **2 chicken breasts** with **poultry seasoning** & fry in **2 tablespoons of oil** for three minutes each side. Cool, slice & set aside. In a fry pan, with **2 tablespoons oil**, sauté **1/2 onion sliced** (optional 1 chopped chili pepper or 1 teaspoon curry paste), **1 clove garlic** & **1/2 cup almond milk**. Reduce & add **a pinch of toasted ground saffron strands & salt & pepper to taste**. Return sliced chicken to the pan. Pour over cooked **basmati rice**. Top with **slivered almonds** just before serving.

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Care enough to stop it?

Why are the people of Salt Spring only being allowed five weeks to stop a re-location of the fire hall with a \$5-million price tag?

Why is this happening during January and February when a large percentage of people are not even here?

Why is this chosen location in the most densely populated area of Salt Spring, with a hospital within half a block, and four large assisted living centres and one condominium right near that location?

Why have they chosen a very twisted winding road to place a fire station that needs to have immediate access to main roads?

Imagine volunteers racing to the scene along Leisure Lane to Kings Lane — with two blind corners, it is an accident waiting to happen!

Why, when the price tag for seismic upgrading, and renovation is just over \$1 million, are taxpayers being asked to pay for a \$5-million new fire hall?

The needs of the people of Salt Spring are not being met by these tactics.

We deserve a real referendum to bring up all aspects of this issue.

If the fire hall really does need to be moved, (which would be a shame as it does add a lot to the character of Ganges), then surely it should be to a location that is not as densely populated, and actually has good egress and access, as the proposed site does not.

What about the other two sites?

Both Rainbow Road and Atkins Road are straight roads with good access, and very much less populated.

There are some real concerns about the impact of noise in having a fire station close to residential areas, a daycare and a hospital.

Didn't hospitals used to be considered "quiet zones"?

Also, what about the impact on children in the daycare centre that is so close to the proposed fire station?

Research shows that exposure levels set for adults should be much lower for children, and that loud noise affects concentration, and thus the ability to learn.

My question to the people who are here on Salt Spring right now is: Do you care enough to stop what seems to be a carefully planned political move that does not give us enough time to make a thoughtful decision, and that does not include all the people of Salt Spring (as many people are away to the south right now, and many are unable to go to the fire hall because they are elderly, or bedridden, or unable to vote on this because they have had to sell their property to be in an assisted living centre)?

The Canadian Charter of Rights states that peace, quiet and enjoyment of property is a basic human right.

I hope that most of us believe this to be especially true for the elderly, the injured, the very ill, or pregnant women and children, and therefore will act to protect them.

CHERYL RELPH,
Salt Spring



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The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3



ON STAGE: From left, Theresa Hill, Niko Hook-Nilsson and Aaron Trory perform at the Gulf Islands Secondary School Mid-Year Showcase. The sold-out concert took place Monday night at ArtSpring. The concert showcased student compositions sandwiched between larger ensemble performances. Students received a standing ovation at the end of the show from an enthusiastic audience.

Photo by John Cameron

Concert Band 'favourites' ballot now available for local music fans

The Salt Spring Concert Band is ready to launch its island-wide survey of audience favourites to program on their spring 2007 concert titled A Festival of Favourites.

Band members were polled earlier in the year and five selections were chosen that were clear winners with the musicians.

Now it is up to music lovers who have participated as audience members over the years to make their selections.

There will be 15 options to choose from, plus an opportunity to write in a favourite that may be missing from the list.

The selection (or two) with the most votes will be programmed for the concert which takes place April 20-21 at ArtSpring.

Survey participants may either e-mail their choices to dawnhage@saltspring.com or pick up a ballot at participating locations across the island and drop it in the box provided.

Ballots can be found at the library, Raven Street Cafe, Falconshead Grill and Acoustic Planet. Respondents should choose only one selection, although they may suggest a title that is not on the list, or that they would love to hear the band play at a future date.

Selections include the following:

1. Mazama, Jay Chat-taway;
2. The Stars and Stripes Forever, Sousa;
3. A Copland Tribute, Copland/Grundman;
4. James Bond Suite, arr. Erickson;
5. October, Eric Whitacre;
6. Canon in D, Pachelbel;
7. Star Wars, The Phantom Menace, John Williams;
8. The Witch and the Saint, Reineke;
9. Hootenanny, Walters;
10. Irish Tune from County Derry, Percy Grainger;
11. Ave Maria, arr. Frank Beibl;
12. Royal Air Force March Past, Davies;
13. West Side Story, Bernstein/Sweeney;
14. Pirates of the Caribbean, Klaus Badelt;
15. March of

the Gladiators, Fucik.

Band members have already chosen Russian Christmas Music, Variations on a Korean Folk Song, Dry Your Tears, Afrika, English Folk Song Suite and Lord of the Rings.

Organizers urge all concert band fans to fill out a ballot or e-mail director Dawn Hage at dawnhage@saltspring.com to ensure that your vote will get counted.

The voting cut-off date is January 31 to allow the musicians ample time to prepare the chosen selection(s). For more information or to obtain a ballot, contact band manager Sheila Spence at 537-2334.

Stolen Spirits reclaimed at Film Festival Cafe

Salt Spring's Film Festival Cafe returns next Thursday with an award-winning documentary postponed from November due to a snowstorm.

The Stolen Spirits of Haida Gwaii tells how the present-day Haida from the Queen Charlotte Islands pulled together in their community to repatriate the bones of their ancestors that had gone missing over 100 years ago.

The January 25 Film Festival Cafe runs at Barb's Bakery and Bistro with food, drinks and conversation at 5:30 p.m. and the film showing at 7.

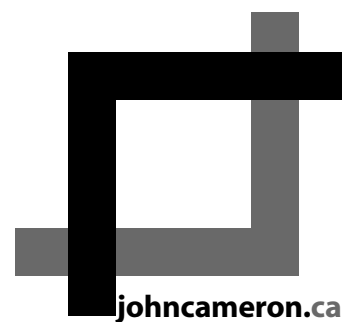
Christine Hunt of the Kwakiutl band in Alert Bay is the guest speaker for the evening.

Stolen Spirits was a favourite at last year's Our Island, Our World film festival. Admission for the film at the

door is by voluntary donation, which is shared with Salt Spring organizations doing social justice work.

For more information, call 537-4406 or visit <http://www.saltspringmedia-group.com>.

This year's Our Island, Our World film festival is on March 2-4, at both Gulf Islands Secondary School and The Fritz Cinema.



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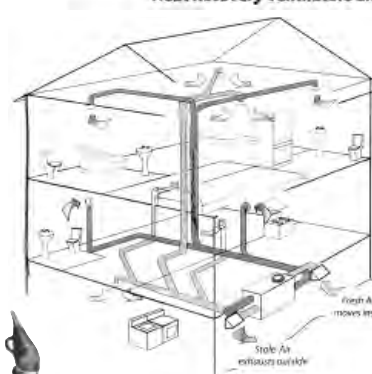
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Indie-alt-rock band set to blow away winter chills

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

February comes early to Salt Spring this year as Vancouver's The Februarys take the stage at Moby's on Friday.

The indie alternative rock band has been referred to as refreshingly original and real, which is quite the accomplishment since their genre has been so recently over saturated with bands trying to make a quick buck.

"For us, what we're doing is real . . . If we're not faking it, a lot of people can relate to it," said lead singer and back-up guitarist Lucas Lawrence during a phone interview from his home in Vancouver.

Perhaps that kind of sincerity helped the band get their video on MuchMusic.

The New Nightmare Sound video made its debut on MuchMusic's Much on Demand in November.

Unfortunately, the video has yet to make it above low rotation, but Lawrence is happy, given they shot it on a tight budget and got into some trouble with a park ranger over a permit misunderstanding.

Lawrence, along with Matt Gibson on lead guitar, Brodie Tavares on bass guitar and backup vocals, and Matt Bender on drums, complete the band.

Lawrence and Gibson have been playing under The Februarys name for two years. They met in a high school gym class, said Lawrence. Tavares and Bender joined the band about a year ago when they replaced two of the founding members.

The band has been compared to The Killers, Death Cab for Cutie, My Chemical Romance, and even to Matt Good, said Lawrence. Some early Jimmy Eat World is also audible in Stereo Dis-ease.

They have released two EPs and one album, and recently finished recording a second, which Lawrence expects to be available in April.

The most recent album, which is as of yet untitled, was recorded at Mushroom Studios in Vancouver. Matthew Good, amongst others, has recorded albums at Mushroom, and Lawrence said this fact inspired The Febs to do the same.

"If we want to be like them, we might as well do what they do," said Lawrence of the bands' decision to record at the studio.

Although the guys love to be in studio, Lawrence said touring is one of the best parts of being in the band.

"We love road trips and we love going on tour . . . We want as many people to hear our music as possible."

For more information, check out www.myspace.com/thefebbruarys.



AS THE WOOD TURNS: Salt Spring wood-turner Kurt Frost creates a bowl from a piece of arbutus wood at his Cusheon Lake Road studio. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Moby's pumps up Friday night music scene

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

If stir craziness alone isn't enough to get people out of the house on Friday nights, Moby's Marine Pub has another reason: a hip music scene featuring an assortment of bands from Salt Spring, the rest of B.C. and beyond.

Although known for hosting local bands, the pub's recent move towards reinventing itself as a happening venue for bands from both near and far comes in part thanks to its new music coordinator Gina D'Attilio.

"I want Moby's to be somewhere people can count on to see good bands," said D'Attilio last week.

D'Attilio officially assumed her position in October, and shortly after brought Burnt, a hip hop/reggae band from San Diego, to the island.

A self-described music enthusiast, D'Attilio researches potential acts online, often through Myspace Music.

"I just start a dialogue [with the bands] and see who's interested in playing on Salt Spring," she said.

Thankfully, there "seems to be a big interest [amongst bands]" to play on-island, she said. In fact, bands often fund much of the trip out of their own pockets.

Although D'Attilio said the pub does

its best to offer shows free of charge, the New Year's show featuring The Kiltlifters, a Nanaimo-based ska band, charged a \$4 cover.

D'Attilio said she hopes to keep bands coming to the island for as long as there is a market.

And of course, the bar will continue to feature local talent, including Hey Boy Hey Girl every other Friday.

The Februarys, an indie alternative rock band from Vancouver, take the Moby's stage this Friday, January 19. (See accompanying story.)

The Kitchen, a funk band also from Vancouver, is scheduled for February 2.

Supportive environment fosters workshop poets

Poets and aspiring poets seeking new inspiration and ways to explore the poem will find them at an early February workshop offered by local poet and writer Lorraine Gane.

