

Island Wheels  
SEE PAGES B8-13

Easter Art Tour  
Second annual! SEE PAGE B3

Quilting Bee  
Photo spread on PAGE A12



\$1.25

# Driftwood

GULF ISLANDS

S.S.I. HISTORICAL ARCHIVES  
129 MCPHILLIPS AVE.  
SALT SPRING ISLAND BC V8K 2T6  
C-Comp

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 — YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960 48TH YEAR — ISSUE 12



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**GIFT OF WARMTH:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 president Kerry Butler presents 20 special blankets to Greenwoods resident Bill Moore and activities coordinator Carla Lalonde. Salt Spring's Legion branch is gearing up to celebrate 20 years in its current location.

## FIRE DISTRICT Island heads to polls for hall site

Ratepayers to consider land in April 21 vote

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire district trustees have voted to re-word a referendum question scheduled for April 21 based on delays in obtaining final design plans for a new Ganges fire hall.

Changes mean ratepayers will be asked to approve the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's decision to purchase a property at 300 Upper Ganges Road, intended as the site for a replacement hall, prior to receiving information about building costs and viewing final plans.

"The idea was to have one clear package, but we don't have that time luxury," fire trustee Tony Kennedy said during the district's monthly meeting Monday evening. "We are convinced that we need to replace fire hall no. 1 and, rather than run the risk of the site slipping away from us, ratepayers will be asked to approve the purchase of land."

The decision gives trustees, architects and contractors enough time to develop a proper design for a replacement hall, Kennedy added.

Should ratepayers grant approval for the site, a second referendum will be held on the final look and total cost of a new fire hall and associated training facilities. That vote is expected to occur before the end of 2008.

Trustees secured the right to purchase a 3.4-acre property at the intersection of Long Harbour

FIRE HALL continued on A2

### GASOLINE PRICES

## Salt Spring keeps suffering at pump

Still no clear explanation for price discrepancy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With Salt Spring Island gas prices once again ranked among the highest in the country, consumers can be forgiven for demanding some answers when it comes to filling up the tank.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the price of a litre of regular unleaded gasoline in Ganges came in at \$1.37.00. That's higher than Yellowknife, NWT (127.7), Labrador City, NL (129.1) Saturna Island (131.00), Tofino (117.0) and Crofton (115.9).

Despite the fact that Salt Spring gasoline prices remain nearly 20 cents above the provincial average, local retailers and a consumer watchdog remain at a loss to explain why there

is such a discrepancy between the price of gas on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island.

"I'd love to be the same price [as Sidney], but it just isn't possible," Sheep Island Fuels owner Bruce Patterson said. "We don't really have a lot of clout when it comes to negotiating the cost of fuel."

Factoring in the cost of staff and maintenance, Patterson said he is lucky to see two or three cents a litre of profit. With demand for gasoline at his station in Fulford Village dropping by roughly 25 per cent over the past year, it's getting increasingly difficult to justify his operation.

"As volume decreases, prices [to ship the fuel]

get higher," he said.

On Galiano, where gasoline is selling for 123.9 at the island's lone service station, owners barely see any revenue from fuel sales.

"We do it as a community service," said Galiano Garage and Liquor Store owner Kee Lee. "We don't make enough to make a living."

When gas station attendant Candida Kitka from Mayne Island heard the price of fuel on Salt Spring, she let out a "Yikes!"

"We're only charging 129.9 here," she said.

Occasional spur-of-the-moment sales, usually timed to precede fuel shipments to the island, offered by the station's new owner means patrons can sometimes gas up on Mayne for 108 cents per litre.

"We get people lined up and down the road,

GAS PRICES continued on A1

Grow your WEALTH

BMO Nesbitt Burns

Joni Ganderton  
Investment Advisor 537-1654

### INSERTS

- Ganges Village Market
- Home Hardware
- Thrifty Foods
- Ganges Pharmasave
- Fields
- Sears
- Ensign Chrysler

### INDEX

Arts.....	B1	Health.....	B14
Classifieds.....	B18	Horoscope.....	B21
Sudoku.....	B21	Letters.....	A9
Editorials.....	A8	Sports.....	A21
Ferry Schedules.....	A21	TV Listings.....	A19
		What's On.....	A18

North End Fitness  
537-5217

SANDRA SMITH

saltspringhomefinder.com  
537-5515

ROYAL LEPAGE  
SALT SPRING REALTY

10% off Tuesdays (some restrictions apply)

GANGES VILLAGE MARKET

100% Salt Spring owned and operated

OPEN DAILY 8am - 9pm  
Wed., March 19 - Mon., March 24, 08

TREE OF LIFE ORGANIC TOMATOES Your Choice

WHILE STOCKS LAST

4/\$5.00

BIG 796mL TIN

VOLUME BUY

MasterCard VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS

CANADA POST POSTES CANADA

MORTGAGE QUESTIONS?  
... ask Arlene

MORTGAGE DEPOT  
537-4090

# NEWSBEAT

## Island's fuel price math doesn't compute

**GAS PRICES**  
continued from A1

and boaters come over from Salt Spring to fill up," she said.

The Consumers' Association of Canada's Bruce Cran has spent the past 20 years trying to identify the reasons why gasoline prices are so volatile.

"When you find an answer, let me know," he said during an interview from his office in Tsawwassen (where gas cost 116.9 on Tuesday). "We are watching the situation closely, but there isn't a lot we can do."

Though Cran said the price of gasoline is often

impacted by factors such as competition, shipment sizes and frequency, and consumer demand, he sees little reason why gasoline prices on Salt Spring are so high.

"You're making us look good," he said. "That's a first."

He suggested the price paid at the pump could depend on the volume of fuel brought over to the island at any one time. The more volume retailers purchase, the better a deal they can expect to receive. Cran said he sees no reason why the price of gasoline should be any different than it is on Vancouver Island or the

mainland, other than transportation costs.

According to Columbia Fuels vice-president Bruce Nagel, the cost of transporting fuel to Salt Spring adds roughly three cents to the price per litre.

As a fuel carrier, he said, Columbia Fuels is not in a position to discuss contracts between gas station operators and fuel companies.

"Every market is probably unique and what is happening to crude oil right now is absolutely insane," he said.

Cran said the math doesn't account for the estimated 20 cent premium on Salt Spring gasoline, but he's got a feeling about who is

responsible.

Because retail profits are set at a fixed rate per litre, station owners have nothing to gain when it comes to rising prices.

"Don't go around beating up on your pump owner. Local retailers have no control over the pump itself," he said. "It's all in the hands of the government and a few oil companies. Try beating up on your MLA or your MP."

Successive federal governments have done little to alleviate the pressure on consumers.

"We are all being gouged. There's no two ways about it," he said.

### ISLANDS TRUST

## Trust Council approves budget increase

2008-09 budget surpasses \$6 million

Trustees meeting at the Islands Trust's quarterly council meeting on Hornby Island last week approved a 5.9 per cent Trust-wide budget increase for 2008-09.

The rise brings the Islands Trust's total annual budget to \$6.16 million. Property owners can expect to pay an additional \$3.69 per \$100,000 of their property's assessed values.

Trustees hope the increase will improve service delivery in areas including sustainable environment, healthy com-

munities and excellence in governance, according to a press release issued Monday.

Trust Council chair Kim Benson said the financial planning committee's recommendations were based on community input asking for stronger bylaw enforcement, better advocacy about island issues with other agencies and levels of government, improved service delivery and more public communication and consultation opportunities.

Nearly \$350,000 in non-discretionary costs include \$185,000 in salary and benefit increases for existing staff and \$80,000 for election costs.

## No fire hall site ideal

**FIRE HALL**  
continued from A1

and Upper Ganges roads by placing a \$14,000 non-refundable deposit on the \$540,000 parcel last month.

The decision to place a deposit was made during an in-camera meeting earlier this year.

"This was the term under which we could secure the property. We felt it was worthwhile doing and that's what we did," said fire board chair Michael Schubart.

Water and septic system costs are extra. Preliminary estimates discussed Monday were \$230,000 to access water from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and up to \$75,000 for the installation of a septic system.

Trustees anticipate some infrastructure costs could be recovered from neighbouring businesses and residences who wish to benefit from the extension of services.

Speaking from the audience during the meeting's public comments session, former district chair Ted Hinds argued the public needs to have more details about the overall project costs before a referendum.

"The point is that you stand the chance of having this property and not having the ratepayers approve the referendum for the building," he said.

Not only has the site been recommended by the architectural firm contracted to design the hall, the site fulfills most of the requirements trustees set out for a new property, including zoning, access, size and cost.

"It's not an ideal location, but there isn't an ideal location on Salt Spring," trustee Mark Wyatt said in response to public concerns made about potential traffic flow problems in the area. "When we looked at Rainbow Road, the public was up in arms about us driving over students. When we looked at the bowling alley, the fire trucks were going to be driving over seniors. The new site has potential problems two or three times a day [when the Long Harbour ferry arrives] and this is a problem we can overcome."

A public event with detailed information will be held before the April 21 vote.

**Honda CANADIAN CONSUMER SAVINGS EVENT**

Take advantage of powerful savings on these select Honda generators.



ONLY \$899 for the purchase of a Honda EU1600C Generator.

ONLY \$1,299 for the purchase of a Honda EU2000C Generator.

**SALE ENDS MARCH 31, 2008**

**HARBOURS END MARINE & EQUIPMENT**  
122 Upper Ganges Rd. at the head of Ganges Harbour  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Saturdays 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**537-4202**

**Tide Tables AT FULFORD HARBOUR**  
Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet  
sponsored by Harbours End Marine & Equipment Ltd.

**MARCH**

19 WE	05:16	3.2	10.5	11:04	2.1	6.9	16:02	2.7	8.9	22:26	1.1	3.6
20 TH	05:38	3.2	10.5	11:34	1.9	6.2	17:10	2.8	9.2	23:06	1.3	4.3
21 FR	05:57	3.1	10.2	12:04	1.6	5.2	18:11	2.8	9.2	23:44	1.6	5.2
22 SA	06:13	3.1	10.2	12:34	1.3	4.3	19:07	2.8	9.2			
23 SU	00:22	1.8	5.9	06:28	3.1	10.2	13:04	1.1	3.6	20:03	2.9	9.5
24 MO	01:02	2.1	6.9	06:44	3.1	10.2	13:36	1.0	3.3	21:00	2.9	9.5
25 TU	01:44	2.3	7.5	06:59	3.0	9.8	14:09	0.9	3.0	22:02	3.0	9.8

**THE Local Liquor Store**  
LOCALLY OWNED, LOCALLY OPERATED

**Think Global, Buy Local**



**Our selection is forever growing!!**

**THE LOCAL BAR EVENTS:**

**BUZZTIME** - get buzzed at The Local mini tournies - poker, trivia - prizes to be won!!

**BYOF** - Bring your own food and friends, enjoy a beverage and the view!! Free High Speed Internet available.

#108-149 FULFORD-GANGES RD.  
ON THE WATER BEHIND SAVE ON GAS  
**537-9463 (WINE)**  
WE'RE OPEN TILL 11 PM EVERY DAY

**Gulf Coast MATERIALS**

will be off-loading the gravel barge  
**Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2008**  
**SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE**  
**THIS MAY CAUSE**

**TYPES OF INSURANCE**

- Life Insurance
- Critical Illness Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Group Benefit packages
- Health & Welfare Trusts

Call for more information

**MAFALDA Hoogerdyk**  
537-1730  
oceanswest@telus.net

**OceansWest INSURANCE BROKERS**  
Grace Point Square

**Are you living on income, from your investments?**  
Are they tax efficient?  
Call a trusted local Professional



**BERKSHIRE SECURITIES INC.**

**Martin J. Hoogerdyk, CFP**  
Investment Advisor

**Rocky Kinahan**  
Sales Assistant

537-1730  
GRACE POINT SQUARE  
mhoogerdyk@berkshire.ca

**Seair SEAPLANES**  
Our Islands. Our World.



**We're all about the Islands**

- 6 scheduled flights daily between Ganges and Vancouver Airport
- Newest, fastest and quietest Seaplane fleet in Canada
- Free parking and free shuttle bus to main YVR terminal and bus exchange
- Frequent flyer discount
- Charter flights available to other destinations, including USA.

For scheduled flight info call **1-800-447-3247**  
or visit our website at **seairseaplanes.com**



**BOOK YOUR FLIGHT ON-LINE AND SAVE \$6.00 ON A RETURN TRIP AIRFARE.** As low as \$74 each way +GST

(Ganges ↔ Vancouver)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

# Vaccination — parents urged to research issues

Recent whooping cough cases re-ignite long-standing debate

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

*"Way down south not so very far off;  
A bluejay whooped with the whooping cough.  
He whooped so hard with the whooping cough;  
That he whooped his head and tail right off."*

That's the song Waldorf school teacher Kim Hunter has begun to sing with her nine students at A Child's Garden Preschool/Kindergarten as a way to calm some of their fears surrounding a health issue that has hit home for Salt Spring Island parents.

The eight lab-confirmed cases of pertussis (whooping cough) on Salt Spring during the last 21 days, all tied to preschool or school-aged children, has given parents reason to take a second look at the immunization debate. And dialogue is taking place surrounding the perceived risks and benefits of routine vaccines.

Last week, Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) personnel said they were concerned with the reported pertussis cases due to the number of children on Salt Spring who are not immunized, although they could not provide statistics. VIHA issued a letter to parents asking them to ensure their children's pertussis immunizations are up-to-date.

The B.C. routine immunization schedule offers the DTaP-IPV-Hib vaccine at ages 18 months, two, four and six for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and Haemophilus influenzae type B. Between the ages 14 and 16, students get a Tdap vaccine for tetanus, polio and pertussis.

Parents have the choice of opting out and a handful of them do. A number of Salt Spring parents remain opposed to childhood immunizations and in Hunter's class alone, two-thirds of the children are not immunized against pertussis.

"Whether or not to immunize your child is a personal choice," said Hunter. "I can't stand it when people are pressured one way or the other."

As a teacher, she has begun to worry that local health nurses are pressuring parents into immunizing their children.

Charmaine Enns, VIHA medical health officer, argues the role of the health nurse and other public health

officials is not to pressure parents but to give them factual information so they can make an informed choice. She said she agrees that everyone can choose to vaccinate their children or not, but medical studies show at least 90 per cent of a population must be immunized to prevent increased occurrences of the disease.

"When you don't maintain a high enough immunization rate in the population you see a breakthrough of disease," she said. "We've done such a good job of protecting against these diseases we've forgotten how serious they are."

Four North Vancouver Island communities have just experienced increased pertussis rates, she said. Cortes Island, Black Creek, Campbell River and Port Hardy are all communities where a portion of the population was not immunized or only partially immunized.

And on Salt Spring, all eight lab-confirmed cases are individuals who either missed their first vaccination at two months of age or have not fully completed the primary vaccination series.

"Vaccinations are a benefit to the individual and they protect society as a whole," said Enns.

But it is the medical community's focus on damage control at the population level that concerns parents like Hunter, who has chosen not to vaccinate her daughter. A death in her family which she believes was linked to a vaccine has given her reason to be cautious.

Parents fear mass vaccination programs prevail despite disquieting evidence that vaccinations pose risks at the individual level. The Vaccination Risk Awareness Network (VRAN) writes in a fact sheet that "Mass immunization . . . necessitates the belief that it is acceptable to sacrifice a few for the good of the majority."

Other key concerns among Canadian parents are

that vaccines contain foreign animal proteins and chemicals and preservatives like formaldehyde and aluminum phosphate. Fears exist that vaccines are linked to autism and autoimmune diseases.

A fact sheet from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) claims the risks associated with vaccines are not worse than the risks of the disease.

"It's not even close. Vaccine-preventable diseases can kill you."

Dr. Monika Naus, director of immunization at BCCDC, said, "What the providers told us is that many parents today live in a state of information overload. Anti-immunization messages and misperceptions are now so easily accessible through the Internet that it can be quite confusing for parents to know what to think."

Enns encourages parents to seek out credible sources to answer their questions.

PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES  
Some islanders fear more than a health nurse's needle when it comes to vaccinations.



## News briefs

### No Easter chocolates from RCMP

More than 10 impaired driving charges and several 24-hour driving suspensions have been issued by police in the last month. With impaired driving incidents on the rise, police will be cracking down on drunk drivers over the Easter long weekend.

"When people are in a holiday mood, rules don't apply in some people's mind," said

Corp. Kerry Howse.

With an influx of people expected on the island due to the holiday and the first Saturday market taking place, police will have zero tolerance for drinking and driving. They will also conduct late evening and early morning road checks.

"Police will be on full force this weekend," said Howse.

RCMP ask for community support by encouraging the use of taxi or designated driver services and stress that "safe roads and safe communities are everyone's concern and responsibility."

### Impaired and mischief reported

Police received a number of mischief complaints in the area of Sunset Drive and Sun Eagle Drive during a party held Saturday evening. Signs were damaged, a stop sign was knocked over and fence posts were knocked over or removed.

If anyone has information regarding who may have caused the damage, please contact Salt Spring RCMP or

Crimestoppers.

• A Saturday roadcheck resulted in a 51-year-old male driver being issued a 24-hour suspension at 12:52 a.m.

• Police attended a call at 6:02 a.m. Saturday morning after a pick-up truck had been running for some time near a ditch in the Ganges area.

Investigation resulted in a 20-year old Salt Spring male being detained and charged with impaired driving and over .08. The driver was released on a promise to appear in court in May.

### Ferry debit card released

A new wallet-sized electronic payment card, similar to a gift or debit card, is now available to B.C. Ferries passengers on participating routes that include Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour, Swartz Bay-Southern Gulf Islands and Vesuvius-Crofton routes.

The BC Ferries Experience Card, an alternative to tickets, gives passengers the ability to load the card with money that can be applied

to the cost of ferry travel.

Families, teams and other groups will be able to connect multiple cards on a single account or transfer money between them, said B.C. Ferries in a press release Tuesday. Loss protection, priority travel on major routes and reduced rates on some routes are features B.C. Ferries says the new card will offer.

A press release states, "Over time, customers can expect the B.C. Ferries Experience Card to offer even more new and exciting products . . ."

**HunterDouglas**  
WINDOW FASHIONS

Save Up to **40%** AND MORE!

- Silhouette Shades
- Luminette Shades
- Vignette Shades
- Woven Woods
- Wood Blinds
- Venetian Blinds
- Pleated Shades
- Roman Shades
- Vertical Blinds
- Cellular Blinds
- Roller Shades
- Motorization

INTRODUCING "PIROUETTE"

DRAPERY & UPHOLSTERY FABRICS

**25% OFF**  
A Large Selection

EASTERN ACCENTS  
BEDDING ENSEMBLES

**20% OFF**  
www.easternaccents.com

FREE SHOP AT HOME SERVICE  
2745 BRIDGE STREET

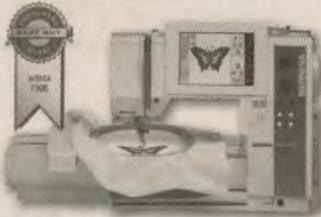
**RUFFELL & BROWN**  
INTERIORS

**384-1230**  
www.ruffell-brown.com

## SAWYER SEWING CENTRE

is Victoria's new BERNINA<sup>®</sup> dealer!

We welcome all current owners to drop in, introduce yourself and receive a FREE introductory gift. We look forward to serving you.



