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Osprey nest takes pole-to-pole flight

Some Mansell Road area ospreys are getting some new digs thanks to a B.C. Hydro line upgrading project along the Vancouver Island transmission line corridor.

The two-day operation started Tuesday when a crew began plotting how to move the 140-centimetre (4.5-foot) nest off one pole and onto another located 20 feet away.

“We’re putting in a new pole strictly for the ospreys and moving the nest over,” said B.C. Hydro communications manager Ted Olynyk.

Olynyk said the nest must be relocated in spite of B.C. Transmission Corporation/B.C. Hydro plans to upgrade power lines on its right-of-way crossing the island.

“It’s work that needs to be done irrespective of what’s going on there,” he said. “We’re making it safer and better for the osprey.”



Pete Kempthorne detaches osprey nest from the cable that brought it to the ground Tuesday.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

Dave Lussier, a B.C. Hydro employee overseeing the project, said similar tasks are routinely undertaken in the province’s interior.

His main concern is ensur-

ing the safety of the two employees working on top of the 24-metre (80-foot) pole and tasked with placing the nest on a plywood board before it is hooked to a crane

and brought to the ground.

The nest spent Tuesday evening on the ground before crews placed it on the new pole Wednesday morning.

Norma Powell, a biologist overseeing the operation for consultant Jacques Whitford, said it is important to move the nest before the ospreys return to Salt Spring from their wintering grounds in Central America.

Ospreys return to their nests each year to lay eggs and raise their young over the summer.

“We use this as a chance to look at the material used to construct the nest,” she said, adding the nest in question may be up to 20 years old.

Larger ospreys, with wingspans measuring up to 160 centimetres (five feet), face dangers when flying between high voltage power lines, she said.

Tennis petition demands dollar facts

Salt Spring’s Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is facing pressure to explain the final costs of the “tennis structure fiasco.”

A petition titled “PARC: How are you going to pay us back?” was delivered to PARC and regional director Gary Holman last week. Signed by 83 individuals, it relates to PARC’s attempts to establish an indoor tennis facility first at Portlock Park and then Rainbow Road.

“We call for PARC to hold a public hearing with question and answer sessions and fully disclose the entire costs of this project in detail, and then explain to us how you intend to repay our property taxes that were squandered

on this project.”

PARC has not yet provided a detailed accounting of the project’s losses. It acknowledged that it paid \$278,000 for the Cover-All fabric-covered structure that it later discovered could not be used as intended, and sold it for \$111,000.

Then, as reported in the November 8, 2006 Driftwood, PARC admitted it had spent \$360,209.71 on the facility to date, from an original indoor tennis facility fund of \$500,000, which included \$100,000 from the \$2-million federal-provincial infrastructure pool grant.

That fund contained \$132,194.55 as of January 31, 2007. An ongoing

accounting of PARC expenditures is presented at the commission’s public meetings each month.

Holman said a public meeting and accounting would still be held, as he had promised when the project became controversial.

Nothing has been done since, he said, because the matter was before the courts for several months. While the Salt Spring Ratepayers Group dropped its petition against PARC and the CRD last summer when the project’s location was changed, it then made an application for the CRD to pay its costs, which kept the conflict in the legal realm. Holman said last week the costs matter

was just being settled now.

“I agreed to a public meeting back then, but we’ve been in court and we’ve obviously been advised by our legal counsel not to comment until the court issues were resolved.”

“I’d love to comment on some of the statements in the petition and absolutely there needs to be a public meeting on this and the commission and CRD will start a review of the issue. We’ve promised that and it’s going to happen.”

Holman said he has agreed to contribute \$6,000 from his director’s honorarium for the next two years to partly recoup the resulting PARC-budget loss.

HOMELESS COUNT

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Some, she said, have been on the street for a few months, while others have been living rough for as many as 10 years. Many have had brilliant careers but have had to deal with mental health and alcohol issues. Others have served jail time, are recovering from severe addictions or trying to avoid the sex trade.

They represent a variety of races and age groups, she added.

“Everyone is very different,” she said.

Most people said a place to store belongings, take a shower and make a phone call would considerably improve their circumstances.

“What surprised me the most was the way people are filling their days,” Flak-

stad said. “A high number of people are spending their time at the library just to stay warm.”

Not only does the survey indicate the need for more affordable housing projects on the island, it shows an added need for transitional housing for people making the step, Flakstad said.

Flakstad estimated there are only about 10 units of affordable housing on the island, an obvious factor behind the number of people living in unstable housing.

People living in standard housing spend more than 50 per cent of their income on rent, live in overcrowded conditions or in shelter failing to meet basic health and safety standards.

“We require this scientific evidence to make a claim for funding for various project,” she said. “Now that there is more funding available from the government there is hope we can bring our proposal forward.”

She said the count will support Salt Spring Community Services attempt to obtain funding for its Home Front initiative, a plan to build 10 emergency shelter beds and 10 transitional units on the island.

The count was done in conjunction with Victoria’s Cool Aid Society. It incorporated rural and urban communities from the Saanich Peninsula to the communities of Metchosin and Sooke.

Salt Spring Island’s 32 homeless people represent

four per cent of the 815 living in the study area.

According to Kathy Stinson, the Cool Aid Society’s executive director, one of the more dramatic regional findings is the 73 per cent of respondents who said they are originally from the area.

“This is a good statistic to keep in mind,” she said. “It serves to show the homeless are our homeless and not somebody else’s problem, even though most people think they all come from elsewhere.”

A more detailed report will be released once a full analysis is completed by April. For more information visit www.Coolaid.org. The next count will take place in 2009.



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POURING AWAY: The Capital Regional District (CRD) is looking to obtain a court injunction to stop construction of two buildings along Ganges Harbour.
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MARINA WORK

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us it wasn't in their jurisdiction," he said in a telephone interview from Vancouver.

Barbieri accused CRD inspectors of "arbitrarily changing their tune" when construction started up again in February.

Crews began work last summer until the sinking of the Ganges Marina floating office put the project on hold.

"The only reason we didn't continue at that time was because of the emergency at hand," Barbieri said. "All we're trying to do is get our business ready."

He said they hope to complete the buildings in time for the summer tourist season. Structures will be used to serve marina guests and visitors. Kayak rentals, a marina store and an artist studio are some of the options under consideration, he added.

Barbieri said the company intends to construct 14 more buildings on pilings over its Ganges Harbour property.

Training ground opposition fires up in Fulford valley

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

South-end residents and farming advocates alike turned out at Thursday's Islands Trust meeting demanding more information about Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) plans to build a \$400,000 training facility behind the Fulford fire hall.

"Agriculture is resurgent and we have to think of what this valley could look like 10 years from now," said Julia Grace, addressing trustees on behalf of Island Natural Growers. "The valley has tremendous potential and building a training ground is backwards thinking. It goes against everything we want this island to look like."

Islands Trust staff are working on SSIFPD applications to rezone and exclude from the Agricultural Land Reserve a portion of land located directly behind the Fulford fire hall to make way for a state-of-the-art training facility for the department's 50 fire and rescue volunteers and staff.

Proponents contend building a permanent facility is cheaper than training firefighters at facilities on Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

Speaking to trustees on behalf of the Friends of Fulford Valley, Susan Astill

"We are not interested in spending money to draw up plans if we can't use the property."
— Bruce Patterson

questioned why the fire department has produced so little information over the past two years.

"There has been no written proposal with rationale for removing ALR land for this expansion use. There has been no identification of the environmental impact of either current training practices or of the expansion project. There has been no description of the containment of any contaminants arising from burning or use of chemical foams. There has also not been a budget with any description of the proposed costs of such a facility or the rationale for not using proposed funding for off-island, state-of-the-art facilities in Maple Ridge, Nanaimo or the airport training ground in North Saanich," she said.

Any effort to proceed with a public meeting in the absence of such information, Astill added, would be irresponsible and a waste of taxpayers' money.

According to Bruce Patterson, the SSIFPD's acting chair, the department has hosted open houses, held meetings with neighbourhood groups and held private consultations in an effort to let people know as much as possible about the training ground facility.

"We have no detailed plan for exactly where everything is going to be because we are not interested in spending money to draw up plans if we can't use the property," Patterson said in an interview earlier this week. "We're just as concerned about community and the valley as anybody else, but are caught in a catch-22."

Part of the justification behind the new facility, he added, is to make sure environmental factors are taken into account. At a February meeting, fire trustees voted to hire a Duncan-based environmental consultant to determine the site's existing and prospective contamination levels.

Trustee George Ehring reiterated requests the SSIFPD provide the Islands Trust staff with as much information as possible to facilitate the application process.

"This is a long process with lots of opportunity for public input and that is going to happen," he said.

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Three Point presents farmland plan

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Three Point Properties unveiled its latest proposal for a south-end development last week in hopes of appeasing residents worried the project will have a negative impact on their neighbourhood.

"We are at the point where there is nothing else we can do," said Mark Wyatt, the project's lead coordinator. "This still has to make economic sense for us as a company."

Under the redrafted proposal presented as an information item to trustees at Thursday's monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) at ArtSpring, Three Point Properties would dedicate a 65-acre portion of the former Hughes farm to the Islands Farmers Institute in exchange for rezoning to permit construction of three homes on a property between Isabella Point and Musgrave roads.

"We are trying to find the path of least resistance."
— Mark Wyatt,
Three Point Properties

Located on the southern side of the Fulford Valley, the "class-A" farmland in question ranks among the top agricultural land in the province, Wyatt said.

Conversely, he added, the property targeted for development is of minimal agricultural value. Less than 2.5 hectares (6.5 acres) of the nine-hectare (22.7-acre) property would be developed.

"We are trying to find the path of least resistance," Wyatt said.

In order to work, one additional density under official community plan (OCP) amenity zoning provisions is required. Amenity zoning permits the community to

negotiate for important amenities or natural areas.

Approval is also needed from the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

An original 2006 proposal asking for six additional densities of farmland met with significant opposition from neighbourhood groups.

Under the revised plan, the intersection at Musgrave and Isabella Point roads will remain unchanged. The developer proposes a "partial realignment" of a 200-metre stretch of Isabella Point Road to make room for two homes on the waterfront portion of the subject property.

"We've spent an awful lot of time discussing with people and spent multiple meetings discussing with stakeholders," Wyatt said. "What we've arrived at has taken a long time."

According to the preliminary staff report, the applicant has sponsored four public hearings on the project and has had more than 30

meetings with residents living in the the subject property's immediate vicinity.

"The applicant has indicated that of the 12 neighbours immediate to the target property, 10 have indicated support," the report states.

A spokesperson for Isabella Point Residents Association contacted on Friday afternoon said the group had yet to hear anything about the new proposal. She refused to comment until the proposal could be examined more thoroughly.

Three Point Properties is a Victoria-based real estate development company specializing in "signature projects" on Vancouver Island. The company recently announced plans for a multi-million dollar resort development in the Port Renfrew area. It is also involved in the Bishop's Walk and Bishop's Green projects south of Ganges.

Trustees will be presented with a completed staff report at the next LTC meeting on April 5.

Neighbours edgy over North View plans

A decision to hold off on the subdivision of a north island property hasn't convinced residents their neighbourhood will be spared the impact of development.

"This is like having a time bomb at the end of our street," said Anna Gustafson, a spokesperson for the North View Place Residents' Group. "We don't know what's going to happen to our neighbourhood."

Gustafson addressed Salt Spring Island's Local Trust Committee trustees at their monthly meeting last week as part of a formal delega-

tion representing roughly a dozen residents. Gustafson filled the auditorium's second row with pictures of neighbours unable to attend the afternoon meeting.

The group believes subdividing the property at the end of North View Place represents a break from the traditionally larger residential lots found in rural areas elsewhere on the island. Gustafson said the application fails to meet the density transfer criteria in the island's official community plan.

"Once it is divided, it is divided forever," Gustafson

said.

Under the original proposal, applicant John Macpherson sought to subdivide a seven-hectare (17-acre) lot at the end of North View Place into six rural residential-zoned acreages.

According to January meeting minutes of the Islands Trust's Advisory Planning Commission, Macpherson suggested the \$150,000 density purchase fee be used for Salt Spring-specific initiatives. He offered an additional \$30,000 to "assist with the transfer."

Following commissioners' demands for further input, the applicant agreed to review the application. An alternative proposal is expected within the coming months.

"They are reconsidering the nature of the proposal," said Brodie Porter, regional planning manager for the Salt Spring Islands Trust office.

He encouraged the applicant to set up a community information session to seek more input from neighbours before the application is reviewed.

New administrative faces greet three Salt Spring Island schools

Who knew teachers in School District 64 were so good at doing the shuffle?

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) vice principal Lyall Ruehlen took over head honcho position at Fulford Community Elementary School on Monday, assuming the role of principal while Shelly Johnson is on maternity leave.

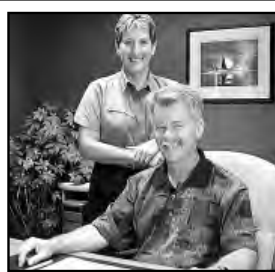
According to a GISS newsletter, the high school will hire a new person to assume some of the vice-principal responsibilities within the next few weeks.

Ruehlen is expected to return to GISS in September.

Over at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS), Keiko Taylor took on the vice-principal role while Ken Cameron is on extended leave.

As Taylor was already sharing teaching time with another teacher, she will continue to spend the same length of time with her students.

Cameron is set to retire at the end of this school year.



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POOL PIPES: Blair Day of Master Pools is seen with the domestic cold water system underneath the Rainbow Road pool facility currently under construction.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Permaculture class takes off for spring

Salt Spring permaculture expert Brandon Bauer is leading a comprehensive workshop series that begins March 20. Sustainable and ecological design, theory and practical applications will be the focus of the nine-Tuesday course. Permaculture is described as “a System of design strategies aimed at creating sustainable, fecund human ecosystems.” It runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Golden Shield Jinqui Qi Gong Institute at 2172 Fulford-Ganges Road. Bauer is co-creator of The Blue Raven Permaculture Farm and Bed & Breakfast on Salt Spring Island. Cost is \$250 for all nine classes, or \$30 per class. Pre-registration is required. For registration, information and rideshare, please contact Brandon or Patti Bauer at 537-0866 or email theblueraven@shaw.ca. Spaces are limited.

Welder swiped from pool site

A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to the return of a welder stolen from the Rainbow Road pool construction site. Sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning at 11 a.m., thieves broke into a secured area at the pool site and stole a Lincoln Invertec U350 Pro model welder, reported Lawrence Stone of Ironic Developments Ltd. Stone cautioned that the welder is for “very heavy-duty industrial use” and could not be used safely for home use.

Climate change program raises awareness at GISS

By KELSEY MECH
GISS Work Experience Student

Gas fumes are emitted into the air as the twinkle of one too many lights left on finally infiltrates into our consciousness and realization. Is it too late to reverse the actions that have led to global warming? Heather and Fiona Munro, two very dedicated Grade 12 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), are taking important steps, in cooperation with the Salt Spring Island Earth Festival Society, to raise awareness of climate change.

Prior to the last federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada began a program called the One-tonne Challenge. It acknowledged that the average Canadian produces more than five tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually and that this needs to be reduced. So the government challenged Canadians to cut down these emissions by one tonne or more per person. When the Conservatives were elected in 2006, they decided against continuing the program.

However, funding cuts didn’t stop the Salt Spring Island Earth Festival Society, which received alternate funding and continued promoting the One-tonne Challenge locally.

Society members also wanted a youth component in their program, so the Munro sisters became their youth coordinators. The pair then proceeded to create and implement “climate change month” at GISS in February. Every student in the school was given a “student pledge goal sheet” — a list of easy, everyday ways to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs). Students used them to calculate GHG emissions they are currently saving through specific actions and to set goals for what they could be saving by practising some or all of the energy strategy steps listed. The Munros also showed Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth film, helped organize

a sustainability-related GISS improv theatre show and held a Climate Change Quiz Show, with students competing against teachers. According to the Munro sisters, on average, each person on Salt Spring Island produces 10.5 tonnes of GHG emissions annually. Being islanders, we increase our GHG production by adding ferry transportation for ourselves and by having all of our food, merchandise and building materials transported onto the island. Each person generates approximately 3,500kg GHG per year on transportation, 400kg for home energy use and 4,300kg on food-related emissions.

Heather and Fiona Munro have brought these frightening facts to the attention of students at GISS and have started a march in the right direction. With a few simple steps you too can help. Don’t leave your car idling for more than 10 seconds; try to walk, carpool, or ride a bike as much as possible.

Turn off lights, computers, television sets, and other electronic devices when not in use, and change light bulbs to florescent. Put on a sweater instead of turning up the thermostat. Eat foods produced locally as much as possible; reduce eating highly processed food; and compost if you can. Use both sides of a piece of paper; support products that use less packaging; and remember to recycle. And so, through all this, the Munro sisters have left footprints in the paths walked by the students every day at GISS; footprints that lead to taking action against climate change. And now it is up to the rest of us to follow in their footsteps and help stop global warming. Visit www.saltspringenergystrategy.org for more information. Guy Dauncey will also be on island to discuss the Great Climate Challenge: Practical Solutions for Salt Spring on April 19 at the Community Gospel Chapel from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Doors are open at 7 p.m. and the event is free.

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RCMP say Fulford signs on the way

RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis met with Ministry of Transportation officials late last week to discuss new signage for the Fulford area. He said it is anticipated new parking signs will be installed to reduce congestion in Fulford village by the first weekend of April. Changes are intended to maximize parking availability without compromising public safety, stated an RCMP news release. Once the signs are up, officers will commence a stringent enforcement campaign.