"We'll start with ways to engage poetic attention," said Gane. "These will be followed by sessions of free writing in which participants will be encouraged to follow their creative impulses and go beyond what they've written before."

Writing will be shared in a supportive environment to help poets "hear what is most alive in their writing and the places that fall flat."

Feedback will also be offered on such elements as clarity and cohesiveness of the poem, says Gane.

"It is my hope that each participant will come away with at least two finished poems they are satisfied with, possibly more. My main aim, though, will be to help participants open to

new possibilities, expand their poetic range and give them tools they can continue to use on their own."

Gane's poetry, articles, reviews and essays have been published widely in magazines, journals and newspapers across Canada, the U.S. and Britain.

She teaches writing at such universities as UVic, Malaspina and Ryerson in Toronto.

She is the author of Earth Light and Even the Slight-

est Touch Thunders on My Skin. Gane has just completed another volume of poems, The Phantom Orchid, and is now working on several projects, including a book on writing.

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 3 and 10. Cost is \$90, or \$50 for one session.

For more information, contact Gane at 537-5294 or ganegoodger@saltspring.com.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN 17

- 7:00 PM

29 ★★ Les Misérables (1998, Drama) A reformed French convict tries to build an honest life for himself and an orphan girl. *Liam Neeson, Uma Thurman* (2h15)

42 ★★ Confidential Agent (1945, Spy) A former musician operates as an anti-Fascist secret agent during the Spanish Civil War. *Charles Boyer, Lauren Bacall* (2h15)
- 9:00 PM

6 ★ Anaconda: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (2004, Adventure) The members of a scientific expedition fight for their lives against super-snakes. *Johnny Messner, KaDee Strickland* (2h)

12 ★★ Rushmore (1998, Drama) A compulsive liar who lives in a dream world falls for a teacher at his school. *Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray* (2h)

13 ★★ The Mask of Zorro (1998, Adventure) An aged Zorro takes on a young apprentice in order to take revenge on an old enemy. *Antonio Banderas, Sir Anthony Hopkins* (2h35)
- 9:15 PM

29 ★★ Stanley and Iris (1990, Drama) A recent widow meets an illiterate co-worker who helps her revitalize her emotional life. *Jane Fonda, Robert De Niro* (1h45)

42 ★★ Above Suspicion (1943, Spy) Secret agents try to obtain information about a new weapon being developed by the Nazis. *Fred MacMurray, Joan Crawford* (1h45)
- 11:00 PM

29 ★★★★★ Immortal Beloved (1994, Drama) The story of Beethoven's many loves and the search for his true 'Immortal Beloved.' *Gary Oldman, Jeroen Krabbé* (2h15)

42 ★★★★★ The Train (1965, War) A railway official must stop a train in which a Nazi is moving priceless art treasures. *Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield* (2h15)

THURSDAY, JAN 18

- 6:30 PM

42 ★ Broadway Gondolier (1935, Musical) A talented taxi driver masquerades as a singing gondolier to win a radio contest. *Dick Powell, Joan Blondell* (1h45)
- 7:00 PM

29 ★★★★★ Mother Night (1996, Drama) An American prisoner in an Israeli jail writes his memoirs as a playwright and U.S. spy. *Nick Nolte, Alan Arkin* (2h)

42 ★★ Stars Over Broadway (1935, Musical) Despite his dreams of being an opera star, a bellhop finds fame as a contemporary singer. *Pat O'Brien, Jane Froman* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM

12 ★★ Charlie's Angels (2000, Action) Three female detectives use their skills and sex appeal to retrieve stolen software. *Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz* (2h)

29 ★★★★★ Hi, Mom! (1970, Comedy) A Vietnam veteran becomes a porn filmmaker by filming his eccentric neighbours. *Robert De Niro, Allen Garfield* (1h30)

42 ★★★★★ Colleen (1936, Musical) An eccentric uncle puts a young woman in charge of his store in order to annoy his nephew. *Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler* (1h45)
- 10:30 PM

29 ★★ A Sweeter Song (1976, Comedy) An accident-prone photographer must choose between a free-spirited woman and his friend. *Jim Henshaw, Susan Petrie* (1h30)

42 ★ Cain and Mabel (1936, Romance) A musical comedy star and a heavyweight boxer realize they love each other. *Clark Gable, Marion Davies* (1h45)

FRIDAY, JAN 19

- 7:00 PM

29 ★★ Striptease (1995, Comedy) A Miami strip club dancer struggles to regain custody of her daughter from her ex-husband. *Demi Moore, Burt Reynolds* (2h)

42 ★★★★★ Barefoot in the Park (1967, Comedy) An uninhibited bride creates an amusing situation for her widowed mother and a bachelor. *Robert Redford, Jane Fonda* (2h)
- 7:30 PM

69 ★★ Breaking Free (1995, Drama) Teenager helps out at camp for the blind as part of his prison sentence. *Jeremy London, Gina Philips* (1h30)

12 ★★★★★ Sleepy Hollow (1999, Horror) An investigator is sent to a village to solve the mystery behind a series of beheadings. *Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci* (2h)

29 ★★ New York, New York (1977, Drama) A couple's rushed marriage disintegrates after two children and many arguments. *Robert De Niro, Liza Minelli* (2h45)

69 Double Teamed (2002, Drama) Twin sisters, with divergent personalities, share a love for the game of basketball. *Mackenzie Phillips, Annie McElwain* (1h35)

42 ★★★★★ The Sunshine Boys (1975, Comedy) Despite their hatred for each other, two ex-vaudevillians are reunited for a TV special. *Walter Matthau, George Burns* (2h)
- 10:00 PM

19 ★★★★★ The Little Foxes (1941, Drama) A Southern aristocratic woman tries to acquire money for her brothers' planned cotton mill. *Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall* (2h)

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Death and Dying

Love transcends death, says island spiritualist

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

Outside it's dark and windy and pouring rain, but inside the Lower Masonic Hall on Lower Ganges Road, those gathered for the Continuous Light Sanctuary's Message Night create an energy and excitement that starves out the weather.



Carol Spencer

About 20 people sit on chairs in a semi circle. Rev. Carol Spencer stands in the middle. Spencer, an older woman dressed in a long navy skirt and matching blazer, sips a water bottle and rocks slightly back and forth.

She has a kind, round face and a good repertoire with those gathered.

The room is quiet. The only sound is that of the ticking clock in the corner. The crowd, although quiet, appear happy and optimistic. They are gathered to observe Spencer communicate with spirits of the dead.

Spencer, who founded the Sanctuary in 2003, is a "Spiritualist." According to her handout, Spiritualism is a religion, but rather than tying its adherents to a creed or dogma, it is founded on seven principles. These principles were developed in 1871 through communications between Emma Hardinge Britten and the spirit of Robert Owen, who had played a role in the modern spiritualist movement before his death.

But this communication is not a morbid act, nor does it come across as phony. Quite the opposite, it gives those gathered a sense of fulfillment, closure and hope.

"When we pass into the world of the spirit, our personality has a chance to evolve . . . Live your days like you mean it, because when you pass onto the other side, you have to keep working," said Spencer to the group.

Throughout the evening, Spencer speaks with seven spirits.

She converses with the father of one woman: "Your dad was a get-up-and-go person," she said, explaining that the spirit first appeared to her while she was playing music and prepping the room.

"There's just so much movement, as he gets closer, I'm losing my breath," said Spencer. She says the spirit feels anxious that he won't have time to complete everything.

He also wants to let you know that you should stop worrying about your health and "get on with [your life]," she said.

To this, the woman exhales with relief.



Grave marker at a south Salt Spring church.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Much of the pain she may have been feeling might be caused by her father's spirit drawing too near and accidentally inflicting his illness upon her, said Spencer.

"[Next time], if you do have a shortness of breath, would you just say 'Dad, would you back away?'" suggested Spencer.

Leap of Faith

During an interview in her home a few days later, Spencer explains how Spiritualism can help those touched by death.

"It really is about reducing fear. Reducing fear of death and reducing fear of aloneness and separateness . . . [The] spirit world is the

catalyst to realize that they're not alone."

She differentiates between spiritualists and psychics: whereas spiritualists converse with people "on the other side," psychics, using "earth energy," inherently see and know things.

And she is understanding of non-believers.

"I think it's wonderful to be skeptical, especially on Salt Spring Island. There are a lot of things that can't be explained out there. If it doesn't resonate with yourself or you can't accept it, don't accept it. Don't accept things on blind faith."

Spencer has been formally studying Spiritualism for 10 years, and has completed courses at Stansted Hall at the Arthur Findlay College in England.

She worked in extended care at Lady Minto for 25 years.

"People who die have choices as well. If they choose not to come back, they choose not to come back," she said to those who believe the dead should be left alone.

New Opportunities

The January 5 Message Night is Barb Kinnear's first, but the islander says she will come again.

"It was awesome. [Spencer] was so good with Granny, she said everything my grandmother was," said Kinnear after the demonstration.

Earlier in the evening, Spencer had told Kinnear: "A lot of people have the ability of mediumship, and especially a lot of people here [on Salt Spring] . . . You should try it out sometime."

Kinnear, an extended care worker, has worked with many sick and elderly people, and says you can "see and feel stuff" before someone dies.

"You can feel energy when they're about to pass," she said.

Kinnear has also brought her daughter Louisa to Message Night in hopes that it might give her daughter a chance to know her grandmother. The two share the same name.

Spencer knows people are drawn to the Continuous Light Sanctuary for a variety of reasons.

"One of the things we're doing is finding that love transcends death," she said.

The Continuous Light Sanctuary meets the first Sunday of each month in the Lower Masonic Hall at 506 Lower Ganges Road. For more information, contact Rev. Carol Spencer at 537-2154.

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DEATH *and* DYING

Loss through death supported via Grief Recovery Group

By ELIZABETH NOLAN
Driftwood Staff

The loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience, but our society offers little on how to cope with the long-term effects of grief and loss.

People who are in the early stages of grief and have just experienced the death of a loved one are helped through hospice counsellors, but after that many are at a loss as to how to move on.

Seeing a perceived need for support in the community for those grieving and recovering from grief, hos-

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pice worker Noreen Davies started the Grief Recovery Group on Salt Spring Island in 1997.

The non-profit group is

run by volunteer facilitators who have been trained in the hospice guidance system. Although the program is sponsored by the Anglican church, Davies assures that "it is not in any way a religious program."

"There is no affiliation or religious content to the program. It's for anyone who needs to come."

Two six-week sessions per year are offered by the group to people who are in the "second stage" of grieving, or have experienced their loss at least six months previously. The program is not

for people in the early stages of grief.