### SAWYER SEWING CENTRE

3400 Douglas • 1-888-229-2266  
www.sawyersewing.com

## Salt Spring Island Transit System Riders Guide

### 1 Ganges Local - Monday-Saturday

Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworth Place	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Rec. Centre	Ar. Visitor Info Centre
8:05	8:08	8:12	8:16	8:20	8:22
10:05	10:08	10:12	10:16	10:20	10:22
11:00	11:03	11:07	11:11	11:15	11:17
11:25	11:28	11:32	11:36	11:40	11:42
11:50	11:53	11:57	12:01	12:05	12:07
12:55	12:58	1:02	1:06	1:10	1:12
2:00	2:03	2:07	2:11	2:15	2:17
2:25	2:28	2:32	2:36	2:40	2:42
4:00	4:03	4:07	4:11	4:15	4:17
6:00	6:03	6:07	6:11	6:15	6:17

### 2 Fulford Harbour - Monday-Saturday

Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Fulford Hall	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Hall	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre
7:10*	7:16*	7:23*	7:27*	7:30*	7:40*	7:43*	7:47*	7:54*	8:00*
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

\*Operates weekdays only

### 3 Vesuvius - Monday-Saturday

Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre
6:30*	6:40*	6:45*	7:00*	7:05*	7:10*
8:30	8:40	8:45	9:00	9:05	9:10
12:15	12:25	12:30	12:45	12:50	12:55
2:30	2:40	2:45	3:00	3:05	3:10
4:30	4:40	4:45	5:00	5:05	5:10

\*Operates weekdays only

### 4 Long Harbour Loop - Monday-Saturday

Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Ar. Lx. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre
1:20*	1:30*	1:40*
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:50	3:00	3:10

\*Operates weekdays only

Contact us  
www.busonline.ca  
Bus Info ( 537-6758



Bus Schedule sponsored by  
**Neacol Miller**  
www.neacolmiller.com  
neacol@neacolmiller.com

**CHR CREEK HOUSE REALTY LTD.**  
Office (250) 537-5553 • Toll Free 1-888-608-5553 • Mobile 538-8318  
164 Fulford-Ganges Road

## NEWSBEAT

### TRANSIT

# Fernwood bus route in demand

North enders present petition for commission review

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North-end residents are petitioning the Salt Spring Island Transit and Transportation Commission to add a Fernwood bus route to the existing Salt Spring transit system.

Raven Street Market Cafe owner Richard Verhagen, who spearheaded the move, collected 125 signatures in 32 days after making the petition available in his cafe.

But the Capital Regional District (CRD) cannot say whether a Fernwood route is likely to run or not.

"It is too early to tell," said Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman.

Verhagen believes the island's north end will benefit if the transit system is expanded by adding stops at Fernwood and North Beach Road/Walker's Hook Road to the Vesuvius route.

He expects ridership will include people from all walks of life, including young families who live in

Maliview, seniors and his own 12-20 staff members.

Of those who signed the petition, Verhagen said about 70 per cent are seeking improved access to places of employment on the island and amenities in Ganges. The remaining 30 per cent are looking for a way to explore the island recreationally.

"People want to be a tourist on their own island. To walk the beaches, go for coffee and bus back after a couple hours without having to use their cars."

He also expects tourists and other Salt Spring residents to bus into the north end to visit key attractions like the Fernwood wharf and beaches, studio tour galleries, the Salt Springs Spa Resort and Walker's Hook Road.

As cafe owner, Verhagen has observed growth in the Fernwood neighbourhood over time.

"Fernwood Point beach is full of people all day every day. We've been here seven years and the beach has never been so popular."

Verhagen will submit the petition to the transportation commission along with a proposal in April. The

report, which will include some suggested route modifications, will demonstrate that ridership exists and why Fernwood warrants a bus route over other areas with large residential bases, like Channel Ridge.

Holman said there is no official number of signatures required. But to demonstrate demand, he said, "the more the better."

"Of course the commission will be looking at any petition seriously, but there are a number of considerations," said Holman, who explains cost of expansion, funding available and whether to expand existing transit routes or add new ones are aspects the commission will have to weigh.

"Would it be better to improve service on the main route serving the three main population centres or expand the route?" he asks.

What B.C. Transit recommends for summer service will also weigh into the transportation commission's plans. Holman said the Fulford route is a key priority due to projected traffic congestion and safety concerns during spring and summer, particularly on Saturday market days.

In the meantime, Verhagen will continue to seek public input on the Fernwood matter and will be collecting signatures until the

**"People want to be a tourist on their own island. To walk the beaches, go for coffee and bus back after a couple hours...."**

RICHARD VERHAGEN  
Owner, Raven Street Market Cafe

end of March. He said the community has been talking about a move like this for years.

"When will we get a route to Fernwood and Walker's Hook? We knew we wouldn't get a route right away, but I thought we could prove it enough to warrant one."

### FULFORD ISSUES

## South-enders seek high-speed solution to community's 'third-world' Internet status

Members tired of living in dial-up purgatory

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association (SSSPORA) hope a concerted effort will help expedite the arrival of high-speed internet access to parts of the island's south end.

"We are going to put on the pressure and make our concerns known," association president Ken Lee said in a telephone interview following the group's AGM last week. "I really feel we've waited long enough."

Lee said he hopes a series of new federal and provincial-government programs will entice providers to invest in the infrastructure upgrades needed for high-speed service.

Recent funding grants, he said, have brought service to "third-world communities" in remote parts of Vancouver Island and the Kootenays.

Fulford Elementary School received high-speed access under a similar government program implemented in 2004.

"Why can't the south end be considered third world too?" Lee said. "We are second-class citizens."

Only a small proportion of south-island households in and around Fulford village have access to high-speed internet services.

Installing wireless satellite networks can cost users upwards of \$200 per month, Lee said.

Not having access to high-speed service is an inconvenience and an impediment for operators of home-based businesses, he added.

A spokesperson for Telus said the company has no foreseeable plans to extend high-speed internet service to outlying areas of the island.

"It's certainly not an inexpensive commitment," Shawn Hall said Tuesday, adding that costs can range between hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars.

Priority is given to areas where connecting a given region makes economic sense through economies of scale.

"Geography, demographics and demand certainly make a difference," he said. "Demands by groups such as the one on Salt Spring is one of the things we take into account. If we see enough community demand, it's much easier to justify offering the service."

## NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT THE ELECTION OF ONE TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 15th, 2008 one trustee is to be elected to serve for a period of three years. Nominations of candidates for this position must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, March 24th, 2008.

### NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner or spouse of an owner of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Elections Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton  
General Manager

## PUBLIC MEETING

Akerman Farms Gravel Supply  
Jones Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.  
Application Under the Mines Act

A public information meeting will be held on  
Friday, April 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
at Fulford Community Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road

Regarding a proposed Gravel, Sand and Rock extraction/land reclamation project located at south end of Jones Road, Salt Spring Island, Section 62, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichian District.  
Parcel Identifier: 009-743-499

For further information contact  
Akerman Farms Gravel Supply, Patrick Akerman 250-653-4352  
Anyone interested in this application is invited to attend.

## ANTI-WAR PROTEST

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**RALLY CROWD:** Some of the estimated 150 people attending Saturday's rally in Centennial Park included Raging Grannies (the women with the fancy hats).



# Anti-war rally rouses islanders

Speakers call for peaceful, sustainable world

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of 150 Salt Springers joined protesters across the country on Saturday to demonstrate opposition to Canada's ongoing military presence in Afghanistan and the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

"This is an international day to protest the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," said event organizer Irene Wright. "We felt Salt Springers should take part."

The Saturday morning gathering in Centennial Park coincided with the fifth anniversary of president George Bush's decision to invade Iraq.

While numbers failed to match the roughly 1,000 island residents who marched through the streets of Ganges before the war

began in 2003, Wright said, the healthy turnout shows many islanders are steadfast in their opposition to the conflicts.

More than four-and-a-half years since president George Bush declared a U.S. victory in Iraq, an estimated 159,000 US soldiers remain stationed in the country.

For its part, Canada has an estimated 2,500 Canadian Forces personnel in Afghanistan.

"I can't believe what a long five years it has been," speaker Marion Pape said. "Our global system is dysfunctional and the system cannot be fixed; it needs to be transformed."

The weekend's protests coincided with parliament's decision on Thursday to extend Canada's military mission in Afghanistan to at least 2011 and Sunday's news of another combat death in that country.

One Canadian diplomat and 81 Canadian Forces sol-

diers have been killed since operations began in 2002.

Saanich-Gulf Islands election candidates representing the Liberal, NDP and Green parties added their voices to those opposing Canada's continued military role.

Singing a Pete Seeger inspired anti-war anthem, Phil Vernon called on Canadians to demand the federal government search for other ways to bring about peace in the troubled region.

"If you love Afghanistan, better ways to lend a hand," Vernon sang. "They need hospitals and schools, where love and justice rules."

Salt Spring's Raging Grannies warmed the spirits of those facing the day's bone-chilling breeze with a rousing performance of Take Me Out of the Bomb Game.

Students from the Gulf Islands Secondary School's Global Awareness group stressed the role of North American youth in creating

a world with fewer wars and less poverty.

Speakers were unanimous in their calls for the Canadian government to reconsider its commitment

**"If you love  
Afghanistan, better  
ways to lend a hand."**

PHIL VERNON  
Peace rally singer

to the Afghanistan conflict, arguing that Canadian forces could be of better use in a peacekeeping role.

"It is up to us to find solutions to the problems before us," said social-justice advocate Cherie Geauvreau. "It's our duty to inspire our leaders. Peace is free and it begins at home."

## VICTORIA CENTRE for DEPRESSIVE & ANXIETY DISORDERS

Dr. Robert Bingen Reg. #1275

Cognitive Therapy for ♦ DEPRESSION ♦ ANXIETY  
♦ ADDICTION ♦ TRAUMA ♦ BIPOLAR DISORDER

Toll-free: 1-877-677-6111

Weekly visits to Salt Spring Island

## Relocating to Mid Vancouver Island?

call **Dianne ANDREWS**  
B.A. DIP. ED.

Bus: 250-245-2252

Cell: 616-0322

ROYAL LEPAGE

NANAIMO REALTY  
Ladysmith Branch

www.midislandhorsecountry.com

## the direct airline

islanders can now enjoy the convenience of direct flights from Salt Spring to Downtown Vancouver and to the Vancouver Airport. One take off. One landing. And you are there. Call us to book your direct flight.

HERE IS OUR SCHEDULE  
VALID FROM MAR. 9<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

Direct Ganges to Downtown  
7:30 am Mon, 7:40 am Mon-Sat & 10:30 am Daily  
4:10 pm Daily & 4:40 pm Fri.

Direct Ganges to Van airport  
7:40 am Mon-Sat & 10:30 am Daily  
4:10 pm Daily

Direct Van airport to Ganges  
8:45 am Mon-Sat & 11:35 am Daily  
5:15 pm Daily

Direct Downtown to Ganges  
8:20 am Mon, 8:30 am Mon-Sat,  
11:20 am, 5:00 pm Daily & 5:30 pm Fri.



saltspringair.com  
250.537.9880

**FEBRUARY  
WINNER:  
Sandra Dittlof**



**You Who...?**  
Your name will be entered in a monthly draw for a return trip for one to Vancouver. Come to the SS Air office to enter, we are at: Grace Point Square

the islanders airline



## HOLIDAYS

### Driftwood news pages unaffected by holiday

While a long weekend is upon us, people wanting to get items into the March 26 issue of the Driftwood should not take a holiday from writing to the paper.

The Driftwood office is open and all staff will be working on Monday as usual, so letters to the editor, press releases or What's On notices should be submitted by Monday at noon for inclusion in the Driftwood, unless prior arrangements have been made with the editor. Send e-mail items to news@gulfislands.net.

However, because of the Good Friday holiday, display advertising deadlines have been moved up to Thursday, March 20 at noon. Classified ad deadlines remain the same as usual.

Not Your Daughter's Jeans®

flattens your tummy™

lift your butt

wear one size smaller

look and feel younger

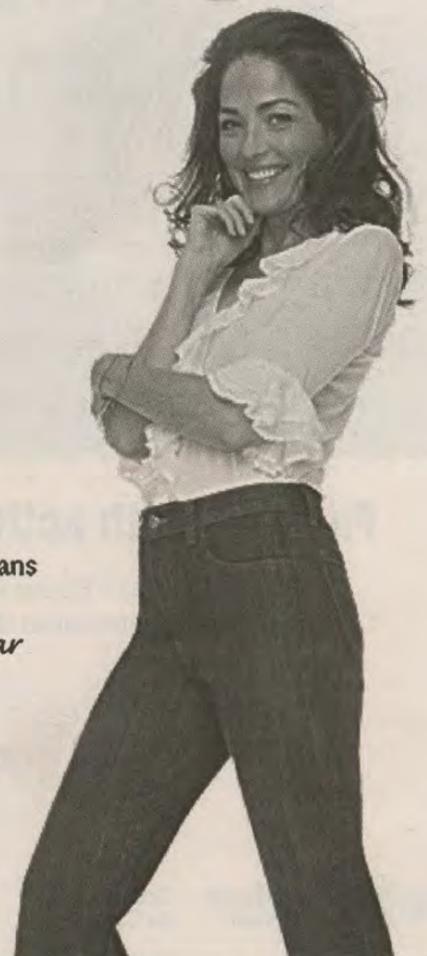
Makers Of  
**Tummy Tuck™ Jeans**  
Size 2-18,  
petite and regular

**Mouat's Clothing Co.**

7 days a week

Ganges

537-5551



## NEWSBEAT

# Judge grants bail to impaired driver

Crown seeks jail time for repeat offender

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Justice Brian MacKenzie ordered the release of Geoffrey Townsend on a \$3,500 surety ahead of a court appearance next month for two charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Crown counsel Pinder Cheema informed the court she will be seeking a period of incarceration due to the severity of the alleged offences.

"He's putting the public at risk," she said.

Salt Spring RCMP stopped Townsend along Fulford-Ganges Road on Feb. 24, 2008. He provided blood-alcohol readings of 0.240 and 0.230. Police issued Townsend an administrative driving prohibition, effective 21 days after the incident.

Police subsequently pulled Townsend over on the evening of March 9, whereupon he refused to cooperate with RCMP officers' demands for a breath sample. Arresting officers reported that Townsend smelled of alcohol, appeared unsteady on his feet and had several beer cans in the front of

## COURTDOCKET

his pick-up truck.

Townsend has five prior drinking and driving convictions, the most recent being a 2006 incident which resulted in a one-year driving prohibition. He is scheduled to issue a plea in Ganges court on April 8.

In other alcohol-related court news:

- The Crown dropped impaired driving charges against a Salt Spring Island woman after she pleaded guilty to obstructing a police officer in connection with an August 2007 incident.

Valerie Tudor admitted to drinking four glasses of wine earlier in the evening, but refused to cooperate with police when stopped at a roadblock set up on Fulford-Ganges Road at 11:30 p.m.

Police records presented during court proceedings indicated that Tudor was uncooperative with police, reportedly throwing her coffee to the ground and threatening to harm the arresting officer when she was refused permission to smoke a cigarette.

Tudor's lawyer argued that her client suffered a panic attack when ordered to stop her vehicle. Tudor said she feared the consequences of a criminal record on her home-decorating business, which requires her to travel extensively to the United States.

Crown counsel Cheema said she agreed with the conditional discharge and six-month probation order since this was Tudor's first run-in with the law.

"It was a very bad day," Tudor told the court.

- A Salt Spring Island man will have to pay a \$750 fine and live with a one-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

"I know I could beat this if I had the \$5,000 for a lawyer, but I don't so I don't really have a choice," David Barnard told the court at Ganges last week.

RCMP officers stopped Barnard on Nov. 26, 2005 after observing the truck he was driving skid off the road and come to a rest along a gravel side road.

RCMP officers reported that Barnard was "argumentative and uncooperative." He provided blood-alcohol readings

of 0.180 and 0.190.

"I've got a feeling I'll be walking for a while," Barnard said.

- A 22-year-old Salt Spring Island native working in northern Alberta received a one-year driving prohibition and a \$600 fine after he pleaded guilty to the dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

RCMP stopped Riley Reid at 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 24, 2006 after observing him leave Moby's Pub.

Police detected an odour of alcohol, Reid failed a roadside screening device and he provided two blood-alcohol samples of 0.140.

Defence sought a conditional discharge on the grounds his client fears the consequences of a criminal record on his plans to travel abroad with his girlfriend later this year.

"A criminal record will affect him," lawyer Thomas Bulmer said. "He and his family have taken this issue very seriously."

Justice MacKenzie said he saw no reason to issue a lighter sentence given the circumstances.

"While it may be in his interest, it is certainly not in the interests of the public to grant a conditional discharge."

## COURT

# Grow operator nails conditional discharge

Neighbours claim they had plant-growing competition

Justice Brian MacKenzie issued a conditional discharge to a Salt Spring Island man who pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court last week to the production of a controlled substance.

Calling the case's circumstances "unique and bizarre," Justice Mackenzie ordered Kornelise Cahais to perform 25 hours of community service and abide by conditions of a six-month probation period.

RCMP officers located Cahais' outdoor grow operation following aerial surveillance conducted in August 2007. Court heard that Cahais' 20 plants were part of a significantly larger operation taking place on the acreage where he was a tenant.

"It is not in his lifestyle to consume this," defence lawyer Thomas Bulmer told the court. "It appears a competition developed between him and his landlord in terms of how big they could make these things."

Cahais' landlord received a conditional discharge after pleading guilty in February to her role in the operation.

- A Salt Spring Island resident will have to pay \$175 in fines after pleading guilty to two counts of possessing marijuana.

Salt Spring RCMP officers discovered three grams of marijuana on Robert Paterson while they were on patrol in Centennial Park in March 2007 and Jan. 11, 2008.

"It was just me being dumb," Paterson told the court.

## 2007 Tax Savings for Active Children

Jessica's parents **save on taxes** with her hockey registration costs

Alyssa's parents **save on taxes** with her ballet lessons

Omar's parents **save on taxes** with his baseball registration costs

Nathan's parents **save on taxes** with his karate training costs

### Families with active kids benefit from the Children's Fitness Amount

With the Children's Fitness Amount, parents can claim up to \$500 per child for registration in certain physical activity programs. Find out more information about the Children's Fitness Amount or other tax savings programs and how they benefit you by visiting:

**canada.gc.ca/taxinfo**  
or call 1-800-959-8281 TTY: 1-800-665-0354

**Physical Activity – It's for Life!**



Government  
of Canada

Gouvernement  
du Canada

Canada

GEOGRAPHY

# New name proposed for Georgia Strait

Purveyor of Salish Sea agrees with suggestion

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Writer and geographer Briony Penn finds it curious that maps name minutiae water bodies and channels, yet neglect to name the whole.

She said she is pleased that the "Salish Sea" is a name being considered in B.C., with the encouragement of Gordon Campbell, to describe the combined waters of the Strait of Georgia, Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound and other smaller water bodies like the Trincomali Channel.

"If you don't name something, you can't protect it," she said.

Aiming to give a regional identity to the group of water bodies, Penn's fellow natu-

ralist Bert Webber, a marine biologist from Bellingham, has been advocating the name since 1988.

While working on a multi-agency project that monitored the dispersal of oil in the inland sea, Webber found it difficult to describe oil patterns when there was no name to give to the water bodies as a whole.

