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## 56 per cent say 'yes' to arts tax

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Property tax support for the arts on Salt Spring was approved by 56 per cent of voters in Saturday's referendum.

"We're very pleased," said Island Arts Centre Society (IACS) president Norbert Schlenker Monday. "I am pleased with the way it turned out."

Returning officer Tom

Moore reported 1,067 yes votes, 846 no votes and 10 spoiled ballots. With approximately 7,200 registered voters, the 1,923 participants made for a 26.7 per cent turn-out.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) referendum asked voters to approve annual taxation of the greater of \$38,000 or up to \$.025 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to

support ArtSpring operations and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council Artist in the Classroom program.

As of next year, the stand-alone arts service tax will replace year-to-year grants provided by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

Regional director Gary Holman, who supported the arts service concept, said,

"The results are very gratifying given the shaky start with the counter-petition and the community's concerns about tax increases this year. Concerns about tax levels, and perhaps for some, the difficult history of the ArtSpring facility, contributed to a fairly narrow margin of support at 56 per cent.

"On the other hand, the low voter turnout of about

1,900 suggests to me that the proposed tax increase for the arts was not considered significant enough for many to bother voting."

Holman congratulated ArtSpring and the CAC, which he said "worked hard to make their case that the 2 cents per day is worth it, and now have secure funding with some potential for

**REFERENDUM 3**

## Parents oppose 4-day option

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Organized parent protesters on Pender Island are mobilizing against any possibility of a four-day school week next year.

"Hey, we've paid our taxes. We want a decent education for our children and a four-day school week is not the way to go," said Pender parent Alice Klassen.

Along with her husband Doug Appleton and other concerned parents, Klassen has formed a group called Kids First to oppose a four-day school week proposal.

"Once you start down that slippery slope, how do we ever get back? What if they find out down the road that the four-day week doesn't work?" she said.

"There is no research as to what the ramifications of this are going to be down the line. We don't feel that our children should be part of an experiment."

The chief aim of Kids First is to keep students' needs at the forefront of any discussion about school district economics, she said.

"Whatever we feel as parents is a bad idea, the four-day week for example, has to be talked about separately from job security, teachers being laid off, schools clos-

**4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK 2**



**GUMBOOT GALA:** Father-daughter musical duo Bill and Camille Henderson take the stage in a rousing set with fellow Salt Spring musician Valdy as the Gumboot Gala marks the conclusion to this year's folk club season. Headlined by Brava, the show garnered rave reviews from concert-goers.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Treaty group wants halt to excavation

Area First Nations are demanding protection for an archaeological site currently under development beside the Harbour House Hotel.

Chief negotiator Robert Morales of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) outlined concerns about development of the ancient cemetery and village site, Shiyah'wht, in a letter to Islands Trust regional planning manager John Gauld.

"We observe that B.C. lacks the capacity or political

will to monitor and enforce developers' issued permits and conditions," wrote Morales.

The treaty group cited lack of provincial regulation that recently resulted in "large-scale destruction" of burial sites at Walker Hook on Salt Spring, and Bedwell Harbour on South Pender.

"We had hoped to avoid such an unfortunate situation in downtown Ganges," states Morales.

The Ministry of

Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) issued a heritage site alteration permit to Wayne Lee, on behalf of Springbay Development Inc., contrary to wishes of the HTG, said Morales.

"Mr. Wayne Lee proposes to incur destruction upon some of the site's last remnant archaeological deposits for the purposes of installing utility lines and sewer trenches."

According to an HTG site inspection on March 14, Springbay has already con-

ducted excavation and construction outside permitted site alterations.

On Tuesday, a delegation from the Cowichan tribe met with Lee, Gauld and SRM heritage specialist Dave Hutchcroft from the Archaeological Permitting Section.

A Driftwood reporter was denied access to the meeting held at the Harbour House Hotel.

"You are not invited," said Lee.

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# Westerly winds wallop islands

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Local hydro crews and firefighters responded to numerous calls of downed power lines during a blustery wind storm Thursday.

The Salt Spring Fire Department responded to 12 hazardous power-line incidents alone, said fire captain Jamie Holmes.

One power line dangling over Robinson Road sparked and charred the road surface until B.C. Hydro crews neutralized the current.

Affected areas also included Wilkie Way, LePage Road, Churchill Road, North End Road, Woodland Drive, Elizabeth Drive, Vesuvius Bay Road, Cormorant

Crescent, Stark Road, Harrison Avenue and Isle View Drive.

Holmes reminds people to stay away from downed lines.

"Whatever you've got to get to on the other side of that power line, it's not worth your life."

He thanked the valuable efforts of department volunteers during the busy day.

"Eight or nine of those calls were in a four-hour span before lunch. A lot of volunteers missed a whole morning of work. . . . Basically, we couldn't handle all those calls if we didn't have the volunteers out there with us."

Environment Canada

clocked gusts as high as 102 kilometres per hour (kph) at Sisters Island near Lasqueti Island. The Gonzalez weather station recorded winds of 91 kph; Entrance Isle, near Nanaimo, clocked gusts at 85 kph, and winds at Victoria Airport peaked at 67 kph.

"Victoria Airport is not normally a windy spot," said weather forecaster Jamie MacDuff.

"There was a wind warning issued the evening before for the Sunshine Coast and east Vancouver Island. We were expecting strong winds, there's no doubt about that. And they did occur, causing numerous outages."

The strongest winds were

westerly and south-westerly gusts that occurred around 9 a.m., MacDuff said.

"It was kind of a fun morning unless you had to go out and fix the lines."

B.C. Hydro crews were still repairing power lines on Tuesday, said Bob Washburn, field manager of the Gulf Islands and Duncan area.

"All the islands were mayhem," said Washburn. "Certainly, the hardest hit was Salt Spring."

Crews worked until midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, he said.

Salt Spring was assisted by crews from Duncan and Victoria, he said.

"It was fairly major for us."

## FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK

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ing down. Their education has to come first before the other topics."

Kids First has put up bulletins, sent e-mails and the group intends to send out flyers and a petition, she said.

Pender parents polled 42 of 62 families with school-aged children on their island and found 83 per cent opposed a four-day week.

Klassen estimates that high school students traveling by water taxi wouldn't get home until 6 p.m. if the district moves to a shorter week with 7.5 hours of instruction per day.

"What I'd like to do is have the task force coming up with these ideas sit in front of a Grade 1 class for seven hours and see what the kids' learning capacity is at that level."

The change could also have a significant impact on parents' choices to home school, enroll in private schools or even live in the district, she said.

"If they're worried about declining enrolment, it's going to be worse."

The school district's Futures 64 Task Force visits Pender Island to discuss various cost-saving measures on March 31.

Parents on Pender believe the district has already decided on the four-day week, said parent Sonya Fulawka.

"It's really heated up here on Pender. Any meeting that happens, it's full of parents and we're all on that subject because it sure looks like that's where it's going."

Islanders just don't have the facilities or capabilities

to accommodate child-care for three-day weekends, she said.

The Pender Island parent advisory council (PAC) unanimously passed a motion to reject the four-day week on March 8.

"A lot of people say maybe we are jumping the gun," said PAC chair Leigh Hanson. "It just doesn't leave a lot of time, if it is something they are seriously looking at, for parents to organize and say this is something we don't want."

No money would be saved on Pender because the school is a community building that requires janitorial services five days a week regardless, Hansen said.

"We would like to know what sort of research they have been doing and what effects it has on the children academically. We don't care about the financial part, we're parents."

Pender school trustee Russ Searle categorically denies that changing to a four-day school week is a certainty.

"It's one of the options," said Searle. "That being said, it's the one that offers the most money at the moment."

Searle sits on the sub-committee investigating savings from the four-day proposal. He doesn't object to Kids First or the heated exchanges he's witnessed at PAC meetings.

"There's a lot of people who are very afraid of change. There's politics involved too, when it comes to the unions and so on."

CUPE union members have a vested interest

because 25 per cent of their members will lose wages, he noted.

"They've put out a paper on the four-day week which has a lot of misinformation in it too. And, of course, the parents are glomming on to that and saying, 'Well see?' But then there is a lot of other information which is pro-four-day week and they are not looking at that."

He advises parents to talk to their peers at Boundary, Nishgaa and Coast Mountain school districts that have already implemented four-day school weeks.

"A \$1.2-million shortfall means we have to lay-off teachers and reduce programs for students, that's a given."

School district services will suffer one way or another as result of reduced funding and declining enrollment, he said.

"We might end up closing schools, that's a fact."

The district was already facing a difficult funding crunch before the education ministry re-jigged the funding formula at a cost of \$600,000 to the Gulf Islands.

Searle is unflappable by political labelling he's received as vice-chair of the government's educational bargaining agency, the B.C. Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

"I put the politics to one side, I put the angst about change to the other side and I focus on student achievement."

The Futures 64 Task Force is still in information-gathering mode, said school district chair May McKenzie.

"Nothing's a done deal at

this point," McKenzie said.

The committee's main purpose was to look at declining enrolment, she noted.

"If it's a baby boom, you build schools. If there's an enrolment decline, you scramble to figure out how you're going to cope."

She's also optimistic the province will re-jig the funding formula for rural schools to alleviate some financial pressure.

"There was a couple of areas where I think they heard us and I think they were going to tweak it."

On March 15 the provincial government announced a \$155 per-student increase in funding (approximately \$260,000 total for the Gulf Islands).

"It ends up being a wash," McKenzie said.

"We're still paying the teacher salary that we didn't get funded for. We've got benefit costs which are unfunded that are going to be increasing next year, hydro is going up, and all of the other things they don't cover."

She confirmed that the district would derive no benefit from school closures next year.

"[Senior administrators] ran everything sideways, backwards, inside out. And what it does is confirm the same stuff that we came up with in November."

If the district closes a school, the district loses grants that would off-set any gain, she said.

"That could change as enrolment declines, which we are going to see over the next five to six years."

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**AT THE POLLS:** Masayo Hora was among the approximately 1,900 voters to cast ballots in Saturday's arts tax referendum. The "yes" vote won with 56 per cent.



Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Hospital strike vote taken

Salt Spring members of the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) marked ballots Tuesday as part of a province-wide strike vote taking place this month.

Local HEU chair Claire Heffernan said 109 members at Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods intermediate care facility were entitled to vote.

Union representatives were recommending employees vote in favour of authorizing strike action.

"I think we are going to get a strong yes based on the feedback I'm getting from our members, mainly because we are concerned about the contracting out, for

one thing," said Heffernan.

More than 1,000 HEU members in the Vancouver Island Health Authority area received layoff notices last month as VIHA prepares to contract-out laundry, cleaning and food preparation services in some health care facilities. Salt Spring workers were not included in that change.

Heffernan said the fact the employers' negotiators have left the bargaining table and propose contract changes "that are basically putting us back about 10 to 20 in terms of wages and benefits" was also a factor.

Concern about the effects of contract changes or con-

tracting-out on patient care is also a huge issue for workers, she said.

VIHA's equivalent in northern B.C. was able to come to an agreement with HEU workers that will maintain quality health care and preserve jobs, said Heffernan.

Strike vote results will be released at the end of March.

## Tools, lumber taken from local job sites

Salt Spring RCMP officers are investigating thefts from two construction sites last week.

Some \$3,500 worth of lumber was stolen from the Atkins Commons development.

Police believe the theft of 14 pieces of Glue Lam and several eight-foot lengths of cedar occurred on the evening of March 17.

A Max framing nailer and a Makita circular saw with a total value of \$900 were taken from a house under renovation in the Fulford area between March 10 and 17.

Anyone with information regarding these thefts is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP detachment.

In other police news, a motorist received a 24-hour driving prohibition after a routine check on Lower Ganges Road at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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## REFERENDUM

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modest increases over time."

ArtSpring executive director Paul Gravett said he felt positive about the campaign's tone and how it raised awareness of ArtSpring as an active place serving the community.

"There was a lot of focus on ArtSpring, and ArtSpring 'the building,'" he said, "but it is not really about the building, it is about what happens in the building. Without the [Salt Spring] Singers and the concert band and the schools it is just a building. "[A referendum cam-

paign] is not the kind of thing you typically go through, but I feel from our point of view the tone was enlightening and encouraging, and we wanted to uphold a certain standard . . . We wanted to maintain a certain tone of integrity and I'm very happy we did that."

Holman said PARC's bylaw can now be revised to remove its obligations to the arts, so that PARC can concentrate on recreation facilities and programming.

While the arts service tax

will not be implemented until 2005, the cost of the referendum will have to be paid for this year.

Holman said part of the will be paid with the director's administration budget.

A referendum was triggered by the community's successful counter-petition campaign that concluded January 5. It saw more than the required five per cent of registered voters oppose bringing in the tax without approval by referendum.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Russ Crouse, Realtors and staff are pleased to welcome Jessica Wilson to the Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty team. After working in real estate on a part-time basis with her husband Myles Wilson over the past seven years, Jessica decided to go one step further and completed the UBC Real Estate program last year. As a newly licensed Realtor and a member of the Victoria Real Estate Board, she will work with Myles as his Licensed Assistant, which allows her to expand her role in their Real Estate business. Jessica's Marketing and Sales diploma from Langara College, her advertising creativity and her experience in Internet Marketing will be a valuable asset to their endeavors. You can contact Myles and Jessica Wilson directly at 537-7200 or toll free 1-877-537-7200.

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**HARD AT WORK:** Salt Spring Slayers football team members split and gather more Channel Ridge wood to sell as a team fundraiser. Channel Ridge area logging commenced last week, with A&K Logging from Nanaimo receiving the contract from Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. Company spokesperson Deborah Folka said the area is now a restricted site and marked as such by signs. Logging trucks will not be on area roads at the same time as school buses, she said.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



## Lunn lauds 'bullet-proof' Harper

Local MP Gary Lunn celebrated Stephen Harper as the decisive winner of the Conservative party leadership race.

"I think the greatest asset for Stephen is his ability to lead," said the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP. "That's what this country has been lacking for 10 years."

Former Canadian Alliance leader Harper collected 85 per cent support among constituents from the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding. Runner-up, Belinda Stronach netted 10.5 per cent of the vote in the islands' riding.

"(Harper) is from the west so he understands B.C. and western Canada, unlike the current prime minister and the current government. We just seem to get a pass day after day."

Lunn toured with Harper on the leadership campaign trail

through parts of B.C., southern Ontario, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland.

Harper also appointed Lunn as a senior critic with the shadow cabinet.

"He's very approachable," Lunn said. "A true leader will source out opinions from all of his caucus."

Harper maintains a philosophy that he is just one member of a team, Lunn said.

"You see it in spades when he goes to all of the people in the various critic roles and empowers them with the responsibilities and lets them do their jobs."

Harper has high expectations, and well he should, Lunn said. "This next election is going to be fought on ethics," said Lunn. "Mr. Harper is bullet proof."

## Field trips buried by safety regulations

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

School kayak and canoe trips could be scuttled by new safety and supervision regulations under discussion by the Gulf Islands School Board.

A new policy will require a certified guide for every five students on kayak, canoe or sailing trips.

"Have you talked to people to see how do-able this is?" asked Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray.

The new policy presented in a notice of motion is a

"huge change" from what was done in the past, she said.

"If we have one class of 25 kids, that means five certified guides," MacGillivray said. "Where are we going to get that on Galiano?"

She expressed concern about upcoming events such as the Fourth Annual Galiano Island Fun Triathlon, set for May 8.

"People have to be alerted. The season is upon us."

The new policy was developed in response to a safety report written after a February 2003 incident

when seven Alberta students were killed in an avalanche.

The local policy was developed with assistance from Galiano physician Dr. Janice Mason and Salt Spring kayak guide and instructor Jack Rosen.

"We have been advised to reduce risk with our students," said trustee Judith Boel.

Guiding requirements will be determined by the appropriate accredited certification body for each form of watercraft.

The new policy also provides guidelines for safety

and supervision of swimming, skiing, extracurricular activities and regular field trips.

Other new safety policies require kindergarten students to swim exclusively in pools, and students walking off ferries to disembark after vehicles have unloaded.

Schools will also be required to maintain records of guiding certification and watercraft-transportation insurance papers.

Trustees will vote on the new motion at the next board meeting, set for Mayne Island April 14.

## School district reports private company audit

Gulf Islands School District secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold presented the first audited financial statements for the district's private business company during the regular March board meeting.

"It really is entering into private enterprise," Scotvold said at the school board meeting on March 10.

"The company has operated at a loss for the first six months, as expected."

Chartered accountants from KPMG conducted an audit on December 10.

During the period between November 7 and June 30, 2003, the School District No. 64 Business Company lost \$78,602, he said.

"Hopefully we will operate without a loss within three years . . . but we might do it this year."

The company made a commitment to the school board that it would remain cost neutral, he said.

Within revenue of \$142,580, the company collected \$39,400 in tuition from international students in the second semester of 2003.

The company also received a \$94,000 grant from the federal government for a school-based Internet funding program.

"As a business company, we administer this program throughout B.C.," Scotvold explained.

The company also netted \$8,700 in miscellaneous revenue.

Expenses amounted to \$217,000. The Internet-funding program drained approximately \$80,000, marketing and contract management ran at \$72,000 and educational services cost \$30,000. Accounting, legal and business supplies totalled \$20,000, Scotvold said.

Another \$16,000 went to product development for an introduction to B.C. course.

## Futures 64 Task Force Follow-up Community Meetings



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Faced with the challenges of declining enrollment, public education funding and other community issues, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) has established a task force to recommend innovative ways to build a strong, secure and vibrant future for our children and island communities.

After grouping all of the ideas and suggestions from the school and community meetings held in November, the Futures 64 Task Force then looked at what areas they would investigate using sub-committees to do the work.

The four sub-committees are:

- 1. New Programs** – to look at offering the District Learners Partnership Program electronically, virtual classrooms and split secondary attendance between GISS and Outer Islands.
- 2. Re-organization** – to look at the four-day instructional week and shorten the year to less than 10 months.
- 3. Property Development** – to investigate the potential for affordable housing on school district property and the development of the School Board Office property.
- 4. Existing Operations** – to investigate ways to bring schools to a cost neutral status or reduce operational costs.

### Where and when will consultation meetings be held?

Mayne Island	Galiano Island	Saturna Island	Pender Island	Salt Spring Island
Monday, March 29	Tuesday, March 30	Wednesday, March 31	Wednesday, March 31	Thursday, April 1
7 to 9 pm	7 to 9 pm	8:30 to 10 am	7 to 9 pm	7 to 9 pm
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# Hospitalized Schubart's spirit among 250 at peace rally

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

About 250 islanders marched, cheered and sang for peace Saturday as part of a worldwide day of action against war and invasion.

The crowd was dotted with cleverly phrased protest signs, colourful "unity flags" propped in pockets, hats and hair, and black ribbons expressing solidarity with Spanish people following last week's train bombings.

The Global Day of Action Against War saw people walk from the skate park to Centennial Park, where more people joined them to hear musicians and speakers in the bandshell under a red-and-white "END WAR" banner.

Rally coordinator Christina Phipps and committee member Ken Rouleau hosted the event.

Powerful peace-related music was performed by Derek Duffy, Cheryl Cohen, Women of Note, Phil Vernon, Bill Henderson and Valdy, and the Raging Grannies.

"We'd like to thank Bill Henderson and Valdy for opening for the Grannies,"



**PEACE ACTIVISTS:** Islanders of all ages marched through the streets of Ganges Saturday as Salt Spring staged a peace rally as part of a worldwide day of action against war and invasion.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

noted Grannies member Audrey Wild.

The crowd also demanded an encore from the 10-member Grannies contingent after they sang the classic song Last Night I Had a Dream. Vernon's song, called Working for Peace,

was dedicated to longtime peace activist and Salt Spring resident Maggie Schubart, who is currently in the hospital.

"Most of the words are Maggie Schubart's," he said. "It's meant to bring her spirit here today. I know she

would love to be here."

Salt Spring writer Lorraine Gane read the poem Wage Peace by Mary Oliver.

Rouleau read the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which he noted was

created more than 50 years ago after the end of World War II.

"We all came together and said 'we can never do this again,'" said Rouleau. "This is the highest law on the planet. It's been forgotten."

Similar sentiments have recently been revived by The Declaration to End All War, a Canadian Voice of Women for Peace document with origins on Salt Spring Island. It was distributed for signing Saturday before it joins the flood of other

signed declarations destined for the United Nations.

"This will all go to the UN to show that people don't want war," said Phipps.

A Feast for Peace event held at Fulford Hall the previous day attracted between 50 and 70 people.

More food-sharing gatherings may be held in future as a result, said Phipps.

An estimated one million people participated in peace rallies around the world marking one year since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

## CRD and province propose land swap

Islanders could be getting out the counter-petition forms again if they oppose a swap of south Salt Spring parkland between the Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks and the provincial government.

The proposal fulfills an agreement made when two Burgoyne Bay area parcels were acquired by the CRD as part of a multi-party purchase from Texada Land Corporation in 2001, and the province bought a third parcel, known as the "Vesco" property.

"It was always the first priority of the partnership to pool their funds to secure all of the lands, and then after this was accomplished, to make arrangements to rationalize their holdings so that they were more consistent with their areas of interest," explained regional director Gary Holman last week.

The Vesco property is closer to CRD Parks' area of interest near Mount Bruce and Mount Sullivan, while the parcels now owned by the CRD would enhance Burgoyne Bay

provincial park holdings.