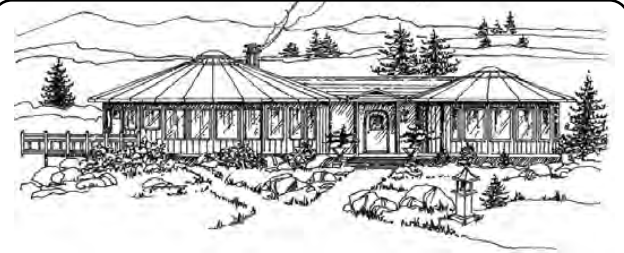


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Islands gear up for Friday night Tsawwassen ferry schedule change

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

From April 5 to June 22, Southern Gulf Islands residents will play guinea pigs to B.C. Ferries' new shoulder-season test schedule.

For 12 Fridays, from April 6 to June 22, as well as Thursday, April 5 (Easter long weekend), regularly scheduled sailing times will be adjusted.

The new schedule will see the Queen of Nanaimo leaving Tsawwassen at 4:10 p.m. on Friday nights, arriving at Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands (via transfer) at 5:20 p.m., 5:55 p.m. and 6:05 p.m., respectively.

The boat will then return to the terminal to pick up Galiano and Salt Spring traffic, departing Tsawwassen at 8:15 p.m., and arriving at Galiano at 9:10 p.m. and Salt Spring at 10:05 p.m.

Subsequently, departures from the aforementioned Gulf Islands, including Salt Spring's Long Harbour terminal, will be affected, as will departures from Swartz Bay to the Southern

Meetings set for ferry sailing trial

- Pender Island
Saturday, March 10
9:15-11 a.m.
Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, 403 Canal Road
- Saturna Island
Saturday, March 10
1-2:45 p.m.
Saturna Recreation & Cultural Centre, 104 Harris Road
- Mayne Island
Saturday, March 10
5:15-7 p.m.
Ag Hall, 430 Fernhill Road
- Galiano Island
Saturday, March 17
9:30-11:15 a.m.
South End Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road
- Salt Spring Island
Saturday, March 17
4-5:45 p.m.
ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue

Gulf Islands, not including Salt Spring.

According to Deborah Marshall, B.C. Ferries' director of media relations, the new schedule has generated negative and positive feedback.

gers on the Tsawwassen to Long Harbour route will no longer arrive past midnight.

"[The old schedule] was totally unsatisfactory for Salt Spring. My experience was that it was quite difficult for the bed and breakfast industry that lost a night," said Bob Jones, Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair.

However, residents on the other Gulf Islands are concerned the sailing from Tsawwassen will leave too early for weekend commuters. Customers should keep in mind this is a trial schedule, said Marshall.

"We don't want customers to think it is anything permanent," Marshall said of the schedule. "We are going to go ahead with the trial, but it is just 13 days."

The regular summer schedule begins June 27.

B.C. Ferries is holding information sessions to explain the affected sailings and the trial process. For more information, contact BC Ferries at 1-888-BC Ferry, or log on to www.bcferries.com.

RCMP capture late-night prowler at Fulford pub

Salt Spring RCMP responding to a break-and-enter call in progress at the Fulford Inn last week discovered the suspect trying to hide in a nearby shed.

Police entered the building at 1:50 a.m. only to discover the culprit fleeing out the back door.

It appears the suspect accessed the building by breaking a glass pane in the building's front door.

RCMP arrested a 41-year-old Victoria man and lodged him in cells. He is scheduled to appear in court on March 13.

In other RCMP news: Police issued 24-hour driving prohibitions to three island residents as part of the detachment's attempt to crack down on alcohol-related driving offences. One of the drivers received an additional ticket for driving without adequate insurance.

• A 27-year-old Salt Spring Island male is scheduled to appear in court on April 10. He faces an impaired driving charge after police caught

him behind the wheel of a vehicle leaving the Moby's Pub parking lot.

The vehicle crossed over the centre line several times before the driver pulled over.

• Following reports of an audible alarm in Ganges late last week, police discovered an individual or individuals had broken into Island Star Video. The perpetrators made off with a Sony game console.

These incidents are still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.

• A new twist on the "you've won a trip" telemarketing scam was reported by an island resident.

The islander was informed they were a winner of a trip and advised to press a certain number on their phone, with the message delivered by a child's voice.

RCMP advise people to not press any buttons on their phone when they receive such messages.



Rental Assistance Program

"It's made a world of difference"
Thanks to the Rental Assistance Program, Cathy doesn't worry about having enough money to cover household expenses. The Province has recently raised the maximum household income ceiling for the Rental Assistance Program, meaning more working families with a combined gross household income of **less than \$28,000** are eligible.

B.C. families who rent in the private market, like Cathy's, may be eligible to receive direct cash assistance for their monthly rent payments.

Families must have at least one child under the age of 19, lived in B.C. for the past 12 months and been employed at some point during the past year.

For more information on the Rental Assistance Program, contact BC Housing at **604-433-2218** in the Lower Mainland or **1-800-257-7756** elsewhere in B.C.

www.bchousing.org



HOUSING MATTERS





Islands Trust

Islands Trust / CRD
BUDGET PRESENTATION
Tuesday, March 13th 1pm
Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue.
everyone welcome



PITCHING IN: Daoyun Quimet, Carlene Stephenson and Julie Picard collect garbage for the Adopt-a-Highway program. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Coffee Company, the funds generated by the three go towards the Food Bank.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Global change letter-writing group expands

A group of islanders who write monthly letters to policy makers on climate change issues is inviting others to join them.

“George Monbiot in the forward to the Canadian edition of his book ‘Heat’ writes, ‘You (Canadians) think of yourselves as a liberal and enlightened people, and my experience seems to confirm that. But you could scarcely do more to destroy the biosphere if you tried.’ Canada is not doing its part in the fight against climate change. We are one of the worst environmental performers in the industrialized world... up there with Australia and the U.S.,” the group says.

Jean Gelwicks, Christine Torgimson, Dorothy Cutting, Maxine Leichter and Jan Slakov urge islanders to contact them in order to get

on an e-mail list. They will send hints on how to write a good letter and hope to focus most letters around “solutions.”

“Monthly, we will put together a research ‘fact sheet’ on a facet of climate change and suggest the key policy maker to direct your comments to that month and will suggest a few people to c.c. your letter to if you have the time. We will give you all the up-to-date e-mails and mailing addresses. If you would like to pass this fact sheet on to other friends — great — the more people to write the better.”

One letter is assumed to represent the views of as many as 500 people, they note.

“Policy makers do change their minds and the way they vote/act when they receive many messages with a single focus.”

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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Deborah Curran

Topic:

Protecting Our Natural Environment/Rural Planning

Date: March 15th, 2007

Guy Dauncy

Topic:

The Great Climate Challenge: Practical Solutions for Salt Spring

Date: April 19, 2007

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Community Gospel Chapel
FREE

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Planning meeting for first-ever transportation fair ready to go

Salt Spring will host the first annual Transportations Options Fair which promises to be an educational and entertaining event for all islanders.

Taking place on Saturday, June 16, the fair will be held in and around Ganges and is being organized by the Community Energy Strategy Task Force as part of ongoing attempts to raise local awareness of issues around energy conservation and efficient

transportation alternatives.

“Plans for the day include workshops on bicycle tune-ups and maintenance, a special car show with only the most fuel-efficient models displayed, information and tips for energy-efficient travel and a selection of lung-friendly, silent electric bikes and scooters available to test-ride,” describes a press release.

“A free-for-all demonstration of decorated, altered, and just-plain-weird bicycles

will be part of an organized ‘critical mass’ ride through Ganges.”

If your group or business would like to participate or share your ideas for the event, call Christine Atkinson at 537-4400 or e-mail atkinsonchristine@hotmail.com.

The next organizational meeting takes place at the I-SEA office, 124 Lower Ganges Rd. at 4 p.m. on March 16.

Fire prevention techniques taught

Islanders of all areas of residence are welcome to join an upcoming south-end fire prevention meeting.

Fulford’s Old Age Pensioners’ (OAP) group is sponsoring the meeting titled “How Not to Burn Down the South End This Summer” at the Fulford Hall OAP room on Tues-

day, March 13 at 3 p.m.

“Everyone is warmly welcomed to information and demonstrations from our fire department. Find out how to use a fire extinguisher properly, when to call out the fire department, what you can do to minimize fire danger at your home and more.”



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School District # 64

(Gulf Islands)

February 28, 2007

Re: Consideration of Local School Calendar Option for 2007/2008

At the September 13, 2006 meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the following motion was passed:

“To give ample time for public input and discussion, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees will consult with the community in accordance with the School Act and the School Calendar Regulation to seek input and feedback regarding the proposed Local School Calendar. Written submissions may be made to the Board throughout the school year until April 10, 2007. Additionally, time will be allotted for public input on each island community immediately following the Regular Public Board meeting held on each island. Proper notice will be given in each community as to the time and date of these meetings.”

Further opportunities to provide feedback include:

- Email through www.sd64.bc.ca - click on 07/08 Local Calendar Comment Form;
- Individual written submissions addressed to the Board of School Trustees, through Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant;
- Public Meeting of the Board of School Trustees – April 11, 2007 at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting the Board will make a decision on whether or not to adopt the local school calendar for 2007/2008.

To view the draft calendar to be considered for approval, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca home page, right hand side. A copy of this draft will also be posted at each school.



PUBLIC INPUT

Islands Trust

Proposed 2007-2008 Annual Budget

Visit our web site at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

E-mail: budget2007@islandstrust.bc.ca

We’d like to hear from you

The Islands Trust invites input from the public on its proposed annual budget. Your input will be considered when the Islands Trust Council deliberates the proposed budget prior to making a final decision on March 29.

Details of the proposed budget can be obtained directly from the following Islands Trust offices:

1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC Phone: 250-537-9144	700 North Road Gabriola Island, BC Phone: 250-247-2063	200-1627 Fort Street Victoria, BC Phone: 250-405-5151
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This information is also available on the Island Trust's website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Submissions from the public regarding the financial plan must be delivered by:

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21
Islands Trust Council
Attention: Treasurer
#200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8
OR
Fax: (250) 405-5155
OR
E-mail at: budget2007@islandstrust.bc.ca



Grinding to a halt

Just when it appears things couldn’t get weirder at Ganges Marina, they do.

From black barge breakwaters to banned floathouses that sink and violations of Crown land map reserves in the harbour, eyes have bulged and islanders have been angered at various times in the past six and a half years as the marina seemed to bounce along to its own waves’ rhythm regardless of government rules or public opinion.

It’s easy to blame the drama and disregard of rules on marina owner Rick Barbieri and the people who’ve worked for him, and that could certainly be the case in the past. But believe it or not, when it comes to issuing of building permits for accessory buildings on the foreshore lands, it appears there may be some question as to CRD jurisdiction in this instance — and that’s according to both Barbieri and CRD building inspector Uli Temmel. At this point it appears what can legally occur there will be determined by lawyers and perhaps a court process. We sincerely hope Ganges Marina will respect that process by ceasing work until the outcome has been determined.

In the meantime the CRD is investigating getting a court injunction to stop further work. The issue is expected to be on today’s (March 7) CRD Board meeting agenda in Victoria and we urge that body to seriously consider spending the funds for an injunction while the matter is sorted out.

Still, how the Salt Spring Official Community Plan development permit area process that governs the form and character of Ganges development could also be sidestepped seems a further stretch. And, if some amnesty via “reclaimed” foreshore lands is being claimed, what about the need for provincial government permission?

As frustrating as it may be for some property owners, they cannot do whatever the hell they want when it comes to constructing buildings. How Ganges Marina owners could in all conscience serve the public in buildings constructed without formal inspection or occupancy permits boggles the mind.

But when it comes to the marina, we’ve seen a lot in the past six-plus years. Hopefully we’ve seen it all.

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Fritz’s independence should be honoured above all

By DAVID BORROWMAN

“Now a cat is an animal who is utterly pleased to be himself.”

That may be a loose quote from Doris Lessing, or perhaps some other cat-loving writer. No matter, as Fritz was an archetype among cats, it describes him to the whisker.

He lived on a busy corner and he would not have it otherwise. Attempts to make him more comfortable failed famously. The bargain he made was that we would have to fear for him, but he would become our icon. This is what he wanted all along.

And it turned out Fritz was wise, because we learned what he already knew: that we wanted to know a creature who was utterly himself. Fritz was thus daily exposed to his fate, with our collaboration. But there was no shame in this. As a lesser race, we avoid fate, in favour of passing comforts, and it is to our credit that we honoured Fritz’s independence.

Now, why all the attention? Fritz was just a cat. But therein may already lie the answer to the question of why we doted on him. Our feeling for him is unalloyed with the dross of ordinary sentimentality. It is an unreserved kind of feeling. And that alone

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is remarkable. When our greatest die, there is always a sense of reserve: he was great, but . . . (now list the deficiencies of this late luminary).

Not so with Fritz. No one will now say he was no doubt a great lap cat, then lower their voice and confide that he was a mouser of the second class; or that he was beloved in his time but lingered too long; or he was just a subsidized icon who should have been left to free enterprise to value properly. He was frankly and simply loved. And as Michael Levy says, he had more friends than anyone on the island. That is a pretty good testament.

When Fritz was temporarily kidnapped by a well-mean-

ing lady, she wanted to protect him from his dangerous life. We reacted with force (and the RCMP) that our icon was not to be tampered with. That gave a great sense of unanimity around Fritz as an idea.

The lady, of course, was right. Fritz has succumbed to his dangerous corner. But she was right only in the ordinary sense that caring for things means caring about the body while neglecting to care for the idea. Fritz could not be Fritz without his prominence and his location. In our hearts we knew the bargain we were making on his behalf.

If he could have stood for it, he would have lived longer as an ordinary house cat. But he would have

been lost to us as a symbol. He would never have made the front page of the Vancouver Sun, or been eulogized on the CBC by Arthur Black. We could all wish now to be the lucky one who watched the latest flick with Fritz in his lap.

So there you have it. Fritz was better to us than any animal properly can be. And we were more caring toward him that we dare to be toward our fellow man. And there was a price to pay. It was worth it. Farewell Fritz.

I try to provide a parting wish. But I wonder: “do we perhaps need your benediction more than you need ours?”

The writer is a cat lover residing in Vesuvius.

Water district trustees’ report fatally flawed

By MIKE LARMOUR

The February 28 article entitled Report Debunks Water Shortage Myth in the Driftwood presented a cursory examination of a report by two North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) trustees on future water supply within the district.

The report by Bob Watson and Denis Russell proposed obtaining more water from St. Mary Lake by significantly reducing normal lake levels, thus providing more storage to accommodate excess water during wet years

A closer examination of the report would have revealed that it had serious flaws; it did not consider the B.C. Ministry of Environment policies on water allocation, it did not indicate costs involved and who is expected to pay them, and it did not examine the impact on water quality and the environment of Maxwell Lake and St. Mary Lake.

For the record, the Ministry of Environment would not approve this proposal. It is clearly in contravention of the Water Allocation Plan

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because it relies on deliberately pulling the normal level of St. Mary Lake well below the outlet creek elevation. In a series of dry years, the lake level would drop to as much as 10 feet (three meters) below the outlet level and would take several years to recover.

The report suggested pumping water from Cusheon Lake to St. Mary Lake to supplement St. Mary Lake in drought periods.

My estimate of the capital costs, based on 18-inch and 20-inch DR18 PVC pipe, 2,000 gallon-per-minute pumping capacity, surveys, a possible dam on Cusheon Creek and a 30 per cent allowance for engineering and contingencies is \$8 million.

Amortized over 20 years at six per cent, this would result in a total cost of about \$13.5 million.

This is simply not affordable, especially when viewed in the context of other large costs the district faces in the future.

The water quality impact of greatly reduced water levels in St. Mary lake has been examined by two limnologists.

We can expect an increase in nutrient loading, which, of course, is the very thing we are trying to avoid. Turbidity would also increase due to wave action on exposed mud.

Most of the fish-spawning and rearing habitat in St. Mary Lake occurs in relatively shallow shoal areas at a depth of three to nine feet (one to three meters) and this area would be dry at times due to more extreme lake-level fluctuations and drawdown.

Both recreational use of the lake and tourism would be negatively affected and certainly the aesthetics would not be improved by the exposure of mud flats and dying vegetation.

The impact of climate change is a major concern, especially for St. Mary Lake. But here, again, the report is silent and does not provide a clear safety factor for unpredictable risks in the future.

Perhaps the single largest failing of the NSSWD report is that it assumes that development in the area served by the district must grow to the limit allowed by the official community plan, irrespective of cost, environmental damage to the lakes, risks of water shortage and policies of the Ministry of Environment.

A more reasonable approach to community planning would be to assess the amount of water available to the NSSWD without excessive costs, environmental damage or risk of water shortage, and at levels acceptable to the Ministry of Environment, and plan for development not greater than that level.

The writer is the retired manager of the NSSWD.

Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What do you like best about your school and what would you add if you could?*



Tasha Chidley – Grade 3
I like gym and want another recess.



Louis Everest – Grade 4
I like the 4-day school week and want better drainage on the field.



Allie George – Grade 9
I like the fine arts programs and I would like an indoor pool.



Sophie/Solange Slakov-Crombie – Grade 12
I like the fact that the school encourages individuality and I would like to add composting.



Ted Ritson – Grade 11
I like the lack of intolerance and think the design of the school should be more functional and less pretty.

Letters to the Editor

Stand up

In response to the recent news that Ganges Marina is once again ignoring local bylaws and doing whatever they damn well please, I feel compelled to speak up.