Penn recalls Webber saying how ridiculous it was to have to list the bodies' individual names, just to describe the single area being monitored.

In Victoria and on the Gulf Islands, Penn has been nudging the name into various circles of dialogue in hopes that the "Salish Sea" would eventually become commonplace.

She gave Victoria its first taste of the "Salish Sea" in her Monday Magazine column in 1995. And on the Gulf Islands, she was a key force behind the Islands in the

Salish Sea community mapping project and provided outreach in schools through Parks Canada's Salish Sea Project. In addition, she co-wrote a song about the Salish Sea which was taught to children throughout the Gulf Islands.

The name has been dropped both in B.C. and the U.S. and while Penn has had a hand in helping the Gulf Islands community warm up to it, the Sencoten-speaking peoples (a Coast Salish dialect) have also been advocating the name.

After a First Nations Summit in early March, Aboriginal Relations Minister Mike de Jong promised to take the idea to the cabinet. A Globe and Mail article reports Mr. Campbell welcomed the discussion and called the idea "a matter of political respect" for the region's native history.

"I think it's a great idea and

it's best coming from First Nations," said Penn.

But Penn said the Salish Sea idea is more than a matter of political respect. Lessons can be taken from the Coast Salish traditional way of treating the water bodies as a single entity.

"The Coast Salish people used to think of themselves as a cohesive regional group," said Penn. "They called it the salt water. They lived on the sea and it was their whole world."

Today, the sea and its shores provide vital habitat for the millions of birds that migrate each year along the Pacific Flyway and five species of salmon use the waters as the gateway to their spawning grounds.

The all-embracing name allows these larger biological patterns to be observed as a whole and gives people a way of gauging their impact on it as a whole.

When you need a lawyer for quality representation...  
Call Keith Oliver, BSc, LLB

Litigation:

- Civil and Criminal
- Estate and Will disputes
- Real Estate Claims
- Construction, Lien claims



Keith Oliver

Since 1980,  
at all levels of Court

Salt Spring Island: (250) 537-8511  
Cell phone: 604-290-6375

CREEKSIDE CAMPAIGN

## Island professionals urge Creekside funds

\$75,000 still needed

Challenge fever has taken hold in the Creekside Rainforest campaign, with four more individuals from specific professions encouraging colleagues to match their donation level.

Campaign coordinator Maureen Moore said on Monday the new magic Creekside number is \$75,000.

Massage therapist Kelly Johnson is challenging all healthcare and body-work practitioners to contribute the equivalent cost of a treatment or part treatment.

Her husband Lionel Johnson, who is a financial advisor with Canaccord Capital in Victoria, challenges those in his profession to donate \$500.

Tina Kempling of Image That Graphics is challenging graphic design and

print firms to donate \$100, while Pretzel Motors has put a \$200 challenge to all other automotive repair garages.

Other recent contributions include \$311 raised by islander Trish Maddison through a garage sale.

As well, an anonymous benefactor has made the March 19 Ian Tamblyn concert at Central Hall benefit the Creekside campaign completely by covering all expenses up front.

CARE

CAREER ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYMENT

FREE Registration gives you access to:

- Individualized Employment Counselling
- Resume and Cover Letter Development
- Computers and Internet
- Workshops – Onsite and Online
- Photocopying and Faxing
- Job Postings

Contact your local CARE office for more information!

Saanich: (250) 658-4222  
Sidney: (250) 656-4330  
Gulf Islands: (250) 537-8562

Canada

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2008  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Harbour House Hotel (Green Room)

Members of the public are invited to attend the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee meeting. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with the Committee or with BC Ferries, please contact the chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting.

Harold Swierenga, Chair  
Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee  
250-653-4950 or [hswierenga@ssisland.com](mailto:hswierenga@ssisland.com)

Amar Johal, BC Ferries  
Director, Sales & Community Relations  
604-948-3577 or [amar.johal@bcferries.com](mailto:amar.johal@bcferries.com)

Minutes of the Committee meetings are available on the BC Ferries website:  
[www.bcferries.com/about/public\\_consult/bcf\\_fac/](http://www.bcferries.com/about/public_consult/bcf_fac/)



## LOBSTERFEST



Choose from a selection of lobster favourites:

- Fire grilled sirloin & lobster combinations
- Lobster & Shrimp Halibut
- Lobster Tails
- Lobster Ravioli
- Lobster and Shrimp Tacos
- Lobster and Shrimp Quesadillas
- Lobster Bisque
- Plus many more!

Grilled Sirloin with topped with Lobster Thermidor

with this coupon  
**\$18<sup>99</sup>**  
a savings of  
**\$8**

Offer valid till April 8/08  
May not be used in combination with any other offer.  
Maximum of 2 people per coupon & 2 coupons per table

Lobster & Shrimp Topped Pacific Halibut

with this coupon  
**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
a savings of  
**\$8**

Offer valid till April 8/08  
May not be used in combination with any other offer.  
Maximum of 2 people per coupon & 2 coupons per table

The Oystercatcher

FISH • GRILL • VIEW

Call for Reservations 537-5041

# Opinion

Special Section Award, *Aqua*, GOLD  
 Best Tourism and Recreation Guide Award, *The Gulf Islander*, SILVER  
 Best Website Design Award, *www.gulfislands.net*, SILVER  
 Ma Murray Community Service Award, *Breaking the Family Violence Circle*, BRONZE  
**2007 British Columbia Yukon Community Newspaper Association Awards**  
 Best Special Section, *Aqua*, GOLD • Best Christmas Edition, *Aqua*, GOLD • Best Ad Design, *Pegasus Gallery*, GOLD  
 Best In-house Ad Campaign, *TGIF Launch*, GOLD • Best Business Writing Award, *Aqua*, SILVER  
 Best All Round Newspaper, *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, BRONZE • Best Feature Series, *Galiano Fire*, BRONZE  
**2007 Canadian Community Newspaper Association Awards**



EDITORIAL

## Getting hosed

**S**alt Spring Islanders have long been “chosen ones” when it comes to paying more for gasoline than anyone else in Canada.

Year after we've seen more remote islands and parts of the country, and those with no competition at all, pay considerably less than we do.

A litre of regular gasoline cost at least \$1.37 in Ganges on Tuesday, while on truly remote Saturna Island, where there's no competition at all, the same quantity was valued at \$1.31. Way out yonder in Tofino it was \$1.17 — a full 20 cents less than on Salt Spring.

With the actual cost to transport fuel to Salt Spring pegged at three cents a litre, we're down to 17 cents difference.

Our question is: who's getting that 17 cents — and why?

It takes just as much driving time to deliver fuel to communities on the west coast of Vancouver Island or even more remote parts of the province, so arguments about truck drivers having to spend time waiting for dangerous cargo sailings don't wash.

The most frustrating part about this for islanders is that no one is willing to provide an explanation. Local retailers say they don't really make any money on fuel sales regardless of the price. They're not raking in the profits from higher prices — and we believe them.

Over the years the Driftwood has talked to officials in all segments of the industry, and even government when an allegation of price fixing was made, and no one has fessed up to explain why Salt Spring residents are expected to pay so much more for gasoline.

An argument can be made that higher fuel prices will reduce consumption and vehicle driving, which is a good thing — and as long as the infrastructure is in place to give people real alternatives — that's true.

But we know those providing the substance to us aren't interested in having us use less of it. That's like saying distilleries raise their prices to discourage consumption.

Others point out that a 20 cent per litre differential only amounts to \$8 on a tank of gas, so what's the big deal anyway?

The real issue is the basic unfairness and lack of honesty about this issue. Salt Spring residents deserve an explanation from those who supply our local gas stations. If it makes sense, we'll buy it.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

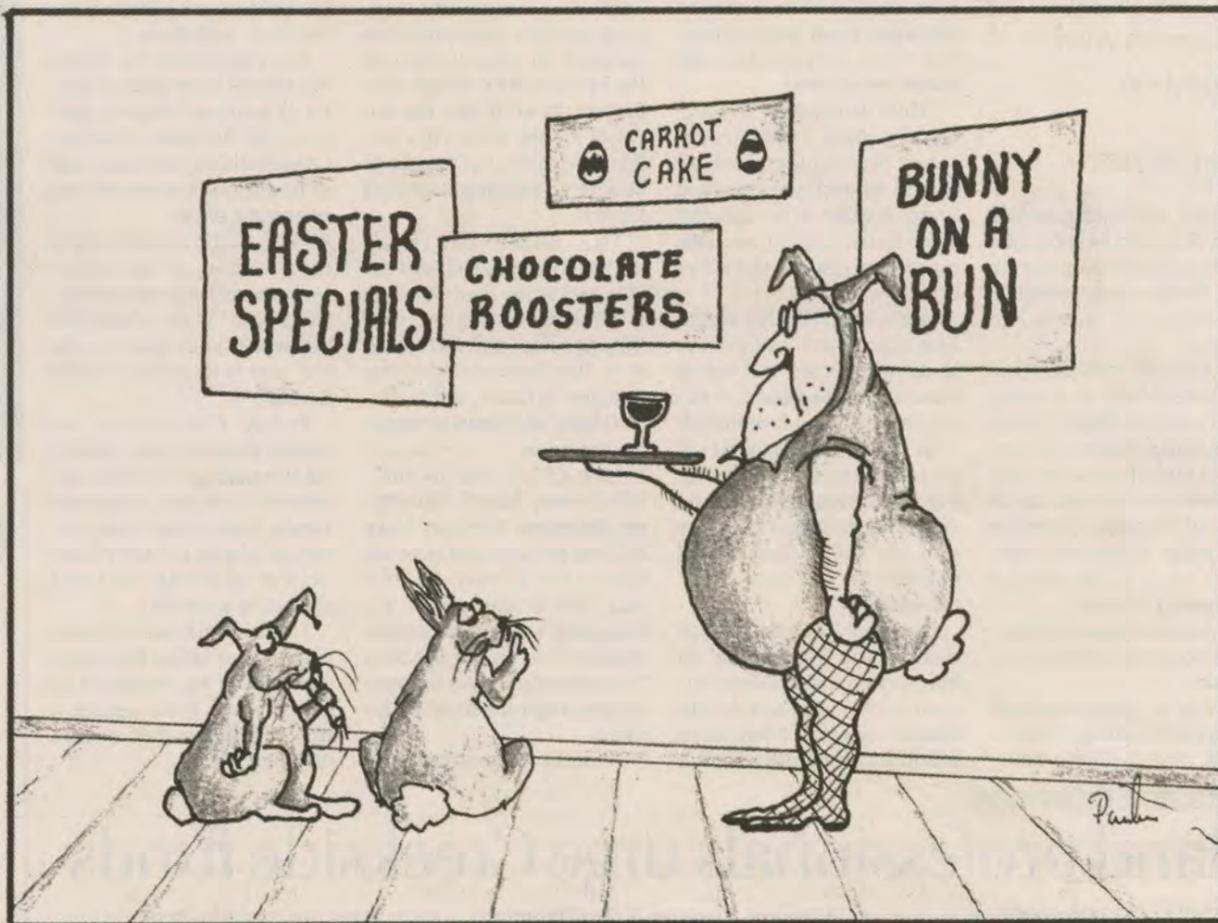
**Do you still fill your gas tank on Salt Spring?**  Yes  No

Cast your ballot online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should the Strait of Georgia be renamed the Salish Sea?**

YES	8
NO	29



## ISG ad campaign still rankles

BY GARY HOLMAN

Islanders for Self(ish) Government (ISG) continues its wacky, well-funded misinformation campaign.

The group's last ad claims that an incorporated Salt Spring would have improved eligibility for infrastructure and other grants. But since 2002, Salt Spring has received almost \$20 million in senior government funding for new water and sewer treatment facilities, our new indoor pool, affordable and seniors housing, and upgrades to Lady Minto Hospital. We will also receive over \$100,000 per year, in perpetuity, to operate our new public transit service.

Does eligibility for government grants seem like a problem to you?

ISG states the half truth that a municipality can set road standards, but fails to mention that for this privilege, Salt Spring would assume responsibility for 300 km of poorly built, poorly maintained roads.

Since climate change experts are predicting increased frequency of severe storms with resulting road damage, does taking over a poorly built road system seem like a good idea? ISG cites the 2002 incorporation study in claiming a municipality would have lower planning costs.

This would be achieved by slashing support for planning elsewhere in the Trust, even though other Trust islands pay taxes to support Salt Spring's high school and hospital.

But ISG conveniently ignores the overall conclusion of the 2002 study that taxes on Salt Spring would increase by up to \$200 per household per year, even after the savings from renegeing on our responsibilities to other Trust islands. Why? Because of additional road and administration costs associ-

### VIEWPOINT

“... since 2002, Salt Spring has received almost \$20 million in senior government funding.”

ated with a municipality.

The 2002 incorporation study did refer to the “greater financial flexibility” of municipalities, but unlike ISG, the study author had the integrity to make clear that municipalities have the authority to shift the property tax burden from commercial properties to homeowners and can more easily raise taxes.

One of the first acts of the new municipality on Bowen was to shift property taxes from commercial to residential properties. And remember ISG president Ken Marr's complaint about the number of referenda and counter petitions held on Salt Spring over the last five years? In the brave new world of a municipality, direct taxpayer assent for new borrowing or new services won't be as necessary. This is a good thing?

The two current trustees and myself were elected with a mandate to make our rural system of governance work rather than pursue incorporation, and we have lived up to that promise.

Rather than respect the election outcome, ISG continues its hypocritical lobbying of the province to reject the Islands Trust proposal for greater Salt Spring representation locally and on Trust Council.

ISG pays lip service to the Trust mandate, but the 2002 incorporation report made clear that a municipality can end-run the Trust. The Bowen experience is that the Trust has virtually disappeared from the local scene.

Do you really believe that ISG is propagandizing for incorporation to further the “preserve and protect” mandate?

The writer is Salt Spring's electoral area director in the Capital Regional District.

## Driftwood

Published every Wednesday by Driftwood Publishing Ltd.  
 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3  
 Phone: 250-537-9933 Fax: 250-537-2613 Toll Free: 1-877-537-9934  
 Email: [driftwood@gulfislands.net](mailto:driftwood@gulfislands.net) Website: [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com)  
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

**Yearly Subscription Rates:**  
 In the Gulf Islands \$49.88\* Elsewhere in Canada \$84.00\*  
 Six months elsewhere in Canada \$58.30\* Outside Canada \$179.00  
 \* Includes GST

This newspaper acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada, through the Publications Assistance Program (PAP), toward its mailing costs. Publications Mail Registration No. 08149



**Peter McCully**  
 PUBLISHER  
[sales@gulfislands.net](mailto:sales@gulfislands.net)



**Gail Sjuberg**  
 MANAGING EDITOR  
[news@gulfislands.net](mailto:news@gulfislands.net)



**Lorraine Sullivan**  
 PRODUCTION MANAGER  
[production@gulfislands.net](mailto:production@gulfislands.net)



**Eva Kuhn**  
 OFFICE MANAGER  
[ekuhn@gulfislands.net](mailto:ekuhn@gulfislands.net)



**Claudia French**  
 CIRCULATION  
[cfrench@gulfislands.net](mailto:cfrench@gulfislands.net)

**President:** Frank Richards **Editorial:** Sean McIntyre, Amy Geddes, Susan Lundy, Derrick Lundy, Elizabeth Nolan, Meghan Howcroft  
**Production:** Kaye Segee, Emma Yardley, **Advertising:** Rick MacKinnon, Tracy Stibbards, Andrea Rabinovitch, Karen Hepp  
**Accounting/Circulation:** Kim Young



## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What is your opinion on getting vaccinated against diseases?



**SUNNY SAYER**

*I'm for immunization, but it has gone overboard with the chicken pox vaccination. My son's not getting that one, but he has everything else.*



**PAM BECK**

*I have a mixed opinion.*



**JAN COOK**

*I never used to believe in it, but after seeing a PBS show I see how worldwide epidemics are prevented by it.*



**JOHN FOLEY**

*It's your own personal choice.*



**GEOFF FISHLEIGH**

*If you're not planning on leaving the country I don't think it's necessary.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Use cheques for housing

While reading Monday Magazine last week I learned that this June every taxpaying B.C. citizen will receive, by mail, a cheque for \$100, essentially courtesy of ourselves.

This is not a good thing. Each of us could easily find a use for \$100, but with 10,000 to 11,000 residents here on island we could redirect those funds and send the message that we are not "buying it." Let us instead insist that Salt Spring Islanders' payoff be delivered in total so that we can resolve the housing issues that are threatening the form and function of our diverse community.

Shame on our government leaders for not recognizing on their own that \$40 million is tantamount to housing B.C.'s homeless.

Affordable, assisted care

and co-operative housing, as well as an emergency shelter for the entire winter are required. This is simply a fact of life; across the rest of Canada, around B.C. and right here on beautiful Salt Spring Island. Our country needs to acknowledge it and our province needs to come to terms with it because Canadians have a right to count on it and therefore we need to provide it.

I intend to designate my \$100 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Humans and I invite like-minded islanders to rise to the greater good and utilize this opportunity to remind government of their role by setting a humanitarian example, individually and collectively.

Let's rally and show our premier how to govern respectfully and how to spend our money on something real, rather than squandering it on a fraudulent "feel good" program

that does little but insult our collective intelligence.

**TRACY SMITH,**  
SALT SPRING

### Park and ride

Perhaps the next island count could be the numbers of automobiles travelling on the roads, rather than the potholes. ("Organizers release pothole stats," March 12 Driftwood.)

The average household on Salt Spring makes 6.65 trips per day, according to Capital Regional District statistics. At a minimum amount, islanders are spending over \$90,000 a day to use their automobiles here on Salt Spring. That money could support quite a fleet of small vans that could get people all around the island, from early a.m. to late p.m. seven days a week, and provide more employment right here.

Take the bus. Go for more public transit. Park and ride and reduce the number of

potholes and toxic emissions from driving.

**M.L. JOHNSTONE,**  
LOWER GANGES ROAD

### Bus rolling

The Salt Spring Island Transit and Transportation Commission (SSITTC) is pleased to report that islanders have taken enthusiastically to the community bus service that began on Jan. 7.

Despite cautions from BC Transit that new systems often have very few riders in early weeks and months, and that ridership builds slowly, our buses have carried over 4,000 people in the first two months of service.

During the first week people climbed aboard the bus 469 times. During the eighth week (the first week of March), the number of trips rose to 599, an increase of about 28 per cent, suggesting that community interest and confidence in the transit system is growing.

All routes show a steady growth, although the most popular run is the Fulford-Ganges run, which is carrying over 50 per cent of bus passengers on four round trips daily (except Sunday). Riders will be pleased to know that a summer season Saturday expansion is part of BC Transit's commitment and will go into effect in late spring or early summer. However, there are no funds at this time for other expansions.

Comments on how the service is working can be e-mailed to the contracted operator, Ineke de Jong at [sstransit@telus.net](mailto:sstransit@telus.net). Ineke can also be reached by telephone at 537-6758. Messages for the SSITTC can be left at 537-4400.

Tips for riders: Strip tickets of 10 for \$15 give considerable savings over the \$2 fare box price. They are available at Patterson Market, Vesuvius Village Store, GVM, Thrifty's, Harbour

Food Market and both Pharmasaves.

The bus can be flagged down, but can only pull off the road where it is safe to do so. To avoid disappointment, stand where the road shoulder is wide and in a spot where the driver can see you from a distance.

