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Local coast guard members arrive on the scene as fire rips through a boat in Ganges harbour last Wednesday.

HARBOUR FIRE

Bayliner gutted by electrical fire

No one hurt in Ganges Harbour boat blaze,
but vessel completely destroyed

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The regularly peaceful Ganges Harbour seascape was anything but serene last Wednesday as a fire ripped through a 32-foot Bayliner moored at a downtown dock.

At 5:11 p.m., Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue department received a call stating a boat was on fire in the harbour, said firefighter Travis Guedes Thursday morning.

When crews arrived, they discovered the boat engulfed in flames. Large plumes of smoke, mostly from the fibreglass, were rising from the vessel.

Although initial reports stated there was no one on board at the time of the fire, Mary Lynn Hetherington said there were three people and a dog on board at the time the fire broke out.

"The [man] was outside on the boat and noticed the smoke," Hetherington reported via e-mail. "The [woman] and girl were down in the cabin when the fire alarm went off and they got to the top. They managed to get on the dock."

There were no injuries reported, confirmed Guedes.

But despite emergency crew efforts, he described the boat as a "total write-off."

Halfway through the rescue, the boat began to

list, he added, noting this limited the amount of water crews could use to fight the blaze.

Fearing the boat would sink and cause environmental damage, the boat was brought to shore.

It was vital to get the boat out of the water before it sank to keep the approximately 200 gallons of diesel fuel from entering the harbour, Guedes said.

"The big hazard is the environmental hazard."

After fire crews had gained initial control of the fire, the boat was towed to the launch near Moby's Pub. However, by the time the boat was dragged to Moby's, the fire had regained strength.

Crews were able to successfully fight the fire for a second time, and the scene returned to normal by about 9:15 p.m., he said.

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OCP REVIEW

Fulford stands up for village

Trustee vows to stop proposed traffic pattern change

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Passionate pleas from the Friends of Fulford during a standing-room-only public meeting last week led Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring to promise he will introduce a resolution blocking a controversial proposal to change traffic patterns in the Fulford village.

"This event has been a really good experience," Ehring told the crowd of roughly 125 people assembled at Fulford Hall. "I will forward a motion to take the one-way Morningside recommendation off the table during the next local trust committee meeting [on September 6]. You have my commitment on that."

Morningside Road and Sunnyside Drive residents took the forefront of the evening's discussion, arguing the move to turn their quiet village's side roads into major thoroughfares would only serve to endanger the very community the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the town's residents are trying to protect.

The recommendation to create a traffic-loop through the village follows a desire by the Fulford Village OCP Focus Group to alleviate traffic congestion along Fulford-Ganges Road.

A majority of participants at the August 8 event agreed the village would benefit from a **FULFORD VILLAGE** continued on 2

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Most of the diesel fuel contained

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Coast guard crews were able to contain much of the fuel with a boom, Guedes added.

As per Environment Canada regulations, clean-up crews from Victoria were called to further deal with the situation, reported coast guard seaman Paul Reynolds. The local Harbour Authority also dealt with some of the clean up.

Luckily, most of the 200 gallons of fuel burned off with the heat, but some did contaminate the harbour, he said.

“Oil goes a long way. It doesn’t have to be a lot,” Reynolds said.

The fire was electrical and deemed to be accidental, said Salt Spring fire chief Dave Enfield, while Reynolds speculated it might have started from the anchor winch.

The vessel was Canadian, and the owners were reportedly from Port Moody and Calgary, Alberta.

One owner’s actions



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Boaters docked at the marina were evacuated from their vessels during last Wednesday’s

likely stopped the fire from spreading to other boats, Guedes said.

“[The owner] deserves a lot of credit because he untied his boat and moved it to the end of the dock where there were no other boats and he . . . gave it a lot of line,” Guedes said.

The boat was about 30 feet off the dock when fire crews arrived, he said.

This scenerio is one of those addressed in the Harbour Management Plan currently under draft, said Harbour Authority manager Bart Terwiel.

The plan is expected to be completed by October.

The biggest challenge for firefighters was the length of hose — 1,000 feet — and the three or four tight corners necessary to bring the

hose from the marina to the water.

The fire department’s response in both time and numbers was good, Guedes said.

Three fire trucks were called to the scene, along with B.C. Ambulance, RCMP and Coast Guard crews.

“Everybody worked well together,” Guedes said.

Residents want B.C. Ferries to “put it right”

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locked gate on Sunnyside for use solely by emergency personnel.

Trustee Ehring balked when asked to consider a motion preventing the expansion of the village boundary to include agricultural lands north of the community.

“I think you may want to think about what the village will look like 20 and 30 years from now,” Ehring said.

“The Fulford community is a gem,” said Arlene Sadler, a 21-year village resident. “It has grown organically and people everywhere are trying to create communities like it. Why would we want to destroy it?”

Instead of sacrificing the quaint village feel people have worked hard to create, residents placed the onus for a solution on the province’s Ministry of Transportation and B.C. Ferries.

“I’ve lived here for 30 years and I think it’s time the people who are responsible for the problem put it

right,” said Nell Bushby.

“I have no idea how [B.C. Ferries] will put it right but it’s their responsibility not ours.”

In lieu of immediate action from the provincial government or B.C. Ferries, south-end resident John Rowlandson recommended a concerted effort be made by the island’s new Transportation Commission to create a public transit schedule to allow Vancouver Island-bound commuters the opportunity to park their cars next to Fulford Hall during the day.