As a long-time resident of this community, I am infuriated by the actions of the marina and its flagrant disregard of local government regulations. I am shocked that their only penalty for ignoring a stop work order seems to be a paltry fine. This says to me that all the years that I have blindly followed building regulations and other local bylaws (which were not always convenient or cost effective) were totally unnecessary, since all I had to worry about was a small fine if I hadn't complied and no other apparent penalty.

Does the marina's action and the subsequent inaction by local authorities open the door for other businesses or individuals in the community who also disregard the rules? Why should anyone in this community ever apply

or pay for building permits again, since obviously nothing really happens if the rules aren't followed? Why do we even bother having and paying for a governing body that has no clout? When will our community stand up to this bullying?

MILLY SINCLAIR,
Salt Spring

April Fool?

I am somewhat loath to cast a shadow over Lorraine Norfolk and other islanders' joy at the news item in the Driftwood of two weeks ago — that we were to have 20 km of our roads re-paved starting April 1.

Given the date, can I hope that this is not another cruel April Fools joke by the Ministry of Transportation?

LAWRIE NEISH,
Walker Hook Road

Heights of interest

On the front page of the February 21 Driftwood, acting fire board chair Bruce Patterson argued to proceed

ASAP on the estimated \$400,000 Fulford training facility, reportedly saying that volunteers could not be expected to leave their families in order to receive training on Vancouver Island or the mainland.

In the same issue (page 31) we learned that seven Salt Spring Island firefighters were in Vancouver competing in a 48-story climb of the Wall Centre, with three finishing in the top 10.

So just how high will the proposed Fulford training centre be? And in this week's paper, we read that a full-time administrative assistant is now required by Salt Spring Fire Rescue, reporting directly to the chief.

Members of fire search and rescue should be commended for their enthusiasm to serve and protect, although constant calls for ever more and more tax dollars leads one to ask: just whose interests are really being served and protected?

DAVID GREIG,
Fernwood

Prevent a Fritz II

So, the action of the woman from the mainland who rescued Fritz from the most dangerous intersection on our island outside of downtown Ganges was entirely justified. Her only mistake was in listening to the clamour of those who wanted to return him to a life of mortal danger. His return shortened his life by six to eight years.

I hope the cinema will not get a Fritz II. They should post a large black-edged photo of Fritz with an abject apology to him below.

If they are so unthinking as to get a Fritz II, I will financially help anyone who rescues and hides him. We should not put a sentient being in danger as a commodity to advance business interests.

JACK HALLAM,
North End Road

Priorities

Did anyone else notice the

two contradictory headlines on the Driftwood's February 21 front page: Pothole woes spark paving plan, vs. Anderson says Kyoto targets can be met? Kinda speaks volumes about our priorities, doesn't it?

A. BEDDOES,
Ganges

Safer system

I fully agree with Corrie Hope Furst (February 21 Driftwood letters) that building a chlorination system for our pool is a mistake. Apparently it is a financial issue, and the construction will leave room for change to an upgraded non-chlorination system when finances allow. Hmm, cost effective choice? Doubtful.

I am not passionate either way about having a pool, but I am strongly against a chlorination system, and feel sad that Salt Spring of all places is building such a beast.

I don't use the chlorinated pools on Vancouver Island or in Vancouver because my eyes go blurry and sting, my skin turns scaly and stinky,

and my hair goes brittle and green — not to mention the environmental consequences. Maybe chlorine helps to destroy snot particles, pee and dead skin, but those are all elements of pools no matter what the system used to combat them is.

I would be in favour of "one more dollar" on my taxes to support a more environmentally and eye-friendly water sanitizing system. It doesn't seem very "Salt Spring" to have one nor to allow one.

Come to think of it, I agree with Chris Dixon's January 31 Greenspace article that questions our priorities with the construction of a pool. If it were up to me, I would've preferred a bike/pedestrian path on major routes before the construction of a pool. Here's an idea: Wouldn't it be cool to have a swim lane beside the road? Then we could swim to town!

TIFFANY WIGHTMAN,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Kitchen garbage audit shines light on path to green nirvana

The big TV buzz last week was not the Anna Nicole Smith circus, or the Americans warming up the bombers for Iran, but rather Al Gore winning an Oscar for An Inconvenient Truth.

The excitement in the ballroom seemed palpable. It was the stuff of John Kennedy, the stuff of Pierre Trudeau. Of course, it was serendipitous that a new study on global warming came out the week prior, where just about every credible scientist on the planet joined the chorus to stop greenhouse gases. And it was serendipitous that Mr. Gore was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace prize for his work on global warming.

The right-wing talk shows were near apoplectic and wasted no time in smearing Mr Gore with such epithets as "hypocrite" and "fear mongerer." They sense that if he should throw his hat in the ring for the U.S. presidency, he will be virtually unstoppable.

During the back slapping and high fives at the Oscar presenta-

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BY PETER VINCENT



tions, there was the deep-throated announcer, imploring those watching to go to Oscar.com for a list of the many ways each of us can make a small difference in the fight against global warming. I went to the site, and sure enough, there was a long, long list of simple things spelled out in nontechnical jargon.

As an ecological scofflaw, many of the suggestions made me squirm in my seat. The one that hurt the most, was simple. Recycling. Now I'm not sure how typical my habits are. I am not sure if there is such a thing as a typical Salt Springer — from what I have seen, most inhabitants are typically atypical, not comfortably squeezing into any standard pigeon hole.

But as a typically atypical Salt Springer, I decided to put my green streak to a test. And so yesterday, I dragged my dining room

table off to one corner, covered the floor with plastic bags and dumped out my kitchen garbage bag. I then slapped on the rubber gloves and started the audit. It went something like this: In the plastics department, I uncovered two plastic juice bottles, a vitamin bottle, one of those little Styrofoam plates on which the butcher plops your pork chop, and an embarrassing 15 plastic bags. Obviously I haven't quite embraced the whole "bring your cloth bag to the grocer's" thing yet (although I manage to remember about half the time).

How about glass? Well, there was a big San Pellegrino bottle on top, a schezuan spice bottle and an empty mickey of scotch. Things weren't looking good.

Metals? Count three Pedigree Pal dog food cans, two pop cans and two Rockstar sugar-free energy drinks, the latest "can't live without" beverage.

And let's not forget the paper — one bag (that housed the above-mentioned mickey) a big mittful of shredded paper from an Amazon.com order and two cardboard wrappers from micro-

wave meals.

Rounding off the list, we have three banana peels, the perfect fodder for my nonexistent compost heap. Yikes.

The only non-recyclable garbage I could come up with was an old Starbucks cup (which was 60 per cent recycled material,) a frozen grape juice container, and a giant empty bucket of ice cream (OK, my diet needs some work.)

Out of the entire bag of garbage, 95 per cent of it was recyclable. If this was China, they would shoot me and send a bill for the bullet to my parents. I am indeed an eco-criminal.

In my defence, let me say that the CRD and the local recycle outlets don't make it easy. There is no Blue Box pick-up on this the greenest of green islands. It is up to me to sort, wash and deliver to the recycle depot.

I also have a couple of small businesses which generate cardboard. As of November 1, 2006 our recycle depot no longer takes cardboard from businesses. It won't take it even if I am willing to pay. My gut reaction is to just burn all the cardboard on my

front lawn, and throw some toxic styrofoam on the pyre for good measure.

With my garbage curbside pick-up now every two weeks (instead of weekly,) it is looking more and more like I will have to give in and buy some big recycle canisters (which don't seem to be available anywhere on this island — what's up with that) from the Superstore and become green. This recycling deal is quickly turning into a time intensive hobby, which may explain why the most rabid recyclers are octogenarians.

My father will drive five miles twice a week in his gas guzzler to drop off a handful of newspapers.

So, little by little, we all come on board the eco train. I won't win a supplant Al Gore for my efforts, but at garbage bags costing \$5 a pop to dump in the garbage truck, it won't be long before I will actually be saving money.

If you want your own wake-up call, try my little experiment. Dump your kitchen garbage on your dining room floor. Just make sure your dogs are outside. My dogs mistook it for a smorgasbord.



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Message to vandals

To the person or persons who recently smashed two more stained glass windows in the Salt Spring United Church:

If you or some friend of yours happen to read this, here is some food for thought.

If perhaps you intended to upset the congregation, this you succeeded to do in various degrees. At the same time you might have also alienated some of your allies. Many of these people put a lot of effort into assisting the homeless on Salt Spring by donating time and money into providing, on cold nights, lodging, breakfast, etc.

You must be aware that the stained-glass windows are in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

The family or friends had these windows made and dedicated to their memories.

The damage causes much heartache and sorrow to people who probably had no part in your present life problems.

Please seek help before life gets completely out of control for you.

We do hope that you can find some genuine happiness in the near future.

JACK CLEMENTS,
Salt Spring

WOT responds

I must say that the letter writers in last week’s Driftwood were right. I just don’t get how denigrating the ferry workers by characterizing them as “panicking ferry workers” and indicating that

in an emergency it would be every person for themselves is humorous or helpful.

I pointed out that in the real life tragedy of the Queen of the North sinking, despite the extreme circumstances, there was no panic among the crew and lives were saved precisely because the passengers followed the crews’ directions. I get the impression that the flotsam five are more interested in male bashing than in safety procedures.

The ferry crews are trained and have certificates in such things as marine firefighting, marine rescue, the operation of life rafts, life boats, rescue boats, first aid and crowd control and they have drills every shift. The fact that they are male or female is immaterial. Fortunately there are usually female crew present who can also give directions in an emergency. Or would that make them “Ms. Capt. Bligh wannabes?”

As for believing in a “higher authority,” I have spent 30 years on Salt Spring vociferously disputing various items with many a higher authority up to and including CEOs and CFOs of B.C. Ferries and the premier himself. I do, admit however, that in a life-threatening situation I would much prefer that a well-trained professional, male or female, be in charge rather than have the chaos of every person for himself seemingly advocated by these letter writers.

In my February 14 Driftwood letter I stated that it is the responsibility of each passenger to familiarize themselves with the life-saving equipment. This can be accomplished by taking a quiet walk about the ship

and noting the locations of the clearly marked lockers containing that equipment. Belittling the crew by indicating they would panic is insulting. Rummaging about in storage lockers is still a waste of time.

K. BUTLER,
Salt Spring

Dark age

CBC informed us on February 19 at 5 p.m. that according to an English economist it is much less expensive to tackle the environmental issues today than in the indefinite future.

It doesn’t need a degree in economics to come to this conclusion. As a professional ecologist who has been deeply concerned over the spiralling deterioration in just about all aspects of our global existence, with the notable exception of the ever-increasing affluence of a global minority, I am keenly aware of the above truth. Even our eight-year-old grandson would know the right answer, if the situation was explained to him in simple terms.

The efforts to arrive at the above conclusion apparently exceed the capabilities of our elected officials entrusted to govern this country for the benefit of all, with due regard for the global population as well. Instead they hide behind dire predictions of job losses in their effort to protect corporate and big business profiteering. This latter aspect is more important to them than the future of mankind and the entire ecosystem on which we all depend - including politicians, financial and corporate leaders, job holders as well as the jobless.

The regrettable inadequacy of the Liberal government to take effective steps in environmental matters does not release the new holders of power from their responsibilities towards us. There is no time left to lose. Stop the political ballgame and get down to business! General Hillier may talk about the military’s dark age during the past decade, but then Canada also held the first place on the UN list of best countries to live in and we had the respect of the world for being peace-loving, indiscriminate and compassionate people. Now we have an expanding military at the expense of social programs, education and environment, with young Canadians sacrificing their lives to serve US interests, but we are also fast sinking in the UN rating and global respect! Indeed, we all are entering a dark age of social and environmental concerns, national independence and identity!

FRANK S. TOMPA,
Pender Island

Road lines campaign

Over the dark winter months and many other occasions throughout the year, driving at night on the roads of Salt Spring can be a frightening venture.

Weather conditions of pocket fog, low-lying clouds and driving rain in the winding mountain and valley roads make visibility very challenging and periodically

downright impossible.

The absence of reflective lines makes night driving “extremely dangerous” to everyone on the road whether you are familiar with the route or not. I often wonder how our less experienced drivers manage to deal with these occasional white-out conditions.

A visiting friend and employee of Washington’s equivalent of the transportation department was interested in the ongoing upkeep of our roads and was shocked that a simple product was not in use here on the island. He brought me a sample on a subsequent visit — tiny silicone particles which look and feel just like clean white sand and possess reflective properties. These are mixed into the formula used to paint road lines. Very simple! This product is obviously in use off-island in other areas of the province so is not foreign to the “powers that be out there” that make these decisions. Are our lives and those of our children not as valued? Or have we just never asked?

Imagine the comfort of arriving on that late ferry and finding lighted lanes in your path as your headlights hit the paint instead of the dark, endless drive into oblivion!

As street lights are limited and understandably unwanted by the majority, we could still ensure a high degree of safety on our roads by insisting that all main arteries have reflective centre lines for a start. Dangerous corners like the one on Fulford-Ganges Road that continues to funnel vehicles into Fulford Harbour, and the one on Stewart Road, to name a couple, would be much safer with the lines also painted on the outer edges of the lane. And let’s slap a little on those bare cement girders while we are at it!

The use of reflective paint at the Upper Ganges and village crosswalks would certainly contribute to safety in both locations as well. The crosswalk signage near GVM is particularly sad with white and grey signs against a backdrop of white and grey buildings, which is ridiculously perilous and cannot be easily seen. Put up a couple of fuchsia and orange ones that stand out a little!

In light of resurfacing scheduled for this year and in the spirit of “squeaky wheel gets the grease” I encourage Salt Springers to stand together now and insist that an equivalent degree of road safety amenities be provided for islanders by proper reflective road lighting and signage. Please take a moment of your time to act for “Reflective Lines on SSI” by contacting the Ministry of Transportation, Saanich area operational manager Bob Webb, 240-4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, V8W 5J2. Phone 250-952-4491 or e-mail bob.webb@gov.bc.ca.

It could save a life this year or perhaps just a few dozen trips out for our hard-working first response team!

DEBORAH LEWIS,
Jones Road

MORE LETTERS A11

More letters

Green vote

With the possibility of a federal election on the horizon, Canada’s most successful Green Party riding group, the Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party, is preparing for a strong campaign.

The local Saanich-Gulf Islands EDA, a dedicated team that will surely make their presence known in the coming months, has been meeting recently to be on track well before the writ drops.

The upcoming nomination contest will be exciting with of course Andrew Lewis back to fight for the position he has held in the previous campaigns.

The nominees will be out signing up members and meeting the public prior to a candidate election date to be announced in the coming week.

TheEDA willalso be looking for a very important full slate of volunteers. Interested in helping change the world and elect Canada’s first Green Party member of parliament? Your time and interest will be greatly appreciated.

Call the volunteer coordinator line at 250-588-6561. **DAN LOGAN,** Publicity coordinator, Saanich-Gulf Islands Greens

Nature’s way

I am writing in response to Brandon Bauer’s February 28 article “To berm, or not to burn, is there really a question?”

Yes, a big question. This is the other side of the burning question. A word to the wise.

If you do not burn it, nature will. Wood smoke, ash and charcoal left after burning is as much an earth enhancer as is decaying organic material. Fire has always been part of natural order and balance of forest and other ecosystems.

Mature old forests are eventually set ablaze by natural means and razed to the bare ground.

Long before human beings started playing with fire nature was burning vast areas of grassland and forests.

It can and does actually rejuvenate forests and prairie. You should not be afraid to burn.

If you do not play an active role in controlled burns then nature will set fires and you may wish you had taken charge of your land before it is consumed — houses, barns and all.

Every time there is a natural fire event, man rushes to intervene with fire fighting crews, chemical retardants and water bombers. Of course we can’t let natural fires run unchecked as too many homes and farms could be destroyed.

In order to compensate for the cessation of natural fire clearing the land, home owners, ranchers and farmers should be encouraged to burn natural debris. It’s not unlike the removal of all the predators and then having an overpopulation of deer destroying the habitat.

If we don’t want wolves, cougars and bears working the natural control, then we must step up and do it.

If you don’t want natu-

ral wildfires running across the land, you must take the action and burn.

What is more destructive than burning is laying pavement for your cars, concrete for your walk ways, and covering the earth with non-living artificial turf.

For millions of years, fire and forests have worked together — it’s time to learn how things work in a much deeper way.

The blackened charred remains of a once-green forest affronts our eye. It’s emotional for many and we are saddened by what we see as a huge loss. It’s not. It’s a new beginning. Burning is not negative but the birth of a new forest.

In this modern world where too many people live in the forest ,we can’t let nature do the work, so we must. Burn and spread ashes, thin the forest, prune the trees, clear some patches and let some field be reclaimed by trees.

It is nature’s way. **TIMOTHY HUME,** Beddis Road

White light update

Thanks to Jean Gelwicks for her letter in the February 21 Driftwood on the use of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

I have been a big fan since the early days of this technology when the bulbs were very expensive. Now the price has lowered, and more selection and options (size, shape and full spectrum light) are available.

In 2004 I gave a talk at Central Hall on the existing and future use of white light emitting diode (WLED) technology.

I discussed the use of leading edge WLEDs combined with a small 12-volt deep-cycle battery and solar panel being deployed in the third world by the Light of the World Foundation (<http://www.lutw.org/>) at the University of Calgary. I indicated that this new technology would be “ready for prime time in our own homes shortly.”

Since that time, there has been a gush of consumer products, mostly in the form of tiny bright flashlights, and the price of the WLED bulbs has plummeted.