"They're just too raw," commented Davies. She also says the group is not equipped to help those who are grieving from types of loss other than death.

"A loss through death is final," she explained. "There's no hope of that relationship being resumed."

Groups normally contain five to 10 participants, who benefit from interacting with each other and the trained facilitators, some of whom have also experienced loss themselves.

"The big, unexpected losses are children or your spouse — those are the ones that sometimes trigger people to help other people through the process," said Davies.

"The main emphasis is on understanding what's happening to the person in grief. Though everyone's experience is individual, there are also some things that everyone experiences."

"We run a program that encourages them to discuss the issues with other people who are going through the same thing, and they can

find a lot of help from one another."

A spring session of the Grief Recovery Group is planned for March 2007. People interested in registering or wishing to learn more about the program can call Noreen Davies at 537-2654. There is no registration cost, but participants are asked to make a donation towards a location rental fee.

The group also sponsors a one-time session during the Christmas holidays when people are especially vulnerable to overwhelming emotions.

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Bessie Dane Hospice staff and volunteers have been carefully selected and have completed a comprehensive training program that includes a "confidentiality contract."

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As well, BDFH is available for compassionate vigil sitting during the last days or night(s) to provide respite care for primary caregivers.

Bessie Dane volunteers are part of the Salt Spring team of doctors, nurses (home care, residential, extended care and acute care) home care support workers and many other local resources. Besides working in homes and care facilities in the community, a volunteer may also fol-

low up with families after death occurs to offer support during bereavement.

This service is free and may be requested by a patient, caregiver, family, doctor or nurse by calling 537-2770.

The Red Cross/Bessie Dane Foundation Equipment Loan Service may be reached at 538-0254.

Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice has been quietly serving this community for over 23 years.

Donations are always very gratefully accepted.

Rules apply in scattering of ashes

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Many people who request cremation of their remains also want their ashes disbursed or buried in a location that was special to them.

According to Patrick Beattie, Salt Spring funeral director, approximately 80 per cent of the island's dead are cremated, a similar rate to other communities in B.C.

Of those cremated, 60 per cent of people are buried in a family cemetery, leaving the ashes of the rest to be scattered or kept. Beattie said the most popular places to scatter ashes are at sea or on one's own property.

Luckily, the nature of ashes ensures they can be safely distributed.

Tayt Winnitoy is the vice president of regional operations with the Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority, the organization which oversees funeral providers and directors, embalmers, and operators of places of interment and crematoria in B.C.

According to Winnitoy, cremation is

looked upon as final disposition and cremated remains are therefore not considered harmful.

"Really, you are scattering ashes, so there is no damage that can be done," said Winnitoy.

Although he did not know of any laws pertaining to the scattering of ashes, Beattie said basic trespassing laws do apply.

"The basic rule of thumb is if you don't own the land, you need the permission of the person who does in order to scatter the ashes," said Beattie.

According to Sarah Joannis, senior park ranger for the southern Gulf Islands region, BC Parks requires a permit be obtained if the scattering of ashes will be accompanied by a ceremony, since the area in which the ceremony takes place must be reserved.

In addition, no urn may be left or buried in any provincial park. To acquire a permit, contact BC Parks online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks.

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DEATH *and* DYING

So you want to be an executor?

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Driftwood Staff

Death has a tendency to catch us off guard, but that doesn't mean settling an estate has to follow suit.

Ensuring what you leave behind is carefully taken care of and distributed the way you want is as easy as spending a few hours with family, friends and a trained professional to establish who will sort things out.

A Royal Bank of Canada poll released in November 2006 showed that while nearly 50 per cent of Canadians feel being named an executor is an honour, almost 70 per cent of respondents would have serious concerns about the role.

Many are worried about potential legal issues and family disputes arising from their duties. Roughly 40 per cent of respondents expressed concern because they wouldn't really know what to do.

Based on more than 30 years of experience as an estate lawyer in Victoria, Alan Peterson isn't surprised by the findings.

"When executors walk into the office for the first time, they are somewhat nervous and not totally sure what's expected of them," he said.

An executor is essentially responsible for tying up the loose ends. Peterson said the process is akin to "temporarily stepping into the deceased's shoes" to help settle debts, prepare and file income tax returns and distribute the estate.

At the very least, executors

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- The People's Law School www.publiclegaled.bc.ca
- Law Line - Staff are available to answer legal questions 1-866-577-2525
- Public Guardian and Trustee Office (Vancouver) www.trustee.bc.ca (604) 660-4444

Statistics

Persons most likely to serve as executors (according to RBC poll)

- Spouse/partner - 39 per cent
- Child - 25 per cent
- Sibling - 22 per cent
- Other family - 19 per cent
- Family friend - 10 per cent
- Professional - 8 per cent

should expect to spend at least three months wrapping everything up in the case of a straightforward estate, he said.

Matters get complicated when the will includes a trust fund or is challenged by someone who feels they were unjustly ignored, the deceased owned a business or had outstanding debts, or the beneficiaries are difficult to locate.

The People's Law School, a Vancouver-based non-profit legal resource centre, publishes a free executor's guide on its website. Choosing an Executor — Being an Executor includes a step-by-step list of what executors must do and where to look if things get complicated.

The document states an executor's



Alan Peterson

The funny thing about death is that it brings out the best and the worst in people.

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job should be relatively easy if an estate comprises a car, house, some personal belongings and a bank account.

After that point, Peterson said, it helps to hire a lawyer or other professionals to assist.

The stress of paperwork and strained family relationships can be compounded by the emotional trauma of losing a loved one, he added.

"The funny thing about death is that it brings out the best and the worst in people," Peterson said. "Some people just don't want to leave that kind of burden once they're gone."

For cases where no will exists or there is nobody to serve as an executor, staff at the provincial government's Public Guardian and Trustee Office are available.

"People often choose to appoint us when they have very little or no family nearby," said Eileen Mate, director of estate planning and personal trust services. "They see us as a comfort in their declining years. In many ways we are an administrator of last resort."

From their Vancouver office, administrators handle cases from across the province.

Since trust companies and legal offices are essentially profit motivated, she said, the public guardian can also administer more modest estates.

"There is a large segment of the marketplace not being served by the trust companies," Mate said. "We are there to provide a role for those who don't have enough money for the trust companies."

Unlike the private sector's or an individual's maximum allowable fee of five per cent, the public guardian is entitled to as much as seven per cent of the estate's net value.

Peterson recommends people take the time to do their research before tragedy strikes so as to avoid unnecessary complications with the estate.

"There are usually a lot of practical matters that require quick decisions," he said. "It's a very personal thing, but it's something that has got to be done."

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Grave marker on Salt Spring

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Local conservancy among groups with eco-gifting advice

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

Individuals on Salt Spring who would like to leave a lasting gift to an ecological foundation will find that numerous avenues now exist to facilitate this desire. Whether a donation of cash or assets, conservancy and environmental organizations are always in need of funding and estates can benefit tax-wise.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC) has a Planned Giving Program that has been created to facilitate such giving and help protect Salt Spring's precious ecological resources. The gift can be dedicated towards a specific community project, to ensure that land is protected for perpetuity, or earmarked for general use where they are most needed at any given time.

Although most ecodons are environmental stewards more concerned with nature than a tax advantage, numerous financial benefits exist both locally and on a national level to encourage and support these gifts.

"A donation to the SSIC program has tax advantages beneficial to you and/or your family or organization," notes the SSIC website.

"A donation of cash or assets may provide a tax credit, provide an even better tax credit if the donation is in the form of securities, reduce taxes on your estate if provided in a will, provide immediate tax credit and lessen probate fees if SSIC is the owner and beneficiary of an insurance policy and provide virtually tax-free income if you are 70 or over and the income is derived from a charitable gift annuity."

"A professional advisor can tell you about the tax benefits of planned gifts,"

The most common eco-gifting method is through a bequest in a will.

"Many people set aside a certain dollar amount. Others leave a percentage of their estate or any assets left over after their family has been provided for. Some people donate something they own, like land or their home. Others leave a paid-up life insurance policy, securities, retirement account or other financial investment."

If you wish for your gift

to go to a specific organization, it is important to state your intention clearly in your will. Without the will, property and finances are settled according to provincial laws, regardless of previously stated wishes.

A gift can also be made in memory of a specific person, but this must also be clearly stated in your will. SSIC organizers recommend that you consult a professional advisor about all the specifics of organizing your gift.

"A professional advisor can tell you about the tax benefits of planned gifts," states the website. "An advisor can make sure you are getting the maximum tax and legal advantages allowed for your gift."

In addition to the gift of cash, donations of assets are a valuable tool and include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, term deposits, real estate, vehicles, art, jewellery or insurance.

For more information, contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 538-0318, e-mail ssiconservancy@saltspring.com or visit their website at saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy.

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Folk club welcomes Pittsburgh 'hellraiser' with Anne Feeney

The next Salt Spring Folk Club headliner performs music she says is designed to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

Not many women have chosen to walk the path of Woody Guthrie, but Pittsburgh-based Anne Feeney has made a career of it for the past 35 years.

According to a press release, Feeney has lived her life on the "frontlines — performing at thousands of rallies, picket lines and demonstrations over the years — including the WTO demonstrations in Seattle, Solidarity Day in Washington, DC, and for 1.5 million at the April 25, 2004 March for Women's Lives.

"Feeney's bottomless songbag draws on Irish, bluegrass, traditional, labour, pop, folk and contemporary material. She's as likely to sing a traditional song or an obscure gem by one of her many friends in the singer/



Anne Feeney headlines folk club show

songwriter circuit as she is one of her own award-winning songs."

Feeney's anthem called

Have You Been to Jail for Justice? is featured on Peter, Paul and Mary's CD In These Times and also on Carry It On

in their five-CD boxed set.

While Feeney may prefer the excitement of performances at rallies and demonstrations, she knows that many of her fans prefer pepper-spray free environments to listen to the songs and stories that make up her sometimes caustic, sometimes hilarious, always inspiring show.

The woman that Utah Phillips calls the "best labour singer in North America" performs at the Fulford Hall folk club on Monday, January 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Opening act is Salt Spring's own Sharon Bailey, who has a strong local following.

Doors open at 6:30 for season's ticket holders, and 6:45 p.m. for the rest. Food by Fiddlehead Catering is available for purchase.

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Stand-up comedy workshop and show set for this Sunday

Islanders who have been waiting in the wings for an opportunity to display their stand-up comic skills may finally get a break this Sunday.

A full-day stand-up comedy workshop with comic Chris Molineux is scheduled to take place at Lions Hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The workshop covers all aspects of writing and performing stand-up comedy," describes a press release.