“That would eliminate anywhere from 12 to 30 cars that are parked in Fulford every day,” Rowlandson said.

Cathy McNamara, the chief planner behind the OCP review process, voiced astonishment at the evening’s turnout and encouraged all participants to continue their involvement when the next round of public discussions on the seven OCP focus groups’ recommendations occur in September.

“The interesting thing about this

process is to keep the nature of the community intact and balance that with the fact that communities are living things that change as people are born or move away,” she said.

“This evening’s turnout reflects how committed you are to your community and, hopefully, that will continue.”

CATHY MCNAMARA
OCP review planner

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More information on Focus Groups recommendations and updated OCP review timeline information is available at www.islandtrust.bc.ca

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SALT SPRING UNITED

Islanders united in wake of ‘homophobic’ incident

“Freedom to Love” pride weekend begins on September 6.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Since it was formed just under two weeks ago, a campaign to stand tall in the face of homophobic attitudes on the island has gained the support of more than 150 individuals, businesses and organizations.

Members formed Salt Spring United in response to an incident earlier this summer involving anti-pornographic posters spotted throughout the downtown core.

Island residents Dick and Carol Grier could barely believe their eyes when they saw the posters. In their opinions, the material clearly targeted the island’s gay and lesbian population.

“We were appalled,” said Dick Grier. “That kind of behaviour casts a shadow on the entire island.”

Instead of letting it slide, the Grier’s, also known for their involvement in the island’s annual film festival, set to work on mobilizing public support for the island’s gay and lesbian community.

Thanks to a wide range of support from people on the island who helped design and print bumper stickers, set up a web site and create e-mail lists, Salt Spring’s newest group was born.

So far the response has been phenomenal, said Carol Grier.

Some of their 1,200 stickers featuring colourful silhouettes of couples holding hands began popping up on car bumpers and in business windows last week. Requests from people wanting to add their names to the united front of people, businesses and organizations on www.saltspring-united.com is beyond anything the couple ever imagined.

“This is just not our island,” said Carol Grier. “We feel like our island is all about justice, equality and respect. We wanted all that to be out there instead of the hatefulness promulgated by those posters.”

Grier’s inspiration for the campaign came from a Montana community’s reaction to a series of anti-Semitic events during the 1993 holiday season.

When the town’s residents heard a rock had been thrown through the window displaying a Hanukkah Menorah, she said, they mobilized and, within a few weeks, nearly every window in town had a menorah in the window.

The message, Grier said, is that intolerance is something the entire community is ready to face head on instead of leaving the battle to isolated individuals and marginalized groups.

A report released last week by a Canadian branch of the Simon Wiesenthal Center reported a dramatic increase in the number of internet hate sites originating in British Columbia.

The report links society’s preoccupation with the war on terror with a rise in movements to exclude members of sexual or racial minorities.

Despite the centre’s findings, the Salt Spring RCMP’s Sergeant Danny Willis said that, while individual incidents occur “from time to time” on Salt Spring, he has yet to notice



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Dick and Carol Grier urge island residents, business owners and organizations to stand up and form a united front against homophobic behaviour.

“Many people don’t think it happens in a small idyllic place like this but it does.”

DAVE RUMSEY,
Glossi

a rise in the number of hate-related crimes here.

“I think, generally, there is a broader acceptance of different lifestyles here on the island and in the province generally,” he said.

Willis said the recent poster incident alleged to have targeted homosexual behaviour contained more of an anti-pornography message, making it difficult to prosecute as a hate crime.

When cases are brought to the police’s attention, Willis said, the ideal route is to pursue measures through restorative justice, intended to educate rather than punish.

For Dave Rumsey, president of Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island (GLOSSI), homophobia must be fought on a one-on-one basis through education and understanding. Hiding behind a conception of what we believe our island is,

while ignoring the reality, does little to promote any understanding, he said.

“There have now been a couple of incidents like this,” Rumsey said, adding that he too has encountered homophobic behaviour. “Many people don’t think it happens in a small idyllic place like this, but it does. When it happens, it forces us to look outside of our little bubbles.”

“As I’ve often said, nature loves diversity and society hates it,” he added.

In an effort to open a dialogue between islanders of different sexual orientations, Rumsey is taking part in organizing the “Freedom to Love” pride weekend beginning on September 6.

The four-day conference will features panel discussions, live music, a picnic in Ruckle Park and a chance to bridge the sexuality gap.

“We want to reach out to the broader community,” Rumsey said. “The more people become aware and realize that gays and lesbians are just like them, the more they can understand. I think people will be surprised at how much they’ll learn.”

“As people understand, ignorance disappears,” he added.

For more information about Salt Spring United, contact Carol Grier. For up-to-date Pride Week information, visit www.saltspring.com/glossi.

News briefs

Free e-waste recycling

Salt Springers don’t have to travel off island to recycle their aging computers and peripherals free of charge thanks to a program carried out by the Cowichan Valley Bottle Depot in conjunction with the Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot.

“It’s great because the

stuff is no longer going to developing countries with questionable environmental regulations,” said Louis Spronken, owner of the Salt Spring Island and Cowichan Valley Encorp Pacific Bottle Depots.

“We’ll start picking up material twice a year, anything more will depend on the response.”