I am now pleased to say that we are at the leading-edge of the use of such bulbs being available for our homes. In fact, I am writing this note in my office under an array of three puck-style units with 10 WLEDs each (a total of 30 bulbs).

The total power consumption is an amazingly low 2.4 watts.

Please note that while compact fluorescents can be used just about anywhere a conventional light bulb can be used, current WLED applications are restricted to those involving direct lighting. Typical applications are under counters and office workstations.

I will post photos and other information in the home-use WLEDs to the Salt Spring Energy Strategy blog (<http://www.saltspringenergystrategy.org/blog/>)

JIM STANDEN, Salt Spring

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BATTERS UP: Chloe Kaye signs on the dotted line as she registers for the upcoming baseball season at Ganges Village Market. Late registration is ongoing at Sports Traders until the end of March.

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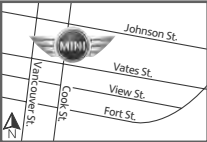
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B.C. Court of Appeal to hear power line appeal

By IRAHVOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen residents will be heard by the B.C. Court of Appeal on March 26 and 27 on two grounds that may overturn the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC)'s approval of the new proposed power line project through the Gulf Islands.

Both groups of residents are represented by Joe Arvay, QC, a well-respected and experienced lawyer. Arvay will argue that the BCUC commissioners should not have assumed that the existing right of way agreements, acquired over 50 years ago, permit the construction of

IN DEPTH

the proposed project. He will also argue that the commissioners were obligated to apply the "precautionary principle" when they considered the health risks associated with long-term exposure to the electromagnetic fields generated by the proposed transmission lines.

For the last two years, Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) has been seeking a better solution advocating a submarine

and underground DC cable, direct to Vancouver Island, bypassing the Gulf Islands. IRAHVOL has actively participated in the review of the project conducted by BCUC and the Environmental Assessment Office by presenting the concerns of the residents of the Gulf Islands in regards to health risks associated with the electromagnetic fields, as well as visual, environmental and economic impacts.

No acceptable solution has been offered so far to the Gulf Islands.

B.C. Hydro and B.C. Transmission Corporation have begun construction of the project as initially pro-

posed, preparing to erect new power lines which will have an average load capacity 22 times higher than the existing lines.

B.C. Hydro and B.C. Transmission Corporation are disrespectful of the property owners and of the schedule set by the BC Court of Appeal by commencing construction on private properties in the Gulf Islands when the BCUC decision is in dispute before the higher court.

IRAHVOL is committed to continuing its efforts on behalf of the Gulf Islands residents through the justice system.

IRAHVOL needs the financial support of Gulf

Island residents to be able to make a stand. Please donate what you can to IRAHVOL legal fund so we all can play a role in protecting our children from the potential health risks of excessive EMF.

Cheques can be mailed to IRAHVOL legal fund, 120 Howell Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2P7 or deposited directly at Islands Savings Credit Union Acc/t #1724723.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Steering committee members are Chris Anderson, Daria Zovi, Cliff Plumptre, Will Mkitka and Cindy Tupholme.

RANTS & ROSES

ROSES

Bunches of many coloured roses to Dick and Carol Grier for all your hard work and dedication on all fronts to the Our Island, Our World Film Festival. Without you both it couldn't happen. Special roses to you for being so supportive and bringing out the best in your volunteers. We love working with you. Thank you.

A wagon load of roses to Salt Spring for supporting the film festival in our eighth year. Community partners, social justice groups, our patrons and our intrepid volunteers make this event a joy to organize. Thank you!

Belated thanks to all the organizers of the GLOSSI spring fling, including Scott, Mearnie, Mark, Bruce, Gary, David, et al. It was great fun! Keep up the good work!

Earth-moving thanks to Tom and Sam last week for emotional support and valiant efforts to free up my car over troubled culvert. A special blessing to Drew, who worked his boulder-moving, car-pulling magic. Angela

A huge and beautiful bouquet of roses to Ken Tara of Ken Tara Excavating for the complimentary trucking services he provided for our school. Also many, many thanks to Jason Fraser of Hawthorne Hill for the pit run and drain rock he supplied free of charge to our school. Fulford Elementary School

Many roses in gratitude to Cathie Newman, Mike Levy and his cinema staff for the faithful care and love that they extended over the years to our wonderful, much-loved and greatly missed Fritz. Louise Nye

The United Church sends bouquets of grateful roses to the anonymous donors of money to help defray the

costs of repairing our damaged stained-glass windows.

Warm thanks to the kind woman and Jana's Bakery for the delicious cup of hot chocolate delivered to me in the cold room where I was volunteering at the mammography clinic on Monday. Sheila Christensen

A bouquet of sweet smelling roses to Brenda for introducing me to Allen Carr. You've changed my life! Marit McBride

A giant red rose to Mr. Marshall and Mr. Colleran for being the most awesome and enthusiastic teachers ever.

Spring-scented roses to everyone who pitched in for a merveilleux Soirée Francophone at GISS on Thursday night: that's the creative and hard-working students and all teachers and staff involved in delivering French Immersion programs to Gulf Islands School District kids.

What's for Dinner?

THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET GRINGO TAMALE PIE

Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2007



Tamale: A term describing a wide range of dishes based on a corn flour dough that is placed inside corn husks (sometimes a banana leaf) and then steamed. The tamale is recorded as early as 5000 BC, possibly 7000 BC in Pre-Columbian history. One of the staple foods of the time was made by taking dried kernels of corn and cooking them in lime water then left to soak overnight. Developed by the Aztecs and Mayans, this process called nixtamalization has several benefits including enabling the grain to be more effectively ground; increasing protein and vitamin content availability; improving flavor and aroma and reduction of mycotoxins. From this nixtamal (the Aztec word is a compound of *nexthli* "ashes" and *tamalli* "unformed corn dough") is made *masa harina* (a type of flour much like ground hominy) and a dough, *masa*, which is the basis of tortillas and tamales. Back then, women were taken along in battle as army cooks to make the masa for the tortillas and the meats, stews, drinks, etc. As the warring tribes of the Aztec, Mayan, and Incan cultures grew, the demand of readying the nixtamal became so overwhelming a process, a need arose to have a more portable sustaining foodstuff. This requirement for fast food and a more convenient way to carry provisions fired the creativity of the women. The tamale was born. Tamales could be made ahead and packed, to be warmed as needed. They were steamed, grilled over a fire, put directly on top of the coals to warm, or they were eaten cold. Today tamales are enjoyed in several versions, from savory to sweet. I'm a *gringo* who grew up around serious tamale makers and when I have the time still make them for myself, family and friends. Tamale pie is a U.S. southwest variation of such small packages turning out a dish much like a casserole. Like tamales themselves, tamale pie can take hours to make depending on the recipe. I like the dish so much I adapted it to fit my busy lifestyle. As we all seem to be pressed for time, I have seriously cheated with this recipe. It is good but in no way compares to the mouthwateringly delicious tamale which can take hours over two days to make. If you love good food, I strongly suggest you find the time to make the 'real deal'.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. **Filling:** Brown 1 pound ground meat of your choice & mix with 1 can vegetarian chili, 1 can drained chopped green chilies, 1 can drained whole kernel corn & 1 can diced tomatoes. Place the cooked ingredients in an oiled 9-inch pie pan or baking dish. **Topping:** In a mixing bowl combine 1½ cups masa (Maseca® brand can be found in GVM's bulk foods dept. or substitute regular cornmeal), 1 tablespoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 cup warm chicken broth & ¼ cup shortening. Mix until a dough forms. Place on top of meat mixture and bake for 25-30 minutes. Cover with 1 cup grated cheese & cook for 5 minutes more to melt the cheese. Top with salsa & sour cream just before serving.

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AERIAL ENTERTAINMENT: Kyla Tuttle gives a dramatic aerial arts demonstration as Flying Dreams Aerial Acrobatics stages an open house at its Sun Eagle studio on Sunday afternoon.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

David Francey folk club show hits extraordinary musical peak

By **MARIT MCBRIDE**
Driftwood Contributor

Susan Cogan opened the February 26 Salt Spring Folk Club concert with a lovely a capella number called Fields of Friendship, which induced an atmosphere of warmth and communion that set the stage for the rest of the night.

Many of Cogan's songs were originally written in Hebrew, but she elected to sing the English translations, which was beneficial as the lyrics were so poetic, although the verse she did sing in Hebrew was a treat because of its exotic sound.

Playing her own accompaniment on guitar, Cogan's singing style was easy and flowing for the first few songs, including Merciful Moon, the title song of the latest Susan and Fran CD, and Little Hope, about cling-

ing to optimism in the face of dark fears.

After being lulled by her smoothness, it was then particularly fascinating to see Cogan visibly gather herself for the powerful eruption of Hey Abe. The set finished as it had begun with a vocal embrace in the form of Farewell My Friend.

The first impression of headliner David Francey and vocal/musical accompanist Craig Werth was that they looked very unassuming.

Francey kept trying to pass himself off as morose and diminutive, and claimed that he only had one truly happy song in his set, but we weren't fooled for a minute.

With his hands jammed in his pockets or clasped behind his back as he sang, Francey revealed himself as a man with a towering passion for life. Because each

experience that inspired a song was described in such vivid detail, and with such intense feeling, we shared in his thrill and wonderment, even for something as obscure as (horrors!) an industrial landscape.

Werth, who spoke not a word, was nevertheless very noticeable.

His harmonizing vocals were perfect, but it was his talent on the guitar and mandolin that often drew attention from Francey, as the soaring beauty of the music came through. At the intermission a crowd formed around the table with CDs for sale — proof of the unusual appeal of this duo.

I have always disliked songs where verses are repeated, or the chorus goes on and on at the end in an attempt to make a short song longer. I think that if

you want a long song, you should write long lyrics, not just stretch out the few you do have.

This was the major appeal of Francey's music. Each verse was formed with maximum impact in as few words as possible.

He said what he had to say, and then he stopped. The sheer efficiency was strangely pleasurable. I can't possibly list all 18 songs that were played, but I can say that any of Francey's CDs would be a welcome and treasured addition to anyone's folk music library. He truly makes the ordinary extraordinary.

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets early for the final show of the season, the renowned Gumboot Gala on April 2, featuring Valdy and friends and special guest, the highly anticipated J.P. Cormier.

Sweetwater joins Bibb for Black History event

Hometown jazz ensemble Sweetwater hit the big stage at The Port Theatre in Nanaimo last month when they opened for the great Leon Bibb.

The concert was part of the 7th annual Celebration of Black History

Month, called Celebrating the Legendary Spirit.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to show that Sweetwater could handle an 800-seat auditorium and we'd like to thank all the Salt Springers who attended the event to honour B.C. black

pioneers," said Sweetwater lead singer Judy Sims.

Other Sweetwater members are Oscar Riley and John Moore.

Sims' mother Naidine Sims was also honoured as a black pioneer at the February 18 event.

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Our Island, Our World Film Festival shows the amazing and phenomenal

By **REBECCA HYLANDS**
 GISS Work
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I always love the eagerness of citizens when the Our Island, Our World Film Festival lands in town. It gives you a chance to witness films made all over the world and how they are so different from productions in North America.

As soon as I walked through the stained glass doors of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), I knew that it was going to be well worth my time.

I was very impressed by the film called Dixie Chicks-Shut up and Sing. It surrounded the idea of freedom of speech.

The Dixie Chicks are Natalie Maines, Emily Robison and Martie Maguire. They were a country music phenomenon before their 2003 world tour at the Shepherds Bush Empire in Texas.

By then it was believed Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and the anti-war movement was growing.

Fans of the Dixie Chicks started to vanish when the lead singer, Natalie Maines, stated that she was ashamed that President Bush was from Texas.

After two years of being ignored by radio stations, in 2005, The Dixie Chicks had a tour. Their goal was to tell everyone how they



Marg Simons and "friend" are seen at the Raging Grannies booth at last weekend's film festival.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

believed in free speech. The Dixie Chicks became a bigger phenomenon than they were already.

Returning back to the Shepherds Bush Empire on their new tour, Natalie said, "People always ask me what I am going to say now. Well the truth is, I don't really know. But I do know one thing, I'm ashamed that President Bush is from

Texas." Everyone cheered.

The group ended up winning the 2007 best song Grammy for I'm Not Ready to Make Nice.

After seeing this film, it made me believe in free speech even more. I think that everyone should have a say on anything and we should all be treated equally.

One of the unique things about a film festival is that

what you think can be unexpected.

Tocar y Luchar was an amazing film because I found it was more geared towards my life and how I endure what I do.

The film is about music in Venezuela. Children starting from the age of two play instruments (e.g. oboe, violin) to have a chance of joining youth orchestras composed of more than 2,000 musicians.

Would you expect such an outstanding level of music to be so superior? Especially in this country?

The truth is that music is the only thing these children can hold on to. Being in a big family, feeding your own passion as you become one, everything in sync with those silk bows gliding over the strings of glory, they can see the unseen music through the language of invisible transmission.

The film showed that this music is saving lives. Kids are fighting for what they want. Love rides across their faces when everything comes together with the sentimental agreeing of itself.

Music is always something, and it's a miracle that the children cannot be penetrated by their rationality.

This story generates a strong message; anybody can do the impossible. Why not spend your life doing something that you love?

Bachman concert to benefit SOLID at April 6 show

Prior to a special Randy Bachman performance at Massey Hall in Toronto next month, Salt Spring Island will have a rare chance to catch the locally based Canadian icon in the intimate ArtSpring venue.

Bachman will perform April 6 at a special benefit concert for a local organization with a global cause — Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID).

"I'm just very pleased to be partnering with SOLID for this event and helping along the growing global awareness movement on our island," said Bachman.

"It's an opportunity to help facilitate the Salt Spring community to participate in solutions for parts of the planet in serious need."

SOLID is a non-profit society dedicated to supporting communities of sub-Saharan Africa most impacted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

"Randy Bachman has had a legendary musical career remarkable both for the heights of success he has achieved and for the variety of incarnations he has assumed," states a press release.

"As a founding member of the pop super groups the Guess Who and then Bachman-Turner Over-

drive he delivered a string of international pop music hit songs like American Woman, These Eyes, Takin' Care of Business and No Sugar Tonight. He has been a gold and platinum record producer, songwriter and performer, with a slew of awards and accolades in tribute to his achievements. But as Randy has been known to say . . . you ain't seen nothin' yet."

In this special performance at ArtSpring, the show moves from a solo acoustic guitar instrumental performance to a full band line-up with special guests Denise McCann and Christ Gestrin.

Early jazz influences inspired by his mentor and teacher guitar prodigy Lenny Breau will be shared, plus selected numbers from his upcoming CD release — a meeting of guitar greats Jay Geils, Gerry Beaudoin and Duke Robillard, together with Bachman.

Between the hits we all know and love, Bachman will interweave the stories behind the music, giving a taste of what is so often heard on his celebrated national radio show.

Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office for \$75. A charitable tax receipt is available for a portion of the ticket price.

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Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie
Breakout for Mar 7, 2007 to Mar 13, 2007

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7:00 PM	
29	★★★ The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (1966, Western) Three men become reluctant allies in their efforts to find a cache of stolen gold. Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef (2h45)
7:30 PM	
42	★★★ Sherlock Holmes in Terror By Night (1946, Mystery) Sherlock Holmes must prevent a diamond theft aboard a train and uncover a murderer. Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce (1h15)
8:00 PM	
6	★★ Alexander (2004, Adventure) Alexander the Great leads his army to victory over many foes as they travel east to India. Angelina Jolie, Colin Farrell (3h30)
8:45 PM	
42	★★ Sherlock Holmes Dressed to Kill (1945, Mystery) Sherlock Holmes investigates three music boxes that contain clues about stolen plates. Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce (1h15)
9:00 PM	
12	★★★ Perfect Pie (2002, Drama) Two childhood friends reunite many years later and reflect on their lives. Barbara Williams, Wendy Crewson (2h)
13	★★ American Wedding (2003, Comedy) After proposing to Michelle, Jim enlists help from his friends to prepare for the big day. Alyson Hannigan, Jason Biggs (2h)
9:45 PM	
29	★ Crash (1996, Psycho-Drama) Two accident victims begin an affair and fall in with a group of car crash fetishists. Holly Hunter, James Spader (1h45)
10:00 PM	
42	★★★ The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt (1939, Mystery) Spies plan to steal blueprints for an anti-aircraft gun and get revenge on the Lone Wolf. Ida Lupino, Warren William (1h15)
11:15 PM	
42	★★★ The Lone Wolf Strikes (1940) Joan Perry, Warren William (1h15)
11:30 PM	
29	★★★ Mute Witness (1995, Thriller) A mute makeup artist sees a snuff film being shot and soon has hit men out to kill her. Fay Ripley, Marina Sudina (1h45)
THURSDAY, MARCH 8	
7:00 PM	
29	★★★ Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994, Horror) A scientist assembles a man-made being, but accidentally gives it a criminal brain. Kenneth Branagh, Robert De Niro (2h15)
42	Nine Girls (1944) (1h30)
8:30 PM	
42	Ladies in Retirement (1h45)
9:00 PM	
12	★★★ X-Men (2000, Sci-Fi) A man leads a group of mutant heroes against his arch nemesis in order to save the world. Famke Janssen, Hugh Jackman (2h)
9:15 PM	
29	★★★ Wild Things (1998, Suspense) A Florida cop is suspicious when a high-school teacher is accused of seducing a student. Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon (2h)
10:15 PM	
42	★★★ Goodbye Again (1961, Romance) A Parisian fashion designer neglected by her lover accepts the attention of another man. Ingrid Bergman, Yves Montand (2h15)
11:15 PM	
29	★★ Tank Girl (1995, Sci-Fi) A heroine fights a mega-company that controls the world's water supply in 2033. Lori Petty, Ice-T (1h45)
FRIDAY, MARCH 9	
7:00 PM	
29	★★★ Ghosts of Mississippi (1996, Drama) A trial lawyer re-opens the 20-year-old murder case of civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Alec Baldwin, James Woods (2h15)
42	★★★ The Bachelor Party (1957, Drama) A bachelor party that includes a round of clubs and dirty movie soon turns dark. Don Murray, E. G. Marshall (2h)
7:30 PM	
39	★ The Bike Squad (2002, Family) The neighbourhood kids on the Bike Squad vow to find a criminal dog-snatcher. Braden Parkes, Wolf Bradley (1h30)
9:00 PM	
39	★ Zoolander (2001, Comedy) A dangerous crime organization brainwashes a clueless male model to become an assassin. Ben Stiller, Milla Jovovich (2h)
39	★★★ James and the Giant Peach (1995, Animated) A lonely, orphaned boy discovers a giant peach and sets out on an amazing adventure. Paul Terry, Susan Sarandon (1h30)
42	★★ The Man in the Net (1959, Mystery) An artist is accused of killing his mentally disturbed, alcoholic wife. Alan Ladd, Carolyn Jones (2h)
9:15 PM	
29	★★ Stephen King's Sleepwalkers (1992, Horror) A young man and his mother are monsters who survive by draining the life force of virgins. Alice Krige, Brian Krause (1h30)
10:30 PM	
39	★ Inferno (2001, Action) A fire chief must solve a case concerning a series of fires that are occurring in his town. Janet Gunn, Jeffrey Fahey (1h45)
10:45 PM	
29	★★★★ China Syndrome (1979, Drama) A newswoman working on a seemingly simple story stumbles onto a nuclear incident cover-up. Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda (2h15)
11:00 PM	
42	I Bury the Living (1958, Horror) The new chairman of a large cemetery thinks that he has the power of life and death. Richard Boone, Theodore Bikel (1h30)

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Middle school and high school French Immersion students staged the annual Soirée Francophone at Gulf Islands Secondary School last Thursday evening, showcasing theatrical and visual talents. Above, from left are: Grade 10 students Lara Coelho, Jesse Hunter and Zoe Cocker.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Performing at the French Immersion fest are, above (from left) Hayley Harkema, Maddee Nash and Olivia Kornelsen; while below (from left) are: Jyah Flam, Ronan Gunn and Tai Dunkley-Whelon.