**MAGGIE ZIEGLER,**  
SSITTC

### Disturbing trend

The unwillingness of the judge to sentence a dangerous armed robber to a substantial jail term is part of a disturbing trend in the "justice?" system. ("House arrest for machete bank bandit," March 5 Driftwood.)

This is another example of an overpaid government employee that does their job poorly.

**WAYNE DERKSEN,**  
VANCOUVER ISLAND

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

## Riches of music out the door with gutting of CBC FM

BY ASHLEY HILLIARD

Salt Spring Islanders who are regular listeners to CBC FM (Radio t2) should be warned that their station, as they know it, is about to be gutted.

Russell Smith, columnist with the Globe and Mail, wrote about this on Thursday, March 13 in a column entitled: "No classical? Then kill Radio 2 and get it over with."

The announcement of the changes posted at CBC radio's website reads as follows:

"Listeners to CBC Radio Two will hear a different sound starting Labour Day. Three new shows will take over the airwaves during the day, with considerably less classical music in the morning and none in the 'drive time' afternoon.

"The new weekday shows are:

- Mornings (6-10 a.m.): Less classical, more light contemporary like Diana Krall and Joni Mitchell. About half of the music will be Canadian. No decision yet on who the host will be.

- Mid-day (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.): Entirely classical, both recorded and live music. About 40 per cent Canadian content.

- Drive time (3-6 p.m.): No classical — instead, a wide variety of genres from world music to blues to contemporary. The show will spend more time on emerging artists and recently released songs.

"In addition to the all-classical time block

### GUEST COLUMN

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., CBC will launch three new Internet-only radio stations — classical, jazz and singer-songwriter.

"CBC's head of radio, Jennifer McGuire, reports that ratings haven't dropped as much as was forecasted with the previous schedule change, indicating that while some people (perhaps skewing older) leave the station, new listeners join in."

What this means is that Tom Allen's Music and Company, Eric Friesen's Studio Sparks and Jurgen Gothe's Disc Drive will all be gone. Friesen is leaving the CBC. Gothe will apparently host an unspecified weekend program. No word yet about Allen. In addition, Rick Phillips, host of Sound Advice, the only classical CD review program on air, will be leaving the CBC at the end of March and his show cancelled.

The bone of new Internet programming being thrown to us is completely useless if you don't have high-speed (or any) Internet access or don't spend all day in front of your computer. Anyway, it's the knowledgeable and personable hosts who make Radio 2 so distinctive and valuable.

This round continues the cuts implemented last year when classical music

was removed from the evening schedule, including In Performance and the greatly missed Music For A While with Danielle Charbonneau. As Ms. McGuire's comments make clear, because the CBC brass got away with it last time without a revolt from its listeners, they think they can get away with it again. They justify the changes with specious arguments about relevance and diversity, as if their proposed schedule provides more of either, and as if the world's 1,000-year musical heritage doesn't provide plenty of diversity to choose from.

The CBC website asks listeners for "feedback." The unanimous condemnation of CBC's plans and the heartfelt and intelligent pleas of listeners, particularly young people, are the only bright spots I have seen in this mess. Log on at [www.insidethecbc.com/r2sept](http://www.insidethecbc.com/r2sept), read the comments and then add your own. Your comments will go to audience relations. You can also sign an online petition at [www.radio2forum.ca](http://www.radio2forum.ca), but that's been running for a year and been completely ignored.

That is not enough. For any chance to halt what I think amounts to the destruction of one of Canada's great cultural institutions, send a copy of your comments to the people responsible:

Jennifer McGuire, executive director of radio and Richard Stursberg, executive

vice-president, English services at 250 Front Street West, P.O. Box 500, Station A, Toronto, ON, M5W 1E6.

Also, to the new president of CBC and the chair of the board of directors: Timothy W. Casgrain, chair, and Hubert T. Lacroix, president at CBC Corporate Communications, Head Office, P.O. Box 3220, Station C, Ottawa, ON, K1Y 1E4.

Finally, I think we need to copy the prime minister, the leaders of the opposition and our MP, Gary Lunn.

When I reflect on how much pleasure and knowledge I've derived from CBC FM over the years, I despair at the thought that it won't be there for the young people of Canada as they discover the full riches of music.

When the Taliban bombed the rock Buddhas in Afghanistan, the world condemned that act of barbarism. Likewise when a deranged man threw acid at the Mona Lisa. I see what is being done to CBC FM as being equally barbaric.

If these changes are not reversed, I fear CBC FM will become irrelevant and the cultural landscape of Canada much, much poorer. Speak up if you want to stop this from happening.

*The writer is a very concerned CBC listener and Salt Spring resident.*

## OPINION

### MORE LETTERS

continued from A9

## Roosters again

I am reluctant to continue the rooster saga, but in light of the current misunderstandings and misrepresentation surrounding this issue, including a

radio piece by Arthur Black, I thought some facts might be useful.

Firstly, this is not about hens and eggs. This is about up to 100 testosterone-fuelled, sex-starved roosters competing raucously for the attention of a very few hens, in a tiny yard 100 feet from a neighbouring house in a residential neighbourhood — from 3 or 4 a.m. till dark seven days a week for years. That is why the court ruled in the neighbour Lucille Lamarche's favour.

Secondly, this is certainly not about urban dwellers moving to the island and imposing their hoity-toity city ways on our quaint, wholesome rural traditions. Lucille grew up on a farm in the eastern townships of Quebec and moved to B.C. in the '70s, interested in living a sustainable rural life. She built her house on Garner Road (with her own hands) 18 or 19 years ago. She is a landscaper by profession and an avid home gardener. For many of the years I have known her she talked about getting her own chickens — strangely, I have not heard her mention this for some time.

Reading Roberta Elliott's March 12 letter ("Garner Road neighbours") reminded me how fortunate she was to be separated by distance and topography from a racket which would even challenge her listening exercises. She answers her own rhetorical question about where to take grandchildren and the 4H to see chicks and get eggs — "I took a young girl to another neighbour's chicken house this morning ..."

This is a sad story of unkindness and inconsiderateness, and I believe it

has ended justly. I hope that Lucille will shortly be able to work her vegetable garden in peace, and perhaps after a few years, raise some chickens which Roberta's grandchildren can visit.

**MICHAEL WALL,**  
SALT SPRING

## Volunteers welcome

I do hope that all those who are so very critical of the PARC commission are applying for the vacancy on the commission advertised in the Driftwood classifieds.

Application forms are available by e-mail from [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com) or at the PARC office.

Please join us and show us how much better we can do the job with your help.

And don't forget that all members of the public are welcome at commission meetings on the first Monday of the month and at Park Planning Committee meetings on the third Monday of the month. Visit the PARC website for details.

See you there.  
**CAROL DODD,**  
PARC MEMBER

## Lights out

On March 31, 2007 at 8 p.m., 2.2 million people and 2100 businesses in Sydney, Australia turned off their lights for one hour -- Earth Hour. Earth Hour used the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming.

This year on Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m., Earth Hour goes global. More than 60 cities across Canada, including Vancouver, along with many more around the world are taking part,

encouraging their residents and businesses to participate.

You can sign up or find out much more on The World Wildlife Foundation's website at <http://www.earth-hour.org>.

Please join me by being part of this action, one simple flick and lights out!

**JILL TARSWELL,**  
SALT SPRING

## Suggestions

As each Canadian soldier's dead body is shipped home from Afghanistan, I can't help wondering whether that conflict could be turning into Canada's Vietnam. I have a more constructive suggestion:

Instead of sending out armed patrols which elicit bomb attacks and other fatal responses, Canada should invest in instructing its personnel, military and otherwise, in Afghan language and culture.

This would establish a rapport and assure the success of the education efforts already being made by various NGOs.

Once this effort is underway, surely Afghans living abroad will be motivated to return and take part in this cultural revival. It is not unthinkable that the transformation thus initiated could revive the interest of local farmers in growing food crops instead of opium poppies.

And, to cap it all, Canadians would not be returned to our country in body bags.

I urge you to consider my proposal very seriously. I am sending copies to the leaders of our national political parties and posting it on the Internet.

**MAGGIE SCHUBART,**  
OLD SCOTT ROAD

# Counseling

Fear → Power  
Grief → Joy  
Loss → Abundance

sliding scale with complimentary sessions available

653-2079

Chris N. Rowand, BSW, MNLP  
Arbutus Therapy Centre #5 - 121 McPhillips



Islands Trust

### Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

### Special Business Meeting Official Community Plan Review

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a special business meeting as part of its ongoing review of the Official Community Plan (OCP). The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Local Trust Committee (LTC) to review material relating to the OCP review project. A town hall session may be held at the beginning and end of the business meeting, time permitting.

Thursday, March 27, 9 am-noon & 1-5 pm  
ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Key background documents and maps related to the OCP review can be viewed on-line at the Islands Trust website (<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm>).

Opportunities for public input on the review will be announced in upcoming issues of the Driftwood.

To receive e-mail updates on the 'Latest News' on the official community plan review go to: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/subscribe/default.cfm>

To provide your comments, use our online feedback form from the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area homepage of our web site at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.cfm> or

Contact us by Phone, Fax or Mail:  
Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8  
Phone: (250) 538-5600  
Fax: (250) 537-9116

## YOUR KIDS ARE STARTING TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE.

### The drug world is targeting your child.

In our communities, cheap and addictive drugs are being peddled to our kids. Drugs with names that disguise the damage they can do — everything from poor performance at school to memory loss, paranoia and addiction.

### What can parents do?

**Plenty!** Because, believe it or not, most young teens consider their parents to be credible sources of information about illegal drugs. Learn the drug language, before your kids do.

For a free booklet with tips on how to talk with your kids about the dangers of drugs call

**1 800 0-Canada** or visit  
**drugprevention.gc.ca**

for more information.

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

Love drug  
(ECSTASY)

shrooms  
(HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS)

Jib  
(METHAMPHETAMINE)

Green  
(MARIJUANA)

Powder  
(COCAINE)

Hippy Flip  
(HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS WITH ECSTASY)

Basketball thanks

The 2008 Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls basketball team wrapped up a miraculous season with their week-long stay in Kamloops for the B.C. AA senior basketball championship tournament.

What was more miraculous than the season itself was the overwhelming support the team received from the entire island. The girls qualified for the provincials nine days before they would have to leave for Kamloops. The community stepped up and graciously donated the funds necessary for the girls to attend the tournament.

They placed 12th in the province and received the most sportsmanlike team award.

The team, coaches and their families would like to sincerely send much love and thanks to all the businesses, private individuals and everyone who attended the car wash at GVM. (It was one of the most successful washes the island has ever seen.)

Thank you once again to the wonderful community of Salt Spring, we couldn't have done it without you.

GISS SENIOR GIRLS TEAM

Ballet Jörgen a hit

More than 250 lucky islanders enjoyed a stunning sold-out performance at ArtSpring last week.

Ballet Jörgen is associated with George Brown College in Toronto and for their third visit brought their new full-length ballet Anastasia. I was bowled over at how superb this production was. I have seen a lot of ballet — The National Ballet, Royal Winnipeg Ballet and even once the Bolshoi. I enjoyed Anastasia as much as anything I've seen.

It is a long ballet of 11 scenes in two acts with prologue and epilogue and deals with the overthrow of the Russian Royal Family, the Romanovs and the alleged survival of one of the daughters, Anastasia. The sets for ArtSpring's stage limitations were minimal but effective.

The costumes, from the brown and grey of the peasants to the scarlet and gold of the dance in the Imperial palace, were terrific and the music was intriguing; obviously contemporary, vaguely Russian and sometimes dissonant with a few tuneful sections. It was composed by Ivan Barbotin whom I had never heard of. I Googled him and learned that he is a Russian-Canadian and yes, the music was composed especially for Anastasia.

It took three years for Ballet Jörgen to bring Anastasia to its amazingly excellent level.

I also have to write something of the dancer in the Anastasia role and Dimitry, her peasant friend. Angel Wong and Hiroto Saito were so good they could be at home in any ballet company. They were a most attractive couple and a wonderful example of how lucky we are to live in multicultural Canada.

It is always fun at ArtSpring to run into so many people one knows. Nine of my friends from GLOSSI were there and in the row behind me were my friends Bob and Birgit Bateman, who had come to see their granddaughter perform as one of the local island dancers in the crowd scenes.

I hope ArtSpring's executive director George Sipos can arrange for another visit soon by the truly professional and wonderful Ballet Jörgen company.

JACK HALLAM,  
NORTH END ROAD

Misunderstandings

I have read several letters regarding the incident where the CRD is alleged to finally have enforced its noise law on Salt Spring regarding an alleged "normal" farming practice on Garner Road.

There seem to be several misunderstandings.

Many seem to believe that the judgement was against the raising of chickens. This is not true, the problem arose over the breeding of roosters.

I have raised chickens for many years and I can tell you there is a big difference between the little noise generated by a

flock of chickens and the continuous din generated by a large number of aggressive roosters.

This is why many places have "cock fights" and few places have hen fights.

Another misunderstanding seems to revolve around the land's zoning, which was Rural Residential. Apparently this zoning did not allow rooster breeding operations because according to news reports, that is what the judge ruled on.

I believe another one of your writers made the point that when the farms are all gone islanders would be left to enjoy the roar of trucks and heavy equipment tearing the place up to build houses. This is a very real concern.

Sadly there are some in our community who are of the opinion that they can inflict all manner of noise and encroachment on their neighbours with impunity.

The CRD and Trust noise laws, while lame and unenforced, don't support this behaviour. And while I'm not a lawyer, the balance of case law seems to support the contention that all people, (even on Salt Spring) have the right to the peaceful, quiet enjoyment of their property.

Your local Trust committee is poised to throw that all away and has been seriously at work crafting a soils bylaw which would undermine the CRD soils law drawn up in the '80s and legitimize industrial levels of noise from 7 a.m. until dark, seven days a week, for up to two years at a time, any where on the Island.

This would make neighbouring properties unliveable for many people who work on their properties, or out of their homes, or shift workers, or the retired.

How this would protect the environment for creatures like blue herons or serve the majority of people who purchased property here to enjoy a peaceful quiet rural existence is not clear. But clearly it would greatly benefit, a small organized group.

TOM PICKETT  
LEE ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on A12

HIP TRUST HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

WWW.HIPTRUST.COM

MICHAEL BISHOP  
778.384.5597

EARN **12%** ANNUAL INTEREST ON YOUR PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT

- No hidden fees or charges.
- Secured by valuable real estate property.
- Paid monthly - direct or back in your investment account.
- RRSP/RRIF eligible.



celebrate remember

Join the biggest cancer event to make the biggest difference. PORTLOCK PARK MAY 30-31



For information or to volunteer Call Kirsty Olivera 537-1318 www.cancer.ca/relay

About to list your house for sale?



Times have changed and so have the real estate companies and their business models.

Today's buyers use the Internet to search for their new home. Primarily they use the Multiple Listing Service web site mls.ca. This has empowered the buyers and put them in the driver's seat.

**One Percent Realty** is a company that has a very simple business model: low overhead and low fees charged to their agents. The low overhead is passed on to consumers in the way of low commissions. The sellers still get full MLS® listings, signs, open houses, local advertising, lock boxes, etc...

**Compare commissions** charged. One Percent charges a commission of \$5000 plus a \$800 disbursement fee +gst for houses up to \$500,000. For houses over \$500,000 it is 1% plus the \$800 disbursement fee +gst. The commission is shared between the buying and or selling REALTORS®.

This is an example. There are no standard commissions. All real estate companies are free to set their own rate. If an agent charges 7% on the first \$100,000 and 3% on the balance for selling a \$500,000 home the commission would be \$19,000 +gst = \$19,950. If you listed with One Percent Realty the commission would be \$5,800 + gst = \$6,090. **The savings would be \$13,860.** Think of the savings like this. If you earn \$25 per hour it would take a staggering 554.4 hours - more than 3 months of work to make that much.

**The big myth** "If I list with One Percent the other agents won't show my house". **The reality** is other REALTORS® on Salt Spring do show my listings. Overall 70% of One Percent listings are sold by other agents. The first listing sold by One Percent on Salt Spring was sold through another agent working for another brokerage. The buyers see what they want to see. Buyers have access to all the MLS® listings.

Scott Simmons is proud to be the Salt Spring REALTOR® for One Percent Realty Vancouver Island.

If you would like to talk to me about selling your Salt Spring house call me direct at 538-8316, and let's work out a plan of action. Let me show you my existing internet marketing system that enhances the MLS.



Scott Simmons @ 250-538-8316  
saltspring@yahoo.com  
www.escapetosaltspring.com  
FULL-TIME SALT SPRING RESIDENT FOR 7 YEARS

Salt Spring agent for

One Percent Realty Vancouver Island



SAFE & SOUND TERM DEPOSITS

Put your mind - and your money - at ease.

<b>3.25%</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>4.00%</b>
<b>1 YEAR</b>	<b>1 YEAR</b>	<b>3 YEAR</b>
CASHABLE AFTER 90 DAYS TERM DEPOSIT*	CONVERTIBLE ANYTIME TERM DEPOSIT*	CONVERTIBLE ANYTIME TERM DEPOSIT*

Don't choose investments that will keep you awake nights. Instead, invest in these and other great term deposits† from Island Savings and enjoy choice, flexibility and, most of all, security\*.

With Island Savings, you can also take comfort in dealing with people who know you. People who greet you by name and show you just how much they appreciate your business. Call or visit us today and see for yourself why we say, it's good to be here.



ISLAND SAVINGS  
IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE.™

\*Each 'Separate Deposit' as defined by Regulations is guaranteed up to \$100,000 by the Credit Union Insurance Corporation. Interest rates subject to change without notice. †All term deposits shown here are RRSP-eligible.

BRENTWOOD 544-4041 CEDAR 722-7073 CHEMAINUS 246-3273 DOUGLAS & BROUGHTON 385-4728 DUNCAN 746-4171  
LADYSMITH 245-0456 LAKE COWICHAN 749-6631 MAYFAIR MALL 385-4476 MILL BAY 743-5534 SALT SPRING 537-5587  
SHAWNIGAN 743-5395 WEST SHORE 474-7262 WOODGROVE CENTRE 390-7070 www.ISCU.com

**HOT TUB SERVICE**

www.gulfislandspas.com

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

SEE PAGE A18

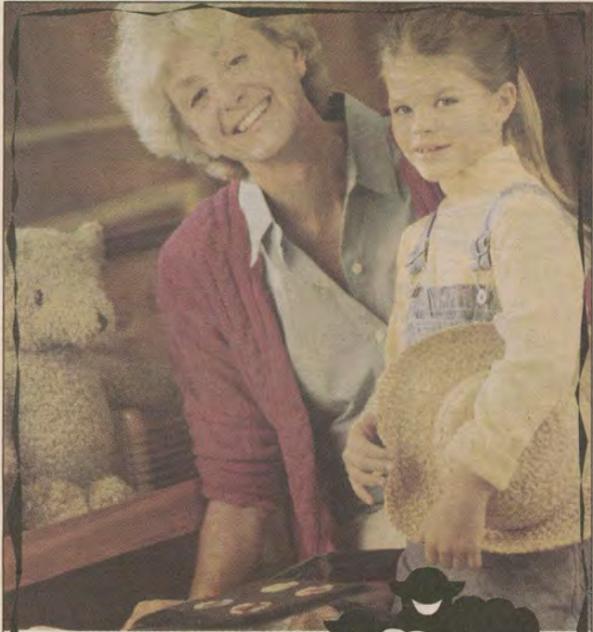
**OPINION**

**Quilting comfort**

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY  
 At right, Mary Tanti works on a quilt at Sunday's Island Comfort Quilts community quilting bee at the Farmers Institute. Below right, Bevan Wrate and Russ Spencer try to make sense out of directions for a "reef knot." Some 175 volunteers participated in the fourth annual event. See this Friday's Weekender for more quilting bee coverage.