The first drop-off date is set for September 21 at

Laurie’s Recycling and Waste Services beside the Ganges Village Market.

E-waste collected includes, keyboards, mice, laptops, monitors, printers, fax machines, televisions and computers.

Residents unable to make it can drop off their recyclable e-waste at Salt Spring’s Rainbow Road recycling facility free of charge.

The Salt Spring depot

stopped charging fees to recycle computer parts on August 1 after a new province-wide e-waste recycling program came into effect.

Spronken said his company will continue to gather materials from the recycling facility on a weekly basis.

It is hoped the semi-annual round-ups will ease the burden on the island’s recycling station, Spronken added.

Ferry construction

Islanders should take note the Queen of Nanaimo will be taken off the Tsawwassen to southern Gulf Islands route from September 4 to 6 for engineering work.

Customers traveling to Pender and Salt Spring islands from Tsawwassen

will travel using a throughfare via Swartz Bay on those three days.

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Salt Spring Island Provincial Protected Areas Planning Project



The Ministry of Environment (BC Parks) hosted an Open House and Public Meeting on July 5th on Salt Spring Island. These meetings discussed the development of management planning documents for Burgoyne Bay, Mount Erskine and Mount Maxwell Provincial Parks and Mount Maxwell and Mount Tuam Ecological Reserves as well as amendments to the Ruckle Provincial Park Management Plan (1987) to include the addition of land at Cusheon Cove to the park.

We are seeking further input from interested public through a questionnaire accessible on the BC Parks web site at:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/active_mgmt_process.html

Please share your thoughts and ideas on the future of these BC Parks protected areas. All written and online comments for this questionnaire must be received by August 31, 2007.



BCParks

NEWSBEAT

ROBERTSON II

Boat salvagers face a “do or die” battle

Weekend-long rescue operation continues

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Robertson II is within one final push. After more than six weeks spent hung up on a reef near Saturna Island, the Robertson II could soon be on its way into Ganges Harbour.

“We are locked in a do or die battle at this point,” said Drew Clarke, contacted on his cell phone near Saturna Island on Tuesday afternoon. “This is an extremely critical point in the operation.”

Clarke said he and his crew of eight marine salvage experts were on the brink of exhaustion when contacted Tuesday afternoon. The team began the nearly non-stop effort to recover the stranded vessel on Saturday morning.

Despite the already monumental effort made to lift the 96-tonne ship from the reef, Clarke added, he and his crew remain steadfast in their efforts to see the job to its end.

“If all goes well, we could have the Robbie II coming into Ganges Harbour by [Wednesday] afternoon,” said Clarke, a Salt Spring Island tow truck driver who took possession of the boat earlier this month.

“At this point, we’ve managed to free the keel from the reef and are making a very big effort to try to patch up the hull and raise the ship.”

“We are busy going over our strategy,” he added.

Clarke’s efforts to raise the 40-metre (130-foot) Grand Banks heritage schooner has attracted national media coverage over the past week, including several radio and television interviews.

Interest is particularly strong in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, the ship’s birthplace, where maritime enthusiasts eagerly await news of the ship’s fate.

In a letter sent to British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell, Clarke calls on the provincial and federal governments to help fund portions of the estimated \$1.5-million restoration costs.

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DREW CLARKE

Owner of the Robertson II

“I feel we have a golden opportunity here, a wonderful chance for us as a proud nation to do this for our good friends in Nova Scotia,” the letter reads.

“On a national unity level, this has the power to bond us as a nation as never before.”

Once the ship is completely refitted to its former glory, Clarke said, he hopes the pride of Nova Scotia will sail to her birthplace via the North West Passage.

“This boat wasn’t meant to go through Panama,” he said. “It’s going to make history as a true statement of Canada’s arctic sovereignty.”

The Robertson II ran aground early on the morning of July 1. Clarke acquired the ship free of charge after former-owner Roy Boudreau gave up on his efforts to raise the vessel.

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The list reads like a veritable who’s who of islands from around the globe.

With long-time top-ten stalwarts like Bali, Maui, Kauai, the Galapagos and Santorini filling up the list’s

top-five positions, readers cited Vancouver Island’s civilized comforts and close access to wilderness adventure as factors contributing to the island’s strong showing.

Peter Allan, president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, said that while neither Salt Spring nor the Gulf Islands made the list, the rankings indicate the region is clearly on the world traveling elite’s radar.

“This is a reminder as to how extraordinary this part of the world is in the eyes those who travel,” he said.

“We are not Vancouver Island but we are close. If we were clever, we would work

on developing the branding of Salt Spring to let the world know how natural a place this is.”

Allan said the Chamber of Commerce is developing a program to promote sustainable tourism and planning campaigns to encourage tourism during the spring and fall shoulder seasons.

Readers ranked Vancouver Island the best island in North America, two positions up from the 2006 survey.

Nova Scotia’s Cape Breton Island, Mount Desert Island, Maine, the San Juan Islands and Cumberland Island, Georgia rounded out the continent’s top five.

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NEWSBEAT

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Ongoing work takes sting out of strike

Residents more likely to realize once paving completed next week

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's road maintenance workers are in the midst of a strike, but thanks to all the subcontracted work going on, most islanders seem unaware.

"The problem that I'm having over here is that the tax-paying public is seeing the paving going down," said Gord Hollingsworth, local B.C. Government Employees' Union (BCGEU) representative.