If the counter-petition "fails," meaning less than 10 per cent of the eligible voters in the entire CRD sign petition forms, it will authorize the land trade.

An estimated 22,135 electors in the CRD would have to oppose the land swap in order to stop it.

The counter-petition is region-wide because funding for the land purchase came from CRD Parks' regional acquisition fund.

"Since all taxpayers in the region contributed to CRD Parks' \$1.5-million contribution to the purchase of Texada lands, it is only fair that they be consulted about this land swap," said Holman.

"The parcels have equivalent appraised value," he added.

Further information about the parkland exchange agreement is available from Simon Joslin at the CRD — 360-3132.

Information about the counter-petition process or forms can be obtained from the CRD's administration department at 360-3129.

### AMENDED NOTICE OF NOMINATION SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

**Notice** is hereby given to the owners of land within the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for trustee (2 positions) will be received between:

**9:00 A.M. Wednesday March 31, 2004  
and 4:00 P.M. Friday April 9, 2004**

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Carole Gear at (250) 537 9255 or Thomas F. Moore at (250) 472 0059.

Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 27, 2004 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2007.

The Election to be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2004** at the **Ganges Fire Hall** from **9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in the training room, regular meeting at 8:00 P.M. Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Carole Gear, Deputy Returning Officer (250) 537 9255 or Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250) 472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election
4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Saltspring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

**Please note that the Notice of Nomination dated February 25, 2004 is revoked and the contents of this notice are in substitute thereof. New nomination papers should be filed in accordance with the provisions set out above.**

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# Norton Road affordable housing plan the way to go, says O'Connor

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Staff Writer

Tom O'Connor exudes enthusiasm as he outlines his proposal for a 26-unit affordable housing development on Norton Road.

"I think it's a supportable project and I'm totally married to it," he says. "It's the way we have to go."

The O'Connor Project Planning application, which proposes rezoning of a 12-acre parcel that borders Brinkworthy on Norton Road, is scheduled for initial local Trust committee hearing on Wednesday, March 31.

O'Connor sees affordable housing as a huge problem that has been an issue since he moved here 12 years ago and took part in a housing and accommodation task force.

"We were dealing with the same issues back then," he points out, adding, "It's a problem that isn't going to go away."

And as someone who has commuted frequently to Duncan over the years, O'Connor has "seen the guys going on and off the island — they're the ones who are coming over to build the big homes but can't afford to live here."

"We are building 'Whistler by the Sea.' The community needs to be balanced or we're going to have a migrant type of population."

The Norton Road proposal is as "consistent as anything is going to be" with the way

**"The community needs to be balanced." — Tom O'Connor**

the official community plan reads now, he says.

In addition, he says, the property "couldn't be more suitable to the project."

Owned by NSE Holdings Ltd., and Norm and Diane Elliott, two years ago the property was the subject of an amenity zoning proposal that would have allowed construction of an affordable special needs home for the developmentally challenged.

The project was approved but not adopted, and GIFTS, the intended recipient of the amenity, was unable to commit to it.

Located up Norton Road, the long and narrow parcel borders Brinkworthy on the west, a B&B residence to the north, and a residence and vineyard operation to the south.

The project proposes the land — which is not in the Agricultural Land Reserve — be rezoned from Agriculture 1 to an appropriate residential zone, allowing 26 new single detached homes.

These would be clustered into a five-acre small lot subdivision located on the lower side of the property, and the rest of the land would remain forested, with no further subdivision permitted.

The lots, ranging in size from 3,000 to 5,000 square feet would be developed for affordable housing consistent with the OCP, states a project document.

Each home would be no more than 1,200 square feet, generally two to three bedrooms with one to 1.5 bathrooms, and of modest design.

"This development will add to the island's housing supply

in a segment of the market where the supply shortage has reached critical proportions," the document says.

In the present market, the proposal indicates, each lot would cost \$90,000 to \$100,000. Assuming a construction price of \$100 per square foot for a modest home, and houses in the range of 850 to 1,200 square feet, a single detached dwelling would cost between \$175,000 to \$225,000 — "far below the median and average price for a home on Salt Spring."

O'Connor stresses, "This is affordable housing — it is not social housing or subsidized housing — the people who move there will be able to afford it."

And while it seems bizarre, he adds, a \$200,000 house is "affordable" on Salt Spring.

Potential buyers would have to be eligible and meet certain criteria.

Legal mechanisms would be put in place to ensure house construction occurs with one year of purchase and that houses are owner occupied (except under certain circumstance).

A minimum occupancy period plus equity controls would prevent flipping, yet still allow a reasonable return on investments.

A design plan or building scheme registered against each lot would ensure houses designs are modest and compatible.

In addition, the project plans to donate five fully-serviced lots to the Rotary Club as a community amenity, and the club has "enthusiastically" agreed to accept this dona-

tion, O'Connor says.

By donating to a public body, a project generally gets more density, O'Connor says; however, in this case, the increased density is already justified by the affordable housing concept.

"It's a way of bringing a community organization into the mix."

The Rotary Club will have the option to do as it pleases with the lots, from selling them to using them for subsidized housing.

The remaining 21 small lots will be privately owned from the onset.

"The idea is to give young families a piece of land to own," O'Connor says, adding, "We have to get away from the idea that everyone has to live on half an acre or more here."

The proposal also incorporates a water conservation program, which O'Connor says will result in a 40 per cent savings in water demand over normal expectations for a project this size.

The property is located within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, but just outside the Ganges Sewage Specified Area (GSSA).

Therefore, the project proposes one of two means of sewage disposal, either by construction of an on-site sewage treatment plant or — preferably — connection to the GSSA.

O'Connor sees the project as "good for the community, good for the property owner, and good for the people out there looking for a home who don't have \$600,000 to spend."

He feels there is some urgency to the situation and hopes construction can start this summer.

"I am so personally sold on this idea, I can't let it stop."

## Batemans support Lee Road residents

Robert and Birgit Bateman have thrown their support behind the Lees Hill Residents' Association (LHRA), which is opposed to a waste transfer station at Lee Road.

"We are amazed and horrified by the idea of this kind of industrial operation in a residential area and so close to natural features such as an important watershed and two public parks," they said in a prepared statement to the LHRA.

"The environmental impact from water pollution to air pollution to noise pollution will be entirely negative."

"It does matter that the natural and rural character of Salt Spring Island is not significantly violated. There is already an approved waste transfer station operating to meet the island's needs. This new proposal is not only undesirable, it is also unnecessary."

### New fire election rules confirmed

Returning officer Tom Moore has re-opened nomi-

## NEWS BRIEFS

nations for two trustee positions on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board.

An election will take place on Tuesday, April 27, followed by the fire district's annual general meeting.

A legal notice in this week's Gulf Islands Driftwood outlines voter qualifications.

### United Way dollars up 8.5 per cent

The 2003 United Way Gulf Islands campaign saw an 8.5 per cent increase in donations over the previous year.

Wayne Green of the Victoria United Way recently advised Gulf Islands campaign chair Bill Curtin that \$20,011 was raised, up from \$18,438 the year before.

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# Arrest errors null impaired charges

Island motorists faced sobering charges at Ganges Provincial Court on March 2. But the Crown dropped charges against several drivers after discovering procedural errors in arrests.

Impaired driving charges were dropped against Brandon Boyle when Crown counsel Barb Penty found "some weaknesses in the Crown case."

Court heard that Boyle was seated in his car with keys in the ignition when he told police he drank two beer. But the arresting officer did not ask when Boyle had consumed his last drink, said Penty.

"Defence counsel would have noted the procedural error," she said.

Representing himself, Boyle agreed to plead guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due care under the Motor Vehicle Act (which carries no criminal record).

As a Class-7 learners-licence holder, Boyle is prohibited from driving after any alcohol consumption.

Penty noted that Boyle had a previous impaired-

driving conviction in January 2002.

The defendant indicated he was not driving when he was arrested and has been sober since the recent arrest.

"I urge you to keep it up," said Judge Robert Higinbotham.

He ordered Boyle to pay a \$200 fine.

In related news:

• Impaired driving charges were dropped against Ananda Goodwill after Crown counsel Penty found another procedural error in the arrest.

Court heard that Goodwill was stopped by police on December 31, 2003 because his tail lights were not working.

Penty read a police report indicating Goodwill had crossed the double-yellow line but noted he was followed for five kilometres.

Goodwill admitted consuming two drinks, but arresting officers did not ask about the interval between drinks before administering a breathalyzer test, Penty said.

Representing himself, Goodwill received a \$200 fine after he pleaded guilty

to the lesser charge of driving without due care.

• Crown counsel also dropped charges of impaired driving against Adrienne Schult after she pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due care.

Schult admitted to drinking one beer when she was stopped by Salt Spring RCMP Const. Martin Beardsmore outside the Fulford Inn on November 24.

An impaired-driving investigation produced no readings on a breathalyzer test. But the 19-year old motorist presented a Class-7 licence, which prohibits any alcohol consumption when driving.

The Superintendent of Motor Vehicles had already suspended Schult's driving privileges for six months as a result of the charge.

Judge Higinbotham ordered her to pay a \$200 fine.

• Graham French pleaded guilty to impaired-driving charges and received the mandatory minimum \$600 fine and one-year driving ban.

He admitted to drinking and driving when he was stopped by Const. Beardsmore, who was monitoring bar closures on January 10.

Court heard that French had three previous 24-hour suspensions.

"It sounds like you knew you were not in a position to drive. That's a pretty stupid decision," said Judge Higinbotham.

• Joshua P. Clark also received the mandatory minimum \$600 fine and one-year driving ban after he pleaded guilty to driving while impaired on January 27.

Court heard that Clark was stopped by Const. Beardsmore during random checks around Ganges. He blew alcohol readings of 0.250 and 0.140 (over twice the legal limit of 0.08).

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## Credit union to be repaid by empty-envelope depositor

Defrauding a credit union netted probation and a suspended sentence for an islander who pleaded guilty at Ganges Provincial Court March 9.

Jason Johnston admitted he withdrew \$1,213.75 between February 6-10, 1999 after he made seven empty-envelope deposits at the Valley First Credit Union in Okanagan Falls.

"I apologize for doing it," he said in court. "I've changed my ways quite a bit since then."

Police apprehended Johnston on March 12, 1999 where he made a statement that desperation played a big part in the crime.

"He told officers he 'couldn't afford cigarettes, food and a little bit of a good time,'" said Crown prosecutor Barbara Penty.

Johnston also pleaded guilty to stealing a bottle of rum from a government liquor store in North Vancouver on May 12, 2000.

Court heard that he had no

other criminal history.

Judge Robert Higinbotham opted to combine sentences for the two crimes. He ordered Johnston to repay the credit union within 14 months and serve probation for 18 months as part of a suspended sentence.

"I'm making it that long to give you ample time to make a repayment."

The judge waived community service because Johnston was set to begin work at a new job.

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### NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT THE ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 20, 2004, two trustees are to be elected to serve for a period of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions 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 29, 2004.

#### 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

**CRD**

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS WITHIN THE CAPITAL  
REGIONAL DISTRICT**

### ELECTOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PARK LAND WITH THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to enact Bylaw No. 3161, "Capital Regional District Parkland Exchange Bylaw No. 1, 2004" authorizing an agreement (the "Parkland Exchange Agreement") for the exchange of certain regional park lands with lands owned by the Province of British Columbia, which will thereafter be used for regional park purposes.

The CRD is the registered owner in fee simple of Parcel Identifier: 009-726-055 The South 1/2 of Section 1, Range 1, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District and Parcel Identifier: 006-760-341 Lot 29, Sections 67 and 68, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1914.

The Province of British Columbia is the owner in fee simple of PID: 009-432-191 The South West 1/4 of Section 50, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District.

Under the Parkland Exchange Agreement the Province shall acquire the CRD land and the CRD shall acquire the provincial land in exchange and without further consideration. The value of the CRD land and the provincial land are equivalent.

The further obligations of the CRD under the Parkland Exchange Agreement are the payment of usual adjustments and taxes upon transfer of land.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3161 authorizing the Parkland Exchange Agreement unless at least 22,135 electors within the Capital Regional District indicate by signing the elector response forms that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding with the Parkland Exchange Agreement.

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

**The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms, in relation to Bylaw No. 3161, to the CRD is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, the 26th day of April, 2004. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.**

The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the service area is 221,350 and that 10% of that number or 22,135 electors must submit elector response forms to prevent the CRD from enacting Bylaw No. 3161 without the assent of the electors by referendum.

Further technical information concerning the Parkland Exchange Agreement may be obtained from Mr. S. Joslin, CRD Offices, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Telephone 360-3132) during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 26th day of April, 2004.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS

##### Resident Elector:

You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months and in a municipality or electoral area of the CRD that is a participating area for the Parkland Exchange Agreement for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.

##### Non-Resident Property Elector:

You may submit an elector response form as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months, have owned and held registered title to property in a municipality or electoral area of the CRD for 30 days and do NOT qualify as a Resident Elector. If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common) only one individual may, with the written consent of the majority, submit an elector response form.

**To obtain the elector response forms, or for further information, please contact the CRD Administration Department, P. O. Box 1000, 524 Yates Street, 3rd Floor, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 or by telephone at 360-3129.**

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 17th day of March, 2004.  
Carmen Thiel, Corporate Secretary, Capital Regional District

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## Give PARC the keys

Who should be “driving the bus” when it comes to future community recreation facilities at Rainbow Road?

The driving habits of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) may be maddening for the indoor pool proponents of Ssplash.

But since the commission and its “parent body,” the Capital Regional District, will be constructing and operating Salt Spring’s next pool, they must have the keys.

Both parties could use some driving lessons when it comes to tact. (Some members of both groups have a remarkable ability to offend those they don’t agree with, but that state of affairs will likely not change before a pool is built.)

Our local governance system makes PARC’s accountability to the public uncomfortably indirect.

If serious disagreement arises between PARC and the sole elected official involved — the regional director — the off-island CRD board ends up making the call; not exactly a model for exercising local control.

Still, PARC is nonetheless a servant of the public. If the public strongly disagrees with a PARC position or action, complaints to both the CRD board and the island’s regional director should have some impact.

On the other hand, Ssplash is a not-for-profit society with responsibility to its members, not the general taxpaying public. It can do what it wants subject to terms of applicable legislation and its own constitution and bylaws.

When it comes to planning for an indoor pool, it is not fair to dismiss Ssplash as a “special interest group” and it should be a significant part of any planning process. However, because of the accountability issue, PARC and the CRD must be in charge of what eventually happens at Rainbow Road.

ArtSpring can be proud of its present-day state, but we should learn from its experience. That project’s bus was driven by a non-profit group and it spent 10 years on tour, with much of that time frittered away in a mechanic’s shop.

## Fire Underwriters Survey audit needs public input

By JOAN INGRAM

We have now had an opportunity to review the 17-page report plus attachments which were provided to us by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District in reply to our letter of January 4, in which we spelled out the South Salt Spring’s fire protection and first responder concerns.

We appreciate the time and effort spent in preparing the report and are delighted that it was posted on the fire department’s website.

We are all in favour of such efforts to improve communications between the fire department and Salt Spring’s citizens.

Hopefully this first posting will be followed by others and the routine posting of annual reports to the community.

### VIEW POINT

Recent events have demonstrated there is an already significant and still growing interest in the fire department and the actions of the board of trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Such interest in turn merits more frequent and more detailed public reporting than might previously have been the case.

Although the 17-page report dealt with some of our concerns, there are some conclusions in that report with which we take issue. However, we believe there is very little to be gained by a further exchange of letters in which our

two groups continue to defend previously taken positions.

Rather, we see a real opportunity to end much of the current controversy by building upon the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) to which reference is made in the report.

Even though forest fire and first responder issues apparently fall outside the scope of the FUS, this type of independent audit is obviously a major step in the right direction. We have the following recommendations to make as to the public input procedures that should be followed in conducting this independent audit:

- We believe the FUS, the independent auditing agency, should indicate to the Salt Spring community that it is prepared to receive written submissions in which individuals or groups could

make suggestions and express their concerns regarding fire protection on Salt Spring Island.

- As well, the independent auditing agency should schedule a public meeting on Salt Spring. Such a meeting would serve two purposes. The community would be informed of the nature and scope of the FUS, and residents would have a face-to-face opportunity to express their opinions and concerns.

- Finally, the full text of the auditing agency’s report should be readily available to all community members who wish to read it.

Our organization has contacted Mr. Robert J. Nelson of the FUS. His organization seems willing to consider written submissions, to receive input at a public meeting and to make the final report available to the community. However,

we further understand from Mr. Nelson that these things cannot be done unless the board of trustees of Salt Spring’s fire protection district agrees and specifically requests the FUS to do them. We trust that the board of trustees will agree that the independent audit can only benefit from employing the same kind of public consultation procedures on matters of shared concern that so many other Salt Spring organizations use.

We respectfully request written confirmation from the board of trustees that it will request the FUS to follow the public input and disclosure procedures we are recommending in this letter.

*The writer is president of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association.*

## Channel Ridge roads and residency issues still rankle

By JOHN MYERS

I am writing in response to the advertisement by Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. published in last week’s Driftwood.

It would be hypocritical for the present homeowners of Channel Ridge to oppose the construction of the new village as we have been aware of the plans for the development for many years. Indeed, the Channel Ridge owners have enthusiastically embraced the creation of the long-promised village in our community.

It appears also that the building architects and the landscape designers are aware of the concerns of residents and are endeavouring to plan in light of some of those concerns.

However, there are state-

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ments made by the developers in “Questions and Answers About Channel Ridge Properties” that we are definitely not happy about.

We have strongly opposed, from the onset last summer, any hint of a “timeshare” situation and if now the developer states that “fractional ownership has been in our plans from the outset,” they have repeatedly stated, when asked, only that they would honour the regulations as demanded by the Islands Trust and at no time has the term “fractional ownership” been used publicly until

now to the best of our knowledge.

Their statements always have been that they would not be selling timeshare units.

We are extremely concerned that our community, which has always been full-time owner-occupied, may now become a community of part-time visitors with little involvement in island life.

It would seem that now that sales will be on a shared time use, probably involving more than the hypothetical “two married sisters” which the developer has suggested.

The developer’s statement that agreement has been reached over an additional access road with current residents is extremely misleading. A recent meeting was held and an understanding

was achieved with eight owners only out of about 150.

Those owners agreed that the developer could use their private property as an egress track going through their properties only to be used in an extreme emergency. This is despite a commitment given to our association by the developer at our annual general meeting that such a route would be available for heavy construction equipment.

The position of Channel Ridge Owners’ Association has always been that there should be a second, two-lane paved road to provide access by emergency vehicles and act as an evacuation route for the approximately 400-plus vehicles in the event of a forest fire or other critical situa-

tion, and in addition provide access by heavy construction traffic.

The statement that only (!) “12 to 15 loads per day . . . an average of one tandem load per ferry sailing over a two-month period” is further misleading. The trucks will have to return empty and so we will be faced with 24 to 30 trucks per day or on average one every 15 to 20 minutes going through our community and using Broadwell and Channel Ridge Drive. These narrow winding roads, used by walkers, bicyclists and school buses, have extremely tight corners onto Vesuvius Bay Road and Sunset Drive, which loaded logging trucks will find difficult or even impossible to navigate.

We are further concerned

that over the next six to 10 years, as construction proceeds, there will be a constant stream of material and tradespeople, many using lower Broadwell with its tight corners, poor surface and steep gradient. This is in addition to the “four tandem loads per day of construction materials” arriving by ferry.

Virtually all our members have moved to Salt Spring from “away” and we therefore welcome new permanent residents to our community.

What we will not support is anything that destroys our environment or encroaches on our safety or peace and quiet.

*The writer is president of the Channel Ridge Owners’ Association.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What are your thoughts on the first anniversary of the war in Iraq?*



**Pat Macpherson**

*The same as when they did it. I think it's awful; it's a huge mistake.*



**Dave Cleall**

*I wish people would wake up to the powers that be that are manipulating this situation.*



**Melitta Kandler**

*That war should never have happened . . . There should have been more of a focus on terrorism in Afghanistan rather than invading Iraq. Now it's too spread out.*



**Steve Hunt**

*Let me put it this way: I'd rather have an overweight sheriff with bad table manners as my neighbour than a sadistic murderous dictator.*



**George Richmond**  
(Fredericton, N.B.)

*You help your friends and neighbours even when they might not have made the right decision . . . Whether or not the U.S. should have invaded Iraq, you support your friends.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Praise

Last Thursday's big mid-day storm brought down a large tree on Churchill Road.

Massive damage was done. The road in and out completely blocked, with downed power lines, a broken-off power pole, the top of another power pole, trees, wires and other debris. Thirty or more families had no power and no way in or out.

With winds gusting to over 70 km per hour, and rain and sleet coming in horizontally, the Telus and Hydro crews worked in deplorable conditions and got the road open around 3 p.m.

With the need to replace a pole and both high voltage and secondary lines taken out, and the storm blowing furiously, we were preparing for a night without power. Just at dusk, however, miraculously the lights came on!

The B.C. Hydro crews worked in horrible weather conditions to restore power. They deserve a big bouquet and to be recognized for outstanding work under hazardous conditions. Our sincere thanks.