"It's great for sharpening presentation skills, broadening acting abilities and developing your sense of humour."

Molineux is a comic with an impressive list of accomplishments, including appearances on Just for

Laughs.

He has shared the stage with Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Carrey and Ellen de Generes amongst others.

"Molineux has worked as a professional comedian since 1986 and during that time has worked in more B.C. towns than any other comedian," notes the press release.

"Following the workshop he will be putting on a comedy show entitled 'RxPRESSION' which is close to 90 minutes of stand-up comedy that shines a humorous light on all types of mind-altering substances from sugar to marijuana to television."

Themed shows are unusual in stand-up comedy, where

most performers simply bill themselves by name.

"In a way I was taking a chance with this project," said Molineux, "but the feedback has been extremely positive."

Interested participants can take the workshop or just come to watch the show. It takes place on Sunday, January 21 and costs \$100. For details, more information and to register, contact Molineux at 1-866-711-HAHA (4242).

You can also visit the Happyface productions website at www.happyfaceproductions.com.

For information on additional Molineux teaching projects, visit www.downandoutfunny.com

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From lagoon creatures to severed arms and acting, Christina Penhale makes marks across the stage

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Staff

The world of theatre holds unlimited opportunities for islander Christina Penhale as she explores her talents in almost every aspect of the trade.

Locally known as a superb make-up artist, mask and costume maker, she has recently discovered a love of acting that is beginning to take centre stage.

Penhale's first foray into stage make-up occurred at age 14 when she was asked to help out with her younger sister's troupe at Stagecoach Theatre.

"Stagecoach asked me to do their make-up and then I did *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and it went from there," said Penhale.

Her talent for anything theatrical comes naturally.

"My dad and sister are really artistic. Make-up was my way to express my art."

After finishing high school and satisfying a desire to travel with a trip to Europe, she enrolled in a two-year course at John Casablancas Institute of Applied Arts in Vancouver. Penhale loved the experience.

"My favourite part was the avant-garde section, where feathers and jewels would be covering three quarters of the face. I also really enjoyed learning to body paint with an air brush."

At the end of her first year, she was building and sculpting her own prosthetics using a technique of sculpture casting to create a mold that would later be filled with latex or gel.

"The prosthetic would generally be a piece of the face, or a larger nose or feature," described Penhale.

"I also learned to do a whole bunch of wounds, third degree burns, severed fingers . . ."

The final first-year project had students creating their own version of a movie character and Penhale chose to recreate the Creature from the Black Lagoon.

"I sculpted the mask right onto my model's face and then scraped it off to make the mold. The creature had scales, gills, teeth and the body was a full wet suit with foam abs."



MASK, MAKE-UP AND MAYHEM: Above, Christina Penhale poses with one of her latex masks, lovingly created during her study at John Casablancas Institute. Below left, sister Sarah models Penhale's make-up artistry and, below right, her Creature from the Black Lagoon peeks around a corner.

Top photo by Derrick Lundy; others contributed



The suit is currently sitting in her closet, awaiting a future opportunity to frighten the wits out of people.

At the end of her first year, Penhale was nominated for the Best Overall Make-Up award at the school, which she won in a ceremony that took place in November 2006. She was also one of seven nominees for Best in Beauty student across Canada.

Between first and second year, she got a taste of the real world when she worked on the set of a BBC movie filmed in Squamish,

B.C. Titled *Fire Mountain*, the drama documentary described the eruption of Mount St. Helen. Penhale did hair and make-up for the cast, which included scenes with everyone covered in ash.

She also did two episodes of a TV show called *Stunt Dogs*, and worked on several commercials.

The second year at the Institute focussed primarily on special effects.

"I did someone who had been hit in the face with a baseball bat," she said, somewhat gleefully. "There was

blood and bone splinters and the wound . . ."

When asked if she ever feels squeamish about creating effects that will terrify or horrify viewers, she says not anymore.

"When I used to watch horror movies, I would feel grossed out, but now I look at it artistically. I think 'that was good,' or 'that didn't work.'"

"I made a severed arm that was caught in a meat grinder and the first time I got together with my boyfriend (Colin Beamish, who is not a fan of horror movies), I showed it to him. He wasn't sure whether to run to the bathroom or say, 'wow that's interesting.'"

Since graduating, Penhale has been hugely active in community theatre, doing make-up for countless Stagecoach, community theatre and GISS productions, including Marat Sade and the recent *Unity*.

With obvious talent and a huge roster of experience under her belt, Penhale is set for a theatre career in make-up, props and costumes. But recently, another smoldering passion has eclipsed her love of special effects.

"Now I want to act," she admits. "I've had my foot in the door and I've seen what it is really like, and that's what I want to do."

Penhale performed in student productions of *Grease* and *Little Shop Of Horrors*, but it was her starring role in the Community Theatre's production of *Veronica's Room* that confirmed her future ambition.

"I loved it," she said. "It made me realize how much more I loved it than the other aspects of theatre."

Penhale is currently working two jobs to save money to go to acting school at some time in the future. She will continue to do make-up, special effects and costumes for the community whenever needed, but is keen for any acting opportunities.

"I've told the Salt Spring Community Theatre group and anyone else to let me know about anything they are doing," she said. "Although I loved working in the movies, it's theatre that I have a passion for and that's what I want to do."

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HAIRCARE FOR KIDS: Creators of the Hairykids all-natural haircare line are, from left: Laurie Poulsen, Trish Lundy and Sheila Graham.
Photo contributed

Women craft chemical-free haircare line for children

By ELIZABETH NOLAN
Driftwood Staff

Natural and organic products are part of a rapidly growing market in North America, and probably even more so on Salt Spring. Islanders are conscious that what they consume has a deep effect on our bodies, our environment and our culture.

When it comes to our kids, conscious turns into hyper-conscious.

We might be grabbing a muffin on the go, but our children are eating organic vegetables and brown rice cakes.

It's surprising, then, that when it comes to natural shampoo and soap products for kids, people's options are limited. Or they were until this October with the launch of Hairykids, an all-natural line of shampoo and styling products for kids made on Salt Spring Island.

Trish Lundy, Sheila Graham and Laurie Poulsen were thinking of opening a kids' haircutting business here a couple of years ago. Then, according to Lundy, they thought, "Wait a second, no one's doing kids' haircare products. Let's do that instead!"

The Opal Care Products partners have been working together for the past year and a half to get the Hairykids line ready for its official launch.

In their extensive research they found some disturbing information about a com-

**"We've actually sold a lot of our products to adults, who have so many chemical sensitivities they can't use anything else."
— Trish Lundy**

mon ingredient found in almost all commercial products: sodium laureth/lauryl sulphate. The chemical has been found to cause skin irritation and damage to the hair follicle, along with more grave dangers in a few cases.

Deciding an all-natural product was best, the partners developed a chemical-free line using ayurvedic quality essential oils and organic plant ingredients whenever possible. A professional aromatherapist advised them on safe levels of essential oils for kids.

Although they do some outsourcing, Lundy, Graham and Poulsen do most of the mixing, bottling and labeling themselves here on Salt Spring. Lundy says they are mostly wholesalers, but they have also made the line available at a slightly reduced price through Rainbow Road Trading Company.

In addition to feeling and smelling great, Hairykids products are created to have a limited impact on the environment. Packag-

ing is almost as important as what's inside. The recyclable bottles are made from food-grade plastic to protect the natural ingredients.

The resulting line, which was officially launched in October and became available on Salt Spring and on line in November, offers a range of products in an unscented variety or in three refreshing scents: lemonade, tropical and seaside.

Shampoo and conditioner are a given, but Hairykids also includes a bodywash/bubble bath and moisturizing oil. There is also a styling gel, a volumizing styling spritz and a finishing spray.

Lundy says the products were well received at trade fairs in Vancouver and cites the bubble bath as a particular favourite.

"So many kids are allergic to bubble bath because of all the chemicals," she told me. "I got an email from a woman who thanked me because her son could take bubble baths again."

Kids aren't the only beneficiaries, however. "We've actually sold a lot of our products to adults, who have so many chemical sensitivities they can't use anything else. So that's been a funny result of it all."

Lundy's daughters, at 12 and 16, are also fans.

Indeed, the Hairykids creators are such believers they put their money where their hair is. "We all use our own products," said Lundy. "That's all we use now."

Table set for farm plan input

People with recipes on how to rejuvenate farming on Salt Spring Island are invited to a series of upcoming workshops beginning January 20.

Plan to Farm: Setting the Table for Food and Agriculture on Salt Spring Island is an effort to inform Salt Spring Island's Area Farm Plan and Official Community Plan Review processes.

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Herbology intensive invites local students for program

Registration is now taking place for a 10-month intensive apprenticeship program called the Science and Art of Herbology.

Taught by Saci Spindler of Seabrook Medicinals, the comprehensive program will run on the first Sunday of each month beginning February 4.

According to press materials, participants will meet for hands-on experience covering plant identification, harvesting at peak vitality, drying and storing, extensive herb research, formulation, natural cosmetics and much more.

Each student will build an extensive herbal pantry addressing issues such as basic first-aid remedies, common cold and flu, allergies, building immune health, activating digestion, quality sleep, supporting the body through addiction, women's health, men's health, and herbs for children, to name a few.

“This program has changed my life in so many ways,” said one student from the 2006 course. “I will be forever grateful for this whole experience.”

The home study course was designed by world-renowned master herbalist Rosemary Gladstar, founder of the California School of Herbal Studies, creator of Traditional Medicinals Tea Company, and president of United Plant Savers, an organization focussed on preserving our most-used medicinal native plants of North America.

Spindler is a personal graduated apprentice of Rosemary Gladstar and is enthusiastic about offering the annual program she teaches “with expertise and inspiration.”

“My approach to health is by evaluating lifestyle and addressing nutrition through whole foods and herbs. Healing requires covering all the bases, not just physical, but emotional and spiritual state of being as well.

“My desire is to inspire people to feel confident with plant medicine, so people are able to invite and practice the ancient tradition of herbalism into their daily lives and use the knowledge effectively.”

Tuition cost is \$1,200, which includes 10 work booklets. A payment plan is available. For further information about the course and registration, contact Saci Spindler at 653-0068.

Caravan to Cuba social-justice travelogue set for this Sunday

Islanders can take a vicarious trip to Cuba on Sunday when Tanya Lester gives a talk on her humanitarian trip to that country last summer.

At the January 21 Unitarian Fellowship gathering at Fulford Hall, Lester will talk about the highlights of her journey on a slogan-decalled bus from Portland, Oregon; along the west coast and southern states to Texas and on to Mexico.