The Ministry of Transportation's \$1.5 million paving contract currently underway was awarded to JJM Construction.

Salt Spring's local maintenance provider is Mainroad South Island Contracting.

Mainroad's unionized employees have been off the job since late May. Other BCGEU members province-wide have been off the job since April.

But local BCGEU members realize how important the paving project is.

"To be honest, we need this," Hollingsworth said.

Our roads "are shot," he said. "It's almost impossible to maintain a clay-based road . . . It's not the surface that's shot, it's the base."

Hollingsworth suspects islanders will become more aware of the lack of services once the paving finishes up in the next few weeks.

Throughout the strike, BCGEU has maintained essential road services, including filling potholes and dealing with road kill when necessary.

Locally, Mainroad also contracts out other work, such as mowing.

This might help explain why islanders have been slow to pick up on the strike or show support for the union despite a recent bar-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Striking Mainroad Contracting employees Gord Hollingsworth, Russ Murcheson and Luke Maron moved their picket across the road to touch up the cemetery fence.

becue and some advertising.

"We fix the band-aids on the roads . . . we maintain the roads," Hollingsworth said. "It's up to the ministry to do the infrastructure."

"[We're] Trying to get the info out there that the main contractor is on strike and has been for 12 weeks," he said. "I've got guys that have been out of work for 12 weeks."

Hollingsworth describes the recent Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services appointment of mediator Vince Ready as "some light at the end of the tunnel."

A meeting between the two parties was scheduled for yesterday (Tuesday), said Mainroad president David Zerr.

However, there were some initial delays getting to the table.

"We foresee this going on for a bit longer," perhaps until September, Hollingsworth said.

"It's extremely political."

Mainroad is a member of the B.C. Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association, which is the head of all provincial contractors. This affiliation is delaying negotiations, Hollingsworth said.

"[With this contract,] They are setting the precedent for what all the contractors in B.C. will do."

Although the contractors have said they will meet with the union, the former has declined to discuss pay rate or length of term, which is essentially saying they don't want to talk, Hollingsworth said.

"They've shown no interest to go back to the table."

BCGEU is pushing for fixed rate wage increases for the next contract term, Zerr explained. In the past, wages have been tied to inflation. This change has delayed negotiations.

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having over here is

that the tax-paying

public is seeing the

paving going down."

GORD HOLLINGSWORTH
BCGEU representative

"We just agreed to disagree," Zerr said.

Although the union has a small strike fund, "We lose a considerable amount of money being on strike. But for the most part, our spirits are high," Hollingsworth added.

For more information, Hollingsworth invites people to come down to the Mainroad yard at the Central intersection.



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The deadline for applications is September 11, 2007. Copies of CRD Bylaw No. 3438 (Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw, 2007) and Bylaw 3450 (Community Transit and Transportation Commission for Salt Spring Island Electoral Area) can be viewed at the Building Inspection office.

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Trevor Hutton inspects the island’s newest piece of machinery. The dissolved-air flotation (DAF) unit is one of the pieces needed to complete ongoing work to upgrade the Beddis-Fulford water treatment plant.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Texada natural gas project concerns conservationists

All Gulf Islanders could be affected, say opponents

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Conservation groups fearing increased environmental degradation of the Georgia Basin are settling in for a long fight against a proposal to construct one of the largest energy facilities the region has ever seen.

Earlier this month, the WestPac LNG Corporation announced plans to construct a \$2-billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal and natural gas-fired generation facility on Texada Island.

The project is necessary to ensure the province can access a secure supply of imported natural gas as Canadian supplies become increasingly scarce, according to an official statement from the company’s president Mark Butler.

“Natural gas is a key component for meeting today’s growing power and energy demand,” he said. “Together with this generation plant, LNG will play an important role as part of the solution to BC’s current and forecast power deficit.”

Because Texada Island can offer a deep-water port as well as access to the Vancouver Island gas pipeline and B.C. Hydro power grid, the company deems the site an ideal location to provide a secure source of energy with minimal environmental impact.

While the transportation of LNG sports a spotless safety record, Eric Swanson, a spokesperson for the Victoria-based Dog-

wood Initiative, said his organization intends to launch a full-fledged campaign to inform the public on potential dangers.

Swanson said people living in the Gulf Islands can expect to see LNG tankers pass through the Strait of Georgia every seven to 10 days if the plan is approved.

“That perfect safety record is great until there is an accident,” he said.

Aside from the potential dangers of increased traffic in the strait, Swanson said, there is also a potential impact on recreation and fisheries posed by a legislated no-go radius of roughly 1.5 kilometres surrounding every LNG tanker.

Swanson said staff at the Dogwood Initiative will arrange a series of public events beginning on Lasqueti Island later this fall. Any discussion, he added, would inevitably include an opportunity for Salt Spring Islanders to become informed on the issue and have their say.

Before the project may proceed, West Pac LNG requires approval from the federal and provincial environmental assessment offices, a process in which Swanson is not overly confident.

“In all their history, they’ve never once denied an application,” he said.

Construction of the facility, Butler added, will result in the creation of up to 75 full-time jobs and enable the possible decommissioning of the Burrard Thermal Power Station.

News of the closure comes despite more than \$145 million in upgrades spent since 1993 to reduce emissions from the B.C. Hydro’s Port Moody facility.