Master quilter Gwen Denluck doesn't really need to hide behind her beautiful work at Sunday's quilting bee.



perfect.

**We straighten teeth in as little as 6 months.** If you've been living with crowded or crooked teeth for years because you think "braces are for kids," we've got some great news. In many cases adult teeth can now be straightened in 6 months with modern orthodontics. Beauty, eh? **give us a call, today. 537-1400**

- one-visit CEREC crowns
- adult orthodontics
- dental implants
- root canals
- restorative dentistry
- emergency treatments
- reflexology available before, during or after
- all cosmetic & aesthetic techniques incl. veneers
- full and partial dentures new and restoration

**artful dentistry**  
**Dr Richard Hayden Island Dental Centre**

**The 2002 Sussex Consultants Ltd. Restructure Study Update states:**

**A municipality has IMPROVED**

Autonomy and accountability, influence with other outside agencies, accessibility of elected representatives, financial flexibility, access to grants, financial value to community, ability to generate revenue, coordination and integration of services and planning, service flexibility and speed, service quality, ability to achieve OCP objectives, ability to set road standards, eligibility for infrastructure grants, watershed protection, quality of representation

**A municipality has AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT**

on the preserve and protect mandate, community involvement and focus, planning and development decisions and coordination, environmental control, road quality, operation, maintenance and administration of service areas

**A municipality has REDUCED**

Planning costs

For more information please visit our website at [www.islandgov.org](http://www.islandgov.org)

Join ISG today and send a clear message to the Provincial Government that Salt Spring Islanders want the opportunity to assess the benefits of incorporation for themselves. Write to your Trustees and CRD director, encourage them to join too. Write your MLA, Murray Coell and the Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong, and tell them what you think. Imagine...an Island Municipality within the Trust. We CAN have both!

JOIN ISG TODAY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee \$20.00. Please make cheques payable to Islanders for Self-Government  
 Mail this form with payment to:

**Islanders for Self-Government,**  
**Box 827, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W3**

Or drop off at one of our island business supporters.

- Johnson's Shell Service, 106 Fulford-Ganges Road
- North End Fitness, 102 McPhillips Ave.
- Island Star Video, 156C Fulford-Ganges Road
- Paint Plus, 346 Lower Ganges Road



**MORE LETTERS**

continued from A11

**Gordon Cudmore missed**

I learned recently that on Monday, Feb. 4, the island lost a colourful personality named Gordon Cudmore.

About two years ago I was privileged to sit down with Gordon at his home up at Brinkworthy several times to listen to his stories about Salt Spring Island in the old days, from his perspective.

I wish to extend my condolences to his family. Gordon told me once how lucky he was to have a family surrounding him that cared for and looked after him so much. He spoke fondly of all his succeeding generations and I am honoured to have met him.

**JAMES FALCON,**  
 LOWER GANGES ROAD

**Walkers be wary**

I have been driving for 60 years — 30 of them in a police cruiser.

On Friday, March 7 at Mouat's parking lot, I had finished loading my car, looked around, got in and started my car up. I looked behind and around me as carefully as I could. (I am not an owl with a swivel neck.)

Seeing all clear I began to back up onto the roadway. All of a sudden and completely unexpectedly a young woman walked behind my vehicle, pushing a pram with a child and holding another child by the hand. She obviously gave no thought to anything else on the road, but passed behind me with inches to spare! Her carelessness left me frightened and upset.

People walking usually have clear vision. Drivers may not. I had been very careful, but nearly ran her and her children over! This is not a matter of priorities but it is a matter of sense and caution. After all, you are leading your children through a busy parking lot, not in a park to play on the swings.

Wake up and live — longer!

P.S. We auto owners are not encouraged to back our cars into stalls as damage to exhausts may happen.

**DON MADSEN,**  
 ATKINS ROAD

**USING THE EARTH'S ENERGY TO SAVE YOU \$**

**MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD.**  
**Heat Pump Systems**

**LENNOX**  
**Air to Air Heat Pump Systems**

**The Unico System**  
**High Velocity & Unichiller Heat Pumps  
 Hydronic or Forced Air Systems**

**Halcyon**  
**Mini-Split Ductless Heat Pumps**

**Outer Limits Sheet Metal Ltd.** **BILL MOSELEY 653.9378**  
 723 STEWART RD. (SHOP)

# Hoppin' & Shoppin'

with the  
**EASTER BUNNY**

**Handmade Callebaut Chocolate for Choc-o-holics Big and Small**

- Lots of Easter Goodies
- Hot Crossed Buns
- Cookies

**EMBE BAKERY**

at the foot of the hill in Ganges 537-5611

SEED CENTRE

Jump start Spring with Home Gardener seed packets from **79¢** ea.

**MOUAT'S THE HOUSEWARES STORE**

7 days a week 537-5551

**Hop in for all your photo needs!**

**APPLE PHOTO & IMAGING**

- Cameras
- 1 hour photo finishing
- Laser printing
- Photo copying
- Frames & albums

537-9917

Meet Mike, our "hoppy" store manager!

**THRIFTY FOODS**  
smiles every day

SALTSPRING

www.thriftyfoods.com

**NEW SPRING/SUMMER STOCK NOW IN!**

- Zutano - Osh Kosh
- Billy & Elli
- Gro Bags
- Helly Hansen
- Exofficio

**GANGES GARMENT COMPANY**

www.gangesgarmentco.com  
537-8999

**Recipes for your Easter Eggstravaganza!**

**Love My Kitchen**

FINE COOKWARE & ACCESSORIES  
140 FULFORD-GANGES RD., 537-5882

**Family Jewels**

see us for springbling!

161 Fulford-Ganges Rd.  
538-5560



SSI SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**COURSE  
REMINDER  
SPRING 2008**

**REGISTRATION BEFORE APRIL 1 SAVES \$10.00 ON EACH COURSE!  
SPRING'S ALIVE! TIME TO COOK, DRAW, GARDEN,  
PHOTOGRAPH, & MANY OTHER IDEAS!**

**1. THE ARTS**

**SPR.08.01 Creating A Market Basket**  
Instructor: **Joan Carrigan** joancarrigan.com  
Market baskets are so handy for gathering produce from the garden. Baskets make us think of spring.  
Saturday: Apr 5, 9:30am to 5:00pm,  
Location: TBA  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$75 **As of Apr 1: \$85**

**SPR.08.02 Art of Beading**  
Instructor: **Carol Wagner** craftedbyCarol.com  
Do you like to do detail work? Learn to make a woven bead bracelet without a loom in 2 weeks.  
2 Saturdays: Apr 19, 26, 10am to 12noon,  
Instructor's Studio  
Fees paid by Apr 1: \$55 **As of Apr 1: \$65**

**SPR.08.03 Drawing and Seeing**  
Instructor: **Leslie Corry** 537-5480  
Learning to draw is also learning a way of seeing without preconception.  
4 Tuesdays: Apr 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 to 8:30pm,  
Multipurpose Room, SS Elementary  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$60 **As of Apr 1: \$70**

**2. COMPUTERS and  
CAMERAS**

**SPR.08.04 Word**  
Instructor: **Phillip Benson**  
Learn how to manipulate a word processor and take full advantage of the special features it offers.  
6 Wednesdays: Apr 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 7 to 9pm  
GISS S111  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$140 **As of Apr 1: \$150**

**SPR.08.05 Excel**  
Instructor: **Phillip Benson**  
Learn how to build a spreadsheet using text, numbers and formulae.  
6 Tuesdays: Apr 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 7 to 9pm,  
GISS S111  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$140 **As of Apr 1: \$150**

**SPR.08.06 Power Point**  
Instructor: **Phillip Benson**  
You can prepare many types of presentation materials including overhead, paper, slide and on-screen.  
6 Thursdays: Apr 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 7 to 9pm,  
GISS S111  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$140 **As of Apr 1: \$150**

**SPR.08.07 Science of Photography**  
Instructor: **Jan Steinman** 537-2024  
In this class, you'll learn basic and intermediate ways of getting your camera to do what you want it to do.  
8 Thursdays: Apr 17, 4, 31, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7 to 9pm,  
PARC Module  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$130 **As of Apr 1: \$140**

**3. COOKING LOCAL**

**SPR.08.08 Chicken 101**  
Instructor: **Bruce Wood** brucethechef@shaw.ca  
In this hands-on class we will learn how to de-bone a chicken and make use of all the parts.  
Tuesday: Apr 15, 5:30 to 8:30pm,  
GISS Cafeteria Limited to 12 students!  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$65 **As of Apr 1: \$75**

**SPR.08.09 Spring Forward on Salt Spring**  
Instructor: **Bruce Wood** brucethechef@shaw.ca  
The first of the spring vegetables are appearing and tonight we will prepare a menu of some favourites.  
Materials: \$15 paid directly to instructor. Bring an apron. Class is limited to 12 people!  
Tuesday: May 27, 5:30 to 8:30pm,  
GISS Cafeteria  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$65 **As of Apr 1: \$75**

**4. HOME & GARDEN**

**SPR.08.10 Shady Containers**  
Instructor: **Lorraine Hamilton**  
Shady spots in the garden are often the hardest to deal with.  
Saturday: May 3, 10am to 12:30pm,  
Instructor's Garden  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$50 **As of Apr 1: \$60**

**SPR.08.11 Full Sun Containers**  
Instructor: **Lorraine Hamilton**  
Learn the art of putting together wonderful perennial and shrub combinations that can take full sun and will make your porch or entryway fabulous.  
Saturday: May 10, 10am to 12:30pm,  
Instructor's Garden  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$50 **As of Apr 1: \$60**

**SPR.08.12 Not Your Average Annual**  
Instructor: **Lorraine Hamilton**  
Think outside of the pot! Come learn the amazing array of new and old plant material that is available.  
Saturday: May 17, 10am to 12:30pm,  
Instructor's Garden  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$50 **As of Apr 1: \$60**

**SPR.08.13 Introduction to Natural Building**  
Presenter: **Jan Steinman**  
Before there were gyprock walls and asphalt roofs, people built their houses from the materials around them - the very earth and the plants that grow locally.  
Saturday: Apr 12, 1:30 to 3:30pm,  
SS Elementary, Multipurpose Room  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$20 **As of Apr 1: \$30**

**5. OUR COMMUNITY WORKS**

**SPR.08.14 Volunteering on Salt Spring**  
Facilitator: **Theresa Kingston**  
How to Attract and Keep Them: Volunteer Management for Non-profit Organizations. The volunteer cycle including everything from recruitment, retention, recognition to evaluation.  
Saturday: May 3, 9:30am-3:30pm,  
SS Elementary, Multipurpose Room  
Fees: \$25 Registration will close April 30  
With: Volunteer Salt Spring at: volunteersaltspring.com & SSI Foundation at: saltspringislandfoundation.org

**6. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**SPR.08.15 JUNG AND ALCHEMY: An Inner Journey**  
Instructor: **Usha Haywood**  
Beginning to unearth the processes of transformation occurring deep within our Being, we will utilize the tools of Mythology, Psychodrama, Art, Music and Dreams.  
4 Tuesdays: May 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 to 8:30pm,  
SS Elementary, Multipurpose Room  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$70 **As of Apr 1: \$80**

**7. SMALL & FAMILY BUSINESS**

**SPR.08.16 Collaborating with a Publishing House**  
Presenter: **Marlyn Horsdal**  
What is the difference between self-publishing and using a publishing house? Publishing houses offer a different service: editing your manuscript, designing your cover and printing your book. Late registrations may be accepted at the door. Join Community Ed for this informative talk with Marlyn and her guest author!  
Saturday: May 3, 1:30 to 3:30pm,  
Mormon Church  
Fees paid before Apr 1: \$20 **As of Apr 1: \$30**

OPINION

**RANTS and Roses**

**Rants**

Bad karma to those trespassers who destroyed the dog run at Family Jewels before it could be used. Obviously the dog, Bodhisattva, is far more enlightened than you, as we all know who you morons are! C.Ward

Rants to you campers (squatters) in Mouat's Park that leave all of your trash behind for us to clean up. Last Monday we spent several hours cleaning up your garbage. To make things worse you idiots camp so far off the beaten path it was a chore and a half and a big waste of our time hauling your junk out of there. You bozos should be banned from our island, since you don't seem to respect it. 'Banana' Joe Clemente

**Roses**

A big bunch of open roses wrapped in thank-yous and gratitude to all who attended the Heart Yoga and Meditation workshop. Such lovely people made our day. To

Sharon, who after 20 years of seeing posters finally decided to come, taught me perseverance further, to my old friends who let me share the best I have, to Deedee Leever's my teaching partner, to the young people who impart hope, to the old dogs who knew it all and came anyway and shared their good energy, to all who were drawn to the light of loving-kindness. Thank you all. Matthew Coleman

Huge wheelbarrows full of roses to all who return things that they have borrowed. Many thanks, because half the time we don't even miss said items until we need them and look for them . . . and a few itty bitty rants to the folks that still have to return things such as a grinder/polisher, a 14-foot aluminum skiff, an extension ladder, the cement-mixer (electric one and you know who you are!) and the list just goes on! When I feel the need to borrow something, I always ask myself, could I afford to replace it? If the answer is "no" then I go without, or I buy it/rent it myself — you know you'll

have to do that anyway if it craps out. Sorry about the Shop-Vac Jim Clark Sr., I believe I owe you a replacement unit! Sabine Roodenburg

A large bouquet of beautiful roses to the remarkable Barry Pinchin for the many hours he spends helping families whose loved ones are dealing with mental health illnesses, and for his tireless efforts distributing information, lobbying officials, and promoting education and understanding of a complex and difficult issue.

Island Comfort Quilts would like to send 175 dozen roses to the 175 volunteers who helped produce 37 beautifully completed quilts plus 13 quilts that need a few more handstitches. Our goal of making 50 quilts in one day is a dream come true. Thank you. Marguerite Lee and the committee

A full swimming pool of roses to Mary Hughes for turning her birthday party into a fundraiser for Ssplash! It is greatly appreciated!

**New Tobacco Laws  
Take Effect  
March 31, 2008**

As of March 31, 2008, improvements to B.C.'s tobacco control laws will reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and place important limits on how tobacco is sold and promoted in B.C. This protects the health of all British Columbians and their communities.

**Smoke-free changes mean:**

- All indoor public places and work places in B.C. will be smoke-free. Bars, restaurants, pubs, clubs and casinos will no longer allow indoor smoking or have designated smoking rooms.
- Common areas in apartment buildings, such as hallways and laundry rooms, must be smoke-free. Smoking is also banned in the common area of hotels. While smoking is permitted inside the private accommodation rooms, hotel proprietors are free to designate rooms as non-smoking.
- There will be a 3 metre smoke-free zone around most public and workplace doorways, opening windows and air intakes, and smoking is permitted on un-enclosed hospitality patios. (Proprietors and local governments can set more restrictive requirements.)
- All transit shelters must be smoke-free.

**Tobacco sales, display and promotion changes mean:**

- Tobacco retailers cannot display or promote tobacco products if minors are allowed in their store.
- Retailers cannot display or promote tobacco in such a way that anyone can see it easily from outside their store.
- New limits apply to retail signs that describe the tobacco products for sale.
- Tobacco products will not be sold in hospitals, public post-secondary institutions, provincial government buildings and local government recreational facilities.

Provincial tobacco laws will continue to be enforced by local health authorities.

**For more information of the Tobacco Control Act and Regulations or for the telephone number of your health authority, please visit: [www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco)**



**INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE:**

**March 5 Driftwood**

**Online: [www.ssicommunityed.com](http://www.ssicommunityed.com)**

**Binders at: the Driftwood, PARC, SS Books, School Board Office**

**QUESTIONS? 537-0037**

# \$ MARCH MADNESS \$

## Wheelbarrows



5 cu. ft  
Plastic Tray  
**\$74<sup>88</sup>** ea.

## Round Treated Posts



2"x3"x7'  
**\$2<sup>97</sup>** ea.  
2"-3"x9'  
**\$3<sup>97</sup>** ea.

## 1/2 Oak Barrels



Great For  
Planters  
**\$27<sup>88</sup>** ea.

## Cedar Lattice



4'x8' std  
**\$21<sup>88</sup>** ea.  
4'x8' Pressure  
Treated  
**\$11<sup>88</sup>** ea.



Wire Fencing  
6'x165'  
Rabbit/Deer Fencing  
**\$185<sup>00</sup>** ea.

## Door Hardware

Check out our expanded line.  
Salt Spring's largest selection.



## LUMBER SPECIALS

## RETRO PRICING FROM THE 70'S

2x6x6' Fir **\$1<sup>97</sup>** ea.  
2x4' 2+BTR KD Spruce per/8' **\$1<sup>93</sup>** ea.  
2x4' 2+BTR KD Spruce per/10' **\$2<sup>43</sup>** ea.  
2x4' 2+BTR KD Spruce per/12' **\$2<sup>87</sup>** ea.  
1x4x6' Fir Boards *Good Stock!* **88¢** ea.

2x6' 2+BTR KD Spruce



8' **\$2<sup>97</sup>** ea.  
10' **\$4<sup>67</sup>** ea.  
12' **\$5<sup>67</sup>** ea.

## Fir Full-Lite Exterior French Doors

3°6<sup>8</sup> - 1<sup>3/4</sup>"

**\$250<sup>00</sup>** ea.

Every Day Low Price!  
limited stock



**\$7<sup>97</sup>** ea.  
7/16" OSB



**\$11<sup>80</sup>** ea.  
D Grade  
Plywood 3/8"



**\$1<sup>75</sup>** ea.  
4'  
**\$3<sup>25</sup>** ea.  
6'  
Select 2x3  
RGH Cedar

## General Paint Breeze Latex Eggshell

White Base #55-010

**\$24<sup>88</sup>** 3.78 Litre



## General Paint Drywall Sealer

#51-040

**\$19<sup>35</sup>** 3.78 Litre



PRICES IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 29th OR WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

FINISHING... And  
BUILDING SUPPLIES

# Windsor Plywood



166 Rainbow Road, Ph: 537-5564 / Fax: 537-1207

Open Monday-Friday 7:00 am-5:30 pm / Saturdays 8 am-5:30 pm / Closed Sundays

# OUR CLASSIFIEDS ARE CHANGING BEGINNING APRIL 2ND

**The Driftwood has joined [bcclassified.com](http://bcclassified.com), a network of 70 community newspapers in print and on-line.**

Beginning April 2nd, you can place an ad for your classified in almost any community newspaper in BC through the Driftwood. Want to wish a family member a happy birthday in Prince George? Like to sell your antique car in Victoria? We can even advertise your island getaway to readers in Vanderhoof! For only \$12.95 your 3 line ad will appear in print in the Driftwood *and* on-line. Ask us about ad rates in other BC community newspapers.

## MORE EYEBALLS FOR YOUR AD.

**When you place your word ad** in the Gulf Islands Driftwood, it will be automatically placed on-line at [bcclassified.com](http://bcclassified.com). Visitors to this website can find your classified on-line along with 20,000 other classifieds weekly. Now you can advertise your studio gallery in Sidney and Duncan, find hay for sale in Nanaimo, or search for furniture in Victoria, through [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com).