The Caravan to Cuba has collected aid for Cubans and protested the U.S. embargo against the Caribbean country on 17 trips from Canada and through the mainland United States.

The Unitarian Fellowship event begins at 10:30 a.m.

Admission is free but a Collection for Unitarian Fellowship will be taken and donations for Cuba are also welcome.

Contact Lester at 538-0086 to inquire about what is needed. For more information on the Caravan to Cuba, go to Pastors for Peace.org.

House of Prayer founders on-island

Islanders will have an opportunity to hear about the National House of Prayer (NHOP) from one of the individuals who transformed its vision into reality.

Rob Parker, with wife Fran, established the ministry of the NHOP in Ottawa, which officially opened in 2006. Parker will be accompanied by associate Richard Long and the two will speak at Community Gospel Chapel on Sunday, January 21 at 10 a.m.

The presentation will include visual documentation of NHOP and a talk from Parker and Long about the history and current function of the house located near the Parliament buildings in Ottawa.

“The purpose of the National House of Prayer is to establish and maintain an on-going Christian presence in Canada's national capital region that will provide informed, focussed and sustained prayer for Canada and its leaders,” states the NHOP website.

“After attending a gathering in July 1999 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rob was led to organize a team to prayer-walk from Calgary to Ottawa, asking God to bring his healing on our land,” notes the website.

“This 73-day journey in prayer, called ‘Link Canada,’ was the place of governmental intercession in which God began to impress upon Rob the need for continual and committed prayer for our nation and our nation's leaders.

“Over a period of five years the reality of the call to see a national house of prayer in Ottawa became apparent. Many spiritual leaders in Canada confirmed their leadership in this assignment.”

In March 2004 the Parkers moved to Ottawa to establish the NHOP ministry.

“Rob also has a great sense of humor and is very easy to listen to,” said islander Beverlee Caron, who visited the NHOP last year.

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SALT SPRING ICE RINK: Sudden snow flurries mid-day last Wednesday sent panicking drivers to the streets in an attempt to get home. However, many roads like Vesuvius Bay Road (top and above right), and Ganges Hill (above left) were as slippery as ice rinks.

Vesuvius photos, Derrick Lundy/Ganges Hill, Sean McIntyre

Future-oriented speakers series enlivens OCP review

While a small number of islanders are involved in Official Community Plan (OCP) Review focus groups, everyone can get be involved in planning for the future.

To assist both OCP focus groups and other interested residents along the way, the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA) is sponsoring a series of inspiring talks called Imagine Salt Spring: Planning for the Future.

The first is set for Thursday, January 25, when island-resident Sebastian Moffatt speaks on Planning for Uncertainty: Design Concepts to Shape a Resilient and Sustainable Island Community.

According to a press release, Moffatt “will discuss the poignant paradox of the modern era that at a time when decisions by humanity are having increasingly long-term impacts, time frames for decision-makers appear to be shrinking. He notes that this contradiction is nowhere more stark than in growing urban/rural regions like south-western B.C., where the population

How can we design for the future, given the deep uncertainty introduced by time horizons of 25 or 100 years?

is expected to double in the next 25 years.

“Will the buildings and infrastructure that we are now planning be appropriate for a world exposed to rapid changes in technology and climate and an increasing frequency and diversity of shocks? How can we design for the future, given the deep uncertainty introduced by time horizons of 25 or 100 years?”

Moffatt is the founder of The Sheltair Group, a 23-year-old planning and engineering firm in Vancouver. He has worked on sustainable infrastructure plans for dozens of cities in North America, Asia and Europe and delivered workshops around the world.

Moffatt has authored reports and published papers at workshops and conferences worldwide,

including chairing special sessions at the CIB Sustainable Buildings Conferences.

He was the national team leader for citiesPLUS — a collaborative process that developed Canada’s first 100-year sustainable plan using the Vancouver region as a case study.

On February 15, UBC landscape architecture professor Patrick Condon will speak on Sustainable Development in an Island Context. Condon holds the James Taylor Chair in Landscape and Livable Environments. He has published widely and has lectured at many North American universities.

March 15 sees Deborah Curran speak on Protecting our Green Infrastructure. Curran is Founder of Smart Growth B.C. and her law firm is dedicated to developing legal strategies for sustainable growth by assisting clients to implement innovative approaches to resource management and development.

All talks are at Community Gospel Chapel from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (with doors open at 7).

Relationship course is not all work

Island couples are invited to play and have some fun while strengthening their relationship in a workshop led by therapists Alan Caplan and Sharon Bronstein.

Therapists with over 20 years experience, Bronstein and Caplan have spent the last decade developing a repertoire of distinctive techniques and exercises called Drama-Play Therapy.

“Their unique way of working with couples is known to make lasting changes through a process that is fun and playful,” states a press release on the January 26-28 event called Relationship Renewal Weekend: Going Deeper.

They have trained with Jonathan Fox, the originator of Playback Theatre, as well as Ruth Zaporah, the origi-

nator of Action Theatre, and Rhiannon, singer and voice improv teacher extraordinaire, among others.

For more information contact, Shaughnessy at harmonywithall@mac.com or (250) 537-5840; Sharon or Alan at sharalan@telus.net or (250) 537-9773 or in Nanaimo at (250) 753-3706.

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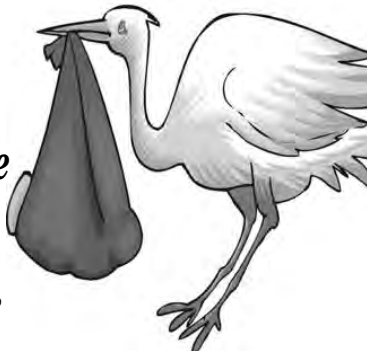


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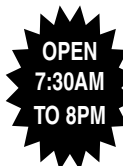


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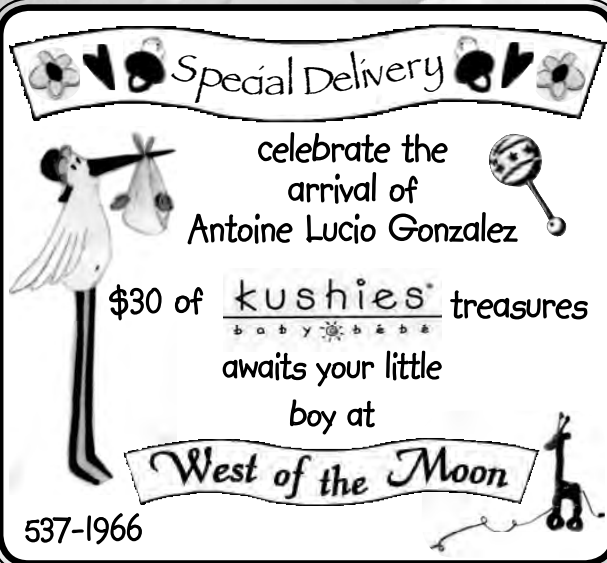
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TOURNEY PAUSE: Standing under the huge photograph of Nairn Howe at last weekend's Nairn Howe Memorial Tournament are members of the senior boys team, from left, Bob Byron, Bonn Smith, Kirby Garside and Eland Bronstein. Referees are local Roland Temmel (back to camera) and a visitor from Victoria. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

GISS teams take top tourney spots



HOOPSTER REACH: Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls basketball player Kayla Gromme overcomes pressure from other players as the girls take on a team from Campbell River. *Photo by John Cameron*

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys and girls basketball teams honoured the memory of the late Nairn Howe by winning a weekend tournament named in her honour.

"It was certainly one of the more successful tournaments I've ever been to," said Lyall Ruehlen, head coach of the senior boys squad. "I had a hard time spotting an empty seat on Saturday night. The calibre of basketball makes the games very entertaining."

Both teams registered convincing victories in each of their three matches against teams from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

Kirby Garside, a guard on the senior boys team, said a tightly fought 58-54 victory over third-ranked Mark Isfeld Secondary proved one of the weekend's highlights.

The boys followed up with a decisive 84-27 victory over Kwlikum and a 69-53 victory over Thomas Haney.

Garside said players Jordan Borth and Martin Lannan combined for a total of 40 points in the final match on Saturday.

GISS senior girls began the tournament on the right foot with a 43-37 overtime win against Kwlikum followed by a 73-19 thumping of Mark Isfeld and a 67-55 victory over Parklands Sec-

ondary.

"Our whole team didn't think we played that well to start off but we always managed to pick it up in the second half," said Kayla Gromme. "It was an awesome tournament."

Gromme averaged 30 points per game.

Bob Howe, Lyall and Perry Ruehlen, along with the coaching staff, awarded Kirby Garside and Kayla Gromme with the Nairn Howe Outstanding Player Award.

Howe said his late wife would have been exceedingly proud of the players' work ethic and sportsmanship.

"What a tremendous energy and spirit, and it's good to know it will be an annual event," he said. "All who attended have memories of the event's competition, high levels of emotion and socializing with friends from the community and elsewhere."

He wished to thank the dozens of people who helped make the event possible including the coaching staff, concession volunteers, referees, students, official sponsors and students from the GISS leadership group.

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DRIVE TO THE HOOP: Gulf Islands Secondary School seniors boys basketball player Jordan Borth breaks through the defence during a 69-53 win over Thomas Haney in last week's Nairn Howe Memorial Tournament. Both the senior boys and the senior girls teams took the tops spots in the event. Photo by John Cameron

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Serious soccer players on Salt Spring who want to participate in this year's Super-Y League program are encouraged to check the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) website for tryout dates, which are now underway for U13 and some U14 players.

Trials began last week for the Vancouver Island U13 girls and boys squads, which have a different age cut-off than club soccer teams. Eligible players for U13 teams include all those born between August 1, 1993 and July 1, 1994.

Tryouts for these teams are taking place until the end of January at Colville field in Esquimalt.

Those playing club soccer on Saturdays are asked to attend try-outs on Sundays (January 21 and 28); while those playing league soccer on Sundays should attend Saturday tryouts (January 20 and 27).

All sessions run from 2:30

to 4 p.m.

Tryouts for older players will begin in March with dates appearing on the LISA website in mid-February.

Five Salt Spring soccer players have participated in the Y-League program over the past two years.

Running from May to the beginning of August, the league includes teams from the Lower Mainland, Washington and B.C. interior. Vancouver Island teams include players from both the lower and upper parts of the island, with practices often taking place in both Victoria and Nanaimo.

Cost of the program for the U13 squad is \$1,300 (which includes all travel and accommodation costs), or \$1,100 for those players who have uniforms from last year.