Student conquers ‘triple threat’

The number three has proven lucky for Lowell Rockcliffe, as the well-known triathlete used a trio of other talents in a national entertainment competition in February.

Rockcliffe, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, jumped on a plane to Newfoundland last month to audition for Triple Sensation, a CBC-TV show that highlights Canadians aged 16-26 who can act, sing and dance. It is set to begin running this fall.

“It was a really really awesome experience,” Rockcliffe said last week. “It was actually one of the huge learning experiences of my life.”

Why did he fly so far out on a limb to compete?

“I’ve always loved the performing arts and I was one of the few people in my high school who was enrolled in the singing program, the acting program and dance all at the same time, so when I saw this ad in the National Post for Triple Sensation I thought it was the coolest thing ever . . . I was too late to go to the Vancouver open-call audition so I was sort of in the mood for a crazy adventure so I decided to go to the St. John’s Newfoundland open call audition on February 11.”

Rockcliffe stayed at St. John’s hostels for a week (including a stormy night where everyone had to huddle around a woodstove when the power went out). For the show he sang Any Dream Will Do from Joseph and the Technicolour Dream-coat, and he also performed a monologue he had written himself.

After returning to Salt Spring he got a call back for the next round — called the Marquee Panel.

“They flew to me off to Montreal and paid for my plane ticket and a five-star hotel in Montreal.”

There he competed mostly against university and college theatre students.

For more information about Triple Sensation, see www.triplesensation.ca.



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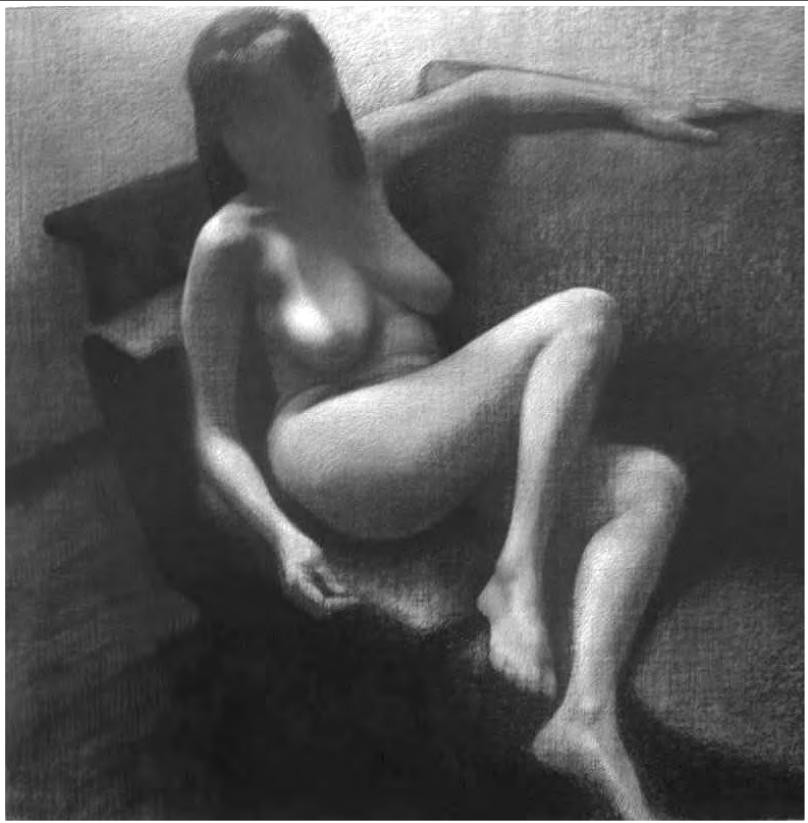
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Drawing on right side of the brain

Salt Spring artist Amarah Gabriel is offering her popular art class based on the book *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*.

"This class is particularly appreciated by adults who feel embarrassed and hampered by their belief that they 'can't draw a straight line.' Through theory, the student will learn that there are reasons why they have this limiting belief system that embarrasses so many people as they grow older and will be given the tools to free themselves," states press material.

Gabriel, an Associate of the Ontario College of Art, will then take her students through a series of practical drawing exercises that help break down the confusion of visual information.

"This allows the student to begin 'seeing like an artist,' to draw any subject and to experience the joy of drawing as meditation and the fun of exploring the world of art."

Classes will be offered at the Dovecote Gallery, 270A Beddis Road, where Amarah has her studio. Call 537-0051 for more information or to register.



CARIBOO COUNTRY: Cast members of the Gold Rush Music Hall Review are set to perform at Mahon Hall on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. as part of a province-wide tour. The family show is produced by Barkerville's Theatre Royal, and involves former islander Amy Newman (centre in photo) of the Newman and Wright Theatre Troupe.

Photo contributed

Ubuntu Choir Network branches out to Salt Spring

Barbara Slater and Ella Topaz, having recently completed the community choir leadership training course with Getting Higher Choir directors Shivon Robinson and Denis Donnelly, are bursting with enthusiasm for their new endeavours.

As charter members of the Ubuntu Choir Network (www.ubuntu.org), Topaz and Slater are developing all-inclusive, non-auditioned community-building choirs where every voice is valued and has worth.

"I am because we are," they state in a press release. "This ancient concept, expressed in the Zulu word ubuntu, is at the root of many of the world's wisdom traditions."

The women quote Martin Luther King, Jr. to describe the aims of ubuntu.

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indi-

rectly. This is the interrelated structure of all reality. You can never be what you ought to be until I become what I ought to be."

"The spirit of ubuntu reminds us of the power of joining soulfully with others," state Slater and Topaz in a press release. "It has valuable lessons for us all. It's about empathy and compassion for others, and knowing that our highest potential is ripened through our relationships. New kinds of choirs are springing up in many corners of the world, embodying the principles of ubuntu. And so we call this emerging network of singing communities the Ubuntu Choirs Network."

Topaz and Slater are building a repertoire of easy-to-learn songs and chants from world and spiritual traditions using rounds and three and four-part harmonies, the emphasis being on songs of reverence, empowerment

and beauty.

Topaz will run a series of workshops called Journey into Voice that will lead participants into a deeper relationship and sense of connectedness with their true voice, beginning with a one-day event on March 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact her at 653-4261 for more details.

She is also available for one-on-one sessions and Slater facilitates group sings on request.

The present class schedule sees Slater at the Mercer Gallery on Robinson Road on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. She also leads classes at The Upper Room, 705 Beaver Point Road on Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m.

On Tuesdays, Topaz leads a vocal improv circle from 7-8:30 p.m. (Contact her for details.)

On Thursdays Topaz is at Cedar Lane Studio, 210 Cedar Lane, 7-8:30 p.m.

Toronto bluegrass band at Fulford

The Foggy Hogtown Boys will pitch camp on the island March 12 when they play in Fulford.

Hailed as "Toronto's best kept secret" in a recent press release, the five-piece band won Best Instrumental Band — Best Overall Band in the 2006 Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards.

They are touring their third album, *Pigtown Fling*, described as a "new album of original bluegrass and old-time instrumentals."

Their earlier albums include *Live at the Dominion*, released in 2004, and *Northern White Clouds*, released in 2005.

The Hogtown boys are Andrew Collins on mandolin, Chris Coole on guitar, Max Heineman on bass, Chris Quinn on banjo and John Showman on fiddle.

"This is not just five hot pickers in the same place, playing the same tune at the same time," said the release. "The Foggy Hog-

town Boys are a band with a unique sound that is the sum of its members' personalities and musicianship . . . [This] is evident in the care taken to arrange each song in a way that allows the story and feeling of the lyrics to surface and not be overshadowed by pyrotechnics."

The toe-tapping and boot-stomping fun kicks off at 8 p.m. at Fulford Community Hall on March 12. Tickets are \$15.

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FAERIES' FLIGHT: Members of Oona McOuat's Faerie Fridays group frolic in the park. A spring break session runs from March 19 to 23, with registration being taken now.

Photo contributed

Enchanted forest exploration on Spring Break event roster

Spring is almost here, and musician, performer and educator Oona McOuat will once again sprinkle Salt Spring with faerie dust as she presents "Exploring the Enchanted Forest," a unique spring-break creative and performing arts day camp.

"During this five-day program, girls ages 5 to 12 will journey into the magical realms to the Enchanted Forest," explains a press release. "Through role-play, they will become a tribe of forest dwelling fair folk on a quest to determine how they can restore the health and balance of their forest home, which is in peril."

The children will explore biodiversity, endangered species and nature spirits as they learn about environmental issues, Celtic folklore and cultural traditions. They will express what they perceive and experience through writing, painting, drawing, sculpting, singing, dancing and composing and will create a "Faerie Forest Manifesto" for presentation to organizations who they feel

need to awaken to the critical needs of the forests.

"The forests in our region are among the richest temperate coniferous forests in North America for amphibians and birds. Several rare and endangered species make their homes here. Only about four per cent of the forests of the Central Pacific Coastal region remain as intact habitat. Degradation from pollution, grazing, burning, introduced species, road building, and excessive recreational impacts is causing significant mortality in some native plant communities. Human activity, particularly clear-cut logging, plantation forestry, road building, agriculture and development, have heavily altered our forests."

Faerie Camp runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23. The cost is \$100 plus a \$25 material fee. Space is limited in this popular program. Call Oona McOuat at 538-6228 for information and enrollment.

Irish eyes smile for March 11 Linden Singers performance

If donning green pantaloons, eating Lucky Charms and dreaming of leprechauns isn't enough to get you in the St. Patrick's Day mood, taking in the Linden Singers of Victoria's Irish-themed concert on March 11 is sure to.

One of Victoria's premier choral ensembles, the Linden Singers will be joined by Molly Rahar Newman and Rod Newman, members of the popular Victoria Celtic String Band called Rig-A-Jig, who will offer their own eclectic style of Celtic music.

The Linden Singers have been entertaining audiences for 27 years, but this will be their first visit to Salt Spring in over 20 years.

Frances Pollet is the choir's long-serving director, who doubles as the musical director of First Metropolitan United Church.

The Singers have sung overseas in New Zealand and Ireland, and last year were invited to join other prominent B.C. choirs to present Rachmaninoff's Vespers at the National Choral Festival in Victoria.

The choir was also recently

accepted as one of 24 choirs from around the world to sing at the Choral Festival 500 to be held in St John's, Newfoundland in July.

Selections from Scotland and England will be performed, and a number of pieces will also have a definite Canadian connection.

The Linden Singers will grace the ArtSpring stage beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$14 for regular admission and \$12 for senior/students. They're available at the ArtSpring box office.

Miceli tune makes top 40 U.S. folk list

Alan Miceli is one delectable acoustic guitarist whose percolating little tune, Mocha Java, just made a top 40 list in the States.

After Miceli opened for New York folk icon Christine Lavin at Salt Spring's Folk Club, she put his Mocha Java song on her new CD, One Meat Ball.

"I heard him play and knew instantly I had to have him on the project... I loved him so much," Lavin said.

The album features songs by Pete Seeger and Tom Paxton and comes complete

with a recipe book.

Miceli, who still keeps his day job as pastry chef at Salt Spring Coffee Company, submitted his recipe for a to die for chocolate espresso tart.

Since its release, One Meat Ball has been climbing U.S. and Canadian charts. In the January listing for a 150-station folk radio network in the States, Miceli's song was one of the top two songs on the CD, which came in at number 38. The song is also being played on Canadian stations from Quebec to B.C.

Recently, Miceli was interviewed by award-winning food journalist Don Genova on CBC Vancouver's noon show, Almanac. He has also been featured on CBC's North by Northwest.

Islanders can hear Miceli live at the Thunderbird Gallery on March 11. The show starts at 2 p.m. and tickets are available at the gallery for \$15.

Copies of Miceli's own CD, as well as Lavin's One Meat Ball with accompanying cookbook, will be available.

Landmark inn opens

SALT SPRING INN - a new restaurant and European-style accommodations spot in downtown Ganges — quietly opened this past week in the same building that has housed a number of different restaurants in the past 70 years. As the renovation has proceeded, islanders have been recalling bits and pieces of its history. Thanks to former restaurant operators, property owners and patrons, the following story puts it together in one spot.

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Partners Barry Edwards and Jeremy Milsom, outside the newly opened Salt Spring Inn.

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Islanders recall history of ‘folksy’ inn

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Contributor

While a local landmark begins a new chapter after an extensive renovation, many islanders can recall earlier incarnations of one of Salt Spring’s oldest and dearest eateries.

The Salt Spring Inn, last week opened by Barry Edwards and Jeremy Milsom, was originally opened in 1937 as the Log Cabin Inn by pioneer islander Harry “Squire” Bullock.

According to local historian Bob Rush, Bullock opened the then one-story café to

provide employment for some orphans he had sponsored known as “Bullock’s boys.”

Established well after the stately dining room of the Harbour House Hotel, the Log Cabin was still the first stand-alone café on the island, he said.

“I remember thinking, ‘Why would anyone go buy lunch when they could go home?’”

Rush, who provides walking tours of Ganges, remembers visiting the café at the age of seven when it

first opened.

“It had simulated log siding, which is why it was called the Log Cabin.”

And when the Consolidated School opened in 1940 (now Salt Spring Elementary), the café provided inexpensive student lunches with a voucher system, Rush recalled.

Over the past 70 years, the local eatery has changed hands and names many times. Some might recall the building as the Ship’s Inn, others as The Ship’s Anchor Inn, the Tides’ Inn, Rita’s Inn, or, most recently as Anise Restaurant & Inn.

Bob Marshall, who owned the business and building from 1965-1970 (renaming the business from the Ship’s Inn to the Ship’s Anchor Inn), began work as a restaurateur and innkeeper with no previous experience, he said.

“The realtor Howard Byron suggested the business. I couldn’t just buy a business and hope for an income. I needed something dependable.”

He recalls that a double room was \$7 per night and a cup of coffee was 10 cents.

“When I raised it to 15 cents a cup there was all hell to pay.”

Marshall also found curious quirks with the building that included a staircase built on neighbouring property and an unsolved mystery about another neighbour’s septic tank, which might have been located under the inn, he laughed.

But the quirky inn played an important role in the development of the downtown core.

According to island businessman Tom Toynbee, Salt Spring Island Trading Company (now Mouat’s Trading Company) acquired the property in 1970 in order to access the inn’s foreshore lease.

“We were going to do a landfill [in the area now occupied by Thrifty Foods] and we held all the property adjacent to the bay.”

At that time, the area between the post office, Mouat’s and the inn was a shallow bay and his family business wished to expand the downtown core with a landfill, he said.

“In those days, it wasn’t that difficult to do. It would be very difficult today.”

During the 15 years that the Trading Company owned the building, Toynbee became a regular patron of the inn under the various owners of the restaurant.

“I was a customer many many times, particularly when Rita [Dods] was there. Of course there weren’t that many choices and Rita was a character.”

Dods, who ran Rita’s Inn within the building from 1978 to 1988, remembers that the restaurant business was a very rewarding way to serve the community.

“I enjoy people for one thing. I’d make a point of speaking to people, not to annoy them, but to greet them.”