**Looking to hire help for your business?** Now your classified ad will be posted to [bcjobnetwork.com](http://bcjobnetwork.com) *and* [bcclassified.com](http://bcclassified.com). [BCjobnetwork.com](http://BCjobnetwork.com) - where thousands of jobs are posted on-line from community newspapers from all over British Columbia. For only \$14.96 your 3 line ad will be placed in print in the Driftwood *and* on-line.

**Looking to sell your vehicle on-line?** Now your classified ad will be posted to [bcautonet.com](http://bcautonet.com) *and* [bcclassified.com](http://bcclassified.com). [BCautonet.com](http://BCautonet.com) - where thousands of vehicles and RV's are posted on-line from community newspapers from all over British Columbia. For only \$12.95 your 3 line ad will be placed in print in the Driftwood *and* on-line.

## LONGER DEADLINES.

Our word classified categories will be open until 10 am on Tuesdays for the Gulf Islands Driftwood and 4 pm on Wednesdays for the Driftwood Weekender. For the base price of \$12.95 your ad will appear in print *and* on-line. Since all classifications are open longer - we're changing the "Too late too classify" to "Simply Salt Spring", perfect for those "Simply Salt Spring ads"!

## OR PLACE YOUR AD ON-LINE.

You can place your classified in person, by phone or by email at the Driftwood office. You can call [bcclassified.com](http://bcclassified.com) directly at 310-3535 to place your ad in the Driftwood, or anywhere else in BC, or you can place your ad anytime 24 hours a day, on-line at our website and pay by credit card. Go to [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com) and click "classifieds." Search over 20,000 classifieds or place your classified on-line.

 **Driftwood** GULF ISLANDS  
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960  
ONE OF CANADA'S BEST NEWSPAPERS ~ CCNA 2008  
[gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

## ISLAND CRIME

# Broken fence angers store owner

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bodhisattva, the new Family Jewels guard poodle, was forced to spend Tuesday indoors. The wire fence around her dog run, installed two days prior, was destroyed by locals who cut through the property from Fulford - Ganges Road to access the waterfront.

"On Monday I came down to get Bodhi used to the area," said Family Jewels manager Cathy Ward, who had just adopted the dog from Edmonton. "Tuesday I didn't bring her to work and I'm glad I didn't because the front part of the fence had all been knocked down."

There were no witnesses, but when Ward arrived at the scene she found the store's arbour knocked down and both front and back fences bent as if they were climbed.

Property owner Jack Rosen contacted the RCMP and Const. Al McLean attended the scene. Rosen was not available for comment.

"Mischievous is an ongoing problem with people look-

ing for beach access," said Corp. Kerry Howse, who said that if the fence was broken the perpetrators may be charged with mischief.

But to be charged with trespass, according to the criminal code, the incident must take place after dark. RCMP would also have to prove clearly visible signage was present, indicating the property was private. Because Howse did not attend the scene, he could not say if signs were present.

RCMP will do extra patrols in the area, but it is too early to tell if mischief or trespassing charges will be laid. Howse said "Chances are they did it at night. No one is going to break a fence during daylight."

Since Family Jewels was robbed in June 2007, Ward does not feel comfortable with people crossing the property beside the store.

"It can be startling to me," she said. "And it's private property!"

She sees about three to six people cut through the area every day. The fence at Family Jewels was the second

last to be installed along the downtown portion of Fulford - Ganges Road blocking a corridor to the beach.

**"Bad karma to those who destroyed the dog run at Family Jewels before it could be used."**

CATHY WARD  
Family Jewels owner

Ward said only one remaining fenceless passageway remains.

Rosen has replaced the damaged fence with a new wooden one.

Ward's final word on the matter is "Bad karma to those who destroyed the dog run at Family Jewels before it could be used. Obviously the dog Bodhisattva was more enlightened than you."

we're online at  
[www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

**Driftwood**  
GULF ISLANDS  
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960



## School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

March 13, 2008

### Re: Consideration of Local School Calendar Option for 2008/2009

On October 10, 2007 the Board of Education passed the original motion, the context of which is stated below. At the March 12, 2008 Board meeting, the Board of Education revised the date and the motion was passed as follows:

"To give ample time for public input and discussion, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees will consult with the community in accordance with the School Act and the School Calendar Regulation to seek input and feedback regarding the proposed Local School Calendar. Written submissions may be made to the Board throughout the school year until **April 23, 2008**. Additionally, time will be allotted for public input on each island community immediately following the Regular Public Board meeting held on each island. Proper notice will be given in each community as to the time and date of these meetings."

Further opportunities to provide feedback include:

- Email through [www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca) - click on 'Four Day Input Form';
- Individual written submissions addressed to the Board of Education, through Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant;
- Public Meeting of the Board of Education - April 9, 2008 at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 1:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting of the Board of Education - April 23, 2008 at the School Board Office at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting the Board will make a decision on whether or not to adopt the local school calendar for 2008/2009.

To view the draft calendar to be considered for approval for 2008/2009, please refer to <http://www.sd64.bc.ca/district.html#calendar>. A draft of the Preliminary Financial Projections for 2008/2009 will be available on the web by March 21, 2008. Copies of these documents will also be available at each school.

## SCHOOL BOARD

# Four-day week input sought

District sets special meeting

School District No. 64 trustees are giving area residents until April 23 to comment on the future of the four-day school week.

Parents and non-parents alike can fill-out the district's "Four Day Input Form" at [www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca), submit written comments through the board office, and/or attend a public meeting on the issue at 1 p.m. on April 9 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Additional time for public comments

will be allotted on each island community immediately following the board's regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

A vote on whether to change the 2008-09 school calendar to accommodate a four-day school week will take place at a special board meeting on April 23, 2008 at the school board office at 1 p.m.

The four-day school week was implemented in the district in 2005 as a reaction to a \$1.1-million funding shortfall caused by reduced enrolment in the district's schools.

## Gulf Islands Secondary School would like to thank all of the individuals and their companies who helped make the "GRADE 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK" a success!



Richard Jordan  
B.C. Hydro Ganges



Kehau Trueit  
Salt Spring Books

Jordan's on Broadway  
Island Star Video  
Rock Salt Café  
Creative Minds Childcare  
Tom Lee Music, Nanaimo  
Salt Spring Library  
The Ocean, FM  
W.C. College of Massage Therapy  
Island Blue Print  
The Patch Clothing Ltd.  
SPCA Ganges  
Burning Bridge Productions  
Ron Henshaw Excavating  
Grand Central Emporium  
Christ Church School  
Access Midwifery  
Growthworks Venture Capital  
U-Vic Theatre Department  
Oak Bay Bikes  
Vancouver Youth Court  
Arts Club Theatre  
C.H.A.N.C.E. School  
Greenwoods  
Thrifty Foods  
Wind and Tide Pre-School  
Polaris Plumbing  
Salt Spring Bicycles  
B-Side Clothing

Salt Spring Veterinary Services  
UBC Museum of Anthropology  
Auntie Pesto's  
Chloe Angus Design  
Patterson Market  
Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic  
Mouat's Clothing Company  
Lyle's Place, Victoria  
Salt Spring Elementary School  
Dave's Drilling and Blasting  
Kids at GF Strong  
Galiano Construction  
Skyler Designs  
Bopomo Photography  
Le Chateau, Vancouver  
Martier School of Hair Design  
Harbour House Hotel  
Harlan's Chocolate and Gelato  
Royal B.C. Museum  
The Beanery, Summerville  
Fernwood Elementary School  
Salt Spring Natureworks  
Aritzia, Vancouver  
In Space Design, Victoria  
Fulford Elementary School  
Mill Bay Veterinary Clinic

Salt Spring Island Middle School  
Royal B.C. Museum Gift Shop  
The Vancouver Sun  
Madrone Environmental Services  
Stan Burns Real Estate  
B.C. Hydro, Ganges  
Todd McIntyre Electric  
Salt Spring Chocolate Factory  
Mount Washington Snow School  
Fairmont Empress Hotel  
Hidden Valley Butcher  
Salt Spring Centre School  
Honourable Linda Reid, MLA  
Queen Alexandra Centre for Children  
Royal Bay Bakery  
Hope Bay Café  
Johnson's Service Station  
Body Basics, Red Deer  
Lululemon Athletica  
Kevin Clark Photography  
Experience Cycling  
Harold Hoffman Construction  
Magic Cottage Creations  
Vancouver School for the Deaf

Mouat's Hardware  
Canadian Back Institute  
Summit Rehabilitation  
Shell Aero Centre/Viking Air  
Gregg Eligh Photography  
B.C. Legislature  
Gord Speed Construction  
Salt Spring Physiotherapy  
The Bug Lady, SFU  
Salt Spring Sheet Metal  
Sunny Mayne Bakery  
Calvin's Bistro  
Blue Horse Gallery  
Italian Bakery, Victoria  
Diana Dean, painter  
Salt Spring Inn  
Salt Spring Books  
Oystercatcher Restaurant  
Island Escapades  
Acoustic Planet  
Pender Island Lumber  
Salt Spring Air  
Locks, Stock and Barber Shop  
Long and McQuade  
School District #64 Computer Repair  
Pete Sweetnam Construction  
Malaspina Music Department



Kaity Fraser  
Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic



Eric Peterson  
Shell Aero Centre/Viking Air, Sidney



Phil Elsser  
Salt Spring Bicycles

OUR COMMUNITY INVESTING IN TODAY'S YOUTH... TOMORROW'S LEADERS!

# What's On This Week

## Wed. Mar 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage.**  
With Stephanie Rhodes at Shipstones. 8 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Simply Organic.**  
Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.

### Ian Tamblin.

Creekside Rainforest fundraising concert. With wilderness trip slide show and potluck. Central Hall. 5-8 p.m. with potluck at about 6.

### Zen Meditation.

Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.

### Fitness 4 Families.

Fitness program meets at Community Gospel on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. Family Place-sponsored program.

## Thurs. Mar 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mike.**  
Thursdays with Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn Pub. 7-10 p.m.

### Blues Jam.

With Dave Roland and friends every other Thursday at Moby's Pub. 7:30-10 p.m.

### One Night Stand.

With Tom & Matt at Shipstones. 9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**SS Weavers & Spinners Guild.**  
Texture & Clinic. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.

### Green Drinks.

I-SEA-sponsored discussions about environment & more at Harbour House Hotel. 5 p.m.

### Fulford Village Study Group.

Meets Thursdays in OAP room of Fulford Hall. 3-5 p.m.

## Fri. Mar 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Valdy.**  
Performs at Eclectic Fridays at El Zocalo Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

### Karaoke Night.

Moby's Pub. Tami Benoit and Lorna Walde. 9 p.m. to midnight.

### House Party with Matt J.

Shipstones. 9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Children's & Teens' Belly Dance Classes.**  
With Oriana. Fridays at The Gatehouse. 3-4 p.m. Info: 653-0028.

### Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement.

Classes on Fridays at Cats Pajamas Studio. 10-11 a.m. Info: Anna, 537-5681.

## Sat. Mar 22

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Jazz Saturdays.** Zoco Locos trio at El Zocalo Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

### Allison Crowe's Spring Show.

Music and more fun to aid the SSI BCSPCA. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

### Elvis Elite.

A tribute to the king of Rock and Roll. Steve Elliott. Patsy Kline tribute with Patsy Bartholomew. Meaden Hall. 8 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Guided Creekside Walks.**  
See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walk. Meet at the corner of Creekside and Hillview Dr. 10 a.m. on Saturdays

## Sun. Mar 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Live Music With Tess & Buck.**  
Every other Sunday at the Fulford Inn Pub. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Guided Creekside Walks.**  
See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walk. Meet at corner of Creekside & Hillview Dr. at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

### Easter Sunday at the Cheese Farm.

Open house at Salt Spring Island Cheese. Easter egg hunt at noon, petting zoo. 285 Reynolds Road. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Mon. Mar 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.**  
Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

### Monday Life Drawing.

Every Monday, 3rd floor Core Inn. Info: Jose Campbell, 537-1121.

### Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.

Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

### Bones for Life.

Classes at Cats Pajamas Studio. Info: Anna, 537-5681.

## Tues. Mar 25

### ACTIVITIES

**West African Dance Classes.**  
Live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages.

### Mayan Mask Workshop.

Part of Creative Kids Spring Break series at ArtSpring with Tracy Harrison. 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-register: 537-2102.

## Wed. Mar 26

### ACTIVITIES

**The Colour Wheel & How to Use It.**  
Painters Guild workshop ArtSpring. 9-noon. Register: Jose, 537-1211.

**Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Talk.** President Gil Schultz speaks on the importance of the foundation. SS Seniors. 2 p.m.

**Tooning Around.** Cartoon workshop at ArtSpring as part of Creative Kids Spring Break series. 1-2 p.m. Pre-register: 537-2102.

**Dem Bones.** Children's library program with Bristol Foster. 1-2 p.m.



**THE FRITZ MOVIE THEATRE**  
at Central Hall call 537-4656 for showtimes & info www.thefritz.ca March 21-25

**JUNO**  
A comedy about growing up  
...and the bumps along the way.

**HELD OVER**

1 hr 36 min  
Rating: 14A  
sexual content

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
7:00 pm

**Music This Week**

**BLUES NIGHT: Thursday, March 20 - Dave Roland & Friends 7:30 - 10:30 pm**  
**KARAOKE: Friday, March 21 - Tami Benoit & Lorna Walde 9 pm - Midnight**

*Lunch & Dinner Specials Every Day*

*"We are proud to use trans-fat free oil"*

*Draught Beer Specials Every Day*

**THURSDAY NIGHT is CRAB NIGHT**  
with Gary's fresh local crab, \$11.50 for 1/2 crab

**Moby's Pub**  
Salt Spring Island B.C. Come see the whale on the wall... 537-5559

**THE HARBOUR HOUSE**  
on Salt Spring

**Dinner Specials 5-9 pm**

**Sunday - Prime Rib**  
(with all the fixin's 6oz. \$15, 8oz. \$18)

**Monday - Cheeseburger**  
(and fries \$4)

**Tuesday - Southern Fried Chicken**  
(with fries & coleslaw \$11)

**Wednesday - Prawns**  
(.25 each min. 10)

**Thursday - Wings**  
(\$4.5 each min. 10)

**Friday - Alberta Beef**  
(with veg & potatoes \$17)

**Saturday - Fresh Pasta**  
(\$16)

121 UPPER GANGES ROAD 537-4700

**CINEMA**

**JUNO** - Held over! Juno is a whip-smart teen confronting an unplanned pregnancy by her classmate Bleeker. With the help of her hot best friend Leah, Juno finds her unborn child a "perfect" set of parents: an affluent suburban couple, Mark and Vanessa, longing to adopt. Luckily, Juno has the total support of her parents as she faces some tough decisions, flirts with adulthood and ultimately figures out where she belongs.

**CABLE TV**

**Attention Shaw Cable TV Channel 11 viewers** - The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. Lee family history runs on March 18-19. Also tune in for community messages, weather and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- Second Annual Easter Art Tour.** Pick up a tour map at Mahon Hall from Saturday, March 22 through Monday, March 24, 10-6 daily. Visit a plethora of island galleries and studios! Opening reception on Friday, March 21, 5-7 p.m. at Mahon Hall, with work by Susan Haigh, Gillian McConnell and Hamza bin al-Wathan.
- Through a Glass Darkly,** an exhibit of photographs and juried writing, runs daily at Art-Spring until March 25. See ArtBeat review in this issue of the Driftwood.
- Guantanamo,** by PEI artist Hilda Woolnough, shows at **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive until April 13th. Entrance by donation to benefit Amnesty International. For gallery hours call Margaret Day at 653-0089.
- Country Life** - an exhibition by Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild members runs daily in the ArtSpring lobby through March 31.
- Verna Meyer** shows paintings at **Island Savings** until June.
- Justin Beckett** is the featured artist this month at the **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges. His show includes new landscapes of local island views.
- New life drawings by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.
- Jana's Bake Shop** shows new photos from Salt Spring photographer **Deb Ha-garty**.

**Fulford Fabulous Flea Market**  
Saturday, March 29th, 10am-2pm  
Food & Lots of bargans!  
A fundraiser for the Fulford Hall

**THRIFTY FOODS**  
smiles every day.

Ganges, Mouat's Centre • 7:30am to 8pm • Customer Service 537-1522

**Squeeze Me!**

**TEMPUR**  
SWEDISH MATTRESS & PILLOWS  
1-800-887-4321  
www.tempurcanada.com

The only mattress recognized by NASA and certified by the Space Foundation

**A better night's sleep, no springs attached!**

**UNCLE ALBERT'S FURNITURE**  
107 2nd St. Duncan Mon.-Sat. 9-5:30  
1-800-593-5303 Sun 11-4

**CHEVROLET PONTIAC BUICK GMC**  
**PETER BALJET**

**0% Financing continues on selected models**

DAN EASTON CRAIG HINDLE STEVE AYDON JOE GRAHAM JERRY DEOL ROB EASTMAN MORGAN HARRISON ANGELA KETCH RED BELLIS DAVE PEARS GREG POWERS ROSS MCCAULEY KIM MACLEAN ERIKA WEBB

6300 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan Sales & Service 250 746-7131 Body Shop 250 748 4370 www.peterbaljet.com

# TV Listings Pull out and save!

Let 20 Years on Salt Spring Work For You!  
**John Cade (250) 537-7547**  
 Your MLS Listing Realtor  
 TOLL FREE: 1-888-537-5515  
 www.gulfislandsproperty.com / john@gulfislandsproperty.com

STATION	CBC-CBUT	SRC-CBUFT	Knowledge	TSN	CH Victoria	OMNI BC	Global BC	CTV BC	Channel M	A-Channel	Citytv	CW-KSTW	FOX-KCPQ	ABC-KOMO	NBC-KING	PBS-KCTS	NewsWorld	CBS-KIRO	YTV	Sportsnet
Shaw	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23
ExpressVu	257	120	268	400	255		251	250	254	256	253		290	288	287	291	502	289	552	407
Starchoice	308	702	354	400	358		336	321		389	359		382	380	379	383	390	381	543	419