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Notices

6 DEATHS

RYLES, ARNOLD (SCOTTIE)
January 10, 2007



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a loving husband and father. Arnold was born in Aberdeen, Scotland on March 26, 1936. Predeceased by his first wife Marilyn and son Timothy. Arnold is survived by his loving wife Sylvia, daughters Sherry (Mike), Janice and Lynne (Robert), stepdaughter Susan (Curtis), stepson Edward (Ann), five grandsons, two granddaughters and sisters Molly in Victoria and Rita in England, along with numerous nieces and nephews. There will be no funeral at Arnold's request. Flowers are gratefully declined, instead please make your donation to the Victoria Parkinson's Foundation or Extended Care, Lady Minto Hospital.

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

NOLAN HARRIS BRAINERD
Born December 14, at 12:20 pm in Lady Minto weighing a perfect 9 lbs. Proud are parents Monica & Thomas Brainerd and big brother Arden. Thank you Terry, Maggie and Jackie for all you did!

6 DEATHS

GERALD ANGUS Mackenzie, born in Vancouver on January 28th, 1940, died suddenly at his home in Victoria on December 28th, 2006. He is survived and missed deeply by his family: sons Andrew (Sophie) and Christian (Erika), his former wife Lorraine, his brother Norman, sisters Kathie and Alexandra (Vere), and his father Angus (Lita). He was predeceased by his mother Kathleen in 1977. A true citizen of the world, Gerald was born in Vancouver but spent most of his life traveling throughout the Middle East, Africa, and Asia developing oil resources with Syracuse Oils Limited, Scimitar Oils Ltd and later Scimitar Hydrocarbons Corp (now Rally Energy), companies which he helped found. An avid golfer, Gerald enjoyed the game immensely and played for most of his life. Gerald's large heart and sharp wit will be remembered by all who met him and he will be missed greatly. A memorial service is planned for February - please contact Christian at 425-296-2579 for details. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Kidney Foundation in Gerald's honour.

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



PATRICK BEATTIE
Licensed Funeral Director

#22 Merchant Mews
Box 315, Ganges P.O.
SSI, V8K 2V9
Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

8 CARD OF THANKS

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Winners of the Japanese Garden Society raffle are: Barbara Jordan Knox - rustic furniture-Mearnie Summers; Brian Jewel - fish & chips - Seaside Restaurant; Caroline Withers - Tea Set - Natureworks; Peggy McDowell - Accupuncture - Kim Hanson; Gary Gibson & Lloyd Nicholson - catamaran excursion- Pahi Adventures; Jill Tarswell - books - local authors; Lisah Smith - one night - Cusheen Lake resort; Kathy Haffing - Hot stone massage - Solace Spa; Colleen Beliveau - cinema passes; Winston Martin - pottery - Rita Alexandra; Pip Moore - hair cut - Fiona Foster; Ariel - Shiatsu Massage Rumiko Kanesaka. Thanks to everyone for your support.

8 CARD OF THANKS

HEARTFELT THANKS to Drs. Barclay, Leavitt & Crossland; Home Care nurses Sharron, Nancy & Jane; the staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Alicia and all those who supported Stan, myself and family with kind words, thoughts & deeds. Rita Tweddle.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy 47th Birthday Leigh



Why did it take 40 years to return my rolors?

20 COMING EVENTS

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

ENJOY LIVE RAW DINNER & MOVIE

5 Course live raw meal; "The Peaceful Warrior" (Living in the Now), \$25 each. Discussions to follow the movie. Fri. Jan 19 - 6 pm. Reservations are a must!! 537-0634.

HEY DOGS!

TIME FOR basic dog training for new dogs or a refresher. 7 Wednesdays, Jan.31 to March.14. Sheri, certified dog trainer, 537-5646.

PREDATOR PROWL

SSI Conservancy talk & slides on the natural history of cougars, bears & wolves. With Bob Hansen & Danielle Thompson (Parks Canada). Fri., Jan. 19, 7 pm, Lions Hall.

FULFORD COMMUNITY Nature School Society needs your help! Valuable programming for Salt Spring Youth cannot happen without it. We are looking for interested people to join the board or just bring your enthusiastic ideas. Our A.G.M. will be held January 24 at 7 pm in the Fulford School Library. For more information call Johanna at 653-9383.

20 COMING EVENTS

South End Nia
Time to get in shape? Why not try something new? Fitness for the Whole Self - Great workout, great music, great stress relief. Blissful, sweaty fun! Wed. 7-8:15 pm The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd. beg. Jan 17. 653-9235.

HOMEOPATHY WORKSHOP for beginners. Saturday, January, 27th from 1 - 5, \$40. Learn common remedies for first aid with practitioner Karin Beviere BCH. Arbutus Therapy Center, 537-4728 to register.

4 POTTERY CLASSES for women with Rita Alexandra. In blocks of 4 x/ month. I will teach you skills on pottery wheels starting January 22. Mon. morning 10 - 12:30, evening 5 - 7:30. Tues. 10 - 12:30. Ten hours \$135 for teaching, clay included. Firing & glazing cost extra. For more info call 537-8981.

RELAY FOR LIFE!

THE CANADIAN Cancer Society Relay for Life is happening again on Salt Spring Island on June 22nd and 23rd. It was a wonderful, emotional community event last June that really touched the lives of everyone involved. If you would like to captain a team, join a team or become an active volunteer for the event, please call Margo Greggains at 537-8325 or email at mgreggains@bc.cancer.ca. Let's make Cancer History.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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

YOGA FLOW to DRUMBEAT
this Saturday eve
January 20, 7:00 PM
at the Gatehouse
653-9453
ALL LEVELS WELCOME
with Dorothy & Vikash

BINGO
MEADEN HALL
Royal Canadian Legion
THURSDAY January 18
Early Birds, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.
All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.



BURNS NIGHT
Saturday, Jan. 20
Meaden Hall
Entertainment
Legion Pipes and Drums
Youth Fiddlers & Members of the Scottish Country Dancers
Doors open at 6pm
Dinner at 7:15 pm
TICKETS \$25
Tickets @ the Legion Bar or call 537-1676

26 LEGAL

Notice that creditors and others having claims against the estate of John Matthew (Jack) DuMoulin of Saltspring, deceased, who died December 26, 2006 must file particulars thereof with the Executrix, B. DuMoulin, 116 Cairns Place, Saltspring by February 12, 2007.

29 LOST AND FOUND

STILL MISSING, my puffy down black hooded bomber jacket, lost around mid-November. BRRRRR! There was a key with a purple tag in one of the pockets. 537-5289.

PRAWNS OR Cash reward. Bucket of yellow and white rope last seen at Centennial dock. Russ Murcheson. 537-9475.

"LOST". FROM MY CAR last Wednesday, Green duffle bag containing gym and work clothes. If you've seen it, please call 537-4847. If you took it, it's a small island and I hope (for your sake) that I don't see my clothes walking around without me inside them.

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

AQUAFIT AT SUMMERSIDE

If you would like to loosen up stiff joints, relieve stress, or lose some pounds and have some fun, aquafit is for you! Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9 - 10 am. For more information, call Theresa @ 537-1867.

THE GREEN ROOM

IS NOW accepting quality children's clothing and shoes for consignment. Please call Joanne at 537-4340.

BABYLEGS

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ATTENTION:

SUDDEN/ TRAUMATIC -V- anticipated loss seminar with Randie Clark is rescheduled from 01/19/07 to Feb.9, 7 - 9p.m. Arbutus Therapy Centre.

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Lions Publications

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JAN. 20TH 7:30 P.M.
Discussion led by Steve Coopman
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LECTURE AND FOOD
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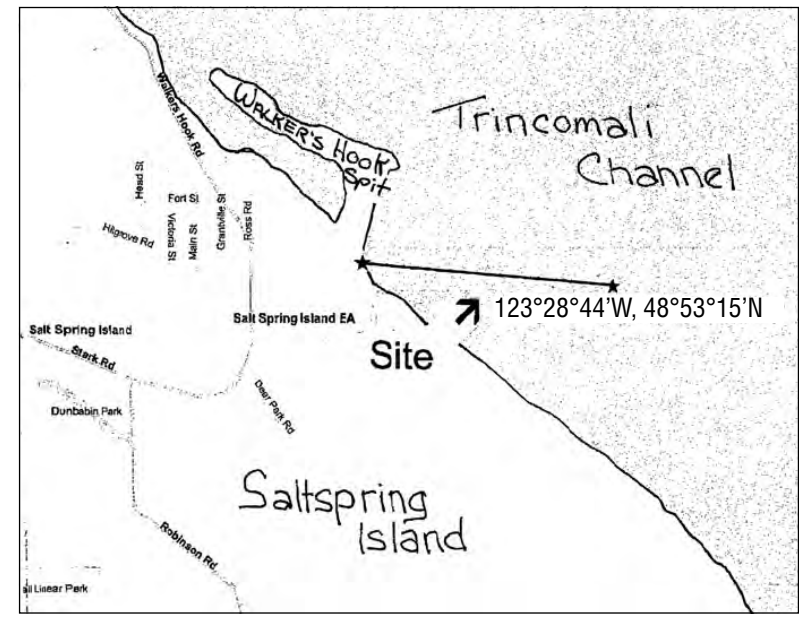
26 LEGAL

Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that **Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. of Salt Spring Island, BC**, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region office for a **Utility - Outfall** situated on Provincial Crown land located at **Trincomali Channel, Salt Spring Island, BC**.

The Land File Number that has been established for this application is **1412910**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9. Comments will be received by ILMB until **February 28, 2007**. ILMB may not be able to consider comment after this date. Please visit our website at: <http://www.sgf.gov.bc.ca/clad/index.html> under **Tenure Overview and Program Information** for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at Integrated Land Management Bureau's regional Office.



50 BUSINESS OPP

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55 HELP WANTED

HERITAGE PLACE NEEDS YOU! We would be grateful to have volunteers who would like to entertain by way of music, story telling, pictures & stories of interest, bird and wildlife presentations or other topics of interest. If you are interested, please call Carol Wiens, Administrator, at 537-8340.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM manager needed, minimum 2 year contract, degree in agricultural & environmental studies is required. Professional background in horticultural management & financial management is required. Must be self motivated, skilled and in excellent physical condition. Send resume to: Elizabethheyo@gmail.com.

Part-time Support Worker position at GIFTS. Experience working with adults with disabilities and providing transportation are required. Please send a cover letter and resumé to 152 McPhillips.

FULL TIME dock manager, boating or aircraft knowledge an asset, drivers license required. Send resume to Box # 7, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

FULFORD PUB now hiring a part-time line cook and a dishwasher/delivery driver. Apply with resume to Jeff. Also, part-time Beer & Wine store clerk and part time waitress required. Apply with resume.