Incidentally, Dods even worked at the café during some of its earlier manifestations, as the Log Cabin in 1958 and briefly through the opening of the Ship’s Anchor Inn in 1965.

She recalled the Log Cabin as a friendly social place when she first moved to the island in 1952.



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RITA DOD proudly displays her restaurant sign. photo by Mitchell Sherrin

“It had the counter with the milkshake machine, booths along the windows, the old Silex coffee makers and the old cash machine that went, ‘thunk, thunk, thunk.’”

When she opened her own restaurant in the same location, she added personal touches with family photos, albums of comic strips and an assortment of bric-a-brac mementos.

“Having so much stuff on the wall; when the service is slow, it gives people something to look at

and it’s interesting,” she confided.

Since she is so fond of children, she encouraged families to bring their kids and she consequently earned a hand-made trophy from a customer regarding “Rita’s Nursery Custom Baby-Holding Service.”

And in the late 1980s she finally discontinued her tab service with a humorous note.

“Due to the high increase of those suffering with amnesia, the ‘I’ll pay you tomorrow charge system has come to an abrupt end.’”

Menu items from that era included a “Jaws-wich” burger that included wieners cut up to look like fingers and a “Bo-peep” lamb burger (served on a Kaiser bun with mint jelly

and the usual fixings).

Jack Lawrence bought the building from the Trading Company in 1985 (managed by his brother Leon Aptekman because Lawrence lives in Guam) and his family still owns the building today.

Around that same time (1988), Bruce and Natalie Mills bought the restaurant business from Dods (renaming it the Ship’s Anchor Inn again) as a way to get to know people on the island.

“We came from a small town and we knew how that town treated outsiders. Here on Salt Spring it was exactly the same,” Bruce Mills said.

But the controversial Ganges sewer was developed around that same time and the climate toward new arrivals changed, he noted.

“Just as the sewer came in, the hordes came over the hill and the locals threw up their hands and said, ‘To heck with it.’”

But islanders maintained strong allegiance to the business, he said.

“I knew that if I opened the doors at 4 a.m. there still would’ve been people waiting on the steps.”

The Mills enjoyed cafe work but they backed away from the business in 1990 because it took too much time away from their children, he said.

Since that time, the restaurant passed between more hands before it became Anise Restaurant and Inn during the early 2000s, which closed its doors in July 2005.

Now, with a spring rebirth and blossoming renovation under new management, the old island icon might become another haven for local families, a centre for community fraternity and a bastion for the warm comfort of a full belly.



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“With music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Arthur Laurents, Gypsy has been heralded as one of the best musicals ever written,” said Bowler’s mother Sue Newman.

Tickets are available online at artsclub.com or by phone at 1-604-687-1644.

The show itself runs from May 10 to July 8, with the \$39 special valid for seats from opening night to June 3.

Bowler’s Gypsy role is her second lead role in Vancouver. She played Luisa in The Fantastiks, for which she won an Ovation award for Rising New Star.

“I happened to play the same role in 1989, the year

before Lauren’s sister Patrice was born,” said Newman.

Bowler is a graduate of the two year program at the Canadian College of Performing Arts in Victoria. Recently a member of the Canadian Actors’ Association, Equity, Bowler “is finding professional work opening up to her at a rabbit’s pace.”

Newman said the story of Gypsy Rose Lee is even more poignant because it’s the story of her own family.

“Not so much the road to stardom as a world famous striptease artist, but as a family growing up in show business. My mother, Virginia, was our Rose, Gypsy’s mother, although Virginia was not cruel. She was, however, willing to get us kids into every variety show around our neck of the woods.”

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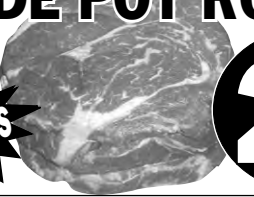
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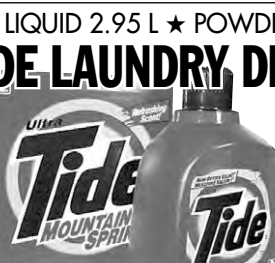
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SINGING IN THE MAIN: A broken water main on Park Drive proved irresistible to Salt Spring Island Middle School students Cheyenne Buffett, left, and Deena Whitcutt last week.
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International Women's Day honours women of the world

International Women's Day is just around the corner and Salt Spring organizers have planned an exciting event to usher in the day.

Taking place on Thursday, March 8, the celebration of women's achievements will feature an eclectic mix of speakers and performers.

Organizers invite islanders to "join us to hear about how women are effecting change at the grassroots level and to celebrate women's achievements."

"Speakers and performers from Salt Spring Island include Tania Aguila talking about what is next after the

very successful World Peace Forum, The Mudgirls presenting their distinct style of environmental sustainability, and Marion Pape and Sheila Reid talking about the marvellous work of women in the Venezuelan Revolution," notes a press release.

"Our own Raging Granies will be there with their own brand of activist lyrics. Heather and Fiona Munro from GISS have been introducing climate change into the high school and will tell us about it. Women of Note will bring their unique musical talent to help us celebrate women.

"In addition, there will be displays of the world-class work being done by women in the community, such as Seeds for Malawi, SWOVA and other projects supporting women and children," added the press release.

Everyone is welcome to attend the March 8 event which takes place at Mahon Hall from 3 to 5:15 p.m. If your organization would like to participate, or for more information, contact Christine Atkinson at atkinsonchristine@hotmail.com or Marion Pape at marionpape@telus.net or phone 537-4567.

Dry grad fundraiser in March

B.C. Liquor Store customers on Salt Spring and Pender island can support dry grad celebrations in their communities by donating \$1 at their government liquor store through the month of March.

Customers receive sample-sized packages of chocolates as a thank-you for their donation. Now in its seventh year, B.C. Liquor Stores' Support Dry Grad campaign

has raised more than \$1.1 million towards alcohol-free grad celebrations.

This year, 54 school districts are participating in the campaign.

The contributions by liquor store customers top up funds raised by parents, students and teachers who work all year to raise money for dry grads.

All donations are given to local school districts for

distribution to public high schools planning alcohol-free graduations.

The annual campaign is part of the Liquor Distribution Branch's public safety and social responsibility program to promote the responsible use of beverage alcohol — a program that includes the prevention of underage drinking and the promotion of zero consumption for minors.

Focus on Women's Institute

The history of an 87-year-old Salt Spring community group will be shared at the next Salt Spring Historical Society (SSHS) meeting.

"In 1933, a 12-year-old boy from Fulford had a very bad toothache, and no money to take the bus to the dentist," states a SSHS press release.

"This was not an uncommon situation in those difficult times. Happily, the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute (WI) was able to step in, and thanks to their \$5, the boy travelled to Ganges and was soon out of pain."

South Salt Spring WI members Bev Cartwright and Sharon Hawke will present the interesting history of their group at the March 14 SSHS general meeting at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

The first Women's Institute was started in 1897 by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless in Stony Creek, Ontario, with the motto "For Home and Country." The B.C. Women's Institute began in 1909 and in 1920 the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute was started by island women who wanted to improve conditions for people on the south end of Salt Spring.

"They did so in many ways over the years, from assisting individuals and families, to supporting the men's ward in the old Lady Minto Hospital, to fundraising for the first, second and third Fulford Hall, and many other helpful deeds. Today, they continue their mission."

The B.C. Women's Institute's stated mandate is "to empower today's women to build a better tomorrow for themselves, their families and their communities."



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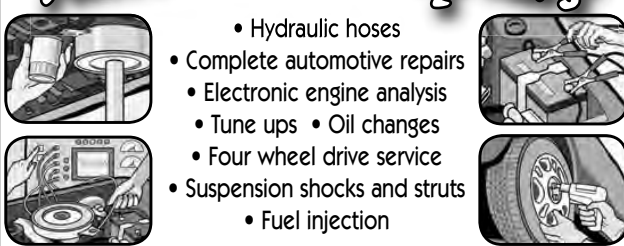
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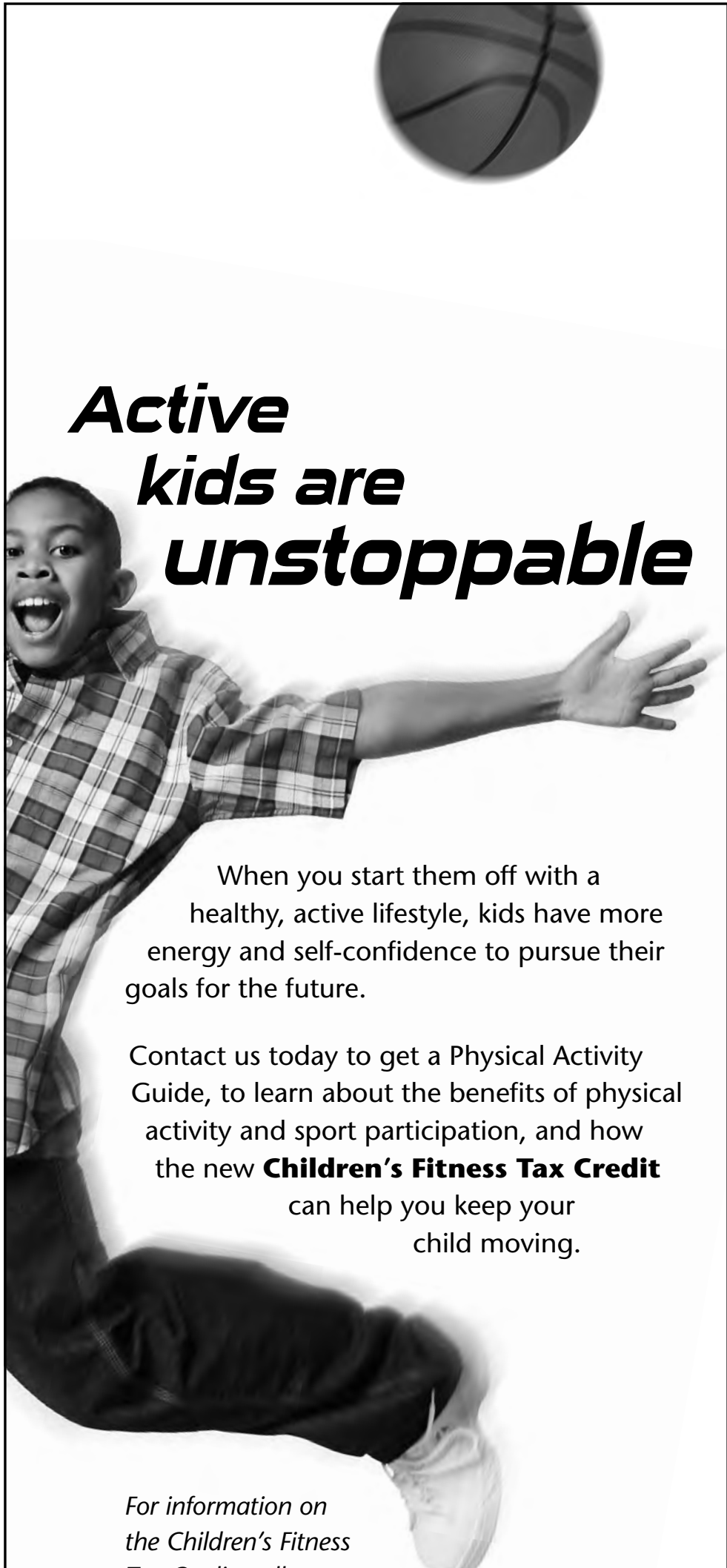
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Curran lecture looks at protecting environments

Practical solutions for protecting our farms, natural ecosystems and rural communities is the topic of discussion when Deborah Curran takes the stage on March 15 for the third lecture in the Imagine Salt Spring series.

"It is rare to find a land use professional who can discuss [these topics]," states a press release.

Curran is a lawyer and consultant who provides legal and planning advice to local governments and community organizations on protecting natural environments and rural planning.

She is an author of the well-known Smart Bylaws Guide, a practical book for how local governments can use the land-use regulation process to protect rural communities. She also recently wrote the Green Infrastructure and Sensitive Ecosystems Bylaws Toolkit, targeted at helping communities protect open space and natural ecosystems.

"Deborah cares deeply about protecting the Gulf Islands and is enthusiastic



Deborah Curran speaks on the environment March 15.

about coming here to share ideas with us," states the release.

In addition to maintaining her law practice, Curran has taught municipal law at the University of Victoria and supervises students at the masters and undergraduate levels in the fields of community planning and environmental science.

She has served on a num-

ber of committees, including the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Evergreen Canada and the Victoria Foundation. She is a past member of the City of Victoria Advisory Planning Commission.

Curran is the third of four speakers in the series, which is made possible by a donation from the Islands Trust and a grant from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C.

The series is sponsored by the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA) to enhance the official community plan (OCP) review that is underway.

Up next, Guy Dauncey will discuss the Great Climate Challenge: Practical Solutions for Salt Spring on April 19.

The talk takes place at the Community Gospel Chapel from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 and the event is free.

For more information, contact Maxine Leichter at 537-1577.

Caravan to Cuba: films, food and a speaker air March 17

Local wheels are already turning for the 18th Caravan to Cuba, with an evening of films and a forum set for Saturday, March 17.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the United Church lower hall, two documentaries will be shown.

Roberto Chile's On the Hillside of the Himalayas, which looks at the role Cuban doctors play in the international community when natural disaster strikes, has never before been shown on Salt Spring.

Who's Afraid of the Little Yellow School Bus?, a poignant document of social activism taken to spiritual heights by Caravan to Cuba participants, will also be seen.

The Caravan to Cuba begins on 14 different routes during the Canada Day long weekend this year. Each route will take a different path through mainland United States with buses, ambulances and trucks picking up material aid for Cuba and protesting the

U.S. embargo along the way. The routes will come together in Texas before crossing the border and going to Tampico, Mexico where tons of aid will be put on a Cuban ship. Many participants will then fly on to Cuba.

At the March 17 event on Salt Spring, John Waller, a longtime Pastors for Peace staff member, will give a knowledgeable speech on his organization's Caravan to Cuba campaign and their ongoing effort to end the U.S. blockade while supporting the Cuban people with aid.

Photo footage of the last four Caravans will also be shown and desserts and savouries prepared by local chefs will be available for purchase.

Suggested donation is \$5 to support Caravan to Cuba projects.

Those who would like to drop off material aid at this event should contact Lou Ellis at 537-5075 or Tanya Lester at 538-0086 before March 17.

Arbutus seminar addresses candidiasis

Local homeopath Karin Beviere and biofeedback practitioner Rasma Bertz are holding a seminar to share non-toxic solutions for dealing with systemic yeast overgrowth.

It runs Friday, March 9 from 7-9 p.m., forming part of a regular Friday series of health talks at the Arbutus Therapy Centre at #5-121 McPhillips Avenue.

"Candida albicans is the most common of the 400-500 types of microscopic yeasts,

bacteria and parasites," explains a press release. "It is present in everyone and in its dormant form, is completely harmless. But as soon as the conditions are right, most usually after antibiotic, steroid or birth control use, it can change into its invasive, fungal form which causes tissue damage."

Symptoms of candidiasis and the benefits of using an individualized, holistic approach to treatment for men, women and children

will be discussed. Topics will include looking at causative factors, lifestyle, diet, susceptibility and how to strengthen the immune system.

The seminar could lead to formation of a monthly support group to create lasting lifestyle and dietary changes with the goal of improving overall health.

Seminar cost is a suggested donation of \$5. For details and registration, contact Karin Beviere at 537-4728.

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Collection of art-quality teddy bears comes alive

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Driftwood Staff

Rona Robbins has a passion that is both unique and universal. She loves teddy bears — the furry, fuzzy cuddly companions of children around the world.

She has turned a childhood fancy into an artist's collection that numbers in the hundreds and includes one-of-a-kind award-winning artist creations and rare hundred-year-old antiques that show the craftsmanship and care of a bygone era.

The Upstairs Bears is Robbins' new gallery she has created to both share her amazing lifetime collection with viewers and to make some bears available for sale to discerning buyers. She opened the gallery because the bears were literally pushing Robbins and husband Noel Elson out of house and home.

"At one point we had bears sitting in the hot tub," said Robbins. "They were in every corner of the house, including sitting around the dining room table. Finally Noel gently suggested that it was time for me to find a space to show them."

"The bears need to be viewed," she added. "It's bear art."

The gallery is located on the second floor of 121 McPhillips Avenue, above Apple Photo. Visitors are greeted at the door with a gorgeous and eclectic selection of bears interspersed with antique toys and props such as a stuffed panda sitting in a grove of bamboo.

"Some came with the clothing and I dressed some of them myself from clothing that I found in second-hand shops and antique stores," said Robbins.

In fact, much of her collection has come from decades of searching through out-of-the-way second-hand, thrift and antique stores, visiting other collectors, word of mouth and bears donated from friends and acquaintances who wanted their old family heirloom to have a good home.

"Each bear has a story to tell," said Robbins. "For example, I have a set of two bears that have been together since 1910.

"A couple were given the set when they were married. They took the bears with them everywhere and photographed them in different locations. When the husband died many years later, there is a photo showing an empty chair with his bear sitting in it and the wife sitting beside



TAKE ME HOME: Crying out to be cuddled and held, this teddy bear lives at the Upstairs Bears, a new teddy bear boutique showcasing the private lifetime collection of islander Rona Robbins.

Photo by Billie Woods

"Every item is hand picked and special. If someone is looking to purchase, it's my job to find the right fit."
— Rona Robbins

the chair, holding her own bear. It was really moving."