WATER

Funding secured for St. Mary Lake aerator

Aerator will help reduce chances of blue green algae

North Salt Spring Water District ratepayers will not incur any significant water bill increases as the utility gets set to install an aeration system in St. Mary Lake.

“I don’t foresee any rate increases,” said NSSWD director Trevor Hutton, during a recent interview concerning the status of the aerator.

“This will help ensure the quality of the supply, though not necessarily the quantity, for years to come.”

Funding for the \$440,000 project comes largely from the water district’s general funds in addition to grants of \$85,000 and \$25,000 from the Habitat Conservation Fund and Capital Regional District’s tax fund.

Installing the aerator, Hutton said, is necessary to provide oxygen to the lake and increase circulation through its lower levels, in an attempt to reduce the chance of cyanobacteria outbreaks.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue green alga, is a potentially toxic condition resulting from elevated levels of phosphorus.

Though phosphorus also enters the lake from cleared land and aging septic tanks in the St. Mary Lake watershed, Hutton said, the highest levels are released from sediment accumulated on the lake bottom.

“Studies [conducted by the Vancouver Island Health Authority] show this is the best way to reduce the amount of phosphorus in the lake,” Hutton said.

The aerator is scheduled for delivery and installation in spring 2008.

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EDITORIAL

Gumboot politics

Islands Trust meetings are notorious for their lack of photo ops, but trustee George Ehring’s and planner Cathy McNamara’s expressions upon seeing the crowd of roughly 125 southenders in Fulford Hall last week was nearly priceless.

And for good reason. There’s likely never been a meeting quite like it in the history of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Granted, the last time OCP fever swept across the island a decade or so ago, some frustrated participants went as far as to physically launch the proposed document at the stage.

But while participants at last week’s meeting kept the discourse well grounded for the three-hour event, those gathered at Fulford Hall on a sunny Wednesday evening made a statement far louder than the thud of all 200 proposed OCP recommendations hitting the floor.

THE ISSUE:
Community politics

WE SAY:
Speak up or watch it disappear

Excluding the nearly 100 dedicated volunteers who laboured to develop recommendations forwarded by the seven focus groups, most OCP sessions have counted more empty seats than interested observers.

Not so when the musicians called Southey Girl Ensemble ushered in last week’s public meeting, organized by the

Friends of Fulford.

Whether it be the whittling away of agricultural land, multi-million dollar development proposals, sewage systems, densification or something as seemingly benign as a proposal to create a one way street, Fulford’s residents have shown what it means to stand up for their community.

Why should residents from other areas of the island not react in the same manner? Let last week’s meeting set the bar for all island residents to provide input for an OCP they believe in.

Fulford has changed over the past 10, 20 and 30 years and will likely change a much more over the decades to come. Whatever those changes may be, will, in some part, be dictated by people’s contributions at further public meetings in September.

In the words of one participant, Fulford is the kind of community people from elsewhere actively seek out and try to emulate, but community activism is not a commodity one can purchase.

Getting a message across means hitting the streets and speaking up for what you believe in, even if that means sitting in a stuffy hall on one of the year’s finest evenings.

It may take more than a pair of crusty old gumboots to preserve a village, but that’s definitely a great way to start.



Giving the ‘yes’ side a voice

BY BLAIR HOWARD

I read with interest George Ehring’s piece “Review aims to improve governance” in last week’s Driftwood (August 8, 2007).

George, please stop hyper-ventilating. Islanders for Self Government is not a political movement that will run a candidate against you or any one else.

It is a group of concerned islanders, a coalition of the sensible, who have decided to put the “yes” side of the incorporation debate in front of the citizenry in a balanced and truthful way.

There was an absence of a “yes” side during the last debate because those involved in the incorporation study were asked by the government of the day to remain silent.

Members of the study committee respected their promise of neutrality.

The Trust of the day promised to remain aloof from the debate and be neutral, and did so, until they sensed support slipping away, whereupon they broke their promise to the public.

Peter Lake was astute enough to sense this betrayal, resigned from the committee, and was a solitary voice for the positive support of incorporation.

Too little, too late. That will not be the case next time.

Islanders need not heed any lectures from you on the economics of a proposed municipality.

VIEWPOINT

During a debate at the Harbour House leading to the last election Kimberley Lineger predicted at least a nine per cent increase in the Trust budget.

You and Peter scolded her saying it was impossible for her to put that number forward, but that your numbers were closer to five to six per cent.

Tell us, what is the number you and Peter approved?

The public can tell you as they have been feeling it.

It is more than Kimberley’s nine per cent. You will remember the unbalanced lobby of the “no side” leading up to the last incorporation vote.

Remember the trumpeting: “Vote for incorporation and your taxes will go up.”

Too many good folk bought in and voted against incorporation for that reason alone. Guess what? Taxes under the Trust have gone way up since that day! Islanders were misled.

In 2002, the year of the study, islanders contributed \$1,070,501 towards the Trust.

This year islanders contribute about \$2,060,800.00 (40 per cent of \$5,152,000). With your knowledge of husbandry — you do keep ducks and chickens — I’m surprised you mounted the “tax” pony because that horse won’t run.

Let’s recall that old saying, fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me. Islanders for Self Government will see to it that no more manure is dumped on the public.

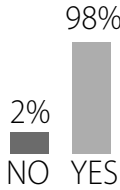
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Has bad weather affected your summer plans? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LAST WEEK’S QUESTION:

Should Dr. Patterson have written his graphic article?