SALT SPRING Coffee Company is looking for an enthusiastic new member of our administrative team: Customer Service and Administrative Assistant. This important position would include order taking, problem solving, filing, research, and reporting. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required. Experience with organized multi-tasking is required. Please send your resume and cover letter to Alicia Herbert: alicia@saltspringcoffee.com

P.T. PROCESS Servers req'd in Salt Spring Island. Valid D.L., clean driving record and criminal history check req'd. Suited, but not limited to, retired, semi-retired, or Process Servers. Please fax resume to (604)- 713- 7260.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE needed for a youth art program, Fridays at Fulford School. For more information call Johanna @ 653-9383.

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Beacon Community Services

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

In our Kitchen and Restaurant

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• Box 001 Driftwood
• Call Barry Edwards (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) 537-9339

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 - Computer system support
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- Strong computer skills, including, if possible, familiarity with graphic design software, QuickBooks, and Excel.
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 - A commitment to the performing and visual arts.

Please submit a resume and cover letter introducing yourself by January 19 to admin@artspring.ca or by mail or in person to 100 Jackson Ave, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V8



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FOR ALL your renovation and repair needs, phone the Jobman at 537-2262. No job is too small!

FRUIT TREE pruning, hedge trimming. Garden clean up and maintenance. 15 years experience. Doug 653-9292.

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351 MISC. WANTED

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Salt Spring Island Community Services

is collecting “new” items to be distributed at the

2ND ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT

February 6, 7, & 8

We need:

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Ferry Tickets

Info: Ranghild Flakstad 537-9176

Drop off at Salt Spring Island Community Services

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360 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

BEAUTIFUL OLD piano \$500. 653-9997.

370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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New 2 bdrm home

2 bthrm 4 appl

NS NP

\$1500 + util

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New 2 bdrm home

Close to town

1 bthrm

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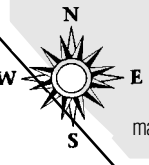
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Like a locomotive, a fiery and passionate drive finds you racing down the track. Your determination and ambition to rise to higher levels is evident. You are negotiable yet not too happy to compromise your goals and ambitions. You will even push others out of the way if you feel that they are blocking you or slowing your progress in any way. Mixed in there is a desire to make new friends and meet new and unusual people. At deeper levels you are wondering who you are and idealizing how you can achieve more in both your personal and public/professional life. You have a leadership role to play and now is the time to assert yourself and lead yourself and others to greater heights and new possibilities, whatever it takes!

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)

Balancing realism with optimism, practical reality with adventure is now in focus. Meeting this creative challenge will require that you gather the necessary tools and information and make certain key connections. Getting what you want now continues to include the support of others. Ideally you are open to solid, sound and realistic advice. This week is a good time to prepare the ground as the following month will offer you opportunities to get the attention you want from authority figures. Make your intentions and follow-through with setting and meeting your appointments. Perseverance has its own magic and this is one of those times that stubborn resolve and persistence stands to bring big returns.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You may be currently undergoing a transformational process of some kind. Outer realities are challenging you to let go of certain self concepts and habitual modes of perception. This is a call to surrender to what is and especially to those people and situations that are beyond your control. On the other hand, you may also pray and visualize what you want and if you do you may be surprised by the power of your own mind. The balance here is between realism and optimism due to the Sun and Mercury being in sober Capricorn. Be

careful of premature judgements and reactive behaviour over the next few weeks especially. This is an especially important time to listen and be willing to learn. See everything and everybody as your teacher and be willing to let go of control.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

A good deal of activity on relationship fronts will be keeping you busy these days. Acknowledging and facing your fears along this line continues as a central theme. Professional interests and/or issues surrounding your past performances, credentials and reputation are all likely themes. You may be busy at the negotiation table and find yourself making strong demands and vice versa with those with whom you are dealing. Overall your attitude is friendly yet cool and you are not in the mood to give in too easily. At deeper levels, you are being nudged to awaken to higher realities and to at least imaginatively entertain such concepts as reincarnation or spirituality in general. Negotiate for a more solid deal.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

The focus continues to be on health. While your own physical health concerns and aspirations are ideal and likely, emphasis is also upon the material world in general. Are you getting the returns you want and need? Being open to council, guidance and advise about how you can more effectively express your skills and talents and receive a healthy return for is another level of this basic energy pattern. It is quite possible that limiting conditioned beliefs are standing in the way of your greater success. Consider this and begin to ask yourself and others if this is so and how it shows and begin to make a list of things to do something about it. Outer actions combined with inner clearing of subconscious blocks will probably bring faster practical results.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

You are in a creative power cycle; hopefully you are making the most of it. This includes an ample measure of play balanced by work. If your work is play then

you will be busy. If not, managing your time well will be a top priority. Creating relationship patterns and lifestyle rhythms that give you more freedom yet still allow for a healthy measure of purposeful connections, intimacy and quality time with significant others is part of the plot. Letting old perceptions and self concepts melt away continues as a central theme and you are bound to be noticing this in your life. Trust this process and work with it consciously. Avoid worry and we willing to take calculated risks to achieve more in all areas of your life.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Consolidating your base close to home is now in focus. This implies honouring your individuality and associated needs and those of others. Beyond unique characteristics, we are all ever experiencing changes in our time rhythms and recognizing these in our own life and that of others is the first step to fair negotiations. This is a time of returns for you and this trend will continue through to fall so make efforts to give as you would want to receive. You will begin to take certain key initiatives to begin making changes that will affect both your home life and professional sphere. Avoid reaction and act with intention based on a practical evaluation of the bigger picture over the long term.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Getting real about things includes creative expressions and romantic relationships. The energy for both actually shares the same source and one can greatly inspire the other or be the very thing that blocks it. This apparent contradiction is all part of the mystery and complexity of love. Art and creativity are forms of love and the same energy can be expressed romantically. Realistic return from your energetic investment is the other side of the story. So, managing your energy and your time are both key themes as well. Looking to the bigger picture, you want to make choices that make you feel secure. Self enquiry may be necessary as well as reflecting upon what new skills you can learn and approaches you can take to progress.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Taking risks to expand your horizons should be keeping you busy in mind and body now. Every moment is an opportunity to learn and grow when we have the right attitude. Learning to go your own way somehow is a current theme. You are bound and determined to break through all lines of defence. Your will power is strong and you have the potential to overcome big obstacles. Your biggest stumbling block stands to be blame issues. Make sure you are not caught in that delusion – if you are there and involved then you must be responsible somehow. Thinking practically and keeping an open mind about the possibilities could bring you some very refreshing ideas, insights and plans of action over the next few weeks.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Summoning the faith to boldly venture forth is in the spotlight. Things are in place and you want to advance yet you may feel delayed. There are indications that this hesitation is warranted and will not last. You are probably attending to the inner work or behind the scenes preparations that are required for success. Have faith in your timing in this regard. We are still early in the game and you will be rolling in full force soon. Re-calibrating your overall approach in light of previous modes is probably at play, if only on inner levels. Prepare to make as many contacts as you can over the next few weeks and build up your network before actually committing yourself to full action. Strategize!

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

One more week of rest and inner preparation is the call before the pace really gets going so take heed. Your whole world is expanding and you are entertaining a host of inspiring potentialities. Some you will pursue and others you will let go according to your priorities and energy level. Building upon a brighter vision for the future asks that you keep your mind and imagination out of the past. New learning and lessons are all part of the cosmic script for you. Fortunately you feel bold and courageous to venture into the unknown. However, you may also feel a little shaky and unsure as well. To overcome this paradox, do not overanalyze things. Watch the signs and go with the flow with trust that life is communicating with you!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Freedom and discipline go hand in hand and that is the message for you to heed now. Your world is expanding now and the time is ripe to take some calculated risks. These include investments of time, energy and focus. Gaining the freedom you seek includes working inside and out. Inner work includes learning how to be your own best friend and how to be your own coach as well. Self talk and personal motivation are healthy activities. Vision, perseverance, discipline and follow-through are four legs of success. Look to the bigger picture of your life, review your objectives and outline a strategy that you can implement over the course of the winter. Include play and entertainment in your plan to win big!

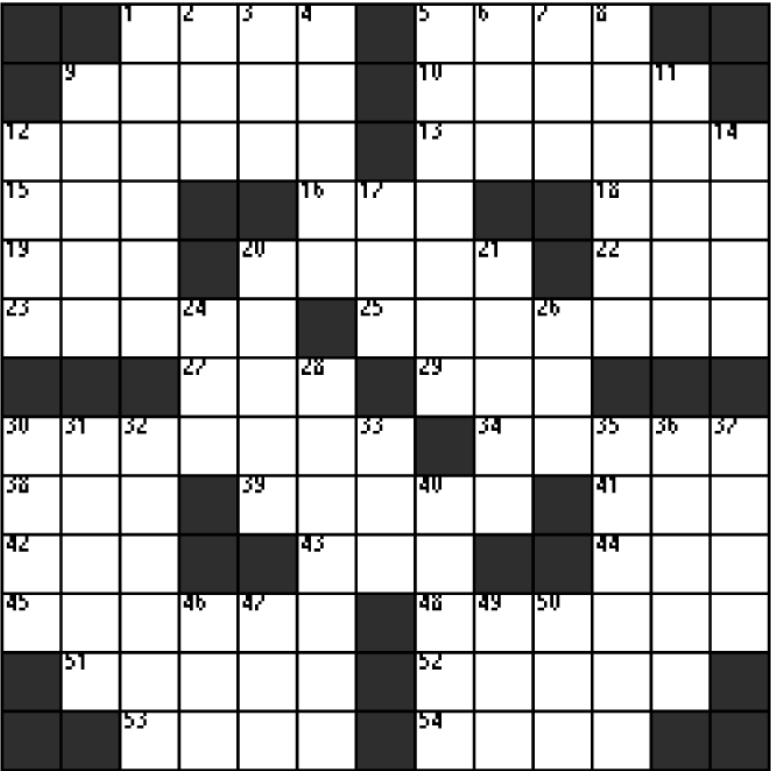
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Landed learning

Anyone who saw the film “Manufactured Landscapes” at The Fritz cinema recently is probably feeling as disturbed as I am after seeing what is happening in China to the landscape and its people as a result of rapid industrial growth.

Closer to home you may have read an article in a recent Globe and Mail B.C. section on a program at UBC for children called “Landed Learning.” Coordinator Mark Bomford is working to introduce children to farming with a hands-on experience. They learn that food doesn’t come from a supermarket but from the earth. This is a valuable contact with nature which will foster environmental sensitivity for the future.