After the woman passed away, the couple's daughter gave the bears to an antique shop where Robbins discovered them, complete with photos. The shop keeper was able to fill her in on the couple's story.

"They are not spectacular bears in terms of their quality, but the story is so precious that they are really important to me," she said.

There is something magical about teddy bears that people seem to be able to relate to. The range of bears in Robbins' display is remarkable and what is immediately striking is the different expressions on the faces of the bears and the way that they seem to be communicating to the viewer.

"When people come in they turn around in circles looking at all the bears and

they are struck with wonder," said Robbins. "They will often end up telling me a story about their own childhood that has been sparked by seeing one of the bears."

"They touch something in us," continued Robbins. "People will say 'Oh my god, that bear knows what I'm thinking.' There are big smiles and sometimes eyes will fill up with tears."

Robbins has been collecting bears all her life, and seriously pursuing her hobby since 1995. She has been working since September to arrange and display her collection.

"It took a long time to put it together in a way that pleased me," she said.

Although one associates teddy bears with children, the shop is for adults only due to the expense and fragility of the bears.

Some of the bears are for sale, but people are always welcome to just come in and view and there is no admission.

"It's a gallery — a boutique," said Robbins. "Every item is hand picked and special. If someone is looking to purchase, it's my job to find the right fit."

Prices range from \$350 to \$20,000.

"The high-end bears appeal to the really passionate collector who is dying to have

that particular bear," said Robbins. "Other bears are one-of-a-kind or extremely old, and in remarkable condition."

Robbins plans to bring in some Steiff replica bears which will cost between \$75 and \$200.

She also repairs and restores bears that are badly worn with a tenderness and passion that demonstrates her commitment and passion for the art form.

"It's a labour of love, it really is."

The Upstairs Bears is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a private appointment call 538-0964. A website will be up and running shortly with photo's and details of the collection at www.theupstairsbears.com.

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for creating the abundance and relationships you want, but on a much deeper level as well. This understanding is conducive to a sense of contentment and peace — not only personally but ultimately for the planet. That's huge."

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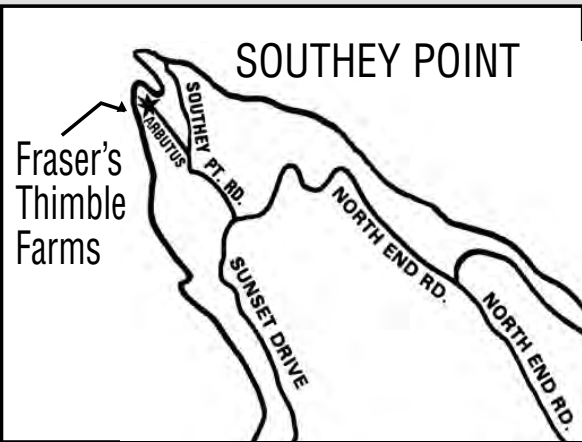
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UP AND AWAY: Old Boys keeper Dennis Shaw dives for the ball in soccer action on Salt Spring last weekend.
Photo by John Cameron

Iverson on Winter Games squad

Salt Spring Island has an active presence at the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, with 16-year-old Kristen Iverson on the courts for the girls' B.C. squash team.

Iverson's squad was 2-0 as of Tuesday morning, having beat the Yukon and Newfoundland/Labrador teams in Pool B competition.

They were scheduled to play New Brunswick Tuesday afternoon, then Quebec and Alberta on Wednesday. As winners at the 2003 Canada Winter Games, the B.C. team was considered one to watch.

In addition to Iverson, members

are Sarah Parsons and Nikki Sequeira (both 18) and 14-year-old Rachael Au. Parsons was on the 2003 winning team.

In the run-up to the Canada Winter Games, Iverson was named B.C. Athlete of the Week and profiled on a games website.

"It's hard enough training to be at the top of your sport by waking up early, heading to your facility and practising, practising, practising. But for Kristen Iverson from Salt Spring Island, training can be a little tougher when you don't even have a facility to train in. That's the reality Kristen faces as

she trains for the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of squash. Fighting to make Team B.C. was admirable; making the team without a facility is incredible."

Iverson, who has played squash for four years, travels to Victoria for training on weekends, said her father Scott on Monday.

Iverson also won a bronze medal at the international-calibre Canadian Junior Open competition at Hollyburn Country Club in December.

She is ranked 25th in the country for female players under 17, according to Squash Canada.

Bridge club bids adieu to Conhor Vane-Hunt

By JILL EVANS

Driftwood Contributor

This is a hard piece to write. Conhor Vane-Hunt loved his bridge and was very good at it.

He died on Thursday night, March 1, but had enjoyed wonderful weeks of the game right up to the end. He had won with Ron Hall the Wednesday evening men's rubber bridge group (for the

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third time in a row) just the night before, and had two wins out of three competitive games in his last week of life. The Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club will not be the same without his vivid presence which has titillated

the players for so many years. Here are his last wins at duplicate:

On February 19, Conhor was partnered by Sandy Thompson and they came in third, with Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor in a comfortable lead over Ron Hall and Bob Morrisette.

Conhor's last appearance at duplicate on February 26 was a triumph for him and

Isabelle Richardson when they trounced all the competition soundly. Second were Sandy Thompson and John Jefferson, and third were Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane.

If you'd like to play duplicate bridge and need some information, please call George Laundry at 653-9095 or email pastorale@shaw.ca (that's a new email address).

High-scoring bowlers of the week named

High scores in recent bowling league play were:

Special Olympics, February 21: David McEachern, 142; Stuart Elliott, 143; Terry Swing, 144; Jason Newport, 150; Mahjor Bains, 161-184; Gloria Dale, 163.

HIGH ROLLERS

Monday evening Circus League, February 19: Russ Crouse, 237; Anne Flieg-

er, 233, 214/639. Tuesday Seniors, January 30: Henry Otto, 202; Carol Kaye, 249.

Tuesday Seniors, February 6: Jim Glenn, 217; Carol Kaye, 218.

Tuesday Seniors, February 13: Jim Glenn, 203; Martin

Berg, 210; Carol Kaye, 212; Reg Winstone, 271.

Tuesday Seniors, February 20: Clara Hicks, 203.

Tuesday Seniors, February 27: Dorothy Sloan, 200; Martin Berg, 207; Jim Glenn, 263/632.

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Junior golf program gets swinging at SS club

By JULIAN ELWES
Driftwood Contributor

With spring and summer just around the corner it's not too early to think about activities and sports more closely tied to warmer temperatures.

Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club will shortly announce completed plans for the 2007 season of junior golf and are now "open for business."

To encourage Salt Spring youth to join in this form of healthy, active and fun activity, a multi-faceted program of educational and competitive golf for kids aged up to 18 years is planned.

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- Regular "junior days" are held every week for boy and girl members and their guests. Fridays at 3 p.m. during school terms and Wednesdays at 3 p.m.during the summer vacation period.

Each "junior day" includes driving range instruction with the club pro, supervised practice on the putting green, followed by nine holes of golf and finishing with prizes and refreshments of hot dogs, fries and a drink.

All this is free to members and the annual membership fee is only \$133 which includes GST. Unlim-

ited golf during junior hours is also available to members every day of the week.

- Friendly tournaments are becoming an increasingly popular part of Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club's Junior Program.

A number of events are held during the summer and fall at the club plus there is the opportunity to play tournaments held at other courses on Vancouver Island.

These will be adult-accompanied trips for members only with entry fees and ferry passes for players paid by the club.

The establishment of both a junior girls league and a junior mixed league ensures that everyone can participate in these activities.

For the more advanced players there will be the opportunity to be chosen for the Salt Spring team which will represent the club in selected off-island tournament play.

- Full information on all aspects of the 2007 program for boys and girls is available from the club pro shop and will also be available in a printed fixture list.

Call 537-2121 or visit the pro shop.

All interested juniors and adults are invited to an official opening day to be held at the club on Friday afternoon, April 20.

Information and questions concerning the junior program will be discussed and actual course play for the juniors will follow.

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Stranger Than Fiction is a gem of a flick, perfectly using contemporary filmmaking techniques to evoke a deeply hopeful message.

Will Farrell, once known as "that big guy who yells a lot" from Saturday Night Live, stars as IRS auditor Harold Crick. Harold lives a rigourously measured life, counting toothbrush strokes and timing his bus trips to the second, until one day he suddenly realizes that a woman's voice is narrating every single step he takes.

The woman is Kay Eiffel, a heavily depressed novelist whose latest work is held back by a bad case of writer's block. Her problem is that she doesn't know how to kill her protagonist: Harold Crick. When Harold figures out he's about to die, he goes to a literature professor named Jules (Dustin Hoffman) to try and understand his most unique of existential quandaries.

So Stranger Than Fiction isn't the easiest film to explain in a hundred-word plot synopsis. But don't assume it's one of those movies that you have to watch twice to figure out who is who and where is where.

Thank director Marc Forster for focusing on the film's human elements rather than using metafictional trickery to pull a fast one on us. The core of the story is poor Harold, played with surprising subtlety by Farrell, guy whose mental paralysis has kept him walled off from others for so long.

Faced with living under the shadow of his own impending death, Harold learns from Jules that he's just going to have to live that life "to the fullest." Harold's first attempts at expressing himself — buying a guitar and attempting a romance with a local baker (the always worship-able Maggie Gyllenhaal) — are rendered by Forster as moments so natural in their awkwardness that we can't help but fall for the guy.

It all leads to a surprisingly emotional climax. I was shocked at how quickly I found myself so tightly linked to Harold's struggle, and found myself on the verge of yelling at the TV on a couple of occasions. How embarrassing.

This isn't to say Stranger Than Fiction will have the same effect on you. You might hate Will Farrell, you might not have the same Grade 6-type crush that I do on Gyllenhaal. Either way, this is a wonderful movie, one that needs to be cherished and shared.

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Salt Spring wrestler wraps up appearance at national event

A 14-year-old Salt Spring wrestler is on her way to the Canadian wrestling nationals in Toronto less than a year after taking up the sport on little more than a whim.

"I was looking for a sport where I could use my strength," said Carmen Esquivel, a Grade 9 student at Queen of Angels school in Duncan. "In other sports, I was always hurting people accidentally and it felt like I was in the way."

Since discovering her knack for wrestling, Esquivel has powered her way to the top of the wrestling charts. At a provincial tournament in Surrey last month, she qualified for the nationals with a 7-1 record.

The three-day tournament brought together nearly 30 high-school girls in different weight classes.

In the bronze medal match, Esquivel faced off against her arch rival from Vancouver Island.

In the Vancouver Island round earlier this year, she failed to get the upper hand and took home the silver medal. In their rematch in Surrey, Esquivel won the match on points and took home the bronze.

"It was an amazing coincidence to meet her again," she said. "It was pretty nerve-racking because I knew she was extremely tough."

Esquivel began wrestling late last year after a teacher brought the wrestling bug to her school.

The sport has slowly gained momentum. Last week, Esquivel and her father, a wrestling veteran from the Pan-American games, started up a Monday evening wrestling group.

Because wrestling doesn't require any particular skills or expensive equipment, she said, anybody can give it a try to see what they think.

"You just need the discipline. You don't have to be

super strong or fit," she said. "To go somewhere you just have to come to practices and train."

Through a stealthy combination of arm tosses, hip throws, double-leg take downs and half nelsons, she added, players lacking strength can still take down larger or stronger opponents.

In the weeks before she leaves for Toronto, Esquivel is ready to embark on a rigorous training routine to strengthen her upper body and improve her endurance.

"I'll have to work on technique so that I know the right moves when I get out on the mat," she said. "It doesn't hurt to have power."

For more information on the Monday evening events, contact Leon Esquivel at 537-9907.

Fundraising efforts are underway to help fund Esquivel's upcoming trip.

Dragons squad scoops second cup win

Peninsula's younger team and larger roster was no match for the Salt Spring Dragons' experience during the home town squad's 1-0 victory at the lower high school field last weekend.

"What this means we don't quite know, but it is obviously a good thing," said Sue Anne Donaldson, scorer of the game's lone goal.

Donaldson sealed the victory with a top-corner shot midway through the second half after connecting with a pass from teammate Joanne O'Connor.

"That came after a few shots I sent right

to the keeper and two posts," Donaldson said. "I was beginning to think I would never score."

A strong defensive effort late in the game kept Peninsula from tying the match in the game's final moments.

Donaldson said a solid performance from Dragons' keeper Jenny Akerman prevented the visitors from gaining an early lead.

"She was really stellar once again," Donaldson said.

The Dragons next cup game will be in Victoria on Saturday, March 17.

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Youth teams pump it up

• Salt Spring's U12 girls travelled to Prospect Lake on Saturday, keen to avenge a 2-0 loss handed them by the same team on the opening day of the season.

Salt Spring tore into the opposition straight from the kick-off.

The defence snuffed out any Prospect Lake attack that dared to cross the half-way line.

The midfield harried and pressured their opponents while feeding the strikers, who, in turn carved their way through the shell-shocked defence.

Meanwhile, the Salt Spring goalie practised her dance moves.

By half time the girls were up 3-0. Olivia Kornelsen scored twice after typically powerful runs and Hari Brooks hit the mark with her left foot.

Prospect Lake pushed everyone into attack for the second half, but Salt Spring held firm with a wonderful and determined display by the defence, and only conceded one goal just before the final whistle.

All the players showed how much they have improved over the season — so much, in fact, the Prospect Lake coach asked if it was the same team.

• Despite a record number of off-sides, Salt Spring's U13 boys Wart-hogs pulled off an easy defeat against Juan de Fuca this weekend.

The weather conditions were superb and the team showed a unified front, playing hard with great passing and communication.

The Warthogs were on fire with seven goals provided by Tim Camps (two), Ronan Gunn (hat trick), Sam Lewis and Elijah Gold. The final score was 7-2.

Juan de Fuca was a great opponent to practise skills against, allowing the Wart-hogs to experience play in different positions.

• Salt Spring's U14 boys started the road to the district cup championship this weekend with a decisive win over Peninsula Flash. Everyone on the team should be congratulated for a high calibre of play and intensity.

After the first 10 minutes of play, the boys threw off their game nervousness and took control of the game. In the second half Peninsula came on strong and the local boys repelled a few challenges. But then the play became all about Salt Spring.

Noah Havelaar started the scoring after receiving a great back pass outside the 18-yard box which he rocketed past the stunned keeper.

The second ball into the back of the net came from a volley-chip by Noah Van Hullebush, who received a well-timed cross from Ben Barter.

To round out the scor-

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ing, Barter crossed to Liam Budd, who passed it back to Barter, who went far post bottom with Van Hullebush rushing in to assure it ended up in the net.

Keeper Charlie Holmes should be congratulated on a shutout after two dramatic saves. In addition to congratulating the fine play of all, the coaching staff said Peter Van Roessel, Matt Hollingsworth and Erik Rothwell were exceptionally strong.

• Salt Spring's U17 girls gold team held Juan de Fuca scoreless until the middle of the second half and then almost tied up the game before settling for a 1-0 loss in Victoria on Sunday.

It seemed the local squad would get on the scoreboard when a direct penalty shot taken by Jess Harkema outside the 18-yard box looked like it was over the line. However, the Juan de Fuca keeper punched it back out and no goal was called.

Coach Dave Morgan said that although Juan de Fuca controlled more of the play than Salt Spring, the island girls are showing better and better ball control and movement from defensive to offensive positions.

With keeper Olivia Morgan out with an injury, players Katie Villadsen, Rosalie Baldwinson and Harkema have stepped in to do great jobs in net during the past several games, Morgan noted.

• Salt Spring's U18 gold boys hosted Gorge at Portlock Park on Sunday in a well-matched game. Currently sitting in first place in league standings, Gorge fielded a strong, fast team and tried to quickly establish dominance on the pitch.

The local squad responded by playing a tight formation and building the play from the defensive end to the offensive line.

Rusty Fedberg was critical as offensive centre mid and backed up by Tavis Morton.

Both players managed to keep the ball distributed to the front. Standing as defensive centre, Callum Gunn played well flanked by Isaac Raddysh and Liam Johnson.

Eland Bronstein roved all over the back and centre field, taking possession of the ball and booting it forward.

Sadly a series of unfortunate events kept our squad from scoring while Gorge landed three goals in the first half.

The second half saw a more even calibre of play with Salt Spring holding its own and Eland Bronstein scoring on a penalty shot. The score settled at 3-1 for Gorge.



MINI POWER: Above left, Ryan Burnett throws in the soccer ball while other junior soccer players — including Sander Keil and Ty Davies (lower right) — fight for the ball in mini program soccer action at Portlock Park on Saturday.

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5 BIRTHS

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6 DEATHS

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6 DEATHS

THOMAS ROBERT(Bob) Collings went peacefully home to be with his Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 26, 2007. Left to cherish his precious memory is his loving family: his devoted & treasured wife of 62 years, Shirley; his children: Joan Vernon (David), Marilyn Stuart (Ward), Betty Wessner (Ron), Bev Brown (Jim), Bobbi Bucknam (Dave) and Warren Collings (Sherrill); 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Bob was predeceased by his father, mother and sister. Bob was a World War II veteran who served in the Air Force. Most of his career was spent in the insurance field, beginning his career in Vancouver and from there living in Edmonton, Regina, Simcoe and Oakville. He retired from the Insurance Bureau of Canada in 1986 in Toronto, Ontario and then relocated to Salt Spring Island, B.C. Over the years he faithfully served the Lord through his leadership abilities in the local church. Bob loved his God and he loved the church. He enjoyed his retirement years involved in amateur radio, reading, computers, travel and loved entertaining friends and family in their home. Bob will be remembered for his love of people, his storytelling, his sharp mind for dates and places and his hearty laugh. The sparkle in his eye and his strong presence when he was with us will be sorely missed. His greatest desire was for his children to live for the Lord. He died peacefully with gratitude to God knowing that all of his children embraced his faith in Jesus, continuing the legacy that was passed on to him by his parents. Arrangements in care of Everden Rust Funeral Services, (250)860-6440.