**JOHN WOODWARD,**  
Churchill Road

### Outrageous

First, I'd like to say how nice it would be, especially on Salt Spring, if this federal election could do without all the signage for the usual suspects.

Salt Spring Island, I think, could set an example locally and abroad by the political parties here not sticking signs all over up the yin-yang.

Of course, this would require real, mature cooperation between parties, and all it would take is one snot-nosed party to spoil the possibility.

On a sad note finally, I was shocked to hear Pottinger's column was removed from the Driftwood!

It is one of the only things worth reading and I rarely, if ever, read the editorial by "anonymous." After Isle Say, I check out the letters everyone sends in. This is outrageous, what a pity.

**JAMES FALCON,**  
Salt Spring

### Not close

I believe Salt Spring enjoys one of the best community weeklies in Canada, and probably North America.

In my travels east, west and south, I haven't seen one that comes close in reflecting the diverse views and opinions on a mix of local, regional, national and global issues. Or such outstanding feature pho-

tography as Derrick Lundy presents.

Recently, one of the Driftwood columnists, John Pottinger, was quoted on CKNW and the host, David Berner, also noted the award-winning reputation of the paper.

The theme of his program involved the potential impact of the Liberal sponsorship scandal on western alienation from central Canada and the quote from Pottinger highlighted that concern.

Roses to "the little paper that could" — and does — on a weekly basis.

Thanks for being there.

**J.G. KELLY,**  
Salt Spring

### Super support

I am a special services worker with Salt Spring Island Community Services Society.

I would like to compliment Mr. Dan Lee and the staff at the Ganges Thrifty Foods store for their caring and acceptance of a young man whom I job-coached at the store. I am referring to David McEachern, a young man with Downs Syndrome.

I approached Mr. Lee last spring and asked if David could apply for a job. Without

hesitation, Mr. Lee said yes. In the process, Mr. Lee took the time to check with another Thrifty's store he knew of that had a similar young man. After a short time, Mr. Lee hired David.

From day one David was accepted by every employee in the store and was shown respect and caring. David returned the same.

David has grown from this wonderful experience and I thank all the staff. I, too, was accepted and made to feel welcome.

I watched this staff team deal with tragedy just a few months ago and the support that Thrifty's provided was amazing. The comfort and support that the staff showed each other was overwhelming.

Most staff have known David most of their lives, and in particular the store's young people. At the store, Mr. Lee and Debbie have done an excellent job of hiring a team that gels well.

I have lived on Salt Spring for nine years and witnessed a generosity that cannot be put into words. The support to numerous community projects and fundraising is too long to list.

I have since moved on to another program and remain in constant contact with

David, who is still very happy to work at Thrifty's.

I would like to thank the whole staff at the Ganges store and Thrifty Foods for their equal employment opportunities.

**JOHN MARTIN-MCNAB,**  
Maliview Drive

### Maya funds

Today I am able to send a donation of \$810 to the Maya Scholarship Fund in Vancouver (Quaker Meeting).

This represents the profit from the Mexican Feast for Guatemala, hosted by the scholarship support group on Salt Spring Island at the Fulford Tree House Café on Monday night.

Our thanks goes out to all the participants for their generous support.

The donations will all be tripled if we are fortunate enough to receive CIDA support again. (We'll know about that within the next month.

The scholarships will continue with or without this support but it will make a difference in staffing and other programs.)

A special thanks also goes to John and Rosemary Baxter who travelled all the

way down from their new home in Courtenay for the event.

The staff at the Tree House Cafe offered us an authentic and memorable Mexican meal and Sabu George, the new Canadian staff person, provided us with a glimpse of the challenge he has ahead of him, working with the Mayas at a time when they are making a heroic effort to rise out of the desperate poverty and oppression that they have suffered during these last 500-plus years.

**SHEILA REID,**  
Salt Spring

### Matched pair

Golly! Wasn't Todd Bertuzzi's sorrowful penitence a great companion piece for that of Gordon Campbell and his watery apology just over a year earlier?

I'm surprised no TV news show has replayed the two performances as a matched pair. Poor, poor fellows!

Apparently, neither ever dreamt the gun was loaded.

**DONALDA MACKENZIE,**  
Park Drive

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## Master teacher Suzuki shines in razzle-dazzle show

CBC Radio and TV are trying hard to be trendy and cool — very trying sometimes. Luckily, the best of Canada comes shining through regardless of the wrappings and trappings.

A good case in point is Suzuki Speaks, which airs on CBC TV this Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

A preview showed recently at the Victoria Independent Film Festival. I caught its launch in Vancouver last week, with David and one of the filmmakers in attendance.

It's got special effects up the yin-yang — well, almost. If the filmmakers knew where the yin-yang was, they'd have technofused Suzuki to it, or vice versa. For a pumped-up, 46-minute TV hour, they've gone the limits of today's media toys for producing

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BY BRENDA GUILLED



video razzle-dazzle.

You've got to do this, the creators say, to get kids' attention. Wow them with computer-game graphics, sneak in something meaningful, and inadvertent learning might take place. It's a sales job, and as sales jobs go, it's pretty good — an hour well spent, whether musing over the message and its presentation or amusing over the swirling, jumping, exploding, evaporating images.

It'll hold most kids' attention, but not because they need such stimulation to stay tuned. The filmmakers have bought the lie that

children have poor attention spans, while in reality, what interests them without limit drives most adults mad. Ever tried to divert toddlers from a sandbox or remove them after endless hours of playing in one? While they're crying for more, their caregivers are crying for anything but. Ever tried to pry teenagers from their favourite, seemingly mindless pursuits?

Much of childrearing is, alas, utterly tedious, because what fascinates young people totally bores adults. I've dealt with this by trying to figure out and serve kids' interests, while looking for angles to expand and forward all the learning and enjoyment that they obviously get from whatever catches and holds their attention.

In return, I expect them to be respectful of the core activities I deem important. All kids, I've found, respond positively to giv-

ing what they get. The concept of fairness is a huge one to growing people — and grown-ups too, of course, something we're born with that gets thwarted, twisted and subverted with age, not something that develops and sharpens.

This leads to another big lie about kids: that they're not good at concepts. Of all the things that children excel at, this is their particular genius. Kids don't take in a pile of details and work out what matters from reams of data. They get a general idea, then they gradually figure out the exceptions, variations and nuances. Woe to parents and teachers who try to work the opposite way. Children's behaviour is puzzling and exasperating only insofar as we fail to appreciate the concepts by which they're operating. Help kids frame up good concepts, and you'll have good kids.

The reason that Suzuki Speaks

works is that he talks to kids about concepts, and kids find these compelling and useful. They also find it respectful, which doubles its interest value. In public, kids galore recognize David and say hi with rare enthusiasm. Through his work, he talks to them at a level and in ways that they crave, and they love it.

Suzuki shines through this piece, not because of or even despite all the fancy camera, studio and computer stuff, but for solid, stimulating educational reasons. Turn the camera on a master teacher, and you'll have a hit. Throw in every audiovisual filming trick while a great teacher speaks, and you'll have a hit.

The constant in this equation is obvious. There's much to be learned from it.

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### Support appreciated

Thank you to the community for your support of ArtSpring!  
**NORBERT SCHLENKER**, President, Island Arts Centre Society

### Great artists

Both Gordon Caruso and Toni Onley passed away on February 29.

We knew them as friends and artists whose work we represented at Vortex Gallery.

The passing of these two prominent artists and powerful personalities is a great loss for B.C. as well as Canada.

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to their families.

Gordon Caruso made his home on Salt Spring approximately 15 years ago when he retired from teaching fine art in Vancouver.

Here he continued his prolific and considered painting career. His work, which was a combination of colour field and gestural painting, retained a developmental experimentation of mixed media.

At times these works varied between the sculptural to collage and painterly impasto.

Gordon's paintings explored both the dark side as well as the celebration of life.

Towards the end of his life, Gordon embarked on a sculptural project on the property where he lived at the end of LePage Road. This land art project was left unfinished at his death and we hope it will be retained in some form as a monument to his rich life.

It would have been difficult for anyone who came in contact with him not to love Gordon, as he had such great joy of life and was so unselfishly supportive of other artists while modest about his own achievements. He was, however, a major artist who, over a very long career, created a significant and exciting and uniquely identifiable body of work, which in our opinion was highly underrated.

We have a high respect for his courage, perseverance and ongoing experimental development, which can attest to his dedication to the shamanistic and spiritual role of the artist.

Toni Onley's passing has been front-page news all over Canada in the last couple of weeks, attesting to his importance as an artist and his charismatic personality. At times thought of as a self-promoter, Toni had, however, played an important role in the development of Canadian arts.

Toni's landscape paintings of the West Coast and other parts of Canada brought him immense popularity and have influenced many landscape painters.

Less known is his critically acclaimed abstract work done over a long early career. These works hang in many museums internationally and are obtaining higher and higher prices in the secondary market.

Even less known is Toni Onley's great generosity to fellow artists and a variety of causes, which he supported.

We will greatly miss these two individuals who enriched our lives and certainly lived their own lives to the full.

**DEON VENTER, KATHY VENTER, Salt Spring**

### Coal minister

Is there any significance in the fact that you pronounce local MLA Murray Coell's last name almost like "coal"?

Probably not, other than the fact that he's now promoting the stuff in his job.

There was once hope. After hundreds of his constituents turned out to voice opposition to Norske burning coal and other dangerous substances in the Crofton mill, Mr. Coell went on record saying he thought this was a bad idea.

His position has not yet been heeded by Minister Barisoff, who is responsible for that file, but at least Mr. Coell is listening to his constituents.

But now comes something potentially worse: laying the groundwork for B.C.'s first coal-fired power

plant, a method of generating electricity that all political parties in Ontario — including the Conservatives — have pledged to phase out due to severe impacts on public health.

Mr. Coell, in his position as B.C. Minister of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Services (MCAWS), recently approved a satellite amalgamation of the Quinsam coal mine site into Campbell River.

The curious thing about this is the "satellite" part — the site is a dozen kilometres away from Campbell River, an outpost in the middle of another jurisdiction.

This came about because the Quinsam coal mine owners did not like the fact that the Comox-Strathcona Regional District had the gall to do its job by passing a bylaw about utilities at a time when the owners were pushing a coal-fired power plant.

Campbell River councillors, on the other hand, told the owners that they would not put up any fuss over Quinsam's proposed power plant, so why not come on over with their taxes?

It is just this kind of chaos that the MCAWS seeks to avoid by normally refusing satellite boundary amalgamations. So, what was exceptional in this instance to go against ministry policy?

Could it have something to do with the fact that the current B.C. government is aggressively promoting coal and other fossil fuels in its energy plan?

No matter that the international scientific community is telling us to scale back on fossil fuels to avoid a climate disaster, or that huge opportunities exist in B.C. to create new jobs in renewable energy.

Or, could it be the fact that Quinsam is a Liberal campaign contributor?

If burning coal at Crofton is a bad idea, then burning coal near Campbell River is also a bad idea.

It's time to adopt a responsible energy plan that Minister Coell can be proud of, instead of making bad decisions in order to promote dirty fossil fuels.

**MATT PRICE, Vancouver**

### Hairless

Yikes, the Man is back, and I never even knew he went away! (Personally Speaking, March 17.)

Just kidding. Some of my best friends are male.

Hey, what happened to the other guy, what's his name — Pottinger?

Not hairy enough, perhaps.

**R. DUPUY, Mountain Road**

### Bush's pals

Last week marked the first anniversary of the American invasion of Iraq, and on Sunday Stephan Harper won the leadership of the new Conservative Party.

The Conservatives, including our local MP Gary Lunn, are making a big deal about corruption in the Liberal Party. And so they should.

But what they aren't talking about is their support for George Bush and the American occupation of Iraq. Considering the coming federal election and what the electorate in Spain just did to their leaders who supported the war, it will be interesting to watch Gary Lunn and the Conservative Party try to wiggle out of their statements of a year ago.

**BRIAN SMALLSHAW, Bay Ridge Place**

### No flowers

I am writing to enlist your readers' help in solving a problem at Lady Minto Hospital.

Spring has sprung, and with it has come a flood of gifts of hyacinths, lilies and other scented flowers.

For years now, the flower shops and individual florists kindly have been scrupulous about choosing unscented flowers for the beautiful arrangements they prepare for delivery to the hospital.

This is because several of our staff, and many patients, have health problems that are affected by perfumes. The health problems exist however lovely or "natural" the scent is.

Asthmatics can have life-threatening worsening of their breathing, those with hay fever can suffer for days after an exposure, and patients with nausea can lose what precious little appetite they have.

Unfortunately, well-meaning visitors often bring scented gifts from home or the store.

The hospital policy prohibiting scents and perfumes is not new, but perhaps a timely reminder would help us with the current problem. There are many delightful alternatives to scented gifts.

Thank you.  
**JO TWAITES, RN, Lady Minto Hospital**

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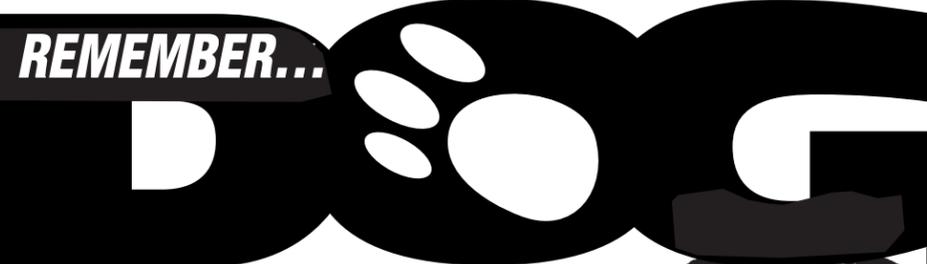
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**What is Parc's responsibility?**

The CRD is our local government for service delivery. It is primarily your tax dollars that will both build and operate an aquatic facility for the public. PARC has the political and administrative authority for the delivery of recreational services for the CRD on Salt Spring Island. PARC is, therefore, the lead agency through which community service and advocacy groups work to fulfill community needs and aspirations in recreation. With regard to the aquatic facility project, PARC is responsible for determining what facility is built, for building it properly, and for operating the facility as efficiently and economically as possible.

**What is Ssplash's Role?**

Splash is an advocacy group formed to promote and raise funding for a new public aquatic facility. PARC and Ssplash have been working together to identify which pool options you, the taxpayer will support in a referendum. It is PARC's responsibility to determine which pool option goes to referendum and what the referendum question will be.

**What did we learn from the recent pool survey?**

Our recent survey gave us some very good information that will help us in our decision-making. The survey tells us there is strong support (83% of respondents) for an indoor pool. The survey suggests that 54% of the respondents might support a tax increase of \$51 to \$75 and that 39% might support an increase of \$76 to \$100 to build and operate a new aquatic center.

If we were successful in securing an infrastructure grant, 52% of the respondents would prefer that the grant be used to reduce their tax burden instead of using the funds to build a bigger facility or add more features to the facility.

**How does the current tax increase for PARC impact the survey results?**

The current \$40 average tax increase was approved only after reviewing the survey results. Any further tax increase will require a referendum. The tax increase implemented recently will allow PARC to provide the necessary services, such as water, sewer and hydro, to the Rainbow Road site so that community facilities may be built as needs and funding are identified.

PARC will present to all taxpayers either a plan, or choices, with the best cost estimates obtainable for building and operating an aquatic facility that meets the needs of the largest number of Islanders possible. PARC will endeavor to keep the options considered within the tax funding tolerance indicated by the survey.

**How can the public participate?**

PARC welcomes and invites questions and opinions. Please write to us, attend public meetings to be announced soon and watch this space for more questions and answers.

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**RANTS & ROSES**

*ROSES*

Many bouquets of red roses to Martin Milner for coming to the rescue with his chainsaw when I really needed help. Thanks so much! I couldn't have done it without you. Joe Clemente

A bouquet of roses to Brian, who is my favourite customer at Vesuvius and has a wonderful attitude. Keep smiling and thank-you for always being so kind.

One big pink rose for daddy's birthday. I love you. L

A rose to Tim Duke (Tim Duke Plumbing). A duke by name, but a prince by nature and in business. RA

Three big hugs to Mark,

Robert and Raven for the best birthday carrot cake ever. D

To my dear friend Ken and his handsome dog Jimmy D. Luna loves your company as much as I do, and we both appreciate the level dog-door and happy house. May Jimmy's roses be at the right level for him, and may yours delight your nostrils. TW, LW &SW.

Roses from the Hood Sistahs youth leadership group to the many people who help us achieve our goals. Barry's support at Moby's, Trish Nobile and her endless contributions to youth activities and projects, the generosity of Mark at Harlan's chocolates, Dawn at Blue Moon, Luigi's Pizza, Greg at Acoustic Planet, Geoff and Sheri at Watermark Books, John and

Tim at Island Star Video, Sarah at Roasting Co., Mel at B-Side, Jack and Candace at Island Escapades, Bob at Apple Photo, GVM, and — of course — parents! Roses from all us girls.

A roomful of fragrant red roses to my wonderful friends and many health care people who helped me through my recent illness: Dr. Georges and Tammy Benloulou; my sons Japy and Jesse; Tatjana Budimcic; Dr. Bob Crossland; Dr. Jan Malherbe; Tammy, Sharon and others at Lady Minto and Jubilee hospitals; Howard and Annette, Toby, Greta and John, Joey, Andrea and so many others; and my best friend and life partner Gar for his love, encouragement and support. JL

**More letters**

**Helpers**

I didn't know what I was getting into when Marion Pape asked me to help organize the peace rally on Salt Spring for

the Global Day of Action Against War.

Having never organized an event of this nature, I was glad to live in a community that was so open to helping make

the Peace Rally and the Feast for Peace a great success.

Thanks to Marilyn Marshall, Gary McNutt, and Dick and Carol Grier for all their help getting things organized and supporting me through it all!

Also, Bea Brewer, Tom and Irene Wright, Cheri Geauvreau, Maggie Schubart (get well soon!), Boo, Bob Stuart, Marion Pape, Sarah Purton, and David Whittlesey for sharing your ideas, resources and experience. Thanks to all those who donated food or money for the feast: Soya Nova, Moon Struck Cheese, Thrifty's, Salt Springers for Safe Food, Stowel Lake Farm, Macie Pring and the Community Bread Connection, Marion Hargrove, and George and Flo Laundry.

Fifty to 70 people left the Fulford Hall with very full bellies and there were even leftovers. Thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking, set up, clean up and a big thanks to Evelyn Nasarre for menu ideas and skills in the kitchen!

The banner making was also a huge success, thanks to donations of materials from Neddy Harris, Calypso Carpets and John Martin-McNabb, Stitches and everyone who let their artistic juices flow, and all those who carried them during the walk.

Thanks to the teachers and students of Phoenix School, A Child's Garden and the Salt Spring Centre School for the beautiful artwork. Thanks to the Coalition of Concerned Citizens and the Voice of Women for your financial contributions and everyone at the rally who gave so generously! Thanks to Bob and the wonderful people at Apple Photo!

A big thank you to all the performers (musical and otherwise), Jody Sharp for doing the sound, Growing Circle Food Co-op (for electricity) and Captain Ken Rouleau from StarBooks for all his great work in this community.

**CHRISTINA PHIPPS**,  
 Coordinator,  
 Global Day of Action  
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# Let's tie a yellow ribbon around a Garry oak tree

By JEAN GELWICKS

A few Salt Spring Islanders attended a workshop held by the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team in Victoria a few weeks ago.

They found out what they already knew: Garry oak ecosystems are extremely rare. In Canada, they occur only in B.C. and almost exclusively within a narrow strip along the coast of southeast Vancouver Island and on the adjacent islands.

At this workshop were maps of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands showing locations of the Garry oak ecosystems in 1800 and what is left of them today. It was astounding to discover that there used to be a large meadow of Garry oaks in the Fulford Valley that has completely disappeared.

During the past 150 years, most of the Garry oak habitat in British Columbia has been cleared and converted for agricultural, residential and industrial development. Now, less than five per cent of Garry oak ecosystems remain in a near-

## IN DEPTH

natural condition and that, too, is threatened.

Garry oak and associated ecosystems are home to more plant species than any other terrestrial ecosystem in coastal B.C. They support many species that exist nowhere else in Canada. At least 694 species of plants, seven amphibians, seven reptiles, over a hundred birds and many mammals flourish here. Eight hundred species of insects and mites are also directly associated with Garry oak trees.

One of Canada's richest ecosystems is also one of its most endangered.

On Salt Spring we have a few Garry oak meadows left. All have been compromised by encroaching shrubs and trees, animals grazing and especially development.

Aboriginal people in the past tended the Garry oak ecosystems, using fire and

cultivation as management tools. The edible bulbs of camas and other species were the focus of the plant harvest. So important were these plants that the Victoria area was originally known as Camosun or "place to gather camas."

Garry oak ecosystems may have a special role to play in B.C.'s adjustment to global warming. It is predicted that our climate will become like that of California. With Douglas-fir ecosystems retreating from their current range, Garry oak vegetation could provide the important biological material to repopulate the void.

In one of our finest moments, Salt Spring Islanders saved the largest stand of our Garry oaks, when Burgoyne Bay was purchased by the Nature Trust of B.C. from Texada Land Corporation.

The second-largest area of Garry oaks on Salt Spring Island is in Channel Ridge but not well-known. The largest and most spectacular meadow

has already been lost to development and we are in jeopardy of losing the rest to more development.

The Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory Manual recommends the establishment of an adequate vegetated buffer around each ecosystem, as they are particularly vulnerable to adjacent land uses and sensitive to changes in the surface and groundwater regime that nourishes them. Construction of trails, development of roads and houses, and other activities can also disturb them. The open stand structure of Garry oak meadows and their proximity to developed areas makes them particularly vulnerable to the intrusion of non-native species and other impacts resulting from increased access.

What can we do to help protect what is left of our Garry oak ecosystem? We can get the Trust to enact a well-reasoned and scientifically based development permit around Garry oaks. We can

ask the Trust to form an environmental advisory committee to provide assistance in all environmental issues, an official community plan (OCP) recommendation from 1998.

We can all read Part D of the OCP entitled "The Island Environment" and insist that it is important and should be referred to constantly when doing any planning on the island.

If you live near or in a Garry oak meadow, keep broom and other invasive species away from Garry oak meadows, collect Garry oak acorns and grow your own trees. Learn all you can about protecting Garry oak habitat by getting in touch with the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team

(www.goert.ca) or the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and, most of all, talk to others about the importance of saving them. We need to speak for the meadows, the oaks and all the species that live there.

Garry oak meadows were used by the early coastal people to establish peace treaties. Sitting under a lovely Garry oak tree every now and then, to remind us of what is really important, might be a good idea.

Since 90 per cent of Salt Spring is privately owned, we rely on individual landowners to care about the land.

We are in jeopardy of losing our second-largest area of Garry oak meadows on Salt Spring. I am afraid we are behaving a bit like the inhabitants of Easter Island, who looked on while the last of the trees were chopped down, knowing it was their demise. I am not suggesting this is our demise but I am concerned and I am beginning to think we should all tie yellow ribbons around the Garry oak trees to remind us of how few of them are left.

*The writer is the education committee chair of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.*

## More letters

### STVR update

I feel it is time to give an update on the question of legalizing vacation rentals on Salt Spring.

It is still in the hands of our trustees, Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, who make the final decision on any revisions to our bylaws or any tools that can be used to permit and regulate the use of vacation rentals.

Both Eric and Kimberly initiated a public review of the existing practice of renting homes to tourists on a short-term basis, with a sub-committee completing its report last October.

Our trustees have tasked the APC to go over the sub-committee's report and make recommendations to them, of any revisions that they felt should or should not be made to the bylaws. Their report to the trustees is not public yet, but for those who sat in on their meetings, it is no surprise that the majority of the APC members gave very few, if any, supportive recommendations regarding vacation rentals. It appears that they will recommend that only island residents who want to leave their houses for short periods of time on an occasional basis be permitted to

rent their homes to tourists — something that will not apply to very many people.

Many were concerned about this bias against vacation rentals shown by the majority of the members of the APC. However, they are allowed to have a bias because those that crafted the prevailing statutes recognized that they are limited to making recommendations only.

I found some interesting reading about the process that took place many years ago when the bylaws were being revised to permit B&Bs. It was noted that the bylaw was passed by the APC, a committee representing 12 Salt Spring interest groups, including the school board, Chamber of Commerce and the accommodations group. Those voices don't appear to be included in the current APC make-up. Where are the voices and opinions of our island's artists, restaurant owners, village merchants and others who largely depend on tourist dollars for their livelihood?

I recently read a lovely booklet about visiting Britain. It said, "If you like your privacy and the freedom to do your own thing, nothing can beat self-catering."

Vacation rentals, or "self-

catering holiday homes," are an accepted option all around the world. Canadians have been "going to the cottage" for generations, including here on our island. At a time when Salt Springers should be discussing and planning for tourism and other important elements of our community development needs, it seems backwards to eliminate a meaningful and traditional part of this sustainable infrastructure.

The majority of islanders are NOT against vacation rentals. This movement to close the doors on the vacation rental option is the master-minding of a few vested parties. Vacation rentals are a small but significant part of the much larger issue of island tourism.

Please come to the Islands Trust meeting on March 31 at Lions Hall when the APC's report on vacation rentals will be tabled.

Write, phone, or e-mail Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger to indicate your support of revisions to the bylaws that will permit, under well-considered regulations and conditions, the longstanding island tradition of short-term home rentals to the visiting tourist.

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Knowledge Management & Technology Division**Course set for women who work**

Women in the workplace have a chance to address their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health through a new Monday evening workshop series, beginning March 29.

Wellness for Women in the Workplace co-facilitator Chrystyanna Queensley says, "The key is to balance all parts of the body-mind and put that into experience."

She adds, "(The workshop) goes to the source and cause of the problems, and remedies these causes — not just the symptoms."

Queensley, who has a 34-year professional background in medical and educational social work and family therapy, is presenting the workshop alongside Angelique Queensley, who was in business for 20 years prior to beginning work with Chrystyanna in 1990.

Both women used to live on Salt Spring.

"Stress," says Angelique, "affects the whole person: unless you address all of the parts, you don't find a remedy for the stress."

The workshop — which runs for three hours on five consecutive Mondays — will focus on five areas: healthy lifestyle, stress management, credibility and influence (image), and balanced living.

"The goal of this course," says Chrystyanna, "is to give women the necessary tools to create an experience of total empowerment and balance, and to create and maintain a synergy between the workplace and home. (It is) relevant to any woman in any line of business."

Wellness for Women in the Workplace is presented by Eight Branches Holistic Health Centre. It takes place at ArtSpring and costs \$290.

Registration is through Eight Branches at 538-1701.

**Monik Nordine at home with her instruments**

Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Music and motherhood make a fine mix for Nordine**

"It's a cycle of 12 songs built on colours."

She was explaining about her latest and most ambitious composition.

"Colours?"

"Sure. Colours are frequencies." A pause to assess her bewildered audience of one.

"Notes are a multiple of two," she continued. "It's very simple. Take 'A' for example. Keep on multiplying 'A' and you get a colour."

"What colour?" I shot back — thinking "gotcha!"

"Orange," was the prompt reply.

This was not an auspicious beginning to our interview.

Seated in her studio-cum-bedroom, three-year-old Emeris on her lap, Monik Nordine seems more Earth Mother than hip saxophonist seen fronting her own combo at Moby's, or seated in the reed section of the regular Monday Night Big Band gig at Hermann's in Victoria.

A mind-boggling array of equipment covers every inch of her studio: an upright piano for her jazz piano students, set of drums, recording paraphernalia, stacks of CDs, music stand, saxophones, clarinet, flute, piles of charts, compositions finished and unfinished — a jumble of assorted stuff, all at odds with the child on her knee and the overflowing toy box on the floor of the cramped room.

My eye travelled from the box to the framed certificates hanging on one wall. Those certificates are impressive: B.C. government post-secondary scholarship for academic excellence; Jane Moutat award for academic excellence; diploma, jazz and commercial music, Vancouver Community College; Bachelor of Music, University of British Columbia, scholarship for scholastic excellence; Master of Music, McGill University scholarship for scholastic excellence.

Monik refers sardonically to that "useful piece of paper stating in Latin what I achieved." Yet she concedes that those certificates displayed on one wall led to a roster of grants and bur-

**THROUGH MY EYES****WITH PAT GOULD**

saries to further a chosen career in composing and performing.

Emeris, bored with our conversation, produced a toy flute. Monik seemed oblivious to the squeaks and squawks the youngster gleefully produced.

"She goes to play-school every Wednesday," Monik said, beaming at her daughter. "That's when I concentrate on composing. And in the evenings, of course."

Of course. I wondered briefly about the daily routines of her fellow (as in male) contemporaries.

Music was a given in the Nordine household — father on banjo and trumpet, brother on drums, pre-teen Monik on accordion. The saxophone and clarinet came later when she was attending Salt Spring Elementary School.

"It was because of the wonderful music teacher there, Wilf Davies, that I wanted to make music my career," says Monik. "I owe him."

After graduating from high school, Monik took time out to experience life as a full-time musician. Gigs in Vancouver and Toronto convinced the now-dedicated performer to enrol in classical music studies at UBC. Following that she went on to McGill to study jazz and composition.

Of that period (1992-1997), she says, "I was struck between the imbalance of male and female jazz majors. Today jazz is just another part of the university system, no longer associated with the 'seamier' side of life. As a result, it's even 'genteel' enough for ladies to play." And mothers.

Post M.M. (Master of Music, McGill) and B.E. (before Emeris), Monik stayed in Québec to follow the well-worn path of itinerant musicians: cruise ship gigs as part of a combo, club dates in and around Montréal — whatever paid the rent and allowed her to continue her quest. The

heavy times were infrequent, but future recognition as a composer and performer was the motivation to hang in.

Following the birth of her daughter, Monik returned to Salt Spring.

"The Montréal scene," she said, wasn't the best place to bring up a child. Here she's got grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins. Ideal.

"I thought my career was over when I came back here with a baby, but it wasn't."

She ran her fingers over the piano keys. "Sure, I don't play as often as I'd like, but the composing doesn't take me away and this is the best place in the world to write."

The could-have-been teacher/librarian/you-name-it who never considered anything other than a career in music, clearly has no regrets. Whereas corporate briefcase-carrying women have nannies for their pre-schoolers, Monik packs up her instruments, drops Emeris off at her mother's and heads off to the late afternoon ferry to Victoria for the weekly big band gig. Next morning she catches the early a.m. ferry back to Salt Spring. Her priorities are clear.

It was time to wrap up our interview. Emeris' pre-school cousins were arriving for the afternoon — Monik's turn to baby-sit. Later in the day the cousins would play host at their home while their aunt attended rehearsals in her role as musical director for the upcoming Fiddler on the Roof show at ArtSpring.

"Could you sum up?" I asked, just before departing. She obliged.

"It's not easy; never has been. But it is incredibly rewarding at times. And I feel blessed to be able to do what I love, which is teach and compose and play music."

And be a mother, she might have added. But I knew that.

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## Few hurdles to jump before infrastructure grants in hand

Federal-provincial infrastructure grant approval for three Salt Spring utilities announced last week will not lead to instant action.

As explained by Gary Hendren of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Environmental Services department, a few steps lie between grant approval and the CRD's actual spending of funds to the Maliview sewer system, Fulford Harbour Water District (FHWD) and the Beddis Waterworks District (BWD).

Federal-provincial grant monies provide up to two-thirds of project costs, while taxpayers finance the remaining third through CRD borrowing. A total of \$1.6-million in federal-provincial funds was approved for the three projects.

Hendren said the Maliview project will replace the aging primary sewage treatment plant with

a new secondary sewage plant.

Maliview residents have already approved, by petition, CRD borrowing of its one-third share.

A formal provincial government-CRD agreement must still be ratified.

"Until we receive official notification from the province and can complete the agreement, it is difficult to finalize a schedule, however, subject to receipt of the necessary approvals this spring, I anticipate that the project will proceed to construction late this year," said Hendren.

For the BWD and FHWD funds to be used, residents' approval for the water districts to become utilities of the CRD is still required.

Fulford's water project involves building a water treatment plant and integrated pump station and reservoir storage tank.

"The project would address problems with water quality arising from high concentration of algae and organic material in the source water of Weston Lake," he said.

The Beddis project would be similar to Fulford's, said Hendren.

"Although Beddis already has a water treatment plant, the plant is no longer able to meet the demand and provide the level of treatment necessary."

Hendren said regional director Gary Holman and CRD staff will meet with water district executives over the next few weeks.

"Once the approval of the electorate is received, the CRD board would pass the necessary bylaws, complete the required agreement with province, borrow the necessary funds for the project and commence the design and construction of the necessary capital works."

## FIRE CALLS

Salt Spring Fire Department had a busy week with downed power lines, multiple medical-response calls, two small fires and a missing child.

The fire department received 28 calls for assistance between March 16 and 23, said fire captain Jamie Holmes.

Calls for downed power lines (12) and medical assistance (11) topped the list.

But firefighters also responded to a chimney fire, a generator fire, two burn complaints and a call for a missing child.

A chimney fire at a Park Drive residence on March 16 was likely caused by a build-up of creosote in the flue.

"This is a good reminder to get chimneys cleaned in the spring," said Holmes.

Generator exhaust started a shed fire on Mount Belcher Friday night.

"There was basically minor damage to the shed itself. The generator looked okay. Exhaust from the generator got too hot and started the shed on fire. It got into the attic and the wall."

Firefighters also assisted a parent with a missing eight-year-old child in Ganges on Saturday.

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**DINNER GUEST:** George Sabu, Canadian Cooperant for the Pop Atziak Project in Guatemala, takes the microphone at a Mexican feast fundraiser held Monday evening at Tree House South.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Fulford swoons at off-beat menagerie

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**  
Staff Writer

A visiting troupe of quirky song-writing musicians provided eclectic fare for a spring series musical extravaganza opener at Tree House South on St. Patrick's Day.

Headline act Bob Wiseman (of Blue Rodeo fame) brought saddlebags of rollicking off-beat rhythms, whip-snapping humorous lyrics, a herd of short comedic films and a lynching of record-producer-bashing poetry to entertain islanders.

I'd liken him to Tom Waits with nurturing Winnipeg-based parents or a mischievous Elvis Costello, rebelling against major recording labels.

A personal favourite from Wiseman's performance was an accordion love song with the lyrics, "Only one trick she can't do, don't show her how."

The song describes a veil of successful magician's chicanery but twists a hook on the line, "She can't

make my love disappear."

Not one to dwell on sappy romance, Wiseman jaunted through a rocking solo on melodica (keyboard mouth organ) and took a few libelous jabs at Victoria "free speech" lawyer Doug Christie.

"Doug Christie, will you take my case and help me rewrite all of history's mistakes?"

Another highlight of the evening was Wiseman's masterful handling of an insistently interrupting heckler (among an otherwise warm and friendly packed house).

"Is that you?" the heckler called, smack in the middle of Wiseman's artsy environmentalist-action flick, Alexander. Wiseman didn't even miss a beat during his silent-film-keyboard accompaniment.

"Wait till after the film, Marcus," he reminded gently.

Though guest Jim Guthrie (of Toronto's Royal City group) didn't suffer Fulford's hecklers, his thoughtful

lyrics were lost among chatting patrons during the opening performance.

But then Guthrie's soft voice and meditative guitar were accompanied by a Sony Playstation (like a low-budget Radiohead), which despite the surprisingly high quality of bubbling mechanical beeps, was bound to detract from a serious listening ambiance.

And heck, it's nice to chat at a performance every once in a while without getting scolded.

Guthrie's whimsical tunes Broken Chair and Turn Musician (based on the Musicians of Bremen Aesop fable) left residual-rhythm grooves in listeners that continued to resurface days after the performance.

"Don't be a chicken, turn musician," he sang.

Wrap-up soloist Courtney Wing added a bluesy sampling of the Commercial Drive coffee-house scene to give further depth to the evening's performance.

Wing offered a delicious cover of Taj Mahal's Further on Down the Road and shared a nostalgic lullaby for East Vancouver with Slow Fine Day.

Wings' anti-war song Celebration gave a resigned tone to lyrics about imaginary weapons in Iraq. And Sugar Pie delivered a rich bluegrass instrumental underline.

All in all, it was delightful evening at Tree House South. One could almost imagine the farm-animals turned musicians of Guthrie's song snuggled up in their cabin with a mostly appreciative audience.

Patrons pining for more music by any of the performers can find their CDs on-line if they didn't pick up one or three at the show.

Other performers lined up for the Tree House South spring series this week are Craig Northey and Kristi Rose. If the first gig was any indicator, get your tickets early.

## Perfection of hope author reads at All Saints

A Victoria writer, instructor and book reviewer whose two non-fiction works were nominated for the B.C. Book Prize will

read at All Saints on Saturday night.

Elizabeth Simpson touched anyone battling a life-threatening illness through her 1997 book called The Perfection of Hope: Journey Back to Health.

It is described as "Unsparing, poetic and heartfelt, the stories explore the idea that hope may be a powerful medicine in maintaining and regaining health."

It was also nominated for the VanCity Award.

Simpson's One Man at a Time: Confessions of a Serial Monogamist (2000) was also nominated for the B.C. Book Prize.

She has recently completed a novel called Under the Joker's Wing.



Elizabeth Simpson reads at All Saints this Saturday night.

Her stories have also appeared on Shelagh Rogers' CBC Radio show, First Person Singular, and in print in a variety of publications.

Simpson is currently a

faculty member of Camosun College where she teaches first-year literature and second-year Canadian literature.

The March 27 reading, which begins at 8 p.m., is part of the Theatre

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The reading is free although donations are gratefully accepted.

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240	CBC	The X	Reboot	Simpsons	SmartAsk	News		Sports Awards	Figure Skating World Championships	The National/Mag.	News /25 ZeD						
600	MC	Movie	The Core	(2003) Hilary Swank.				The Good Thief (2002) Nick Nolte.		Men With Brooms	45 Crown Heights						
4	NewVI	Star Trek: Voyager	VI Land News					Spin City	Million?	1-800-Missing	Lake Placid (1999) Bill Pullman.	News	35 J.Leno				
330	379 KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Squares	The Apprentice	The West Wing	Law & Order	News	35 J.Leno					
244	358 CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	Go! Mag.				70s	70s	Relative	K Queens/Stones	Kingdom Hospital	Sp'rtPage	CH News			
243	321 CTVCB	Friends	Friends	CTV News at Five	News	eTalk	Access	ComrGas	Idol	The West Wing	Law & Order	News	News				
241	336 GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News	ET	Train 48	Survivor: All Stars	Gilmore Girls	Wild Card	News						
443	383 KCTS	Arthur	Cyberch.	Zoom	Business	News	Europe	Museums	1940s House								
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445	354 KNOW	George /25 Babar	Piggley... /20 ArtAttack	CG Kids	Odysseys	Fork to Fork	Bitter Harvest	Enterprise	Down to Earth (2000) Chris Rock.	News	Speaker's						
242	359 CITY	Star Trek: DSN	Maury Povich Show	News		B.Date	5.Wheel										
454	523 BRAVO	3:30 Detect	Bravo!	App't With Drama	Last Call (1999) Phil Morrison.	Law & Order	NYPD Blue	The Gospel According to St. Mathew									
441	506 HIST	JAG	Disasters of Cent.	The Great Escape	Better Worse	Turning Points	JAG	Greatest Journeys	Disasters of Cent.	The Great Escape							
436	560 TLC	In a Fix	What Not to Wear	News		Clean Sweep	What Not to Wear	Better Worse	Clean Sweep	In a Fix							
483	541 FAM	15Recess	Possible	Proud F.	McGuire	All That	So Raven	Stevens	Radio F.	Boy MW	Mentors	Benny and Joon	Boy MW	Leonard	SmartG.		
450	520 A&E	American Justice	Biography	American Justice	City Confidential	Third Watch	Biography	American Justice	City Confidential								
400	400 TSN	MolsonH.	Hockey NHL Montréal Canadiens vs Buffalo Sabres	Sportscentre		Dog Show Westminster Kennel Club	Sportscentre										
407	419 RSP	Sac. Ride	See This	NBA XL	Soccer C.	News	Hockey	Hockey NHL Los Angeles Kings vs Vancouver Canucks	Sportsnet News	Sportsnet News							
23	KSTW	Ryan Seacrest	Frasier	Frasier	K Queens	K Queens	70s	70s	Enterprise	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Becker	Becker				
23	KVOS	Ripley's	Paid	Ellen Degeneres	Dating	Eiimidate	K Queens	Becker	Big Top Pee Wee (1988) Paul Reubens.	W&Grace	J.Shoot	Dating	Cheers				
333	382 KCPQ	3rd Rock	J.Shoot	Dharma	Simpsons	King Hill	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	70s	Idol	The O.C.	Q-13 News	Star Trek: Voyager			
511	390 NEWS	News: Canada Now	Counterspin	The National/Mag.	Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin	National Business	Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin								
332	381 KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	Survivor: All Stars	K Queens/Stones	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Lettermn				
331	380 KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	WifeKids	WifeKids	Extreme Makeover	Kingdom Hospital	News	35 News			
438	394 VISION	Touched By Angel	Soul Man	Sm.Wine	Wood	Parlour	360 Vision	Mom P.I.	African	Wood	Parlour	360 Vision	Mom P.I.	African			

# THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- WEDNESDAY, MAR 24**
- 6:00 PM  
**14 Last Call (1999, Crime Story)** A pair of boyhood friends plot to rob a nightclub to pay off a debt to a gangster. *Phil Morrison, Junior Williams* (2h)
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★★★★ The Good Thief (2002, Drama)** A gambling thief gets drafted into a plan to steal priceless paintings from a casino. *Nick Nolte, Tcheky Karyo* (2h)
- 8:00 PM  
**24 ★★ Big Top Pee Wee (1988, Comedy)** Pee Wee Herman joins a circus troupe as they put on a really big show. *Paul Reubens, Valeria Golino* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**3 ★★ Men With Brooms (2002, Comedy)** Four friends try to realize their late coach's dream of winning a curling trophy. *Paul Gross, Leslie Nielsen* (1h45)
- 10:00 PM  
**4 ★★ Lake Placid (1999, Action)** A local game warden takes on a mutant crocodile that terrorizes a small Maine town. *Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda* (2h)
- 10:45 PM  
**13 ★ Down to Earth (2000, Comedy)** An obnoxious comic is given a second chance at life in the body of a despised businessman. *Chris Rock, Eugene Levy* (2h)
- 11:00 PM  
**19 ★★★★★ Benny and Joon (1993, Romance)** A misfit who shelters his mentally ill sister stumbles onto the perfect companion for her. *Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson* (1h35)
- 11:30 PM  
**14 ★★★★★ The Gospel According to St. Mathew (1966, Drama)** Marxism and Catholicism collide in a Messiah who rages against social injustice. *Enrique Irazoqui, Margherita Caruso* (2h45)
- THURSDAY, MAR 25**
- 6:00 PM  
**14 ★★ Nora (2001, Drama)** The true story of the intense love affair between author James Joyce and his muse, Nora. *Susan Lynch, Ewan McGregor* (2h)
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★★★★ Marion Bridge (2002, Drama)** Old conflicts re-emerge when estranged sisters reunite to care for their dying mother. *Molly Parker, Stacy Smith* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM  
**24 ★★★★★ The Little Kidnappers (1990, Family)** Two Scottish orphans ignored by their grandfather kidnap a neighbour's baby for attention. *Charlton Heston, Bruce Greenwood* (2h)
- 8:30 PM  
**3 ★ 29 Palms (2002, Thriller)** An assortment of characters come into contact with a bag of money from a casino. *Rachael Leigh Cook, Jeremy Davies* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM  
**18 ★ Johnny Mnemonic (1995, Sci-Fi)** A man is implanted with a computer chip that allows him to smuggle classified information. *Keanu Reeves, Ice-T* (2h)
- 10:00 PM  
**19 ★★★★★ Get Shorty (1995, Comedy)** A small-time Miami mobster becomes intrigued by the movie business in Los Angeles. *John Travolta, Rene Russo* (1h30)
- 10:15 PM  
**29 ★★★★★ The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951, Sci-Fi)** An alien arrives on Earth with an important message, but is ignored by many world leaders. *Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal* (2h)
- 11:00 PM  
**3 ★★ Kiss of the Dragon (2001, Action)** A Kung-fu fighting Chinese cop is sent to aid French police in a drug dealer's arrest. *Bridget Fonda, Jet Li* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM  
**14 ★★★★★ The Graduate (1967, Romance)** A college graduate has an affair with an older woman until he falls for her daughter. *Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft* (2h)

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600	621 MC	Various Movies		Various	Movies	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
4	NewVI	7:00 New Day	CityLine	Various	DataC.	Earth: Final Conflict	All My Children	One Life to Live	Touched By Angel	Relic Hunter/ StarTrek							
330	379 KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show II	Martha Stewart	Ellen Degeneres	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Dr. Phil								
244	358 CH	Gold Trail/BodyHlth	Oprah Winfrey	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Ryan Seacrest	Travel M	Various	BodyHlth	Travel						
243	321 CTVCB	6:30 Canada AM	Regis & Kelly	The View	Balance	Planet	Balance	Bold & B.	Gabereau/Gabereau	General Hospital							
241	336 GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street	Worldvision	Cross O.	MoneyW.	News	As the World Turns	Passions	Young & Restless							
443	383 KCTS	Various	DragonT	Caillou	Barney	Sesame Street	Read R.	Rogers	B.Lions	Place publique	Stellino's	Build.Big	Squirrel	Teletub.	Boohbah!	Various	
101	SRC	7:00 Matin express	Cinéma variées				Ricardo	L'Heure du Midi	Place publique	Variées	Caserne	Ricardo	Art Attack				
445	354 KNOW	Various	Timothy	Lit. Bear	Various	20 Castle	35 Hoobs	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
242	359 CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV	Cooks	Various		The Lost World	CityLine	Maury Povich Show	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
454	523 BRAVO	Various	Grondin	Various		Law & Order	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
441	506 HIST	Greatest Journeys	JAG	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
436	560 TLC	DatingSt	DatingSt	Makeover	Makeover	Chance	Proposal	Wedding	Wedding	Baby St.	Baby St.	Trading Spaces	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep			
483	541 FAM	Gadget	Various	W.Pooh	45 JoJo's	10Stanley	40 Henry	ChipDale	Various	Fillmore	Goof Trp	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
450	520 A&E	Murder She Wrote	City Confidential	American Justice	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
400	400 TSN	SportsC	Golf Pre.	Various	Various	Various	W Bowling	10 Pin	W Soccer	TH F Golf	45Bloop	Various	Interrupt	Off Rec	SportsC		
407	419 RSP	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
23	KSTW	7:00 Club	Ricki Lake	Rosean'	Rosean'	Various	Hughleys	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Hughleys	Sabrina	Home I.	Home I.			
24	KVOS	Wild Things	Paid	Paid	The People's Court	Nanny	MaAbout	FamFeud	Pyramid	She Spies	Montel Williams	Cagney & Lacey/ Paid					
333	382 KCPQ	6:00 News	Good Day Live	Sharon Osbourne	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Starting Over	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show								
511	390 NEWS	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
332	381 KIRO	The Early Show	Montel Williams	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	J.Brown	Justice						
331	380 KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest								
438	394 VISION	It's a New Day	Mass	Various	Jawani	Youngren	LifeToday	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various

- FRIDAY, MAR 26**
- 6:00 PM  
**14 The Affair (1995, Drama)** The true WWII story of the racist treatment of American GIs in a segregated army. *Courtney B. Vance, Kerry Fox* (2h)
- 7:00 PM  
**15 ★ Sharpe's Eagle (1993, War)** Richard and his men are out for revenge when Simmerson loses most of his men. *Sean Bean, Gavan O'Herlihy* (2h)
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★ A Mighty Wind (2003, Docu-Drama)** 1960s folk music acts reunite to pay tribute to a recently deceased concert promoter. *Christopher Guest, Eugene Levy* (1h30)

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Table with columns for channel, time, and program titles for Saturday Daytime March 27. Includes programs like 'The X', 'Simpsons', 'The Graduate', 'The Last King', etc.

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7:30 PM
Pixel Perfect (Family) A techno-wiz tries to help his friend's band by crafting a perfect rocking hologram. Ricky Ullman, Leah Pipes (1h30)
8:00 PM
The Dresser (1983, Drama) An aging Shakespearean actor struggles to give one last performance. Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay (2h)
Perry Mason: Case of the Reckless Romeo (1992, Mystery) An attorney named Perry Mason defends an actress accused of murdering a TV personality. Raymond Burr, Amy Steel (2h)
8:30 PM
What a Girl Wants (2003, Family) An American teenager's reunion with her British father threatens his political career. Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth (1h45)
9:00 PM
Crimson Rivers (2000, Crime Story) Two French policemen work together to solve murder cases and the dark secrets behind them. Jean Reno, Vincent Cassel (2h)
Days of Thunder (1990, Sport) A rookie stock car racer must overcome his fear of driving after a near-fatal accident. Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman (1h35)
The Last King (2004, Drama) England's Charles II is a dashing king known for his many mistresses and court intrigues. Rufus Sewell, Rupert Graves (3h)
9:45 PM
Pom Pom Girls (1976, Comedy) Two high schools are pitted against each other in a battle of football and pranks. Robert Carradine, Jennifer Ashley (1h45)
10:00 PM
That's Dancing! (1985, Musical) A compilation of musical-movie highlights, including some from the 70s and 80s. Gene Kelly, Sammy Davis Jr. (2h)
Sharpe's Eagle (1993, War) Richard and his men are out for revenge when Simmerson loses most of his men. Sean Bean, Gavan O'Herlihy (2h)
10:15 PM
Behind Enemy Lines (2001, War) A brave Navy pilot fights to stay alive after he is shot down in enemy territory. Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman (2h)
10:35 PM
Aspen Extreme (1993, Drama) Two friends from Detroit leave for the Colorado Rockies to become ski instructors. Paul Gross, Peter Berg (2h)
11:30 PM
Tomboy (1984, Drama) A female mechanic solves her differences with her boyfriend at the Daytona 500 racetrack. Betsy Russell, Jerry Dinome (2h)
SATURDAY, MAR 27
6:00 PM
A Perfect World (1993, Crime Story) On the run from the law, a prison escapee befriends a young boy he has taken hostage. Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood (2h30)
7:00 PM
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (2002, Drama) A look at game show impresario Chuck Barris' claims of a double life as a CIA operative. Sam Rockwell, Drew Barrymore (2h)
8:00 PM
A Knight's Tale (2001, Adventure) Following his master's death, a squire enters a jousting competition in medieval England. Heath Ledger, Mark Addy (3h)
The Chamber (1996, Drama) A lawyer defends his grandfather, a death row inmate who was convicted of a hate crime. Chris O'Donnell, Gene Hackman (2h30)
9:00 PM
A View From The Top (2003, Comedy) A small-town woman tries to achieve her goal of becoming a flight attendant. Gwyneth Paltrow, Mike Myers (1h30)
A Perfect World (1993, Crime Story) On the run from the law, a prison escapee befriends a young boy he has taken hostage. Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood (3h)
Baby Boom (1987, Comedy) A young executive with everything suddenly inherits a baby girl from a distant relative. Diane Keaton, Harold Ramis (1h45)
10:00 PM
Reuben, Reuben (1983, Comedy) A drunken, womanizing Scottish poet preys upon a beautiful New England college student. Tom Conti, Kelly McGillis (2h)
10:30 PM
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002, Fantasy) Two Hobbits continue to brave terrible danger during their mission to destroy a ring. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen (3h)
11:00 PM
A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1995, Comedy) An arsonist burns a bakery to the ground and almost everyone claims responsibility for it. William Baldwin, John Leguizamo (1h30)
SUNDAY, MAR 28
6:00 PM
The Road to El Dorado (2000, Animated) Two swindlers find themselves on an accidental journey to a legendary city of gold. Voices of Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh (2h)
Daddy Daycare (2003, Family) Two stay-at-home fathers are inspired to open their own day-care centre. Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn (2h)
Death Becomes Her (1992, Comedy) A woman will do anything to stay young and beautiful, especially when her rival shows up. Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis (2h)
Heaven and Earth (1993, Drama) A Vietnamese woman survives the horrors of war to marry an American soldier. Tommy Lee Jones, Joan Chen (3h)
The Pandora Project (1998, Action) A government agent has to stop a former associate who has stolen a dangerous weapon. Daniel Baldwin, Erika Eleniak (2h)
8:00 PM
One True Thing (1998, Drama) A career woman reassesses her parents' lives while caring for her cancer-stricken mother. Meryl Streep, Renee Zellweger (2h30)



**FAITH MUSIC:** Sheelah Megill performs at Ganges United Church as part of a Faith in Music event held Saturday afternoon. Megill took the stage with Ron Klusmeier of Musiklus. Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Northey, Rose at Tree House South

The spring series of music at Tree House South continues this week with Craig Northey and his Power Trio taking the stage on Friday, March 26.

Northey was a founding member and one of the principal singer/songwriters of the acclaimed band called Odds, which recorded four albums of original music between 1991 and 1996.

The Odds' 1995 release *Good Weird Feeling* went platinum, the band made regular top-10 singles and videos, and was continuously nominated for Junos over the years.

Northey's recent work includes music for Colin James, the Who, David Gamson (Scritti Politti), Glen Phillips (Toad The Wet Sprocket), Wide Mouth Mason, Splendid and Damhnait Doyle.

He also wrote the song *Beautiful Pain* on Roseanne Cash's Grammy-nominated release *Rules of Travel* (2003).

In addition to his collaboration work, Craig released the much-anticipated solo album *Giddy Up* last year.

The following week — on Wednesday, March 31 — the Tree House will host the powerhouse duo of Kristi Rose and Fats Kaplan.

The Nashville couple will give life to their own new musical genre of "pulp country." Described as "soul-wang," "Coltrane meets country" and an "eclectic walk on the wild side," their music is said to reflect "the hooch-soaked, heartbroke netherworld."

The couple has released two critically acclaim albums, including *This is Pulp Country*, and played venues ranging from established forums like the Lincoln Center and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, to major festivals and venues in Europe, as well as honkytonks and legendary rock clubs.

Rose has been compared to artists ranging from Wanda Jackson to Patti Smith to Maria Callas, and has been sought over the years by groups such as The Tractors, The Manhattan Transfer, Pure Prairie League, Mark Knopfler, Nanci Griffith and The Judds, among others.

In both cases, the Tree House South show starts at 8 p.m. and guests are invited to arrive early for dinner.

Tickets are available in advance at both the Tree House South in Fulford and the Tree House Café in Ganges, and at the door at show time.

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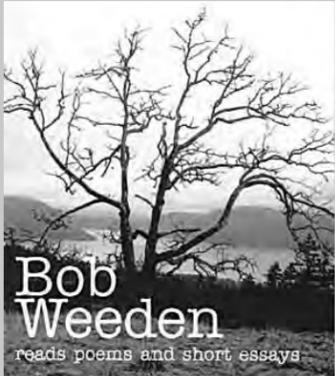
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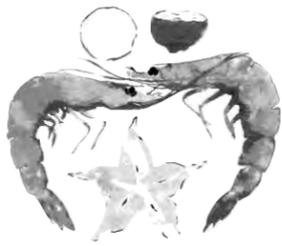
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Flower children in Centennial Park are, clockwise from top left: Zakaria Martin smelling the daffodils, Natalia Day surrounded by a flower wreath, Zakaria Martin and Charisma Eide playing with the blossoms, and Uma Blye Lockhart and Hazen Lockhart-Donnet picking a bouquet of flowers.

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Rundown cements Rock as hero

With The Rundown, former pro-wrestling phenomenon "The Rock" (also known to Calgary Stampeder fans as Dwayne Johnson) proves himself to be a worthy successor to '80s action stars Arnie, Bruce and Sylvester.

He stars as Beck, a professional "retriever" sent to find and kidnap Travis (Sean William Scott, American Pie's Stifler), a mob boss' son hiding in the Amazon jungle.

Beck arrives in a tiny mining town to find it under the control of mad capitalist Hatcher (an ultra-campy Christopher Walken). There

he finds out that Travis is in fact hunting for a priceless artifact, and Hatcher wants it himself. Much butt-kicking ensues.

The Rundown suffers from a clear lack of self-knowledge. Sometimes the film is outrageously silly, as when our heroes are caught by leg traps and are soon at the mercy of amorous monkeys.

Sometimes it is deadly serious, as Hatcher's men

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prove to be merciless when dispatching a mini-revolution by miners.

Worse, it gives its very capable comic leads little opportunity to do anything other than mug the camera. Much of the dialogue is terminally cheesy and pulls us right out of the storyline. I know that The Rundown has to appeal to kids and adults, but the skill of bal-

ancing the two is clearly beyond the screenwriter's ability.

It's too bad, because both the Rock and Scott are funny when given the chance. The massively chiselled Rock is always great fun to watch when lampooning his tough guy image (as was seen in his hilarious appearance hosting Saturday Night Live). A fight scene where he gets pummeled by three tiny and ridiculously agile jungle fighters is priceless and almost worth the price of the film.

And admittedly there are some other truly hilarious bits, usually involving someone taking hits that would normally result in massive internal trauma.

A minor subplot involving Beck's avoidance of guns is a neat way to spare us from the almost ubiquitous "gun fu" in every action film since the Matrix.

Overall, given the criminal state of such action flicks these days, The Rundown rates as "pretty OK." Certainly it cements the Rock as a bonafide hero for the next little while.

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# East meets west in Canadian-Japanese upcoming ArtSpring ceramic arts show

Two of Canada's most celebrated ceramic artists are part of a 30-artist regional Exhibition of Contemporary West Coast Ceramics running this weekend only in the Bateman gallery at ArtSpring.

Robin Hopper and Walter Dexter, recipients of the Bronfman Award, Canada's highest acknowledgement for excellence in craft, are featured artists in the show of professional crafts.

The exhibition is also an occasion to honour the visit of Ichizo Yamashita, one of Japan's finest ceramic artists, who will be conducting a technical workshop

for the Salt Spring Potters Guild.

Many of the exhibition artists have national and international credits, and come from Vancouver, Vancouver Island, Whistler, the southern interior of B.C. and the Gulf Islands.

Each artist has submitted two works, one of which will be valued under \$100 and one over that amount, making a purchase of a fine work of ceramic art accessible to a wide spectrum of the community.

A public opening reception is on Thursday, March 25 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Salt Spring's own Garry Oak

Vineyards will be offering refreshments to go along with an ample supply of edibles.

The show will then run Friday through Sunday, March 26-28.

A special Ikebana demonstration, conducted by island resident Reiko Sasaki, will take place in the gallery on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

"The art of Japanese floral arrangement is a choreographed relationship between natural botanical elements and container, more often than not, a ceramic one," explains a Salt Spring Island/Japan

Exchange Association (SSI-JEA) press release.

"Mrs. Sasaki has been a student of the Adachi Ryu school of Ikebana for 11 years. This traditional style stresses asymmetry and uses water and natural materials as important elements."

According to Gary Cherneff of the SSIJEA, the exhibit and visit by Yamashita are part of the association's latest initiative to develop an arts exchange between Salt Spring and communities in Japan.

For information on the potters guild technical workshop, phone 537-2184.



**FLAGGING PEACE:** Karen Hudson is awash in colour as she hands out peace flags at a rally held Saturday in Ganges.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Arvid imports Mexico cheer for weekend comedy

Arvid Chalmers has returned from his winter sojourn in Mexico and is itching to share some rejuvenating, sun-soaked material with a Salt Spring audience.

He's running the one-man stand-up comedy show Mexico y Yo (Mexico and Me) on Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at Mahon Hall at 8 p.m.

"It will be a travelogue from my own narrow, myopic perspective," he said.

As usual with a Chalmers humour collage, no issues, institutions or individuals will be considered sacred, including death and the dear departed.

"My friends are either dead or dying faster than they should," he observed.

And while he would much rather have his late friends in the audience, he said, "at least you can say what you want about them when they're dead."

Chalmers and his regular comedy partner Sid Filkow had hoped to mount a

show this spring, but Filkow is fully occupied becoming Tevye for the May production of Fiddler on the Roof.

(Since the part of Tevye's wife Golde was already secured by Lynda Jensen, Chalmers said he took a pass on participating in the musical.)

Mexico y Yo has already taken a test drive on a largely local audience in Malaci, Mexico this winter.

"Twenty-eight of 50 people in the audience either lived on or had lived on Salt Spring," he said.

A Chalmers and island fundraising staple — the auction — was also transplanted to Malaci, where 62,000 pesos was raised to help pay school tuition for kids with learning disabilities.

Mexico y Yo will only cost 120 pesos, \$15 Canadian dollars (or \$35 U.S.)

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**ANNIVERSARY BIRD:** Matt Steffich and son Austin Steffich-Rosling hold a print by Joe David that is up for grabs as a door prize during Thunderbird Gallery's 12th birthday April 1.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin



## Thunderbird flies for birthday bash

The Thunderbird Gallery will host an open house on April 1 to celebrate its 12th year of operation on the island.

"In the art business, it's a trick to survive this long, but Salt Spring has supported me," said Thunderbird Gallery owner Matt Steffich.

And in addition to an established customer base, support from local artists has been the backbone of his longevity, Steffich said.

"One of the highlights of doing this is seeing the evolution and growth of the artists. That really inspires me."

He estimates the gallery shows work of some 40 artists.

"It ebbs and flows. Some people don't have work here for a couple of years."

He finds that a constant rotation of artists and artworks helps make the gallery interesting for visitors, too.

Steffich will unveil some new pieces and provide a door prize as part of the festivities for the open house on April 1.

"I'm sure some of the artists will be in."

The door prize is a limited edition framed print titled Moon Dance by celebrated Nuu-Chah-Nulth artist Joe David.

Fans of First Nations art will also find stone sculptures by Inuit carver Abraham Anghik, bright modern oils by Tom Duquette and evocative watercolours with traditional west-coast themes by Gwen Butcher.

The gallery also exhibits a broad range of contemporary sculptures by Thomas McPhee and Morley Myers, delicate wooden boxes by John Bateman and landscape paintings with local elements by Paul Bryans and Rita Willoughby.

Thunderbird features massive sky-scapes by Michael Hames and impressionistic colour studies by Judith Borbas among the 40 artists represented in the space.

Steffich is currently introducing work by realist Carol Haigh, who began showing work at his gallery when he moved to an expanded location in Grace Point Square.

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## Katz photography heralds new India book and play

There are only two weeks left to catch Salt Spring actor/writer Stewart Katz's unique exhibition of photographs from India.

On display now until April 4 at Barb's Buns, the show features photographs that

highlight India's drastically varying landscapes and colourful regional cultures.

According to press material, Katz's photography aims to capture not only India's mystical beauty but her flare for comedy as well.

The exhibit was conceived in anticipation of two other upcoming Salt Spring events: the release of Katz's first book — Holy Cow! Hilarious Mis-Adventures in India — and the world premiere of his "wacky, original" one-man play, which has the same name.

Both the book and play take flight May 1, 7 and 8 at the Salt Spring United Church, beginning at 8 p.m.

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Further information can be obtained by calling Katz at 537-9433.