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“This boat wasn’t meant to go through Panama. It’s going to make history as a true statement of Canada’s arctic sovereignty.”

DREW CLARKE, OWNER OF THE ROBERTSON II

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you beat the summer crowds?:



LYLE EISEL

I travel during the middle of the week and try to maintain a care-free attitude.



TOR KLEBE

I only go into Ganges when it's least likely to be busy, like on Monday mornings.



ELISABETH GIBSON

I stay at home when it's really busy, but don't mind the crowds. I'd be sorry if people didn't visit because Salt Spring wouldn't seem so exclusive.



ALAN NUNN

If I have to come into town on Saturdays, I walk in and take a taxi home.



JANIS WASEND

I try to stay clear, but riding a bike into town would be a great way to beat the crowds.

Letters to the editor

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

Wait for report

I envy the conviction of George Ehring, Peter Lamb and Gary Holman as they step up their rhetoric in defence of their efforts to preserve and protect (the Trust/CRD empire).

While very few of us are able to take up the all-consuming and thankless tasks of taking on a Trustee's position (and for this I sincerely thank them for their unselfish and well-meaning contributions), even fewer of us are able to muster the unswerving, unquestioning conviction that what we are doing is the ultimate answer to the governance issue.

While trying to portray the Islanders for Self Government group as a bogeyman intent on spoiling paradise, they overlook the fact that any movement toward incorporation cannot be undertaken legally without first commissioning an

independent report on the pros and cons. That is what I am interested in, just the facts . . . enough rhetoric. The decision making can come later.

Personally, I prefer to think that the decision making power that would control the fate of the island would be best placed in the hands of seven elected, part-time counsellors selected from the much larger base of population, who would be ready, willing and able to give up a much smaller portion of their time to governing the island, rather than concentrated in those few who are financially and personally able (and zealous enough) to give up the relaxed lifestyle that they came here for in the first place.

But I am prepared to wait and see what the report would say. Until we have that, how can anyone take a stance on the issue? I urge you to put this matter to

rest, take the high road and support the independent fact finding mission.

Gentlemen, I think thou doest protest too much. Can you have too much democracy?

**S. KNIGHT
RUSSELL ROAD**

Focus shifted

Having read the numerous responses to Dr. Kevin Patterson's graphic account of a soldier's death in Afghanistan, it seems the consensus of opinion is that it was a story that needed to be told, without however, publishing the soldier's identity.

Unfortunately, in doing so, it has shifted the focus of debate away from the validity of Canadian foreign policy and centered it upon the professional ethics of Dr. Patterson as well as the editorial policy of Mother Jones. It may be naive of the publisher to assume that the public would swallow such

a bitter pill without complaint.

Dr. Patterson's writings deal with people living in extremes. His personalized accounts of sea voyaging, arctic isolation and now Afghanistan, are as raw and revealing as the land and seascapes in which they occur.

Whether or not Dr. Patterson volunteered to go to Afghanistan as a doctor intent on administering care to his former brothers in arms, or as an opportunistic author seeking fodder for the cannon of his literary career is beside the point.

Undoubtedly, he has honestly, albeit graphically, described what he saw and experienced. In speaking out, he has naturally exposed himself to criticism. He will be condemned by those who support the current state of foreign affairs and lauded by those who deplore it.

Having placed himself on this lee shore, the best he can do to weather the storm of controversy is to batten down the hatches, tie in a reef, heave to, and pray that we and the gods grant him a little leeway.

**C. WILTON THOMASTON,
SALT SPRING**

The enemy

Last Tuesday evening the venerable Fulford Community Hall was jammed with people, mainly “south-enders” who were intent on the preservation of the south end environment.

It was quite wonderful to experience the energy of those who had organized the meeting (“Friends of Fulford”) and to hear the passion expressed by those who were opposed to any kind of change.

I would like to commend George Ehring for his repeatedly calm and careful explanation about the role and powers of the Islands Trust

and the purpose of an OCP. It was obvious that many of the speakers had difficulty in grasping the concepts. (Or chose not to).

Many of us would have preferred to have immigration to the island stopped immediately after we arrived. But what if it had been stopped 30 or 50 years ago — before our arrivals? What an idyllic place it would be (without paved roads, cell phone towers, ferry terminals etc. — or us.)

Ranting about B.C. Ferries and terminal congestion in Fulford has been prevalent as long as I have been here. But are we not the ones who create the congestion with our single occupant vehicles and our penchant for frivolous travel?

Or in the words of that great philosopher Pogo: “we have met the enemy and he is us!”

BRIAN FINNEMORE,

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Try temporary use option for vacation rentals

No kids, no pets, no people. The consequences of the Islands Trust 2006 decision to ban all vacation rental houses are now becoming very apparent: people are saying tourism numbers are down, Saturday market is down, restaurants and gift shops all down.

Lagging tourism numbers cannot be entirely blamed on the 60-160 houses traditionally rented out by the week to families looking for a little R&R on Salt Spring. Certainly rising ferry costs, gasoline costs and the weakened American dollar all have their effect. But essentially gutting over 30 per cent of the tourist rental market is bound to have a devastating effect on the island economy.

In a nutshell, there aren't many places for the average family to stay on Salt Spring. It's not that the local B&B's don't put up a brave front, with about 50 per cent trumpeting that they welcome kids.