7 IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY of Howard Baltzer 15 March 1977, my brother and friend - Never more than a thought away, Quietly remembered every day, As ever and always, Mary.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy 9th Birthday
Leticia
Lots of Love
XOXO
Mommy, Daddy,
Kathryn, Cuddles,
Uncle Don, Aunty
Gail, Baby, Nana,
Granny, Grandma
Lil, Grandpa Jim,
Ethel, Gerry, Harry,
Peter, Arnold, Ann,
John, and Friends

Conhor Horsman Vane-Hunt

1921



2007







On March 2nd, 2007, Conhor passed away peacefully at home, as was his wish. He was laid to rest at Central Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, attended by family and friends, including members of the Bridge Club - a form of absolution, perhaps, for his winning the last three weeks in a row. Bridge was Conhor's recurring, lifelong passion.

Conhor attended King's College, Cambridge on a choral scholarship. His studies were interrupted by World War II, during which he served with the R.A.S.C. in India and Burma, leaving with the rank of Lieutenant.

Following the war he returned to Cambridge and completed his Masters of Arts degree (English). Bringing his young family to Canada in 1957, he worked as a high school teacher in the Fraser Valley until early retirement to Salt Spring in 1980.

Not only was he a chorister with the King's College, Cambridge

(singing at Westminster Abbey for the Queen's Coronation), but Conhor also used his superb voice to work for both CBC Radio and CBC TV.

Conhor is survived by his wife of 60 years, Isabel; his five children, Michael (Amornrat), Rosamonde (Patrick), Mary (Richard), Caroline (Andy), and Martin; six surviving grandchildren, Tarka, Jordy, Selchie, Cyrano, David and William (pre-deceased by Ilan); and two great-grandchildren, Amber and Devon.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paula Ryan, Anna and Jody for their attentive care to the end. Michael and Isabel would like to thank all those who have offered assistance during three stressful days, but special thanks are due to Michelle Sheehan, Ian Clement and especially Michael's wife, Amornrat. Grateful thanks are also due to Ian Thomas for good words, and even better wood.

TGIF DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 4PM

537-9933

10 CELEBRATIONS

Lord luv a duck,

Our sweet

Momma's

now...

a Canuck!



20 COMING EVENTS

ART CLASSES, Drawing on the Right side of the Brain, and, Acrylic Painting. Beginning March.14, call Amarah Gabriel, 537-0051.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
5 THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 – 9:00, March 15 – April 5, \$ 50 – 75 sliding scale and Introduction to the History and application of Theravadan (Vipassana) Buddhism. 3 Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:00, April 12 - 16, \$ 30 – 45 sliding scale. Taught by Heather Martin at: Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, Blackburn Road. To register: 653 - 9729, hmartin@saltspringwireless.com .

OVER "STUFFED"? Flea Market, Sat. March 24 at Royal Canadian Legion. Tables \$15, no vendors. For reservations call Kathleen, 537-2892.

PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP SERIES WITH BRANDON BAUER
A COMPREHENSIVE workshop series on Permaculture concerning sustainable & ecological design, theory and practical applications. Dates & Time: 9 consecutive Tuesdays, starting March 20 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Location: Qi Gong Institute 2172 Fulford-Ganges Road. Registration and Rideshare: Series of 9 classes \$250 \$30 per class (plse pre-register). Contact Brandon or Patti at 537-0866 or theblueraven@shaw.ca

TAX EXEMPTION Program event for sensitive Ecosystem property owners. Friday, March.9th, Lions Hall, 2 - 4. Talk by Kate Emmings, retired lawyer Ashley Hilliard, and island property owner Ilse Leader.

LIVE RAW Foods Boot Camp on SSI. Mar. 27 - 31 inclusive. Leave this Boot Camp with the knowledge and ability to make your Live Raw Food Lifestyle work for you. Call 250-537-0634.

5 SIMPLE STEPS to preparing Live Raw Foods. Tues., Mar. 20, 6 pm - 10 pm. \$45 ea. United Church Upper Hall. Call to reserve. 537-0634.

ORGANIC LIVE Raw Dinner & Movie. 5 course meal, Mon., Mar. 19, 6 pm. Hosted by Raven St. Market Cafe, \$25 a plate. The Movie "The Cast Away". Reservations a must. Call 537-0634.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT forum at UVic April 20 & 21, 2007. Barbara Winter, author of Making a Living Without a Job. Download brochure at: www.FitForRetirement.ca

THE CUSHEON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN
Presentations by Dr. John Sprague & Deb Epps. 1 - 3 pm Thursday, March 22. Doors open 12:30. Green Room, Harbour House Hotel. Free event.

SPIRITWOOD PRESENTS - Beyond The Secret - A guide to creating your Heart's desire. With Gail Glode and Deb Brocksenshire. Central Hall, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sunday , March.11 and Sunday, March 25. Admission by donation.

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HYPNOTHERAPY SESSIONS now available. Free consultation. Stress, smoking, weight counselling, etc. 538-7132.

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Nurturing heart-connections with our children, with CNVC certified trainer Ingrid Bauer. Saturday, March 10, 10 - 4, Salt Spring Center School, 355 Blackburn. \$65 or \$110/ couple. Pre-register 653-9122.

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION
An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication for individuals, couples or the workplace, with CNVC certified trainer Ingrid Bauer, Sunday, March 11, 10 - 4, Green Raven Studio, 298 Blackburn. \$65 or \$110/ couple. Pre-register 653-9122.

AWARD-WINNING Canadian playwright George F. Walker's 'Criminals in Love' . Mahon Hall, March. 29, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m. April.1 at 2 p.m. \$12/ \$10. Reservations, 537-5453. Mature content.

20 COMING EVENTS

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Creative Arts Program

Silent Art Auction

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Hosted by Harry Warner & musical guests

Oona McOuat and Friends

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7.5 PET IN MEMORIUM

Remembering Fritz



MISS YOU FRITZ. But your memory will live on. Grahame & Florence.

I BID farewell to my pal, Fritz; hoping light, warmth, wonder welcomes him as he passes regally and majestically onto the other side....Jan Mangan

A SPECIAL LITTLE guy and a friend to us all. He has left an empty place on the steps and in our hearts. We miss him dearly. The Wahl family.

DAY IN and day out you always had enough love to share. We will miss you Fritz. The Galloway family.

"A HOME without a cat, a well-petted and properly revered cat, may be a perfect home, perhaps, but how can it prove title?" - Mark Twain

FRITZ WAS Central's "Creature Comfort". He will be missed dearly. J.L. McCarthy.

"IF A man could be crossed with a cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat." - Mark Twain.

"CATS ARE intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function." - Unknown author. From Willoughby, Moth, and Bebers in honour of Fritz.

"NOW A cat is an animal that is utterly pleased to be himself." A quote possibly from Doris Lessing. Thanks for yourself, Fritz, David Borrowman.

FRITZ WAS not just the Cinema Cat; he was the Cemetery Cat as well. Frequently he would be there to meet me, even walk with me a way, on my early-morning visits to the family gravesites. I shall miss him....Mary T.

YOU MADE us smile. Fred and Ma.

CHRISTMAS 2001: Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone was playing at the Cinema. At precisely the moment The Cat in the movie walked down the classroom aisle, morphing into Professor McGonagall, Fritz walked up the theatre aisle towards the screen as if to greet the Professor. Fritz was right on cue! Lois and Janine Peterson.

FRITZ ALWAYS put a smile on my face as I passed by the Cinema at Central each day on my way to and from work. What a symbol of community spirit he was! There was nothing better than to watch a movie at the theatre with a bag of fresh popcorn and Fritz on your lap. He was the perfect gentleman, always welcoming guests as they arrived. Seeing him basking in the late afternoon sun on top of the Telus booth always restored my sense of appreciation and contentment to be here on Salt Spring, a place where we all can feel at home. He was the island's family cat. Now he looks out from a photograph on my fridge and reminds me to smile between tears. Diana Hayes.

THANKS FOR participating in dog class. There was never a dull moment with you around! Sheri Standen and Canine pals.

FRITZ, IN this world you've always had to look up. Now from Kitty heaven you can look down - on "The Fritz" and those who will miss you. - BMC

OFF TO a better place. We'll miss you Fritz. Tracy, Cheri.

BOGGED DOWN in a writer's slump, Fritz upon my lap did jump. Staring at me whilst I sat, I then resumed "Fritz the Cinema Cat" - Louise Nye.

NO MOVIE is the same without you. Love the Taylors.

WHENEVER I WENT to the movie house I would always sit in the back with Fritz. He was always there for me. From Georgia Tatnall.

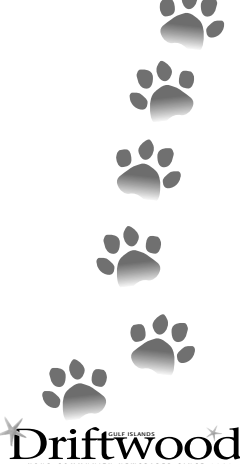
TO INSPIRE such love and compassion from an entire Island - what a gift Fritz was to us all. There is no doubt you will have a beautiful rebirth sweet Fritz. Namaste from catmom

SEVEN YEARS at Central and look at all the friends you made! Your name and story will live on... I promise! MSL. Michael Levy - Owner/ Operator

COMING TO work will never be the same for any of us; Fritz' presence is missed every day. The Fritz Movie Theatre Staff.

WE LOVE you, Fritz. Love, Bianca at Rainbow Road Trading.

SLEEP WELL FRITZ, your name's in the stars! Becki and Jimmy.



Proceeds from this ad will be donated to the SPCA.

32 MEETINGS



Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society

Annual General Meeting

March 26, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave.

Elections of Officers

All members urged to attend

MEETING

Board of Directors of Central Community Hall

Tues., March 13, 4:00 p.m.

Public Welcome

34 NOTICES

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

GOD BLESS THE RINSERS

Did you know the bottle depot will sort your empties, we keep 1/2, the other 1/2 goes to your favorite charity.

INTERESTED in singles club on Salt Spring? Rotation of meeting place, dances, marathon, movie nights. Organizing board of members for brainstorming, call if interested 604-802-6584.

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

55 HELP WANTED

SECRETARY/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SALT SPRING Fire Rescue is seeking a full time secretary/administrative assistant. Reporting directly to the fire chief, responsibilities will include reception duties, filing, data entry, etc. The desired candidate must be a quick study, self motivated, able to work efficiently unsupervised and have competent skills in the following areas: knowledge of Salt Spring Island strong verbal and written communication skills ability to type 50 correct words per minute minimum Advanced computer skills including proficiency in MS word, excel, power point, outlook, and internet explorer Accounts Payable processing Resumes containing relevant work experience and at least three references must be received no later than Friday March 16th, and should be mailed or delivered to: #1 Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T1. Tentative start date for this position will be April 9th. Thank you for your interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: CELL phone on corner of Vesuvius Bay & Bayview Rd. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

LOST THURSDAY evening (Feb.27th) between Trincomali Heights and Ganges. A black blanket throw with red stripes. Sentimental value. Roy, 537-2134.

FOUND CAT: short haired, ginger, tabby with white markings; unneutered male, young, friendly, but timid; found on Rainbow Road; Call the BCSPCA at 537-2123.

32 MEETINGS



School District # 64 (Gulf Islands)

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at Saturna Elementary School Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Welcome!

To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html

CLASSIFIED HOTLINE

537-9933

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

55 HELP WANTED

PLAY AND WORK in one of the most inspiring mountain communities in the world! The Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre in Jasper, Alberta is looking for room attendants, laundry attendants, bellman, etc. (Subsidized staff housing and meals, excellent summer bonus and lots of activities), for our summer season from April/May to October. Apply with resume and cover letter: jasperjobs@sawridge.com; www.sawridgejasper.com.

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This Week's Horoscope
by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You whole world is expanding in more ways than one. You power potential is growing. With Mars in Aquarius you can expect to feel at least a little more rebellious over the next 5 weeks or so. During this time period you will push yourself and others to wake-up! In one way or another you will feel restless, provocative, inventive and even revolutionary. While you may not entirely discover every facet of your own being you may at least get clearer about your direction and what you do not want. This will help you clear the way for what feels truer to your current vision and philosophy or life.

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)

Establishing authentic connections continues. This includes true friendship with yourself and others. It really does begin with self because the pressure of our inner needs and destiny etcetera will not yield until it is acknowledged obeyed. This is what 'surrendering to Self' means. Others who see you as selfish in this process are probably behaving selfishly themselves. It is time to exercise will and imagination. If you cannot easily find your niche then you may have to carve it out somehow.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Advancing your position in the world continues. This is a call to assert your self backed by a clear list and/or picture of what you want and need. Your willingness to work cooperatively with others is ideal and will be met openly as long as you are cooperative and not controlling. You are meant to assume more responsibility in your public and/or professional arenas. Perhaps this means making important decisions about your future. With Jupiter in your solar relationship house these days you are wise to try your luck, place some bets, take risks.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

There are indications in the stars that you are awakening to new realities? These may be as simple as a wake-up call to certain basic realities or you may be gaining higher spiritual realizations. Whatever the case, new perceptions are yours to enjoy, appreciate and perhaps respect too! You are being reminded of the size and dimension of things and hopefully the grandeur of life. On the other hand, you are also being reminded of extremes and the importance of tempering your thoughts and actions to meet your current reality. This is a good time to acquire new skills and perhaps home appliances, but wait until Mercury turns direct on March 7th.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Despite the winter weather, the heat is on from the standpoint of planets in fire signs namely Saturn in Leo, Venus in Aries and both Jupiter and Pluto in Sagittarius. For you this implies getting more serious about creative expansions of one kind or another. Travel is also likely and you will be magnetized to cultural events. People and situations stand to shake you to new awareness's. It is important for you to move with the times, to remake yourself as necessary like changes in your approach and beliefs.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Change continues to unfold in your relationships. Unexpected events and people are pitching you curve balls and this will continue. Intentions may be good but circumstances are not straightforward. Your challenge includes expecting the unexpected and flowing with the unusual rhythm. These changes stand to be permanent and will have strong impacts on your feelings, values and priorities. Are you ready and willing to enter new territory? Ideally you are aiming to incorporate a spiritual focus into your relationships.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Creating a healthy rhythm and flow in your life continues. This implies

honouring the individuality and the specific needs of others with who you are in relationship. Re-defining and asserting your position in certain key situations is important. The more fluid and flexible you are the better for all concerned, this includes you. Making conscious and creative choices to improve the quality of your overall lifestyle is a deep ongoing theme these days and is especially active now. The key is to negotiate for a fair deal.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Co-creating your reality continues as your most important responsibility. This implies taking proactive measures and being aware of and overcoming tendencies to react. Unbalanced emotions like feeling victimized or angry or confused are examples of reactive response. If you want to be more proactive make your desire clear to yourself and back it up with intentions to be more centered within yourself and more assertive with your life. Making key changes close to home are part of the plot. These may include renovations or simply cleaning things up and getting organized and/or establishing a new exercise routine.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

A new burst of energy is yours to now enjoy. Hopefully you are using it to break through barriers of any kind rather than escaping from your responsibilities. Making certain changes close to home or moving altogether may be a source of inspiration. Avoid worry and fret in this regard as this will dig you deeper into being blocked or stuck. The key is to clarify what you want. This means avoiding tendencies to dwell and what you do not want – just create a clear picture and list. This is an expansive time for you and with a positive activation of your imagination you stand to clear all hurdles and embark on exciting new journeys by Spring Equinox anyway.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Your mind and imagination are extra active and alert these days. You are progressively awakening to many new ways of perceiving yourself and the world and in it too. This stands to be very liberating for you. As your mind transcends and your imagination stirs you are able to clearly see the wounds that inflict humanity as a whole. As you have a warrior spirit it is your nature to want to do something about it and that is most likely what you are doing. Trusting the flow and process you can enjoy your part and contribution with full faith that all your Capricorn siblings especially are feeling the same way and taking definite action.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

We are being challenged and called to see the world from a higher plane. The world requires radical new visions and visionaries to have and implement them. Your commitment to change is growing strong with each day. This includes understanding that many of the beliefs that guide people everyday are reflective of an old era yet they are not awake yet to the dawn of the new day that your sign represents. For example, in the Aquarian new world banks will be collectively owned by every person in society and private ownership of banks, which equals slavery and the illusion of freedom, will die out.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

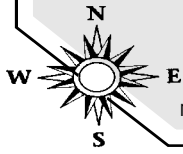
Taking key initiatives that are important for your future continue to keep you busy. If you are procrastinating, consider that the most important action is to face your fears directly. What are your fears? Yes, you do have some. The key to knowing these enemies of practical actions are to be able to easily overcome them, starting with awareness. This is your year to expand your position in the world on the basis of calculated and sober risks combined with a few rolls of the dice at least.

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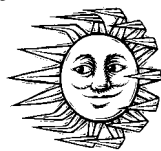
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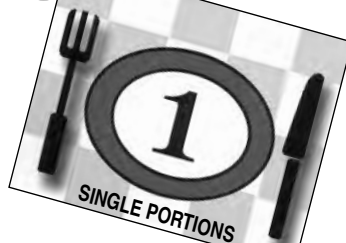
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