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23 \*\*\* Thelma and Louise (1991,Drama) Two women who are fed up with men, leave their responsibilities behind to go on a trip. Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis (2h30)
24 \*\* The War (1994,Drama) During the summer of 1970, kids from two different families battle over a huge treehouse. Kevin Costner, Mare Winningham (2h30)
9:00 PM
4 \*\*\* The First Wives Club (1996,Comedy) Three former college friends discover they have something in common: they are first wives. Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler (2h)
13 27 Jesus (1999,Religious) Jesus reveals how he grew from being a carpenter to a spiritual teacher who inspired many. Jeremy Sisto, Gary Oldman (2h)
15 \*\*\* Heaven and Earth (1993,Drama) A Vietnamese woman survives the horrors of war to marry an American soldier. Tommy Lee Jones, Joan Chen (3h)
19 \*\*\* Indian Summer (1993,Comedy/Drama) Several former campers return to their summer camp of youth for a reunion weekend. Alan Arkin, Matt Craven (1h40)
10:00 PM
3 \*\*\* Laurel Canyon (2002,Drama) A liberal mother clashes with her conservative son when he and his fiancée move in. Frances McDormand, Christian Bale (2h)
10:30 PM
14 \*\*\* The Seduction of Joe Tynan (1979,Suspense) A young senator must make some tough moral decisions as he pursues his political career. Alan Alda, Barbara Harris (2h)
10:55 PM
19 \*\*\* Real Genius (1985,Action) A group of college geniuses put their heads together and plot elaborate revenge. Val Kilmer, Gabe Jarret (1h5)
MONDAY, MAR 29
6:00 PM
3 \*\*\* Deep Evil (2004,Sci-Fi) The military tries to uncover what went wrong when scientists clone a mysterious microbe. Ona Grauer, Rachel Grodnik (2h)
14 \*\*\* Saturday Night Fever (1977,Drama) A paint store clerk feels that his only ticket to success is as king of the disco floor. John Travolta, Karen Gorney (2h)
8:00 PM
24 \* Hide and Seek (2000,Thriller) A desperate couple kidnap a pregnant woman and convince her husband that she's dead. Daryl Hannah, Jennifer Tilly (2h)
23 \* The Haunting (1999,Suspense) A psychologist and his unsuspecting patients undergo a series of bizarre occurrences. Liam Neeson, Catherine Zeta-Jones (2h)
9:00 PM
13 \*\* Joe Dirt (2001,Comedy) A janitor who was abandoned as a child sets out on a quest to locate his birth parents. David Spade, Dennis Miller (2h)
19 \*\*\* Jack (1996,Comedy) A 10-year-old has a genetic disease that causes him to age four times faster than normal. Robin Williams, Bill Cosby (2h30)
29 \*\*\* Rebecca (1997,Drama) A young bride discovers a spell has been cast over the estate of her new husband. Emilia Fox, Charles Dance (2h)
10:00 PM
14 \*\*\* Queen of the Stardust Ballroom (1975,Romance) A widow and a married mail carrier meet and fall for each other at the local dancehall. Maureen Stapleton, Charles Durning (2h)
3 \*\*\* Just Another Story (2003,Comedy/Drama) A diverse group of 20-somethings deal with love, parents and friends in New York. GQ, Jaclyn DeSantis (1h15)
11:15 PM
3 \*\*\* Marion Bridge (2002,Drama) Old conflicts re-emerge when estranged sisters reunite to care for their dying mother. Molly Parker, Stacy Smith (1h30)
TUESDAY, MAR 30
6:00 PM
3 \*\*\*\* The Good Thief (2002,Drama) A gambling thief gets drafted into a plan to steal priceless paintings from a casino. Nick Nolte, Tcheky Karyo (2h)
14 Miracles in Memphis: Elvis Gratton 2 (1999,Musical) A French-Canadian Elvis impersonator rises from the dead and finds himself on stage. Julien Poulin, Yves Trudel (2h)
8:00 PM
24 \*\*\* Dazed and Confused (1993,Comedy) In 1976, high school seniors and freshmen celebrate the new-found freedom of summer. Ben Affleck, Parker Posey (2h)
9:00 PM
4 Sealed With a Kiss (1998,Thriller) After seducing her victims, a serial killer leaves her calling card sealed with lipstick. C. Thomas Howell, Nick Mancuso (2h)
13 \*\* K-Pax (2001,Drama) A psychiatrist attempts to treat a man who claims to be an alien from the planet K-Pax. Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges (2h30)
19 The One (2003,Comedy) A look at what happens when you fall in love with someone who is already committed. Meredith Monroe, Richard Ruccolo (1h30)
29 \*\*\* Bell, Book and Candle (1958,Comedy) A young witch casts a spell over her neighbour, who is about to marry another woman. Kim Novak, James Stewart (2h)
10:00 PM
14 \*\* The Beach Boys: An American Band (1985,Biography) A biographical and candid look at the Beach Boys, America's favourite harmonic family. Al Jardine, The Beach Boys (2h)
3 \* 29 Palms (2002,Thriller) An assortment of characters come into contact with a bag of money from a casino. Rachael Leigh Cook, Jeremy Davies (1h45)
11:30 PM
10 Spitfire Grill (1995,Drama) A sa-rite de prison, une jeune femme s'installe dans un petit village. Alison Elliott, Ellen Burstyn (2h30)
11:45 PM
3 \*\*\* Black Hawk Down (2001,Action) An elite team of peace-keepers attempt to kidnap a crime lord's top lieutenants in Somalia. Josh Hartnett,

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<b>Music</b> <b>Simply Organic.</b> Free recital with organist Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Followed by coffee and muffin. <b>Swing Shift.</b> Big band swing music at Anise, 7-9 p.m.	<b>Music</b> <b>DJ Irish Mike.</b> Plays funk, soul, reggae at Anise, 9 p.m.	<b>Music</b> <b>Craig Northey and the Power Trio.</b> Tree House South, 8 p.m.	<b>Music</b> <b>DJ Matt J.</b> At Moby's 9 p.m.	<b>Music</b> <b>Latif Bolat.</b> Sufi musician performs at Beaver Point Hall, 8 p.m. Pre-concert lecture & slide show, 7 p.m.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>SEEDs EcoVillage Meeting.</b> Mondays at StarBooks, 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Weight Watchers.</b> New 10-week series begins at All Saints, 5:30 p.m. Info: Linda, 537-5715.
<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Bladder Control Talk.</b> With Lesley Nuk, SS Seniors Centre, 2 p.m. Free.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Finances &amp; Women.</b> First of four-Thursday sessions runs at Harbour House, 2:30-4:30. Reserve: 1-888-773-4477.	<b>Theatre</b> <b>Friday Night Jam.</b> At Anise, 9 p.m.	<b>Theatre</b> <b>Barley Wink.</b> At Anise, 9 p.m.	<b>Theatre</b> <b>Karaoke.</b> At Vesuvius Pub, 8 p.m.	<b>Activities</b> <b>AIDS Film Nights.</b> Mondays at the SOLID office, 5-B Creekside, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Dance Technique Classes.</b> Teen & adult jazz styles and hip hop, with Andrea Rabinovitch. GISS dance studio, 5:30-6:30. Call 538-0116.
<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>SS Garden Club.</b> Theresa D'Monte speaks on Colour Occasions in Your Perennial Garden. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.	<b>Special Event</b> <b>B.C. Potters Exhibit Opening.</b> ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Ikebana Demonstration.</b> ArtSpring, 2-4 p.m.	<b>Theatre</b> <b>Mexico y Yo.</b> Arvid's stand-up comedy show. Mahon Hall, 8 p.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Qi Gong.</b> Lecture/demo at Lions Hall, 1 p.m.	<b>Activities</b> <b>Drop-in Floor Hockey.</b> Fulford Hall, 6:30-9.	<b>Activities</b> <b>Men's Pick-up Basketball.</b> Mondays at GISS gym, 8-10 p.m. Info: Chris, 538-5534.
	<b>Activities</b> <b>Old Europe Documentary.</b> Starhawk film at StarBooks, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Thai Massage Workshop.</b> 3-day certification program with Kristie Straarup, begins. 537-1219.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>CFWU.</b> Guest speaker Peggy Matheson. United Church, 10 a.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Pottery Workshop.</b> SS Potters Guild event with Ichizo Yamashita. Call 537-2029.		<b>Activities</b> <b>Painting With Acrylics.</b> Fables Cottage workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
	<b>Family/Youth</b> <b>Storytime.</b> Thursdays at Fables Cottage, 11-noon.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Belly Dance Fusion Class.</b> Fridays, Mahon Hall, 4:15-5:30.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Water &amp; Air Filtration Systems.</b> For health & wellness. 425 Fulford-Ganges Rd., 3-4 p.m.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Writing as Witness.</b> With Lorraine Gane, 10-5. Call 537-5294.		<b>Family/Youth</b> <b>Family Rollerblading to Music.</b> Fulford Hall, 7:30-9.
		<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Beginner African Dance Class.</b> Fridays, Mahon Hall, 5:30-7.	<b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Thai Cooking Class.</b> With Jonn Ashlie at The Barn. Call 537-5343.	<b>Activities</b> <b>Pottery Workshop.</b> With Ichizo Yamashita. Call 537-2029.		
		<b>Activities</b> <b>West African Drumming Class.</b> Fridays, Mahon Hall, 7-8:30.	<b>Activities</b> <b>Pottery Workshop.</b> With Ichizo Yamashita. Call 537-2029.	<b>Activities</b> <b>Fabulous Flea Market.</b> Fulford Hall fundraiser at the hall, 10-2.		
		<b>Activities</b> <b>Meat Draw &amp; Dinner.</b> Fridays at the Legion.	<b>Activities</b> <b>After-Grad Fundraiser.</b> GISS gym, 8 p.m.			

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## Cable

**SSTV Cable Channel 12** programming runs continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

**Taku River Stories:** In the summer of 2001, Salt Spring filmmaker Peter Prince explored the Taku wilderness with his camera for the National Geographic Channel. Join him and NG reporter Tom Foreman on a river-rafting adventure down the vast, unspoiled Taku River Valley.

**Sampson Family History:** The SS Historical Society presents historian Rocky Sampson at Central Hall as Rocky reflects on the early days of his family's settlement in the Fernwood area of Salt Spring during the late 1850s. He also offers archival photos and fascinating information about the scope of settlement around B.C. and how it impacted First Nations in the late 1800s.

## Exhibitions

- **Exhibition of Ceramics by B.C. Potters**, presented by the Salt Spring-Japan Exchange Association, featuring Ichizo Yamashita, runs at ArtSpring. Opens Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.; runs March 26-28 from 10 to 4. Ikebana Demo on Friday, 2-4 p.m.
- **Stewart Katz** has a photo exhibit on March 7-April 4 at Barb's Buns.
- **Bruce Rivard's Artholic Show** runs at StarBooks through March.
- **Marg Threlfall** exhibits intuitive watercolour paintings — Taking one step into abstraction — in the ArtSpring lobby through March 31.
- **Bob Masse** is displaying his poster art collection this month at Moby's Pub.
- **Susan Haigh** is the featured artist at Island Savings.

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# Jon Ashlie's classes whip up kitchen-savvy men

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Steaming out the fear and replacing it with fun is one way Jon Ashlie is transforming Salt Spring males into men who cook.

"I boil water," said men's cooking class member Vaughan Walters in explaining why he signed up. "I thought there was room for improvement."

Joking aside, Walters said he learned an incredible amount from Ashlie's eight-week course and lost

any fear of trying he may have harboured before.

"I just found it really great. There was the social aspect to it, and you were dealing with a person who had some flair and some feeling for food," said Walters.

"Other people said Jon gave them the opportunity to see food can be fun. It can be enjoyable and can be fun making it."

Ashlie tailored course content to his students' desires, which ranged from something as simple as an apple pie to the nuances of French, Italian and Greek cuisine.

Each evening featured an appetizer or soup, sometimes a bread, plus an entrée and dessert.

"I try to accommodate everyone's food preferences, from the 21-year-old to the 85-year-old man."

The particular mix of men was a winner.

"The guys were incredible," said student and island astrologer Bryon Gray. "All the right people were there."

Both Gray and Walters were drawn to the course



**NEW CHEFS IN TOWN:** Graduates of Jon Ashlie's all-male cooking class celebrated with a gourmet dinner at The Barn last Wednesday night. Ashlie (far right in photo) is offering more classes for men and women, including a Thai cooking class through Community Education this Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

from seeing Ashlie in action before.

"I had watched Jon cook before when he worked at Barb's [Buns] so I knew he was really good at putting stuff together, and I was drawn to acquiring that magic," said Gray.

"It's an ongoing, evolving, magical process, cooking. Some people just sort of do it and they eat and they get on with their lives. And for other people it is

different, and it was nice to be there with the men enjoying the magic of putting stuff together — and I learned lots."

Ashlie said one of his students, John Fraser, urged him to offer a cooking course. Fraser also built the beautiful kitchen at The Barn on Reynolds Road where classes were held, he said.

Last Wednesday the group held a celebratory

dinner to mark completion of their eight-week course.

Ashlie has commenced another class, with some members from the first group who wanted to carry on, but he's opened it up to accept drop-ins as well.

In a few weeks' time he will broaden his offerings further to include women.

He's also offering two four-hour Thai cooking workshops at The Barn on

Saturday, March 27 and April 4.

Ashlie began cooking at age 15 when he started studying French cuisine. He spent four years at cooking school and then developed his craft, including being a pastry chef, "with ease and joy" over the next 35 years.

For cooking class information, Ashlie can be reached at 537-5343 or by e-mail at jonnbe@hotmail.com.

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## 'Beguiling' garden expert at tonight's club presentation

A Vancouver-based garden writer and photographer who beguiled the Salt Spring Garden Club five years ago is returning for a new presentation tonight (Wednesday).

Therese D'Monte will give a slide and talk presentation on "harmonious colour opportunities in the perennial garden" at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

D'Monte is an avid gardener who studied professional floristry design at B.C.I.T. She developed a particular expertise in the flower arranger's garden and for years gave classes on the topic at Van Dusen Botanical Garden.

She says that about seven years ago she "fell into photography," and her cottage garden has been her studio ever since. She has amassed a stock of 12,000 images, which are used by garden catalogues, calendars, magazines and brochures.

Non-members are invited to attend for a \$5.00 donation.

D'Monte has a "virtual garden" on her website at www.theresedmonte is a virtual garden to behold.

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# Islands' teen pregnancy rates down but STDs up

By A. JEAN ELDER  
Special to the Driftwood  
Every Tuesday for more than five years, the Planned Parenthood Clinic has been open on the second floor of the Core Inn between 4 and 6 p.m.

The Clinic is there to provide low-cost contraception, pregnancy options, counselling, sexual health information and related services

to help clients of both genders make safe, effective and informed contraceptive and other sexual health decisions.

Thanks to the faithful service of physicians Jan McPhail and Karen Berg (who have worked at the clinic since it opened), to our two nurse supervisors and a team of committed volunteers, The Clinic has

continued to serve its clients, the majority of them females aged 19 to 23.

The number of users continues to increase. From 2002-03, the total number of clients rose from 458 to 526.

Still, the rate of pregnancy in adolescents indicate we are not doing enough, even though the pregnancy rate for young females in the Gulf Islands declined from 56.6 per 1,000 women aged 15 to 19 in 1993 to 35.6 per 1,000 women in 2000.

Unfortunately, sexually transmitted diseases are a growing public health problem. For chlamydia, the largest number of reported cases is for females 15-24 years old and males 20-29.

While gonorrhea rates have decreased in the province over the last year, the rate of infection is still well above the rates reported in the mid-1990s.

Syphilis is increasing and it is notable that B.C. infection rates are far higher than the rates in the rest of Canada and, in both males and females, there has been a shift towards infection at an earlier age.

Counselling and treatment for victims of sexually transmitted disease is part of The Clinic's work.

A distinction the Gulf Islands has — more sexually transmitted diseases per capita than any other place in the province — is one we would like to be without.

What we have is not a public health problem so much as a public health crisis.

In 2003, the Planned Parenthood Association of B.C. decided it needed to embark on a more concentrated public education program and, as an indication of its renewed commitment to the importance of sexual health, it changed its name to OPT: Options for Sexual Health.

Funding for the provincial organization comes mainly from the provincial health ministry, the United Way and B.C. Gaming Commission.

Locally, funds are raised from events such as the Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Bridge and Lunch set for April 2.



**TO YOUR HEALTH:** Teresa Winter works on fellow health practitioner Khepera Raven as the two join numerous others at the Healing Arts Fair on Salt Spring. Held last Sunday afternoon, the event took place at Mahon Hall and featured all types of island health workers.

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## Prestigious prizes on table at annual bridge luncheon

An April 2 bridge and lunch event will help raise funds for the Gulf Islands chapter of Planned Parenthood, which runs The Clinic on Salt Spring.

The second annual Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch and Bridge is at Fulford Hall next Friday beginning at noon.

"We offer prizes of little monetary value but great prestige," notes Jean Elder of the Planned Parenthood Clinic. "And we look forward to being able to finance continuing services at our clinic."

Planned Parenthood is required to raise some of its money locally, and the first Krayenhoff event last year helped pay for volunteer training.

The \$20 admission includes lunch and bridge.

Last year some 80 people participated. Tickets are now available from members of the Planned Parenthood committee or from Jean Elder at 537-0897.

Donations to The Clinic can also be accepted at Box 654, Ganges P.O., V8K 1A0.

## New pastor at Pentecostal church

For Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly's new pastor, the "Church on the Rock" is a friendly, family-oriented place to work.

Rev. Jim Cornock began leading services at the Baker Road church on March 7. He moved to Salt Spring from Penticton with his wife Nives, who is also a licensed minister, at the end of February.

The couple had their first island potluck experience at an official welcoming event last Sunday.

Cornock said Salt Spring's Pentecostal church "seems really healthy and there's a real spirit of anticipation, which is good."

An "excellent" music team is in place, he said, and the church board is dedicated to moving forward.

His vision for the future is to build a strong family church that ministers to the



Jim and Nives Cornock

needs of all ages.

"We'd like to meet the needs of families, and hope that whether individuals or families come into the church, that they feel very strongly part of something bigger."

Cornock and Nives were "high school sweethearts" and have been married for 31 years. A close-knit family, the couple has two grown chil-

dren, a grandson and another grandchild on the way.

They have already enjoyed exploring Salt Spring's great outdoors and galleries.

"We've been overwhelmed with the beauty of the island," said Cornock.

He has also met with the island's other ministers and looks forward to working with them.

Besides the five years spent in Penticton, the Cornocks have lived in McBride, Fort Langley and Oliver, where Jim was a Pentecostal pastor. He was also a registered professional marriage and family counsellor in Penticton.

Salt Spring's Pentecostal Assembly has a congregation of approximately 60 people.

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They're thrilled to be taking over the thriving practice and are looking forward to meeting all the animals and clients who visit **Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic**. MacDonald and Edgell are a husband and wife team with

erinarian practice. They are interested in all aspects of veterinary medicine and will soon be offering ultrasound services for large and small animals. Dr. MacDonald is looking forward to revitalizing the large animal component of the practice. Some of their special interests include behavioural problems of cats and dogs, diagnostic imaging, surgery internal medicine and small animal and equine reproduction. At home, their family consists of three rescued tabby cats named Calvin, Agador and Winky, and a water loving lab named Critter. The clinic was first started in 1974 by **Dr. Claus Andress**.

Current owner, **Dr. Derrick Milton**, joined the practice in 1991.

• **Dr. Brian Grady**, registered psychologist, is offering a series of free public talks on the following subjects: **Managing Moods Before They Manage You** was held Tuesday night at Lions Hall.

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**FLOWER FUNDS:** Breast cancer volunteer Ros Woolley, left, is seen selling daffodil bouquets with Thrifty Foods worker Joy Andrews. Thrifty's is donating \$1 of every daffodil sale to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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**REGATTA:** With spinnaker set, Bob Jones' Alacrity returns from the Second Sisters into Ganges Harbour behind sailing club race winner Deryn Mor. The Salt Spring Sailing Club regatta took place last Sunday with a race in the morning followed by another in the afternoon. Kevin and Wendy Vine on Deryn Mor took first overall with a first and third place finish.

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## Junior archers hit top honours

Two siblings with a flair for archery hit the mark during provincial indoor archery championships in Abbotsford.

Kayla Pultke (age 8) took fourth place in the B.C. Archery Association's Indoor Championships for the Junior Olympian Program on March 14.

Pultke scored 245 points over two rounds in the bare bow junior archery division. The winner, Dennika Quail of the event-hosting Silvertip Archery Club, scored 398 points.

Kayla's 10-year-old brother Eric scored 343 points in the bare bow master-bowman division to take fifth place. Graham Havers of the Victoria Archery Club placed first among master bowmen with 394 points.

A total of 195 junior

archers participated at the event.

Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club archery member Keith Newman was immensely impressed by the performance of the two Pultke children.

"Some of the kids that beat them were 14 or 15 years of age."

Kayla also placed second and Eric placed fourth in a regional competition held in January and February, Newman said.

Another family of archers also placed well during the regionals, Newman noted.

Emily Fraser came fourth among beginners and Jeff Fraser placed fifth among master bowmen in the regional competition.

The next local archery event will be the Rod and Gun Club's 3-D shoot on May 9.

## Prowlers pounce on B.C. hoops tourney

A group of island women are on the prowl with an aim to revisit the 22nd Annual B.C. Masters Basketball Tournament in Abbotsford this weekend.