It's just that most of these B&B's are at best one bedroom cottages, or two rooms in a basement. Same with many of the hotels, motels and cabins. B.C. tourism did a survey at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal in 2003. The report indicated that 36 per cent of the tourists were traveling with children, with over five people in the car — that would be mom, dad, and three bickering, overheated children. Seriously, where is a family of five like that going to stay on this island in

2007?

Any self respecting parent would never hit Salt Spring without a reservation. Four years ago, that same survey claimed 50 per cent of the tourists used the internet for their information. In 2007, that number is surely higher. In 2007, the BC tourism web site quite correctly lists the number of Salt Spring vacation rentals at zero. Zero.

Option #2 for our hapless family is to spend endless hours on the hot tarmac at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal on a Saturday, for the privilege of browsing an hour at the market, an ice cream for the kids, followed by endless hours on the hot tarmac waiting for a return ferry to Victoria. Happy Holidays.

These car loads of families head to friendlier shores — to Pender Island, to Gabriola. Anywhere but here. Cheryl Boorer and Elly Hallam run Global Havens on Gabriola Island. In 2005, they rented to 148 families, each with an average of 4.4 people. Gabriola Island took the high road, allowing short term rentals via the “temporary use permit” road.

And guess who endorsed that Gabriola bylaw? Our own Salt Spring chairperson, Kim Benson. So what makes it OK on Gab-



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

riola but anathema here on Salt Spring? Because Ms. Benson always, always marches to the same drummer as trustees Lamb and Ehring. Despite very compelling arguments and statistics in favour of STVR's, these two cannot be persuaded.

Can they feel our pain? Anything but. The Islands Trust's hand picked “Tourism Focus Group” is actually tossing around the idea of imposing a tourist tax. Truly unbelievable.

In a community that survives on tourists, in a community known worldwide as an arts destination, the Islands Trust chooses to throw up as many barriers as possible, to actually decrease the number of tourists hitting our shores, jeopardizing the livelihood of the very artists that produce the tourist economy in the first place.

With all due respect, cut us some slack. By all accounts, the tourist season on Salt Spring is about seventy-five days. Let's be generous, and round it off to three months. Instead of budgeting an extra \$64,000 for bylaw enforcement to actively track down and prosecute vacation rental scofflaws, why not try the “temporary use permits” on a maximum 150 of these houses for the tourist season, for just three months.

The operative word here is “temporary.” In 2008, where would be the harm in allowing a limited number of vacation rentals?

If it turns into gangs of marauding seven year olds terrorizing islanders with ipods and skateboards, it can easily be rescinded in 2009. On the “plus” side of the ledger, the TUP's could generate some serious community dollars. But wait. There's more.

Past trustees Kimberley Linegar and Eric Booth together with Arlene Dashwood and her group worked long hard hours to reach a consensus on a workable vacation rental plan. Within two months of gaining office, the current trustees tossed it all away.

Given the rancour and name calling that preceded the election, the decision to ban vacation rentals could be seen as payback. By throwing us a bone and allowing the vacation rentals for a year it would go a long way to heal old wounds. But wait. There's more.

To paraphrase Shakespeare, ‘tis the summer of our discontent.’ The current tremendous upswell of support for incorporation is a direct result of ham-fisted decrees like this vacation rental ban.

Conciliation is a wonderful thing. It is kind, democratic, and most important for the incumbents, vote getting. You may well be surprised how such niceties translate at the polling booth.

OPINION

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Fulford energy

The meeting at Fulford Hall sponsored by the Friends of Fulford was very useful and I thank the organizers for their efforts. It brought several difficult issues to the forefront of the OCP discussion and at the same time was most civilized. There were many very good questions and thoughts. My sense, though, is that we do not have a clear view of priorities and so far have posed solutions to individual problems rather than working on all the needs of the community.

One question dominates. How do we maintain the character of Fulford as a small village if there is no realistic proposal to respond now to the increasing demand for residents, shoppers and visitors to get to and from the ferry and park cars and trucks in a very small area? Can we clearly define in the OCP the:

- character we wish to create on arrival in Fulford;
- character of the existing village;
- existing residential area as a place for those who live in Fulford;
- expansion potential for residential and commercial; and
- principles that will guide us in providing what is necessary to sus-

tain these components socially, economically and environmentally? Creating a special Fulford Village development area is a good idea. The Fulford Village focus group has done some useful work to define problems and possible solutions — how do we take this and create the Village? How can we give ourselves sufficient time to consider Fulford Village in the context of the concerns of the OCP for the island? We should, even though the two are interdependent. We cannot look only to the OCP and land use bylaws to realize a vision; we will need to do more. If we wish to create this vision

and address the very real day to day problems of the Fulford community we should include the residents and businesses of Fulford, the surrounding community, the ferry corporation and the Ministry of Transportation. Can we set up an advisory body from the community that brings all these interests together? Could this Friends of Fulford group be responsible for listening to the community, acting as stewards for a common vision for Fulford and communicating on their behalf to the Trust? Given the energy and spirit we saw, I suggest it could. RONALD BAIN, FULFORD HARBOUR

Malice

We returned from vacation to learn that someone had papered Ganges with posters in a supposed effort to raise awareness about vice and corruption in our community. These posters targeted a local business whose two owners are indeed notorious — notorious for their generosity, compassion, loving nature and dedication to this community. It seems the posters may have served their purpose by demonstrating that the true source of corruption is found in acts of hate and malice. MARK, JULIA, SHOSHANA LUCICH, SALT SPRING