However, the farm at UBC will only survive with public support. The site is listed as one of three “future housing reserves” in a plan released by the university and the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

UBC’s planning department is running an 18-month

campus and public consultation to find out how people want the land used. Brad Foster, a communications manager at UBC, says now is the time for those concerned to speak up. Please write to Joe Stott at UBC Campus and Community Planning, 2210 W. Mall, Vancouver V6T 1Z4, or online www.maincampus.ubc.ca.

KATHY ROBERTSON,
Goodrich Road

Thacker mystery

Elsie Thacker was named Salt Spring’s citizen of the year by the Chamber of Commerce, possibly in 1978. Neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the Gulf Islands Driftwood can give us an answer to the reason why or when Mrs. Thacker was awarded the title.

Mrs. Thacker was secretary of the Salt Spring Island Old Age Pensioners Organization (SSIOAPO) and provincially appointed counselor for the aging.

The Young at Heart (SSIOAPO) request the public’s help with any information or remembrance of the occasion. All records of the

OAPO mysteriously disappeared a decade ago.

RONALD MILTON,
Lower Ganges Road

New Year’s revolution?

The 2003 attack on Iraq was the catalyst for the formation of a local “peace circle” on Salt Spring.

Most weeks we meet for a couple hours and take turns speaking about what is on our minds, personal, political and personally political. We asked ourselves what our priorities for change are and what they would be, if we could magically make some policy changes by merely wishing them.

We need to mobilize ourselves, but not for war! Instead, we need to redirect human energies towards living sustainably. Rationing fossil fuels seems like a good place to start. To wean ourselves safely off of our addiction to such fuels, we’ll certainly need to stop squandering resources on an endless arms race. What about making it impossible for anyone to profit from weapons production?

But hey, privatizing water,

that priceless source of life and symbol of all that is most sacred and precious, is surely just as dangerous. And patenting life forms? The injustice, the dangers, are outrageous!

As we simply “terminate” some particularly horrible initiatives, let’s adopt others, such as full-cost pricing. This tool would enable us to bring in some of the externalities that the current pricing system ignores. Many things, from imported plastic Christmas baubles, to “disposable” computers, would become too pricey, and other things, such as local organic food, would be comparatively much more affordable.

We know, from personal experience, how important it is for individual action to be grounded in a commitment to respectful, peaceful relationships at the personal level. Yet it is clear that we can never achieve an ecologically and socially sustainable way of life without working collectively.

Clearly, there are tensions we need to work with, rather than seek to resolve them through a choice that would, necessarily, be unbalanced.

We need both to withdraw from the consumer culture we have grown up in and to engage collaboratively in changing that cultural context. We want to challenge the assumptions that lead us astray (such as the idea that nature is “resources” which we consume in order to live or that security is a matter of killing enemies) but we also want to work at a more immediate, concrete level, for instance, to stop the production of carcinogens, protect our forests, rivers and jobs from clear-cuts and the wholesale export of raw logs.

Do we have time to work on reforming the monetary and economic systems which result in criminally absurd disparities between rich and poor and cause the destruction of the planet that is our home and life support system? Likewise, our systems of government clearly need to be changed, but is there time? Well, work on any one of our priorities long and hard enough, and we will come up against these walls to progress, so we see that our “to do” list is virtually endless. There is no way we can do it all ourselves. So, we work

on whatever our talents and situation invites us to work on, aware that it is part of a wider web of wonderful work whose dimensions are so vast that we cannot know the outcome of all our collective efforts.

As Joanna Macy once said: “From our own life experience, we know there’s never a guarantee — whether we’re falling in love, or going into labour to birth a baby, or devoting ourselves to a piece of land, turning the soil and watching for rain. We don’t ask for proof that we’ll succeed and that everything will turn out as we want. We just go ahead, because life wants to live through us! . . . We might not pull it off. There’s no guarantee that this tremendous shift will kick in before our life support systems unravel irretrievably. Actually, the very fact that there’s no guarantee of success is what will draw forth our greatest courage and creativity . . . We could wait around forever before we act, trying to compute our chances of success. But our time to come alive is right now, on this edge of possibility.”

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Sablefin outfall proposal begs further investigation

By CHRIS ACHESON

After reading in the Driftwood about the proposed Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. need for an outfall and the comment by the Salt Spring trustees about how concerned they need to be, I thought I’d offer my viewpoint.

With the Islands Trust being officially opposed to the waste management permit, reviewing an amendment to it would need careful consideration and include

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a full review of the whole waste management project.

I also hope they remember all the hard work and the huge public outcry that was conveyed by the community trying to stop the placement of Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. on such a ecologically sensitive site.

It comes as no surprise that the hatchery has requested an outfall permit, as it would appear that the waste injection wells are failing.

Now would probably be a good time to remember some of the history that goes along with the fish farm hatchery. As opposition to the hatchery started to grow it became shockingly clear that this venture capital corporation was planning to

develop on environmentally sensitive land as identified by the Georgia Strait inventory and they planned to use the tombolo as a waste field. Also at this time the area was identified as an ancient burial ground and a village site of the Penelakut Indians known as Syuhe’mum (or “a place to catch up”).

You would have thought that with rare birds, rare plants, an environmentally sensitive area, ancient history, cultural significance and even the uniqueness of the tombolo’s geology it would have been sufficient to change the developers’ plans or stop waste management permits. But no, hundreds of letters, packed town hall meetings, a call for an environmental impact study and archeological impact assessment (AIA) by the Trust all fell upon deaf ears. Islanders were not going to be able to protect the land and when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee voted to oppose the waste management permit the provincial government ignored the Trust and our official community plan and special legislation.

Now identified as the worst possible place to build a fish farm hatchery, the developers went ahead anyway, digging up 13 First Nations gravesites and drilling injection wells and basically ignoring any concerns voiced by individuals in the community.

So off to court we went, the Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use (SSIRRLU), Penelakut Indians and the Canadian Sablefish Association (CSA) and, well, we lost there too. I like to think it was because we went after the wrong permit — the six-month temporary waste management permits instead of the permanent waste management permit. We were claiming long-term damages and the judges said the case before

them was only for the first six months. Judgment was handed down late, only days before the waste management permit was issued, giving us no chance for an appeal. All the thousands of dollars and hard work donated were lost on that day. I felt as close at that time to how Alexandra Morton must feel in her battle of the Broughton Archipelago. You know it is wrong but you can’t stop it.

This fish farm should never have been built here and using the tombolo as a waste field was just a cheap way of getting started that skirted any federal approval and public input. First their need was just a small exfiltration pond, then later it became two injection wells then their need was four more injection wells (drilled illegally), now it is an outfall. This project would never have been allowed if an outfall had been applied for originally.

So back to the affluent outfall and its problems. They can’t be taken lightly. It breaks down into four main categories:

- 1.Do we want another outfall on Salt Spring?
- 2.Environmental impact?
- 3.Siting?
4. What is the benefit to the community?

1. Do we want another outfall on Salt Spring?

That is for Salt Spring Islanders to decide.

2. Environment Impact?

This can only be determined by a comprehensive study that looks at the effects of pipeline construction and discharge on the marine organisms. Drugs, bacteria and exotic organism from finfish aquaculture have a much more negative effect on a marine environment than, say, human waste — because fish don’t catch the same diseases as we do.

The comprehensive study also needs to look at the efficiency of ultra-violet sterilization and test the hatchery’s claims that affluent will be 100 per cent sterilized.

There has been no independent analysis of the affluent coming out of this hatchery.

3. Siting?

It seems that the pipeline runs through the Walker Hook anchorage and the only anchorage for north-west winds on that side of Salt Spring Island further complicated by the fact that Walker’s Hook swimming beach is only accessible by boat. Vessel owners and fisherman will be liable for any damage done to this six - inch pipe by their gear.

Also, the distance from the swimming area to the dumpsite looks too close. In the new 2007 Canadian regulations a small vessel is not allowed to discharge any affluent from their vessel within two miles of land. Why then should this hatchery be allowed to discharge large amounts of the affluent within two miles of a public swimming beach?

4. What is the benefit to the community?

If this subdivision was originally being built needing access to the water it would be viewed as a waterfront development, in which case it would have to provide public access to the beach.

This should not be overlooked now if Sablefin obtained access to the beach for their outfall line, then they must also provide access for the public to its beach. There is no real benefit unless all the wells are removed off the archeological site. Allowing Sablefin to retain any wells on the archeological site does not protect the land from further development and resolves only half the issue. This is also an issue that needs to be discussed with the Penelakut people.

More information may be obtained at www.savewalk-erhook.com.

The writer is a member of SSIRRLU and a commercial fisherman.



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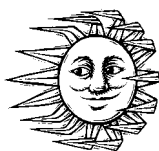
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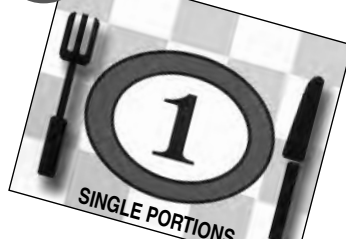
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Big dreams plant ecological education centre on Saturna

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

A new ecological education centre might soon grace Saturna Island, providing island students with new programs and facilities, and offering day, overnight and resident programs for visiting students and groups.

At Wednesday's School District 64 board meeting, the board granted superintendent Jeff Hopkins permission to form a group to research and plan the initial stages of the Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC).

SEEC is the brainchild of Saturna Island School principal Steve Dunsmuir. The centre was the topic of his recently completed thesis, which he wrote to complete his Master's degree in Environmental Education and Communication.

In the initial plan he submitted to the board, Dun-

smuir stated SEEC would ideally operate year-round in a self-sufficient "green development" site, teaching an ecologically friendly curriculum to students and operating in conjunction with the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning. Ultimately it would involve securing a piece of land and building a centre, cabins and washroom facilities.

Initially, however, the centre will likely operate out of the current school on Saturna, offering specialized programs for students throughout the district.

Hopkins is now gathering a task force to discuss potential ideas concerning curriculum, location and fundraising. He will report back to the board in March.

Programs could be up and running as early as fall, but Hopkins said he doesn't expect any major construction until spring of next year.

Although there are big dreams behind the project, Hopkins said little funding is required immediately.

"Everything we need is pretty much available now," he said, referring to the availability of water taxis to transport students, of staff that can be reassigned to the island if necessary, and of the island's ecosystems that are readily available for study.

In his report, Dunsmuir listed many benefits of SEEC, including: ensuring a school remains on the island despite declining enrollment; allowing students to interact with visiting students, giving them social and cultural diversity; attracting and keeping teachers on-island; promoting understanding and respect for the natural world, rather than the idea that nature can be exploited and conquered; as well as employment for locals and a boost to the economy.

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