"Our intention is to go out there and give them a good game and play to the best of our abilities. And particularly to have fun," said Pacific Prowlers player Lee-Anne Gordon.

"We started going last year but we didn't have a lot of organization."

In their first masters tourney outing, the islanders won one out of three games in the over-40 division. But the opposing teams all had decades of experience playing together, she said.

"They've all come from high school, raised their kids, retired, become grandparents and they're still playing together."

The islanders don't have quite as much history or competitive experience, she said.

"There's a core of people who have been playing together for a good 10 years."

A few islanders even played in an off-island league 22 years ago but most have just reunited for pick-up games, she said.

"The only time we ever see each other is for basketball season. It's not like we socialize. We just have one common interest, it's our sport."

Gordon is happy that the local all-ages women's basketball group has grown enough in the last year to field a masters team without having to recruit from abroad.

"This year there were more than enough people who wanted to come, so we didn't need to pick up anybody from off-island."

Gordon credits team captain Judy Raddysh for providing the impetus to attend the masters tourney for the second year.

"She had done this before so she really wanted us to go as well."

The group meets twice a week between October and March; once to practise with coach Lyall Ruehlen and a second time to play pick-up games.

The Prowlers have truly appreciated Ruehlen's guidance as a coach to prepare for the tourney this season.

"He's sort of put offence and defence into play and given a focus to our team."

They've also been lucky to gather sponsorship from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, and the Pacific Prowler fishing boat, which provided uniforms last year.

"We're some of the best-dressed players out there. Everybody else has had their uniforms for 15 years," Gordon laughed.

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# Div. 1 earns 'bragging rights' over Reserves

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Local soccer fans had an unexpected treat when two Salt Spring FC men's teams played a friendly scrimmage Sunday.

"The interdivisional championship of FC bragging rights for this time go to Division 1," said Div. 6 Reserves coach/manager/captain Mike Brown.

But the upstarts gave the upper-echelon team a good run for their money in a 4-1 effort, he said.

Jeremy Morrison scored the first goal for Div. 1 with a rocket of a shot at 18 yards, Brown said.

Chris Langdon brought the score to 2-0 before the half with a header off a short pass.

The Reserves got back into the game with a Colin McDougall goal early in the second half.

"He just buried it."

But Div.-1 player/coach Jesse Fisher knocked a ball down with his chest and put it through the Reserves

keeper's legs to maintain a lead.

A fourth Div.-1 goal came from Old Boys loaner Kerry Walker.

"It was a great game. We played full-on with uniforms and everything," Brown said.

The game was also self-refereed, which led to some controversial calls that could have negated the Div.-1 goals, he laughed.

"We held our ground quite well, I figure. Much better than we did the first time we played them."

The Div.-1 FC team won 8-0 in a previous meeting in the fall, Brown noted.

The Reserves also lost in a match against Salt Spring's over-35 Old Boys last year, he said.

"We're looking for a victory amongst the intramural interdivisional championship and it's just not coming our way. So we're lacking bragging rights. We're looking for a victim somewhere on island."



**HEADLINES:** Salt Spring Reserves player Tom Berry, right, goes up against a Sooke player in soccer action on Salt Spring two weeks ago. As reported in last week's Driftwood, the Reserves won the match 5-0.

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# Dragons in right place as they settle Storm match

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A 2-1 loss to Island Storm didn't waive the Salt Spring Dragons' sense of direction as the local women's soccer team wrapped up their season Sunday.

"We realize we are where we belong," said player/coach Sue King.

"We've fought and come up really close against all the top teams. So we feel good

about Division 2 and that's where we belong. We're ready for next year."

The Dragons didn't win a regular-season game this season.

But the team has shown steady improvement since the Lower Island Women's Soccer League ruled against relegation in December, King said.

"I think everybody just relaxed and started to play

hard and have fun. No one was worried about going back to Division 3. That coincides with when our game turned around."

Several Salt Spring players went out on a limb against third-place Storm during the game at the lower high school field, she said.

Crash-course keeper graduate Gail Bryn-Jones held the net after two practices to

put in an amazing performance.

"The only way she could have had less experience is if I'd just pulled her out of the game and put her in net."

Bryn-Jones made a few key saves, including a dramatic stop on a 35-yard free kick from one of the most talented players in the league, King said.

"Top corner and Gail just managed to punch it out and clear it. It was amazing. It was an incredible save, definitely the highlight of her game."

Kim Hendress, a relative newcomer to the team, scored the first goal of the match against Storm 35 minutes into the first half.

"It was a beautiful play, a total team effort."

A defensive cadre of Val Cunningham, Mardon Dary, Robin Little and Lorna Walde kept Storm warnings to a minimum.

But the blustery visitors scored off a corner kick when the Dragons couldn't

clear the consequent scramble 40 minutes into the match.

"Gail didn't stand a chance on that one."

Storm broke through on a couple of off-side breaks and scored mid-way through the second half with a shot from 30 yards.

"But we were still in it. We'd dominated a lot of the game and everybody was totally into it."

One late rush during injury time almost allowed the Dragons to equalize when King sent a ball to the far post on a rush.

"We weren't able to capitalize on it and that was the end of the game."

Regardless of the loss, the Dragons are happy with their play in the game, she said.

"It was a good finish to the year. They're an amazing team. They're great soccer players. A really classy team. It was great to play them in our last game."

# Island team drives nine-hole golf win

Salt Spring golfers snapped an 8-1 win over guests from Ardmore Golf Club during a nine-hole team competition Saturday.

Salt Spring Golf and Country Club was represented by Lee Hurd, Michael Wheaton, Keith Lavender, Gary Coulter, Reg Winstone and John Campell during the competition.

## GOLF TEES

The two teams battled as part of the Lower Island Nine Hole Golf Association (LINGHA).

This was the first match of the LINGHA contest of the season.

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6. Goldie Jim	391	572	963	34
7. Johnson Cam	390	571	961	33
8. Temmel Wolfgang	379	580	959	31
9. Byron Nicola	360	597	957	25
10. Mara Kathy	371	583	954	26
11. Hardy Connie	375	572	947	28
12. Shaske Ed	366	579	945	32
13. Lam Huy	356	577	933	29
14. Huser Angela	335	595	930	32
15. Lynch Seve	355	571	926	32
16. Lynch Kevin	353	570	923	24
17. Alhoose Jack	365	555	920	23
18. Funk Rainer	381	535	916	35
19. Jason Chris	353	561	914	28
20. Buckley Arnold	387	525	912	34
21. Newton Norma	355	556	911	31
22. Smith Shirley	355	555	910	33
23. Nolan Elizabeth	330	577	907	27
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25. Reinholdt Kim	346	557	903	30
26. Alhoose Paul	367	535	902	30
27. Berni Mike	357	543	900	36
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35. Burns Marie	331	549	880	25
36. Morris Liam	371	509	880	32
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38. Hoban Rypawn	335	540	875	31
39. Warnir Amanda	349	521	870	22
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41. Lynch Trudy	327	539	866	23
42. Rompain Kerry	369	497	866	40
43. Doerksen Hank	313	553	866	23
44. Anderson Caroline	334	530	864	38
45. Shaske Lucy	356	508	864	31
46. Redden Charlene	342	519	861	23
47. Misanchuk Terry	363	498	861	31
48. Burns Lorne	331	530	861	30
49. Alhoose Sean	345	515	860	41
50. Campbell Faedra	346	513	859	29
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53. Smith Donald	340	513	853	33
54. Radford Brian	321	529	850	24
55. Mackinnon Baldy	319	530	849	34
56. Millard Peter	356	493	849	36
57. Newman Keith	349	496	845	32
58. Gosnell Mairi	318	527	845	32
59. Shantz Colleen	323	521	844	34
60. Laycock Robert	327	516	843	26
61. Strommier Monica	346	494	840	32
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69. Gillham Jerome	320	502	822	28
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71. Temmel Max	350	466	816	33
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75. Mussell Byron	331	480	811	31
76. Howe Scott	290	521	811	24
77. Rompain Sheldon	297	513	810	40
78. Hitchcock Dorothy	313	496	809	30
79. Misanchuk Tamara	346	461	807	27
80. Spencer Peter	348	458	806	37
81. Thomas Andrew	315	488	803	33
82. Reynolds Paul	317	486	803	28
83. Mullan Erin	315	487	802	28
84. Hardie Madeline	326	474	800	28
85. Forsyth Deb	324	473	797	35
86. Tamboline Grant	315	470	785	27
87. Mullan Pat	310	474	784	32
88. Leask Lance	333	439	772	40
89. Moban Lind-E	340	430	770	38
90. Guedes Doug	304	463	767	25
91. Shantz Lorne	312	453	765	35
92. Villadsen Jeanne	279	484	763	24
93. Cameron Lorna	293	456	749	35
94. Tanti Mary	283	447	730	33
95. Snetsinger Hannah	253	474	727	33
96. Forsyth Norm	278	442	720	29
97. Baker Brent	291	429	720	25
98. Marleau Gerry	291	427	718	31
99. Hitchcock Bill	292	424	716	34
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101. Broadbent Fred	283	429	712	34
102. Charlebois Jason	285	426	711	22
103. Sloan Randall	259	440	699	22
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**MORNING SOLACE:** A lone fisherman takes time out to fish in the fog and quiet of St. Mary Lake on a recent early morning. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Young throwers Abramyk, Jones pluck disc bouquets

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Disc-golf scores blossomed in the hands of junior players under warm weather in the monthly locals tournament at Mouat Park on Sunday.

"We had a really nice turn-out for the first day of spring," said event organizer Scott Chapman.

Competitors of various abilities and ages vied together among floral divisions labelled Yellow, Fuschia and Purple, but it was youth that won the day.

Eleven-year-old Zak Abramyk won the Purple division with a 103 after two

rounds of play (five under par).

Top-level women's division player Tanya Van Ginkel scored a 109 for second and Brook Holdack carded a 110 for third place among that division's six competitors.

Another young player bloomed to bolster his partner in the doubles match after singles play. Ryan Jones paired up with Dustin Chamberlin to score a 39 during one round and win with a 15 under par 54.

"Ryan is only 12 years old. He played really well," Chapman said.

In a youthful sweep of the doubles event, Abramyk rung the fourth hole to win

the ace pot.

Earlier in singles play, Fuschia-division honours went to amateur master Paul Linton with a 97.

Fritz Arnold pinned a 99 for second corsage and Jesse (last name not available) hit third place with a 104.

Chapman won the Yellow-division boutonniere with an 87. Mike Boughton took second bouquet with an 88 and Ted Hickford grabbed a posy with a 93.

Chamberlin aced the third hole and Gary Railer aced hole 15.

Holdack won the closest-to-the-pin drive with a shot that landed two inches from the hole, said Chapman.

## Stingrays invite swimmers and seek new junior coach

The Salt Spring Stingrays swim team is making its first waves of the year as it prepares for the upcoming season with an invitation for new swimmers and a new junior coach.

Based at Shelby Pool from the beginning of May to mid-August, the team has spots for a total of 60 swimmers, usually aged six to 17.

New team members must be able to swim 25 metres (approximately one length of Shelby Pool) unassisted.

The season features numerous off-island meets and this year will also include an open water meet on Salt Spring.

Cost for the season — which includes up to eight hours of training per week for advanced swimmers — ranges from \$250 to \$300.

An additional non-refundable B.C. Summer Swimming Association fee of \$35 is due upon registration.

Those interested in registering should contact club registrar Maureen Gix at 537-5617.

The team is also looking for a junior coach to work from mid-June to mid-August alongside returning head coach Chris Brodie and assistant coach Kellie Rolston.

Applicants must hold valid NLS and CPR certificates and have swim team experience. Applications should be sent by April 1 to the Salt Spring Aquatic Society at P.O. Box 204, Salt Spring, V9K 2V9.

In the meantime, members of the aquatic society (which runs the Stingrays) should put aside the evening of April 14 for a general meeting.

Watch the Driftwood classifieds for details.

Further information about the club can be obtained by calling aquatic society president Susan Lundy at 537-9957.

## Top bowlers named: Kings Lane matches

Following are high scores for two weeks worth of bowling at Kings Lane Recreation.

Circus League, March 8: Connie Hardy, 205; Lance Leask, 205, 209/603; Brenda Hamill, 213; Gwyn Strike, 218.

Circus League, March 15: Ron Cunningham, 214; Connie Hardy, 221; Ken Strike, 243; Lance Leask, 219.

Tuesday Morning Seniors, March 9: Cliff Jory, 237; Harold Repen, 233; John Pringle, 206, 201; Marg Baker, 221, 221/617.

Tuesday Morning Seniors, March 16: Cliff Jones, 209; Jim Glenn, 240; Ernie Donnelly, 208; Marg Peters, 205; Harold Repen, 245; Marg Baker, 218.

Special Olympics, March 15: Sharon Way, 183, 154; Terry Swing, 152, 161; Gloria Dale, 126, 161; Carlos Manzano, 118, 128; Stuart Elliott, 119, 133; Naomi, 118, 74; Becky, 98, 93; Jason Newport, 122, 184.

## HIGH ROLLERS

Special Olympics, March 17: Joanne Sandberg, 140; Andrew Krizan, 142; Carlos Manzano, 148; Sharon Way, 149; Gloria Dale, 162; Mahjor Bains, 175.

Tuesday P.M. Seniors, March 9: Rita Dods, 201; Ken Robinson, 207; Reg Winstone, 216.

Tuesday P.M. Seniors, March 16: John Pringle, 208.

Legion League, March 11: Dan Bedford, 221, 203/648; Brenda Akerman, 208; Ken Akerman, 227; Myles Wilson, 212, 280/655; Harold Repen, 220; Ron Cunningham, 212, 202; Lance Leask, 223, 200.

Legion League, March 18: Brenda Akerman, 213; Ken Ditlof, 243; Lance Leask, 213, 259/650; Harold Repen, 201; Myles Wilson, 202, 213/600.

## Spencer will head B.C. Games squad

The B.C. Summer Games will see islander Sue Spencer coaching a U13 girls' soccer team from the Vancouver Island region (Zone 6).

Spencer previously guided the Zone 6 U13 girls to a gold medal at the 2002 Games in Nanaimo.

Currently she works as the technical director for the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association.

She will be assisted by Istvan Molnar of the Bays Youth Soccer Club.

The U13 boys team (third in 2002) will be coached by Danny Van Gylswyk (Gorge) and Dave Swanson (Gabriola).

Tryouts for players in the lower Vancouver Island area have not yet been announced. The current schedule shows a tryout for boys on March 27 in Courtenay.

Girls can try out at Robins Park in Nanaimo on March 24 (5-6:30 p.m.) or at Courtenay Junior High on March 28 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.).

Tryouts will be combined for Summer Games and the Intra-Provincial League. Players can aim for either or both teams.

Players must be born in 1991 and registered with B.C. Soccer by June 1, 2004.

Abbotsford will host the Summer Games on July 15-18.

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## 5 BIRTHS

Laurie Fraser and Tom Jacobs are pleased to welcome their new daughter Laetitia Sophia, born March 15, 8 lb. 3 oz. Very happy grandparents are Mary and Ian Fraser.

## 6 DEATHS

KIRCHMEIR, HERMANN WALTHER, Ph.D. (Vienna). Died after a short illness in his 91st year, on Thursday, March 11th. Husband of Esther Mary Kirchmeir (Morgan). Son of Johann and Josepha Kirchmeir of Nussdorf, Austria. Brother of Martha Kirchmeir of Altmuenster, Austria, and the late Hans Kirchmeir (Maria), of Austria and Karl Kirchmeir (Hilde) of Germany. Father of Wolf (Marie) of Blind River, Ontario, Peter (Marjorie) of Edmonton, Alberta, and Roswita Norris (Robert) of Davis, California and seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Hermann had a long career as a teacher in Austria and Alberta. He was an invaluable supporter of education; and displayed a passion for mountain climbing and gardening. A Memorial service was held on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Appel Funeral Home, 10530-116 Street. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

KATHERINE JIJIAN (Baba) November 27, 1916 to March 16, 2004, passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on March 16, 2004. Kay is predeceased by her husband Chris and survived by her son Larry (Linda) of Winnipeg and her daughter Lynda Brown of Salt Spring Island, grandchildren Corey Brown (Nikki Amax), Michael Jijian (Shannon), Kelly Brown (Chris Charles), great-grandchildren Brendon Hardt, Kate Brown and Dawson Charles, her sister Mary Kupchinski and many nieces and nephews. Kay was born in Rama, Saskatchewan. After marriage she moved to Port Colborne, Ontario where she worked as a lab tech at INCO during W.W.II. Later she moved to Winnipeg with her husband and family where they operated an auto business. After semi-retirement Kay attended the Winnipeg Culinary School, receiving her chef's certificate. She worked at St. John's Ravenscourt Boys Private School for many years, retiring at the age of 72. Kay moved to Meadowbrook on Salt Spring Island in August 2003 to be closer to her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her greatest pleasures were cooking, reading, playing cards and socializing. Thank you to the doctors and nurses at Lady Minto Hospital for their care during Kay's illness, to Meadowbrook residents & staff for their kindness & friendship and to Patrick Beattie of Hayward's Funeral Service. A memorial will be held at Meadowbrook on March 27, 2004 from 2:00 to 4:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Research Foundation. "Take my hand and guide me home". Hayward's Funeral Service, Ganges.

**HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES**



**PATRICK BEATTIE**  
Funeral Director

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

## 8 CARD OF THANKS

Whenever reading Card of Thanks, I've always thought that for those suffering a loss, what a comfort it must be at such a time to live in this wonderful community. Now, I unexpectedly find myself in that position, after suffering the sudden loss of my beloved husband, Alan, on March 8, 2004. I'd like to gratefully thank the following for their professionalism, help, support, kindness and prayers during this most difficult time: To Sara of "La Cucina" for calling 911, calmly taking instructions from dispatch, then kindly comforting me; to our wonderful Fire Department, and Ambulance attendants - for some, the call was made more difficult, having worked with Alan on Gulf Islands Water Taxi medi-vacs; to Dr. Woodley, Dr. Shklanka, and Lady Minto staff; to Pat Beattie of Hayward's Funeral Services; to my dear friends, and co-workers - Sarah, Mike, Therin, Wendy, Tanja, Jean Paul, Sandra and Kelly, and their partners - for supporting me throughout; and thanks too, to all the rest of my Island Savings family - I am so grateful to be a part of. I give tremendous thanks and am deeply indebted to Jack and Leslie Hughes (Gulf Islands Water Taxi), for making possible such a beautiful farewell at sea for Alan, aboard the "Scholarship" and "Graduate"; to all the Gulf Islands Water Taxi family - most particularly Don & Alicia Baxter - for their help and kind support; to Henry Schwagly, Tom Butler-Cole, Mia Kaye, Trai Taylor and Rod Maynard of BC Ferries for offering help, and making arrangements to allow for the "Skeena Queen" to participate in the ceremony; particular thanks to Henry for arranging to have the BC Ferries dog-wood flags flying on all three ships - this detail would have meant so much to Alan. Special thanks to Ron Shepherd for the perfect words spoken as we released Alan's ashes to the sea. And, many, many thanks to each and every one of you who are helping me and Alan's family through this. You have shown that there can be light after losing the love of my life, my dear husband Alan, our "Capt. Al". Sincerely, Mrs. Janet Davidson

## 10 CELEBRATIONS

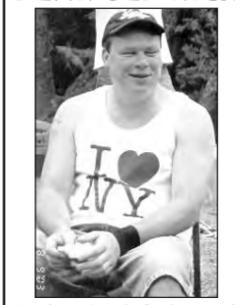
HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY Luke, you are a wonderful husband and daddy. We love you, Lara and Anna.



Palm trees are green,  
Bananas are yellow,  
40 seems old  
for such a young-  
hearted fellow.  
Happy Birthday  
**JOE**  
We love you  
Hilary, Ryan,  
Samantha & Trevor

## 10 CELEBRATIONS

**40 LICKS FOR DEAR OLD RICK**



**MARCH 28, 2004 RICK KILBOURN**

## 17 MARRIAGE



On February 26, 2004, in an intimate ceremony at the Raven Lodge, Mount Washington, BC, Brenda Lee and Ken Akerman exchanged their marriage vows. Joining the couple for their majestic winter wedding were close friends and family members.

Following the return to Salt Spring was a wedding celebration at the Fulford Hall for close to 200 relatives and friends.

The newlyweds extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to their wedding party and everyone who helped and supported them in any way.

## 20 COMING EVENTS

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

FIBRE FESTIVAL wants you! Organizing, fundraising, demos, energy, ideas. Call 537-1346 or 537-9533.

PAINTING CLASSES in water colour or acrylics in small group setting. April-June. Beginner to advanced. Call Val Konig to register 537-9531.

WATERCOLOUR classes. Beginner or intermediate, 6 weeks. Starting beginning of April. Max 5 students. Contact Libby 537-1952.

STORYTIME RETURNS to Fables Cottage, Thursdays, 11 a.m. - noon. Drop-in, Free, all ages. 112 Hereford Ave., Ganges. 537-0028.

BOB WEEDEN reads poems, essays and letters at Artspring Multipurpose. March 31, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

BEGINNERS SPINNING Classes with Karen Mazzei, starting late March. All equipment supplied. For more information call 537-4164.

JEWELLERY CLASSES start now. Andrea 537-2866.