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy / (:10) Mama	(4:00) NHL Hockey - N.Y. Rangers vs. New Jersey (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30		Popular Mechanics	That's Hockey (Live)		King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Lemur Street	SportsCentre	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Command Performance	Hidden Lives Mile-End (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA Basketball - Phoenix vs. Seattle (Live)
	:30	Marketplace Digging Deep	L'Épicerie	Undersea Explorer	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			The Insider	Prank Patrol Super Dad	
8	:00 Little Mosque Sophie (N)	Le match des étoiles Spéciale revanche (N)	100 Greatest Discoveries Astronomy	ATP Tennis Pacific Life	Deal or No Deal	Coach	Survivor: Micronesia - Fans vs. Favorites (N)	The Moment of Truth (N)	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	Wife Swap Ketchum/ Sheron (N)	America's Next Top Model (N)	America's Next Top Model (N)	The Moment of Truth (N)	Wife Swap Ketchum/ Sheron (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Untethered		CBC News: The National	Survivor: Fans vs. Favorites (N)	Fries With That?	
	:30																		Monster Warriors	
9	:00 the fifth estate The Lies That Led to War	Une heure sur terre	Mighty Movers Deep Sea Drillers (N)	Open - Men's Round of 16 (Live)	Father Hood (N)	The Standard	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	American Idol 1 of 11 Voted Off (N)	Sabor Latino	Supernanny McKeever Family (N)	Rock of Love First Annual Bret's Muddbowl	Girlicious Kitchen Confrontation	American Idol 1 of 11 Voted Off (N)	Supernanny McKeever Family (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Offense		CBC News: The National	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Futurama	
	:30				True Hollywood														Shadow Raiders	Simply the Best
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	For King and Country	Motoring 2008 Motorcycle Experience	Inside Hollywood (N)	Cold Case Bad Night	Family Guy Da Boom	Law & Order Angelgrove (N)	Hola Que Tal	Comedy Now	Men in Trees Read Between the Minds (N)	Seinfeld The Shoes	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Men in Trees Read Between the Minds (N)	Law & Order Angelgrove (N)		Hidden Lives Mile-End	CSI: NY One Wedding and a Funeral	Falcon Beach Tidal	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30																			
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	To Dublin With Love	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier To Tell the Truth	Family Guy	News	News	The Osmonds 50th Anniversary Reunion	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																		(:35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers
12 MID	:00 (:05) Figure Skate World Championships	La zone	Frank Lloyd Wright [Part 1 of 2]	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)		The Hour	(N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(:45) Fosse aux lions		IIHF Hockey	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H		(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)			(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

## THURSDAY MARCH 20

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy / (:10) Mama	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Boston (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	(4:00) NCAA Basketball - First Round - Teams TBA (Live)	Fairly Odd Parents	Pratt & Taylor
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News					SpongeBob SquarePants	
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors/ (:20) Tommy		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Edmonton (Live)
	:30		Reach for the Top	That's Hockey (Live)		King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy Brian in Love		KING 5 News				Drake & Josh	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Profiles of Nature The	SportsCentre	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Great Performances	Planet Earth From Pole to Pole	First Round - Teams TBA (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30	Project X Speed (N)	Infoman (N)	Opportune Raccoon	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition				Prank Patrol	
8	:00 Wine Confidential (N)	Tous pour un Astérix (N)	Big Ideas for Planet Build	ATP Tennis Green for All	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Coach Wings Over Buffalo	Deal or No Deal	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	America's Smartest Model	Smallville Traveler (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Miss Guided Hot Sub (N)	Deal or No Deal		CBC News: The National		Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Design: E2											Miss Guided The List (N)					Monster Warriors	
9	:00 Doc Zone Dubai: Miracle or Mirage?	Enquête (N)	Sanjeev Bhaskar The Longest Road (N)	Open - Quarter-finals	"Lesser Evil" (Dra. '06) Alison Eastwood.	The Standard Messages	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)	Lost Meet Kevin Johnson (N)	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahr Nagmae	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Reaper Unseen (N)	Reaper Unseen (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Lost Meet Kevin Johnson (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)	The Osmonds 50th Anniversary Reunion	CBC News: The National	KIRO News Special	Futurama Godfellas	Canucks TV
	:30																		Shadow Raiders	Canucks TV
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Why Democracy? Looking for Revolution	Poker Night	Cold Case Committed	Big Love Eviction	Eli Stone Praying for Time (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Lipstick Jungle (SF) (N)	The Murdoch Mysteries Belly Speaker	Seinfeld The Wait Out	Seinfeld The Old Man	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Eli Stone Praying for Time (N)	Lipstick Jungle (SF) (N)		Planet Earth From Pole to Pole	Judge Judy	Falcon Beach Turn Card	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30																			
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	For King and Country	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier Decoys	Family Guy	News	News	Hollywood Singing and Dancing: A Musical	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																		(:35) The Show	Ghost Trackers
12 MID	:00 (:05) Figure Skate World Championships	La zone	National Geographic	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Cow Days	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	Treasure	The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama Godfellas	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(:45) Fosse aux lions		Motoring 2008	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H		(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Alone in the Wilderness		(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

## FRIDAY MARCH 21

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy / (:10) Mama	(4:30) NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Cleveland (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	(4:00) NCAA Basketball - First Round - Teams TBA (Live)	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News					SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Wrestling/ (:05) Prank	
	:30		Krafft's Creatures			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Endurance	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00 Coronation Street	Du coeur au ventre	Emily of New Moon A Winter's Tale	SportsCentre	El News Canada	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate	First Round - Teams TBA (Live)	Ghost Trackers	NHL Hockey - Minnesota vs. Vancouver (Live)
	:30	FigSkate			The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	KCTS Connects			Adrenaline Trail Blazer	
8	:00 Air Farce Live	Paquet voleur	North and South [Part 1 of 4]		Life Is Wild (N)	Sikh Virsa	Amnesia (N)	"Plain Truth" *** (Myst. '04) Alison Pill.	Weekly News Forum	Alice, I Think	Battlestar Galactica Maelstrom	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	'Til Death Vintage Eddie	Grey's Anatomy Love/ Addiction	Amnesia (N)	NOW	CBC News: The National		Naruto	
	:30	Rick Mercer Report		Off the Record					CTS Night Club	Grand Star			Jezebel James (N)		Washington Week			Avatar		
9	:00 Figure Skate World Championships	L'heure de gloire	Michael Palin's New Europe Wild East	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Lee vs. Vera	20/20	The Standard	House Informed Consent	3D Dialogue	Here Comes Aajumma	"Along Came Polly" *** (Com. '04) Ben Stiller.	Stargate: SG-1 Origin		House Informed Consent	20/20	Dateline NBC	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	KIRO News Special	Futurama Futurestock	
	:30																		Bleach	Sportsnet Connected
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Frank Lloyd Wright [Part 2 of 2]		20/20	Cold Case Saving Patrick Bublely	Num3rs	Nip/ Tuck Duke Collins (N)	Open Concert		The Collector The Pharmacist	Seinfeld The Invitations	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20		To Be Announced	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Death Note Performance	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30																		Gundam S Destiny	
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	La zone	Perspectives Class Queers	F1 Auto Racing Malaysian Grand Prix	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Dinner Party	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	(:45) A communicque																	Storm Hawks	
12 MID	:00 (:05) Figure Skate World Championships	La zone	Perspectives Chat Addicts	SportsCentre	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami Rap Sheet	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Chef Aid	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	To Be Announced	The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama Futurestock	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(:45) Pour le plaisir			(:35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park Grey Dawn	M*A*S*H		(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)			(:35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

STATION	CBC-CBUFT	SRC-CBUFT	Knowledge	TSN	CH Victoria	OMNI BC	Global BC	CTV BC	Channel M	A-Channel	Citytv	CW-KSTW	FOX-KCPQ	ABC-KOMO	NBC-KING	PBS-KCTS	NewsWorld	CBS-KIRO	YTV	Sportsnet
Shaw	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23
ExpressVu	257	120	268	400	255		251	250	254	256	253		290	288	287	291	502	289	552	407
Starchoice	308	702	354	400	358		336	321		389	359		382	380	379	383	390	381	543	419

**SATURDAY MARCH 22**

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey Toronto vs. Ottawa or Boston vs. Montreal (Live)	400 fois Québec 5 sur 5	Miss BG (-15) Dive George Shrinks	(4:00) ATP Tennis Pacific Life Open	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Świat Polskiej Wiadomości	Star Trek: Voyager Sacred Ground	Relic Hunter Flag Day	MGM Presents	Everybody Loves Ray According to Jim	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) To Be Announced To Be Announced	Antiques Roadshow Kelvingrove	(3:45) NCAA Basketball - Teams TBA (Live)	(4:00) "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" ★★	(4:00) CIS Hockey - Men's Semifinal 2 - Teams TBA
6:00 PM	Le Téléjournal	Le Téléjournal	Lemur Street	Curling Ford World Championships - Women's Canada vs. Switzerland (Live)	That News Show (N)	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	ABC World News	News	Saturday Report	(15) NCAA Basketball - Second Round - Teams TBA (Live)	Prank Patrol	Simply the Best	
7:00 PM	NHL Hockey - Minnesota vs. Calgary (Live)	3600 secondes d'extase	National Geographic	Women's Canada vs. Switzerland (Live)	The Next Great Chef (N)	Diya	Global Currents Hijacked Future (N)	W-FIVE	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Stargate Atlantis The Return	CSI: Miami Innocent	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	Command Performance	Michael Jackson	Teams TBA (Live)	Ghost Trackers	NBA Basketball - Houston vs. Phoenix (Live)
8:00 PM	Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Where There's Smoke	"Wide Awake" (Dra, '07) Missy Peregym.	Islam 101	National Aboriginal Achievement Awards (N)	Whistler Family Ties	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	The Murdoch Mysteries Belly Speaker	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Cops Coast to Coast (N)	Cops	"The Ten Commandments" ★★	Paid Program	CBC News: Sat. Live	KIRO News Special	Mystery Hunters	Mystery Hunters	
9:00 PM	Pour un soir seulement	Midsomer Murders The Maid in Splendour	SportsCentre	Sikh Virsa	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Signature	Asian Variety Show	"Hollywood North" ★★ (Com, '03) Matthew Modine.	"The Saddest Music in the World" ★★ (Mus, '03) Isabella Rossellini.	Frasier	America Most Wanted (N)	(Epic, '56) Charlton Heston.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Signature	Saturday Report	KIRO News Special Cold Facts/ Warm Planet	Adrenaline Project Mush Adrenaline Cliff Hanger	NBA XL				
10:00 PM	Hockey: After Hours (Live) CBC News	Le Téléjournal Délect. Inc. La quatrième dimension	The Whistleblowers Pandemic	Pre-Race Show (Live)	El News Canada	Saturday Night Live	CTV News	(05) Making the Band 4 A New Dawn (N)	"Shaheed" (Bio, '02) Bobby Deol.	"Hollywood North" ★★ (Com, '03)	World Poker Tour	Cold Case	Spike Feresten	Chappelle's Show	(45) Homes	Michael Jackson	48 Hours Mystery	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
11:00 PM	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	"Jesus Christ Superstar" ★★ (Mus, '73) Ted Neeley.	New Tricks	F1 Auto Racing Malaysian Grand Prix	Jack Van Impe															
12:00 MID																				

**SUNDAY MARCH 23**

5:00 PM	Wind at My Back	Oniva	Miss BG (-15) Dive George Shrinks	(4:00) Curling Ford World Championships (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Mind Games	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Smallville Traveler	(4:00) World Poker Tour	Everybody Hates Chris	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	(4:00) To Be Announced	Obama Goes to Africa	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) Here Comes Peter Cottontail	(4:00) CIS Hockey Championships - Men's Final - Teams TBA
6:00 PM	Here Comes Peter Cottontail	Le Téléjournal Découverte	Emily of New Moon A Winter's Tale	That News Show (N) What Happened?	According to Jim The Ring	News	News	"Shaheed" (Bio, '02) Bobby Deol.	Relic Hunter The Legend of the Lost	Speaker's Corner	One Tree Hill Hundred	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" ★★ (Fam, '71) Gene Wilder.	Simply the Best	
7:00 PM	Canada's Next Great Prime Minister (N)	Lallaque	National Geographic Lost World of the Holy Land	SportsCentre	El News Canada	Voices of Hinduism	Renegade Hard to Hold	Cold Case Wunderkind	America's Funniest Home Videos	Role That Changed	America's Next Top Model	King of the Hill	America's Funniest Home Videos	Dateline NBC	To Be Announced	The Mars Underground	60 Minutes	Factory	Poker Million Dollar Cash Game	
8:00 PM	Afghanistan: Between Hope and Fear	Tout le monde en parle	Doc Martin Aromatherapy	Curling Ford World Championships - Women's Canada vs. Germany (Live)	Makeover: Home Gaudet Family (N)	Sikh Virsa	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N) (Part 1 of 2)	Medium Wicked Game (N)	Kyle XY The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades	Virgin' ★★ (Com, '05) Steve Carell.	Hates Chris (N)	The Simpsons	Makeover: Home Gaudet Family (N)	To Be Announced	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Charlie Brown	Ultimate Fighter			
9:00 PM		New Tricks	Women's Canada vs. Germany (Live)	Dr. 90210 Always Be Repaired, Eh?	Sufi	Family Guy	Oprah's Big Give (N)	"Occident" (Com, '02) Alexandru Papadopol.	America's Next Top Model	The Game (N)	Family Guy	Oprah's Big Give (N)	Law & Order: Misbegotten	To Be Announced	CBC News: Our World	Cold Case Wunderkind	Falcon Beach	Ultimate Fighter		
10:00 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	(15) Le Téléjournal	The Whistleblowers No Child Left Behind	The Kardashians	Diya	Family Guy	Dexter Return to Sender	Stargate: SG-1 Off the Grid	Here Come the Newlyweds (N)	Seinfeld The Foundation	Q13 FOX News	Here Come the Newlyweds (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Harm	The Mars Underground	Dexter Return to Sender	Falcon Beach Lovers & Cheaters	Sportsnet Connected (Live)			
11:00 PM	News the fifth estate	On fait tous du show business	Undersea Explorer	Driving Television	(35) House & Home	CTV News	Pass Da Mic	Careers TV	Ed and Red's Night Party	Without a Trace Snatch Back	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Protection	(35) Ebert & Roeper	Paid Program	Fortune Hunters	(35) The Dead Zone	Dark Oracle Crushed	Sportsnet Connected			
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections	Big Ideas for Planet Build	TSN the Reporters	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(05) Popoff Ministry	(05) CSI: Miami MIA/ NYC - NonStop	"Occident" (Com, '02) Alexandru Papadopol.	"Girl, Interrupted" ★★	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace Little Big Man	24 [Part 2 of 2]	(05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Kevin Gerald	To Be Announced	Obama Goes to Africa	Futuraama	UFC Fight Night Swick vs. Burkman		

**MONDAY MARCH 24**

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Trois gars	Timothy (-10) Mama (35) Babar Radio Riot	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Islanders (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	Skooled A Skool is Born	Renegade Press.com	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie	The Leading Edge (N)	Championships - Women's Canada vs. Russia (Live)	El News	According to Jim The Pass	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	How to Live to 101	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA XL
8:00 PM	Countdown to Beijing	Rumeurs (N)	Historylands Chilkoot Trail	Women's Canada vs. Russia (Live)	The Insider	The Simpsons	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Antiques Roadshow	The Insider	Prank Patrol	NBA Basketball - Los Angeles vs. Golden State (Live)		
9:00 PM	Anne Murray: Friends and Legends (N)	Chien noir Comme sur des roulettes (N)	Skooled A Skool is Born	Renegade Press.com	10 Items or Less (N)	Coach	Canterbury's Law What Goes Around (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	The Big Bang Theory (N)	My Dad is Better Than Your Dad	Gossip Girl Hi, Society	Canterbury's Law What Goes Around (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Fries With That?	Adrenaline Trail Blazer	
10:00 PM	The Border Grace Concern (N)	La Petite Vie	Perspectives Embracing Bob's Killer (N)	SportsCentre (Live)	Deal or No Deal	The Standard	New Amsterdam Keep the Change (N)	The Unit Always Kiss Them Goodbye	GMA Telesine	To Be Announced	The Bachelor London Calling (N)	Seinfeld The Bizarro Jerry Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	The Bachelor London Calling (N)	Medium Wicked Game (N) (Part 1 of 2)	How to Live to 101	CSI: Miami You May Now Kill the Bride (N)	Falcon Beach The Video	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
11:00 PM	(05) The Hour	La zone	Profiles of Nature The Opportune Raccoon	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy PTV	News	News	Andre Rieu: In Wonderland	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested	(45) Rick Mercer	(45) Pour le plaisir	Mighty Deep Sea Drillers	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Off Air	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) Colbert Report	Wiadomosci	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park Butt Out	M*A*S*H The Price	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	You: Extend Warranty	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

**TUESDAY MARCH 25**

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy (-10) Mama (35) Babar	(4:30) Poker Premier League	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	World of Og	Curling Ford World Championships - Women's Canada vs. USA	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie	World of Gardens (N)	Women's Canada vs. USA	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	How to Live to 101	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	MLB Baseball Spring Training - Boston vs. Oakland
8:00 PM	Winnipeg Comedy Fest	La Factice	Recreating Eden	USA	The Insider	The Simpsons	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Antiques Roadshow	The Insider	Prank Patrol	NBA Basketball - Boston vs. Oakland		
9:00 PM	Rick Mercer Report	René (N)	Michael Palin Danube to Dnieper	SportsCentre (Live)	The Biggest Loser	Coach	NCIS Dead Man Walking	American Idol 10 Finalists Compete (N)	Il Caffe	To Be Announced	Beauty and the Geek It's Game Time (N)	Beauty and the Geek It's Game Time (N)	American Idol 10 Finalists Compete (N)	Dancing With the Stars	The Biggest Loser	Hollywood Singing and Dancing: A Musical	CBC News: The National	NCIS Dead Man Walking	Fries With That?	Monster Warriors
10:00 PM	Halifax Comedy Fest	Casino (N)	Lord of the Brush	In This Corner	The Standard	Coach To Ski Or Not to Ski	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part (N)	Dancing Results (N)	Made in Germany	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	"Exit Wounds" ★ (Act, '01) Steven Seagal.	Seinfeld The Package	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Primetime What Would You Do? (N) (Part 4 of 5)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Snitch	Home in Ireland	The Mad, The Bad and the Ugly	Jericho Patriots and Tyrants (SF) (N)	Falcon Beach Lost	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
11:00 PM	(05) The Hour	La zone	With Glowing Hearts	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier I.Q.	Family Guy	News	News	Great Performances	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested	(45) Red Green Show	(45) Fosse sur scène	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) Colbert Report	Pass Da Mic	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Gnomes	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor		

# Sports & Recreation

Bookkeeping, Payroll and Tax Services

David Waddington  
Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor



QuickBooks Setup and Training  
Personalized Tutoring • Ongoing Support

Specializing In Small Business 537-0854

## WRESTLING

# Carmen takes silver

Esquivel qualifies for nationals

Gulf Islands Secondary School's Carmen Esquivel has established herself as a force to be reckoned with after picking up a silver medal at the provincial championships in Port Alberni earlier this month.

"It wasn't so much of a challenge as it was a lot of fun," Esquivel said. "The really tough match came on the last day."

Esquivel led her opponent in points until getting pinned to the mat in the match's final moments. Esquivel, 15, finished with a 3-1 record in the 52-kilogram event. The two-day event featured the province's top 27 female wrestlers in Esquivel's weight class. The strong finish bodes well for Esquivel's chances at the national championships, beginning April 8 in Alberta.

Esquivel said she hopes to improve on her fifth-place finish at the 2007 nationals. "I'm training every day for this," Esquivel said.

Esquivel's coach and father, Leon, runs the Salt Spring Rams wrestling club. The group helps supplement Esquivel's off-island training with students from Queen of Angels Secondary in Duncan.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

**KEEPER IN THE MIDDLE:** U18 Salt Spring players Stuart Garside and Felix Payer sandwich the Cordova Bay keeper as the local squad beats its opponents 2-0.

## SHORELINE DESIGN

Peter Christenson  
250-629-8386

specializing in water access over steep & rugged terrain



www.shorelinedesign.ca

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Dragons fall short of cup playoffs

No hard feelings for no-shows

Players on the Salt Spring Island Dragons soccer team aren't harbouring any ill will after their opponents failed to turn up for a crucial Stephanie Shergold Cup match on Salt Spring Sunday.

"We are not of the opinion that they forfeited on purpose so we would lose," player and team spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson said.

The Dragons would have had to defeat the winless Cordova Bay Renegades by at least six goals to clinch a spot in the Stephanie Shergold Cup playoffs.

The Dragons were awarded a 1-0 victory as a result of the forfeit. The team finished off cup play with a modest 1-1-1 record.

Fans will get one more chance to see their hometown heroines play on the island when the Dragons

host the Cordova Bay Renegades in their final match of the season on Sunday, March 30 at 12:30 p.m. at the lower high school field.

**The Dragons were awarded a 1-0 victory as a result of the forfeit.**

The Dragons will finish the 2007-08 season in third place in the Lower Island Women's Soccer League with an 8-3-4 regular-season record, regardless of what may happen on the field.

The Dragons defeated and tied the Renegades in two earlier meetings this year.

"Aside from the last game, we're gearing up for the May long weekend," Donaldson said, referring to the island's ever-popular Challenge Cup tournament.

## Sports Schedule

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

SS Dragons vs Cordova Bay

Sunday, March 30  
GISS  
12:30 p.m.

**Huge ONE DAY only Annual Spring SIDEWALK SALE**  
Saturday, March 22 10 am - 6 pm

**20%-50% OFF**  
Great Gear at Unbelievable Prices!



islandsporttraders.ca  
135 McPhillips Ave.  
Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 6 pm 537-5148



**WEST WIND**  
HARDWOOD INC.  
Custom Flooring  
Specializing in custom Wide Plank  
Clear Douglas Fir

- Brand name flooring available
- Over 50 Hardwood & Softwood species in stock

1-800-667-2275  
#5 - 10189 McDonald Park Road, Sidney, BC

## Agrichem Analytical

Your Local Laboratory

arsenic	free sampling
fluoride	(specific days)
E. coli	free treatment
metals	advice
nutrients	soil analysis

5 3 8 - 1 7 1 2

Salt Spring Island, BC info@agrichem.ca www.agrchem.ca

stylus  
made to order



Re:Design  
Interiors

Ph. 537-2275 #1 Merchant Mews Open Wed.-Fri. 10-4

**PATTERSON MARKET LTD.**  
our family serving your family since 1915

BC Ferries  
Winter Hours

**Salt Spring Island (Fulford Harbour) - Swartz Bay Departures**

CROSSING TIME: 35 MINS  
CHECK WWW.BCFERRIES.CA FOR LATEST SCHEDULES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007 - MARCH 31, 2008

DEPART FULFORD HARBOUR	DEPART SWARTZ BAY
6:15 am	7:00 am Daily except Sunday
7:50 am Daily except Sunday	9:00 am
9:50 am	11:00 am
11:50 am	1:00 pm
1:50 pm	3:00 pm
3:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:50 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	9:00 pm

**PATTERSON MARKET LTD.**  
our family serving your family since 1915

"SHEEP" ISLAND FUEL - we're still the "sheepist!"

ISLAND MADE

- Cheese from SS Cheese & Moonstruck Cheese
- Homemade SS Gelato • Baked goods from Embe & Barb's Buns
- Southend locally made Fruitsicles

Winter hrs: Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 6 pm / Sat. 9 am - 6 pm  
Closed Sundays & statutory holidays

## SPORTS & RECREATION

### HORSE RIDING

# Renowned instructor at Blennerhassett

Island welcome to observe French Baucherism lessons

Jean-Claude Racinet will be at Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre this week teaching four riders the intricacies of French "Baucherism."

From Thursday, March 20 to Monday, March 24, islanders can observe the proceedings for free.

According to islander Ann Watson,

Baucherism is a style of dressage that uses "lightness" as its ultimate tool in obtaining high levels of performance in dressage horses.

Francois Baucher, who is the creator of Baucherism, lived in the mid-19th century and all modern dressage looks to him as the first person to use thoroughbreds, not Spanish horses, as the mount for the manoeuvres of the "maneige" (classical high school dressage).

Watson says Racinet, who is 78 years old, is recognized as the world's authority on Baucherism by the best French and German riding masters in the world today, including Colonel Carde, General Durand and many others.

He will be riding and teaching from 1 until 5 p.m. on the five days mentioned above.

For more information, call Watson at 653-4184.

**Complete Automotive Repairs**

- Hydraulic hoses
- Electronic engine analysis
- Tune ups • Oil changes
- Four wheel drive service
- Suspension shocks and struts
- Fuel injection • Tires



**HAROLD HARKEMA REPAIRS**  
427 Fulford-Ganges Rd. • 537-4559 • Mon. - Fri. 8-5

# Ganges Village Market News

100% SALT SPRING OWNED AND OPERATED

**TUESDAYS ARE 10% OFF DAYS**  
(some restrictions apply)

MONDAYS ARE DOUBLE COUPON VALUE DAYS

**Seventh Generation Bathroom Tissue**

**2/5.00**

4 ROLL PKG

Premium Quality!



100% Recycled Paper!

100% Recycled Paper!  
Hypo-Allergenic, Unscented, No Dyes  
Whitened without Chlorine Bleach

You Asked For It And We Got It!  
Conventional Pricing On

**Heinz Organic Babyfood**

**69¢** 213g JAR

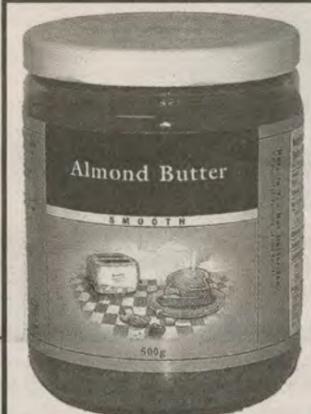
Your Choice EVERY DAY LOW!



Heinz Regular Babyfood 69¢ each

**Almond Butter**

SMOOTH



500g

**Eating Right Caesar Romaine Salad**



Nuts to you

**Almond Butter**

**7.97**

500g JAR

Your Choice

**Eating Right Caesar Romaine Salad**

**2.97**

283g PKG

EXCLUSIVE TO G.V.M. ON SALT SPRING

**Crofters Organic Jams + Jellies**

**1.97**

235g JAR

Your Choice



limit 6 total

**Prairie Organic Whole Wheat Pasta**

**2/5.00**

454g PKG

B.C. Quality

Your Choice



Another Quality Exclusive line at G.V.M

**Eating Right Quickoats**

**2.97**

2.25kg BAG

- Shopping list:**
- Baron
  - 1 Onion
  - Garlic
  - 2 Celery stalks
  - 1 Red bell pepper
  - Vegetable broth
  - Potatoes
  - Carrots
  - Fresh parsley
  - Dried thyme
  - Salt
  - Black pepper
  - 1 Large can diced tomatoes
  - 2 Cans clams



**•What's for Dinner?**

THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET **MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER**  
Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2006

**Manhattan clam chowder** is the other clam chowder, the one with a tomato base. Unlike New England clam chowder (the white, creamy chowder which originated in French Canada and traveled south), Manhattan clam chowder is a United States' original. At first called Coney Island clam chowder or Fulton Market clam chowder, it is a dish of which New York City is justly proud. *The New York Times* wrote July 14, 1879: "As the great national chowder-pot, Coney Island comes boldly to the front. In a good season, with no late frosts, but occasional light rains, the clam-chowder crop of Coney Island reaches its highest point. And Coney Island chowder is a mystery that no man has ever fathomed." *The Boston Globe* in September 1893 stated

New York was as famous for its clam chowder as Boston was for its baked beans. "There are many varieties of chowder, but New York chowder, par excellence, is that which is known as 'Fulton market style,' in memory of the days when the swells used to go down to Fulton market for oyster suppers and for clam chowder..." Famous New York restaurateurs began to make their chowder in the same manner utilizing Coney Island's exceptionally salty Rockaway clam. According to food historian Barry Popik, the adjective Manhattan (the one that now defines the dish) was not introduced until after 1900. Today fine restaurants everywhere serve New England or Manhattan clam chowder but never both - loyalties are strong. Others choose to make their own unique clam chowders adhering to principles other than those of the celebrated duo. I don't remember who taught me to make clam chowder. I feel like I've always known. It seems part of my personal makeup and predates my knowledge of the two famous clam chowders. Chowder heretics like myself sometimes even replace potatoes with pasta. But here is a non-dissenting version of the traditional.

In a large saucepan, cook 6 slices bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from saucepan, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in the saucepan. Crumble bacon; set aside. Sauté 1 chopped onion, 2 chopped cloves garlic, 2 chopped celery stalks and ½ chopped red pepper in reserved drippings until tender. In a stock pot combine 3 cups vegetable broth, 2 cups diced potatoes, 1 cup chopped carrots, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon dried thyme, & a dash of cracked black pepper. Bring to a boil then add 1 large can of diced tomatoes including juice and the bacon and sautéed vegetables. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 25 to 35 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in 2 cans of clams with their nectar. Heat clams gently, stirring frequently; do not allow to boil after the clams are added. Serve hot directly from the pot. If desired, add a dash of hot pepper sauce or cayenne.

Come and try this wonderful dish at  
**THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET FOOD DEMONSTRATION**

- This Thursday 1:00pm - 5:30pm
- This Friday 12:00pm - 5:30pm

**Lotto Centre**

OPEN DAILY 8am - 9pm  
Wed., Mar. 19 - Mon., Mar. 24, 08



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**DIVING IN:**

Salt Spring Stingrays coach Sara McKay dives in the new Rainbow Road pool as members of the swim team gather behind the blocks. The Stingrays were part of a "soft opening" at the pool last Saturday afternoon. With blocks at the pool, the team will now be able to regularly practise diving — something they couldn't do at Shelby Pool.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

# Relay for Life on track for third year

Volunteers, survivors and teams can sign up now

The 2008 edition of the Relay for Life, a signature fundraising event of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS), has been set for May 30-31.

Now's the time to start thinking about forming a team to get in on the fun at Portlock Park, or to join the volunteer corps.

"The CCS's mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of those people living with cancer," explains a press release on the event. "The funds raised through the relay go to funding research, providing information and support, preventing cancer, and advocating for a healthy Canada.

"In the 1940s, 25 per cent of people diagnosed with cancer survived, in the 1960s 33 per cent survived, and today, 60 per cent survive. In 2006 the B.C. and Yukon division of the CCS donated \$6.6 million to research."

The CCS provides peer support, practical support and information services. Its lodges, emergency aid and volunteer drivers have benefitted the Salt Spring community greatly, says the CCS.

Camp Goodtimes, a camp for kids with cancer, is also operated by the CCS.

"The Relay for Life is a life-changing event for many people," says Salt Spring relay coordinator Kirsty Oliveira. "It helps us celebrate the lives of those who have fought cancer, remember those we have lost, and it inspires us to continue to fight back against cancer."

Participation by cancer survivors is essential to the spirit of the relay, adds Oliveira. "Survivors are encouraged to volunteer, put together a team, or simply show up to enjoy the entertainment provided and to walk the Victory Lap if they would like to. We hope survivors will find camaraderie, support, and inspiration through their involvement with the relay."

The Relay for Life is a volunteer-run event which counts on the community to ensure its success. Many volunteers are returning from the previous two years, but volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Survivor Recruitment and Recognition
- Registration and Accounting
- Cancer Smart Shop
- Entertainment and Activities
- Communications
- Health and Safety
- Team Recruitment, Retention and Recognition.

Each position requires a commitment of about four hours a week until the week of the event, at which time more hours are required. A few hours after the event are needed to wrap everything up.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, put together a team, or simply learn more about the relay should contact Kirsty Oliveira at 537-1318, e-mail [kirsty@saltspring.com](mailto:kirsty@saltspring.com), or go to [www.cancer.ca/relay](http://www.cancer.ca/relay).

**MEN'S SOCCER**

## Old Boys end match playing both ways

Alumni invited to Masters A level

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Old Boys capped off the soccer season in what may have been their strangest game of the year Sunday afternoon.

Hosting an eight-player Nanaimo team, the Old Boys quickly found themselves down by a goal scored off an early penalty shot. A disallowed goal moments later nearly put the visitors ahead by two.

"Our team was a little lacklustre to start things off," midfielder Jack Braak said Monday morning.

The Old Boys ended the first half on a high note, scoring five unanswered goals against the outnumbered and outshot Nanaimo side.

"Salt Spring eventually took over," Braak said.

Goals from Antonio Alonso, Eamon Murphy and two by Dave Norget helped give the home team a three-goal

lead at the break.

Things became increasingly strange during the game's second half when Old Boys players and players from the Salt Spring Alumni team joined forces with the Nanaimo squad to prevent an all-out rout.

The Old Boys are in fifth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer Association's Masters C division.

In other soccer action, the Masters C division-leading Salt Spring Alumni squad earned an effortless victory after their opponents forfeited their weekend match.

"It was rather anti-climactic, but that's what you get when you're over 35," said Alumni coach and player Jesse Fisher. "It was a great year."

Though it remains uncertain if their season is actually finished, players have learned they have been accepted to play in the highly competitive Masters A division.

"That's a decision we'll have to make as a team," Fisher said.

**PULL-OUT TV GUIDE  
PAGE A19**

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### Changes to Prepaid Paper Tickets

BC Ferries prepaid paper ticket holders are advised that all prepaid paper tickets purchased prior to April 1, 2008 will be valued at the March 31, 2008 prepaid price.

Beginning April 16, 2008 customers presenting **prepaid paper tickets purchased prior to April 1, 2008** will be required to pay the difference between the new prepaid fare and the March 31, 2008 prepaid fare. From April 1-16 the difference in fare will not be collected.

For more information and to find the exact value of your prepaid paper tickets, visit [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com), select Fares, and select your desired route.

If you have any questions about this change, please call 1 888 BC FERRY (1 888 223 3779).



## "Student Lunch Special"

- 1/2 California Roll
- 1/2 Dynamite Roll
- 1 pop

\$5.00



## "Salt Spring Roll"

- Deepfried Prawn, Crab, BBQed Eel & Spicy Salmon



\$7.95

**Ariqado  
SUSHI**

Mon-Sat. 10-7.30pm • Gasoline Alley • 538-1881 • [www.arigado.com](http://www.arigado.com)

promotional images for print and web

Photo solution  
John Cameron  
537-5830



## Advertising Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood of Wednesday, March 26th.

Our office will be closed:  
**Friday March 21st  
Good Friday**

Display Deadline: Thursday March 20th, Noon  
Classified Deadline: Monday March 24th, 4pm  
Too Late Too Classify: Tuesday March 25th, 10am.



537-9933 sales@gulfislands.net  
gulfislandsdriftwood.com

*The Upstairs Bears*



**Rona Robbins**  
Purveyor of Fine Teddies

Suite 5A,  
121 McPhillips Ave.

For gallery hours,  
please call.  
Adults only please.

Tel: 538-0964  
Toll Free: 1-877-538-0964  
Fax: 538-0974  
Email: shirequeenl@aol.com

**Family Dentistry  
at GRACE POINT  
Dr. Bob McGinn**



DR. ROBERT MCGINN  
DENTIST

- General Family Dentistry
- Orthodontics
- Check-ups and Cleaning
- White Fillings
- Crown and Bridge
- Veneers
- Teeth Whitening
- Cosmetic Dentistry

**• DENTAL IMPLANTS**  
To replace missing teeth  
or to stabilize dentures

**New Patients  
Always Welcome  
537-1616**

## SPORTS & RECREATION

### YOUTH SOCCER

# U14 boys eke out cup win Saturday

Gelato girls also advance with 3-0 victory

### SOCCERKICKS

Salt Spring's U14 Spartans got their first taste of cup play Saturday, coming in as the top-seeded team against a disciplined Prospect Lake team.

Having lost to the Spartans on two prior occasions, the Lakers tried to prey on an overconfident Salt Spring squad, with the losing team facing elimination from cup play.

The first half saw a lot of midfield play, with possession slightly in Salt Spring's favour. Although there were no major scoring chances before the half, Salt Spring managed to outshoot their opponents 4-1 in the first 35 minutes.

Second-half play turned more in favour of the orange-coloured Lakers team, who began to carry much of the play in the midfield. Their odd offensive bursts, however, were quelled by solid defensive play anchored by Arthur Irwin-Campbell, Corey Miles, Leh Smallshaw and Aidan Holmes. The scoreless draw was finally broken when Lukas Wenzel, fresh off a substitution, gained possession and lobbed a solid left-footer over the Lakers keeper from

about 20 metres out.

The remaining 10 minutes of the game saw the Lakers pressing hard, with what seemed like chance after chance in front of the Salt Spring net. However, keeper Byron Mussell and his defence held strong to salvage the Spartans' shut-out and the win.

•The U13 Gelato girls team had had an easy route to the quarter finals with opposition failing to turn up. They were ready for a tough game on Saturday as the Peninsula Panthers came to town. Salt Spring knew from previous encounters that the game would be won or lost in our defence and so it proved.

Thirty-two seconds had passed when Jade Beauvais burst through the unprepared Panthers defence to shoot powerfully from a tricky angle high into the Peninsula net for the first of the season. A perfect start!

From then on the visitors pressed for an equalizer, but time after time were faced by the mighty Salt Spring defence, who held them at bay and broke down their attacks.

The score remained the same at half time, with the game poised on a knife edge.



PHOTO BY JOANNE PAL

**FEET FIRST:** Salt Spring U16 girls team player Kai Fishleigh, left, makes the play in a 5-0 win against Juan de Fuca.

Peninsula picked up the pace and poured forward, but Salt Spring held firm, looking to hit them on the break. This they did. With 20 minutes to go, Olivia Kornelsen broke through on the left, held off two defenders and produced a classy and deft finish with the outside of her right foot.

Now the Panthers had to throw everything forward, and to their credit never gave up. They had the ball in the Salt Spring net, only to have it correctly, called off-side.

Still the Salt Spring defence held and, five minutes from the end, got the ball upfield. Hari Brooks passed into the Peninsula box and after a deflection off

a defender's shins the ball landed at Hannah Pearson's feet on the edge of the box. Before everyone could yell "shoot," she did, with a very cool finish into the corner of the net.

The score was 3-0 and the game was safe with a fabulous team performance made possible by the determination and skill of the defence.

• Salt Spring's U16 girls team beat Juan de Fuca 5-0 in a weekend cup game at home.

Goal scorers were Alexa Matheson (with two), Dani Severn, Kloe Holmes and Alanna Hillis. Goalkeepers were Alexa Matheson in first half and Delaney Johnson in the second half.



**It's a grassroots movement. And it's growing.**

That's because, this year, we've made a pledge to become pesticide free. So we're taking all our leftover pesticides to an authorized depot. Then we're starting our lawn on a five step program that includes aeration, mowing on a high setting and leaving our clippings on the lawn. If we can do it, you can too.

**WE'VE TAKEN THE PLEDGE**  
Pesticide-Free Lawns  
CRD  
Making a difference...together

**Take the pledge to join our grassroots movement.**  
Join the grassroots revolution by signing up on line to go pesticide free. Then get a free lawn sign to show your commitment. Visit [www.crd.bc.ca/takethepledge](http://www.crd.bc.ca/takethepledge) to take the pledge and find information on alternative lawn and garden care.

**Authorized disposal depots:**

- Alpine Disposal, 1045 Dunford Street
- Ellice Recycle, 524 David Street
- Hartland Recycling Facility
- Salt Spring Island Recycling, 349 Rainbow Road

[www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

**CRD**  
Making a difference...together