ACTORS WORKSHOPS with Ron Max. Writers and directors welcome. All ages, limited seating. Call for more info 537-9738.

## 20 COMING EVENTS

TAEKWONDO INSTRUCTION. 1/2 price first 3 months. United Church, lower hall. Mondays 6 pm Children & Adults. WTF courses. 537-0687.

PUT YOUR time where your values are. Volunteers needed to help support other seniors. Are you a good listener? 537-0678.

Thai Massage Certification. Learn this ancient art from the Pacific Academy of Thai Massage, March 26-28/April 17-19. 537-1219. [pthaimassage@uniserve.com](mailto:pthaimassage@uniserve.com)

RUGG HUGGERS Baby Group - Dr. Teresa Strukoff, ND talks about nutrition for infants and toddlers. Friday, April 2, 11 - 1 p.m. at Family Place.

EVERLASTING SUMMER, Flower, Herb and Rose Garden is OPEN. Dried Flowers, pots, roses, weddings, gift shop. 653-9418.

CAMILLE HENDERSON (singer for Sarah McLachlan & more) invites you to The Voice Workshop March 28, 2:30 - 5:30. \$75 537-2575 or 604-805-2358.

FREE EDUCATIONAL Seminar, Mar. 27/28, on breakthrough technologies in health and wellness. Have fun and learn about how to improve your health in a casual yet informative atmosphere. Call Clare 537-5912.

FREE PUBLIC talk, Effective Living, Dr. Brian Grady. "Insomnia - the way to a peaceful night". Thursday, April 1. Lion's Hall 7 - 8 p.m.

TIME CHANGE! Parents of teens' effective parenting group. Wednesday mornings 10-12. Starts March 31. Democratic approach. 7 weeks, handbook. \$95. Dorothy 653-9253.

FABULOUS FLEAMARKET Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Fulford Hall. Bargains, food, fun. Table rental, \$20 prepaid. Reservation & information 537-5482.

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**SAT, APRIL 10TH**  
**SUN, APRIL 11TH**  
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## 20 COMING EVENTS

**ARVID LIVE "MEXICO Y YO"**  
Comedy

**Mahon Hall, 8pm**  
**Fri Mar 26**  
**Sat Mar 27**

Tickets at Acoustic Planet, unsold at door  
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Begins April 8th.  
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What's happening to our health care?  
VIDEO  
"Lessons from the UK"  
Dr. Jeremy Winter - The Romanow Report  
Colleen Fuller - Health Care in BC  
Friday, April 2, 7pm  
G.I. Secondary School  
People count - a series of forums presented by Coalition of Concerned Citizens of Saltspring  
For more info contact Bob Wild 537-2744

## 20 COMING EVENTS

Notice of Annual General Meeting  
**Mount Belcher Improvement District**  
Thursday, April 15th, 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
Salt Spring Sailing Club  
at bottom of Douglas Road

**Gulf Islands Community Arts Council Bursaries 2004**  
**Visual and Performing Arts**

This year the council is offering awards as follows:

1. Two bursaries, one in the visual arts and one in the performing arts, are available to students presently attending GISS and planning to attend a post-secondary institution this fall.
2. One bursary is available to G.I.S.S. graduates presently attending a post-secondary institute and continuing in 2004/5. Each award is worth \$1000

**Deadline for GISS Bursary: March 31**  
**Deadline for Post-secondary: April 30**

Application information is available from GISS, from the GICAC, 114 Rainbow Road, SSI BC V8K 2V5, by eMail to [gicac@saltspring.com](mailto:gicac@saltspring.com), or call 537-5681.

**www.gulfislands.com/artscouncil**  
Portfolios, tapes, videos, etc. will be required for jurying.

**SALT SPRING - JAPAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION**  
Invites you to the Opening of a very special Exhibition of Ceramics by B.C. Potters at ArtSpring  
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10 - 4 pm  
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Friday, Mar 26th 2 - 4 pm  
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In concert at the Cowichan Theatre  
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**20 COMING EVENTS**

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 **seven stars tai chi club**

**EMPTY STEPS**  
A 12 WEEK INTRODUCTION to Tai Chi CH'UAN. BEGINS April 5th. 6.30pm to 8pm  
PHONE OSMAN **537-5667**

**ANTIQUES 2004**  
With appraiser Al Bowen  
**Sat., April 17, 9-4**  
Community Gospel Chapel

**APPRAISAL TICKETS**  
\$10 per item  
\$5 to observe  
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**29 LOST AND FOUND**

**REWARD: BLACK** seat cushion for wheel chair lost between Dover Place off Upper Ganges, on the road to Home Hardware. 537-1971.

**MISSING, SMALL LONG** haired black cat. Name Ophelia. wearing flowered collar, Dukes Road Seymour Hts. area. Reward. 653-9233.

**FOUND: WINTER** coat found at Portlock Park after Sunday soccer on March 14. Coat is a large youth size. 653-4972.

**29 LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST: TWO** street hockey sticks. Lost at Portlock Park during Sunday soccer on March 14. Brand new Birthday present, would love to get them back. 653-4972.

**LOST BICYCLE,** red and silver youth's Supercycle 18-speed mountain bike. Taken from Tripp Road carport March 13. Call 537-4536.

**32 MEETINGS**

**THE SALT** Spring Golf and C.C. Women's Annual Spring Business Meeting will be held Wed., April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. All women playing members are welcome.

**THERE WILL BE** an extraordinary meeting of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Mahon Hall. The subject is renovations to Mahon Hall after ArtCRAFT.

**34 NOTICES**

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

**PERFORMERS OF SSI!** Call for participation in the best Variety Show of the year. Coming May 1, "Mary's Matinee in the evening" featuring the talents of those young artists applying for the Mary & Harry Williamson Scholarship Fund for the Performing Arts. Want to join in the fun? Call Cherie 537-1027.

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**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**  
Monday, 5 pm

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Tuesday, noon

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**Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee**  
**Notice of Business Meeting**  
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

**DATE: Wed., Mar. 31, 2004**  
**TIME: 3:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: Hart Bradley Hall (Lion's Hall) 103 Bonnet Ave**

Starting at 3:00 pm up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

**34 NOTICES**

**ANYONE HAVING** witnessed or having information concerning a motor vehicle accident which occurred on February 4, 2004 at appx. 10:00 p.m., 50 m south of 529 Fulford-Ganges Road, SSI, involving a blue 1998 Chevy Tahoe, please contact Carlos MacDonald at 250-386-8707.

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**THE BIDS** Support Group is looking for an occupational therapist (neuro trained) for private & group sessions. Please call 537-9730 for further information.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S** age 15-up cleaning, gardening, office, cooking. End June - Sept. 5. Room and Board + salary. Ref. Required. NS. Reply Dept O c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3.

**LAWN CARE** company requires 2 experienced people. 537-2580.

**34 NOTICES**

**PROPOSED STEWART ROAD LAND EXCHANGE (ARNELL PARK)**

PARC is considering a request by the Ministry of Transport (MOT) for exchange of two small strips of land at Arnell Park, on either side of Stewart Road to facilitate road improvements. The intent of the Ministry is to ease the sharp bend in the road to make it less hazardous.

Anyone wishing to submit information to the Commission, concerning this proposal is encouraged to do so in writing on or before Monday, March 29, 2004. Communication may be by letter, facsimile, or email or may be dropped off at the PARC Administration office.

The public is welcome to attend the March 29 Commission meeting as observers. This meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Portlock Park Meeting Room, at 145 Vesuvius Bay Road (behind the office).

**PARC Administration Office**  
145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1K3  
Fax: (250) 537-4456 Email: [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com)  
If additional information is required contact:  
Dave Gibbon, Parks Operations and Project Manager  
Telephone: (250) 537-4448

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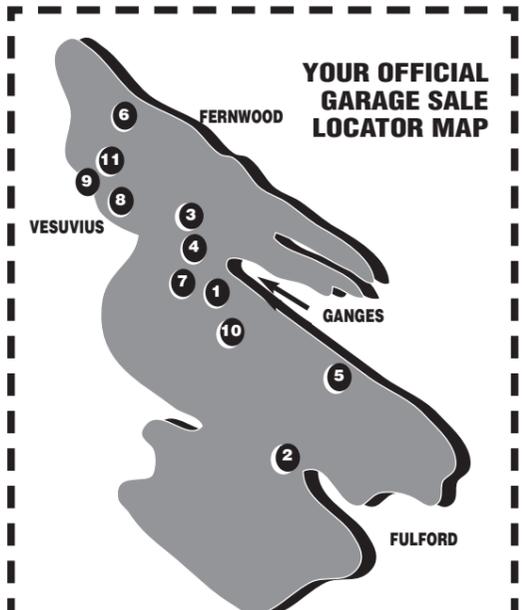
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- ACROSS**
- Nombre of Canadian rivers longer than 2000 kilometers
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  - Praise
  - Two-toed sloth
  - ET, perhaps
  - Hun king
  - Second Greek letter
  - Japanese Prime Minister, formerly
  - Nombre of Canada's official languages
  - Dynamite, abbr.
  - Foot part
  - Mother of pearl
  - Express gratitude
  - White heron
  - Ump
  - Fuss
  - Nombre of nations bordering Canada
  - Mason's tote
  - Ruffian
  - Expression of disapproval
  - Me, in Montmartre
  - Hindu teacher
  - Lends
- DOWN**
- Baby bear
  - Elephant or adamant follower
  - Natalie, to her pals
  - Nombre of Canadian mountains over 5100 meters
  - Nombre of Teams in the Canadian football league
  - Nautical rear
  - Consoled
  - Burdened
  - Fed
  - Inuit knife
  - Nombre of Canadian provinces
  - After expenses
  - Unsophisticated one
  - Nombre of Canadian-born Governors General
  - Hindu god of fire
  - Fisherman's tote
  - Nombre of major Canadian television networks
  - Inuit canoe
  - Major \_\_\_\_\_
  - Theatre award
  - Frankness
  - Floor covering
  - Resort
  - Dampened
  - Ejects
  - Test
  - Bat wood
  - Hawaiian welcomer
  - Likely
  - Irish paramilitary org.
  - Soul, in Ste Agathe
  - \_\_\_\_ de sac
  - Half a fly



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STOLEN FROM Saltspring Island residence. A large quantity of collectibles & antiques, sterling silver, oil paintings, tapestries & carpets, automobilia, stained glass lamp, Chinese jades, distinctive cycling clothing. If you have been asked to store (minimal space required) or buy please contact Saltspring RCMP file 2003-2930. Quality identification images available for many items. Reward offered for recovery.

AMIGO AIRWAYS resumes flight services to SSI April 8. Direct flights to YVR. All twin engine fleet. \$49 seat confirmed, \$25 standby. Call for complete details today. 1-866-692-6440. www.amigoairways.ca.

JUNIOR SWIM coach needed for local team. Mid. June to mid August. Applications to Salt Spring Aquatic Society, Box 204, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V9. NLS, CPR certificates mandatory.

SPRING SALE at the Phying Phish! Hemp, organic cotton and more. All clothes 20% - 80% off! March 26 - April 4. Open Fri., Sat., & Sun. 11:30 - 5:30. On the Wharf in Fulford Village. 653-4345.

WANTED LAND/property, not listed/up to \$250K/open to all possibilities. 604-734-7720.

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INTERESTED IN fashion, stagecraft, modeling? Fibre Festival Fashion Show (July) needs you! Call 537-1346 or 537-9533.

1997 TOYOTA RAV 4, CD player, burgundy, 4 speed standard, low miles (90,000 K), excellent condition. \$14,500. 537-9154 evenings or leave message.

THE EMPRESS Tree - full size or wonderful billowy shrub. Impress your friends with this fantastically beautiful tree. Manderlay Nursery. 653-4106.

BEAUTIFUL, FIR, 5 drawer desk, 1930's, bakelite handles, \$240. Queen/ double headboard, \$65. Antique wood desk, \$150. Coffee table \$70. 537-1804.

FOR SALE: 1985 Volvo DL, 4 door, sunroof, good condition, well maintained \$3500 obo. 537-2762.

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FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, sunny Ganges location, \$625/ mo. incl. utilities. N/S, N/P. Phone 537-2590.

ASSORTED BLACK Locust - a rare and unusual tree, 8 - 12' gnarled and twisted with beautiful, big, chartreuse leaves. Manderlay. 653-4106.

BOAT FOR sale: 76 fiberform sedan cruiser 24' w/command bridge Hold Fast 233 HP Mercruiser outboard/inboard, includes dinghy, depth sounder, radio, head, sink and stove, 8 HP Nissan kicker, bottom painted and and fully serviced June 2003, \$11,250. Ph. 537-8824.



**HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK: MARCH 21, 04**

**Tip of the Week:** Spring is here again! Equinox festivities everywhere are a tribute to the annual return of longer days, warmer air, and more sunshine and plant growth. Equinox is the time when the hours of day and night are equal. In all the ancient temples of the world that celebrate the Equinox, the sunlight is filtering into the inner sacred chamber symbolic of illumination, enlightenment and communion with the Great Spirit as it expresses through the glorious Sun. We truly are like innocent and ignorant little children against the backdrop of nature. While seemingly cruel at times, nature is that which gives life itself, including our own. For these reasons and others like them, celebrating celestial and natural events like Spring Equinox is the least we can do to show our gratitude and reverence for nature. Not simply because we should or that nature needs our reverence, but because it allows us to feel more connected, uplifted, attuned and grateful for the fact that we are nature experiencing itself! Rejoice with open hearts and be at peace with the knowing that we are nature and nature is us and we are one in the spirit eternally. Happy Spring Everyone!

**Aries (Mar 21 Apr. 20)**  
The New Moon, Sun/Moon union in Aries marking the advent of spring should be enough to ignite

your passions. With your sights set on the future and your ambitions running high, you are in the mood to explore a fuller measure of your passions and desires. With so much excitement in the air, just what will you do first?

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)**  
New ambitions are being seeded deep in the chambers of your mind. That means that they are powerful seeds! Yet, it will take time before they are actually ready to be transferred in to the outer material reality. This will require some patience. Like a child, you are eager to explore many new possibilities. Whether in hobbies or business, go for multiple streams of expression.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
A greater measure of your individuality is beginning to spring forth. Your mind is wide open to the possibilities. In some cases the changes are radical and the extremes are coming from within as well as from without. At best, you feel more in tune with life and love. As the wise say, when we are a child we learn to fall in love; when we are mature we become love.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)**  
You are in the mood to reach for the stars and you mean business. That this implies confronting a few fears makes you feel all the more excited. The question is; do you have a plan? The more you can at least have a rough outline of your goals and approach the better. Get determined to be the best you can be without pressure to be anything more.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)**  
As though a bell rang to expand when spring arrives you are fully in the mood to do just that. As much as this may imply travel to foreign countries, it also suggests exploring facets of your very own self. After all, consciousness is the final

frontier. Meanwhile, worldly ambitions are gaining your attention as well. You have and continue to be eager to gather new skills, tools and other such commodities for trade.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)**  
Yours is the sign of hygiene, cleanses, refinement and purification. So spring clean-up ought to be something of a turn on for you. Rather than focus too much on the outer environment, this is the time to get clean inside out. The colon and the intestines are the part of the body governed by Virgo. So, start with them. Make a clean break from the same old, same old.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)**  
Some new action on relationship fronts is just beginning to sprout. This probably includes your love life as well as business. Financial dealings and securities of all kinds are up for you now. Legal action of some kind is also a likely possibility. In as much as you are stubbornly pushing your position with disregard for the rights of others then you are probably in some kind of stalemate. What is the value of being right when it does not lead to being happy?

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)**  
Like your Virgo friends, the time has come to take the lead in clearing away the old to make way for the new. This includes cleanses of all kinds. Learning to reach out to be more cooperative is in there. You are meant to be building upon new foundations. The quality of your connections is the foundation for the realization of dreams that will become more obvious to you next year.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)**  
A brand new wave of creative leadership is washing in on your shores. In Sagittarian fashion, it is probably a great big wave! It seems to imply that it will require some diligent effort on your part.

Further, you will have to make sincere efforts to have both feet firmly on the ground. In other words, practical considerations are part of the plot. This is a call to believe in your self fully.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
Spring is a time to get down to basics. This includes reconnection with the, or your own roots. In some respects, this includes play and creativity. In other regards, it includes connection with the source. In others still, it is about recognizing that sometimes we have to literally fight for what is true and real. In any case, intelligent effort with a sharp focus is required by you now. Carpe diem!

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**  
You are as excited as a child on route to the carnival. With the advent of spring, suddenly like magic there are numerous new ideas and possibilities for you to entertain. All being well, you have been diligent in making key shifts and renovations close to home to prepare you for this time. If not, do what you can now. Some real fun is about to begin and you will want to participate fully. So, where we... oh yes, the carnival!

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
A revolutionary mood continues to spur you on. It may be a good idea to pace your self as the momentum will continue for the next seven years or so! Your ambitions continue to soar and this is a good time to plan and forge ahead with new possibilities. Your task includes bringing your depth, power and wisdom down to earth so that others can benefit. This implies new business approaches. Get radical!

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**Answers to Crossword Page 37**

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**WHITE-CAPPED WATERS:** The Howe Sound Queen runs behind schedule Thursday morning as it makes the crossing between Crofton and Vesuvius terminals while furious westerly winds bash the islands. The wind storm kept Hydro crews busy all day Thursday and several days after. This photograph was taken using a long lens from Vesuvius Store. johncameron.ca

*Only two things are infinite. The universe and human stupidity. And I'm not sure about the former.*  
— Albert Einstein

We come now to one of my favourite human categories: Dumb Moves, or What Were They Thinking? What, for instance, was that 28-year-old woman from Houston, Texas thinking as she tooted along in her cherry-red SUV near Blaine, Washington last month?

Well, actually, we know what she was thinking.

She thought she was on her way to Vancouver, Washington. She was half right. She was headed for Vancouver, for sure, but the other one. Vancouver, B.C., 400 kilometres to the north.

Our intrepid voyager steadfastly ignores all tell-tale clues such as signs reading "This Way to Mountieland," "Large, Foreign Country Ahead" and "Last Chance to Change Greenbacks into Funny Money."

She pulls up to the Canada Customs booth and smiles serenely at the attendant. Ignoring, no doubt, her order of an Egg McMuffin with fries, the Canada Customs agent asks her to pull over to a search bay for a security check.

That's where officials open her glove compartment and find . . . A live hand grenade. The border crossing at Blaine, Washington goes into total, full-terror-alert lockdown for one hour.

Now we don't know that the woman actually placed the hand grenade in the glove compartment, but somebody — her husband? A trick or treater? John Ashcroft? — did.

And my question is: what were they thinking?

What, for that matter, was Dale Robin Hersh of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey thinking when he arrived at Sao Paulo airport on an international flight from the states recently? When he was told that new Brazilian customs procedures

required him to be fingerprinted and photographed — just as all Brazilian citizens must be when entering the U.S. — Mister Hersh snarled, said some bad words, glowered at the camera and held up his identification card for the photographer.

As well as his middle finger, conspicuously extended.

If Mister Hersh had been a mob Capo, a Hell's Angel or a defenceman for the New Jersey Devils, one might understand his Cromagnon intemperance.

But Mister Hersh is a pilot with American Airlines. He knows the airport drill better than most. And he not only knowingly committed a jailable offence — he provided photographic evidence of the commission of the crime!

What was he thinking?

As it turned out, he didn't do jail time, but he did have to fork over a \$12,750 (US) fine for showing contempt to authorities. Still feeling witty, Mister Hersh?

Speaking of rigid digits, you know those impossibly dumb Spam ads you get from time to time offering penis enlargement pills — the ads that NOBODY could EVER POSSIBLY be STUPID enough to fall for?

WIRED magazine did a little survey and found one online purveyor who had taken orders from six THOUSAND customers. These mutts paid an average of \$100 for two small bottles of bogus tablets. Only works for Pinocchio, guys . . .

And since we're down in the nether regions, I'd like to offer a special What Were They Thinking Commemorative Plaque to the folks at the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons. A urologist with the college was quoted in my morning paper recently as to how doctors are "re-examining issues surrounding the procedure of cir-

cumcision." Seems the medical community is considering the radical hypothesis that circumcising baby boys an intern — the kid might hurt.

**WIT & WHIMSY**  
WITH ARTHUR BLACK



"I did circumcisions as an intern — the kid screamed for a bit, you put

a soother in his mouth and that was it," said the doctor.

But that was 40 years ago, when parents were routinely told that infants couldn't feel pain. Now, the urologist says he feels terrible.

"We now know that cir-

cumcision is far from painless for the infant. The evidence is now overwhelming that circumcision is extremely painful."

Hmmm. A razor-sharp scalpel sawing away at the genitals of a newborn infant . . .

Painful, you say? Astounding.

Why did you think the infants screamed, doctor?

What were you thinking?

# Kids are great but grandchildren are even better!

## Calling all grandparents!

**A special spring celebration in the April 28 edition of The Driftwood**  
**Photos and payment of \$9.99 (plus .70 GST) must be received in our office, no later than Friday, April 16th.**  
**All grandkids featured will be entered in a random draw for:**

- one of two \$125.00 term deposits in the grandchild's name from Island Savings (some conditions apply)
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**Hot Dogs and  
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**Draw Location:**

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**Topic:  
 "Operating  
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