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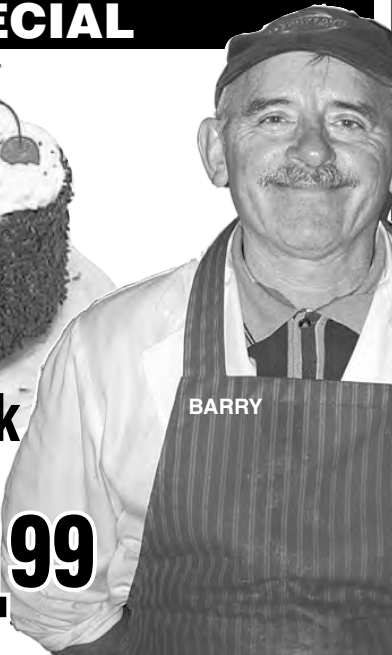


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OPINION

Incorporation won't destroy Trust

BY ERIC BOOTH

It would take a few full articles in the Driftwood to systematically rip apart all of George Ehring's rather smug/snide/snarky salvo against the members of Islanders for Self Government, and his views on the havoc the possible incorporation of Salt Spring would wreak, so, in this piece I will take on just one issue he has raised, and leave the rest for later, or to others.

Over and over again, like an old, scratched, 78 rpm record, I have heard those who are opposed to the incorporation of Salt Spring parrot the now famous local myth — "If Salt Spring incorporates, the Islands Trust will be destroyed!" This Chicken Little, "the sky is falling," tale appears to have become the last vestige of warped reasoning as to why Salt Spring should NOT incorporate.

George once again supported the myth when he suggested it is only common sense if 40 per cent of the Trust budget was taken away (by the incorporation of Salt Spring) the Islands Trust would likely be destroyed.

However, just like any other good and believable propaganda which is intended to strike fear into the hearts of well meaning citizens and thereby control the uninformed masses, no one has ever really questioned, or explained, exactly how this threatened destruction would actually occur.

The following is the simple math (in five short paragraphs) and the rationale to clearly expose this myth for what it is — a bold faced lie.

When Salt Spring incorporates, the Islands Trust planning staff, and office overhead, for Salt Spring, will no longer be needed — anywhere within the Trust area.

There will be no transfer of staff, just the shut down of the Salt Spring operation. According to the latest Trust accounting, that would result in a

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reduction in Islands Trust expenses in about the \$600,000 range. So, remove that from the current trust budget of about \$5 million = \$4.4 million.

Salt Spring will continue to pay about \$300,000 for what is known as Trust Area Services, so, take another \$300,000 out of the balance = \$4.1 million.

Currently the other islands pay about \$3 million of the budget, so, take away those current contributions and we are now left with \$1.1 million, which is the amount of "shortfall" which will have to be made up by the other islands. Not so coincidentally, this represents the subsidy to other islanders Salt Spring taxpayers have been paying, year after year — now literally in the millions of dollars!

So, a \$1.1 million tax increase, distributed evenly among the other islands amounts to a per person tax increase of about \$70 (total population of Trust Area - 25,366 – 9,780 (Salt Spring) = 15,586 people. \$1.1m divided by 15,586 people = \$70+).

Now, using the same figures, and considering that Salt Spring Islanders have, to this day, subsidized those other islanders to the tune of about \$110/year, (\$1.1m divided by 9,780), I would say those other islanders would be getting more than a fair deal — in fact, a helluva deal.

There's the math. Now, how would the impact of Salt Spring's incorporation actually unfold at Trust Council after Salt Spring incorporates?

The Islands Trust Council will have one very simple resolution to make. Here's a proposed draft of it, which would likely be moved by the Chair of the Financial Planning Committee of the day:

"I move the Islands Trust Council hereby direct staff to prepare a draft budget for consideration of Trust Council at the next Council Meeting, to show the proportional tax increases on each island, which will be necessary to maintain the current level of planning services provided to them by the Islands Trust."

The only question after that will be whether the Islands Trust Council, itself, (a) votes to increase Trust taxes on the other islands to maintain the current level of services, (b) votes to reduce some of the planning services on the other islands, thereby reducing their potential tax increase, or (c) votes to disband the Islands Trust.

Let's be doubly clear here. It would be the 26 elected Islands Trust Trustees, sworn to uphold the Islands Trust Preserve and Protect mandate, who would make that choice.

Thus, it is not only unlikely (c) would ever be passed or even considered an option, but, since the Trustees would actually be breaking their sworn oath of office, they would likely be immediately removed from their office by the Province for attempting to break their Trust.

I mean, really people . . . does anyone actually believe Island Trustees would vote to disband the Islands Trust? Anyone? Anyone?

So, ground control to our Colonial Emperors, and your loyal but myth-guided followers and wabble wousers (apologies to Monty Python) . . . please stop telling us the lie that the incorporation of Salt Spring will somehow magically lead us to the dark side, and the inevitable destruction of the Islands Trust.

All it will lead to is a fairer tax requisition for every island in the Trust Area, including Salt Spring.

The writer is a former Islands Trustee.

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Texada surprise

Imagine the surprise of most Texadans to learn via the tube that Texada Island was being rewarded with a \$2 billion liquefied natural gas plant and gas-fired generating facility at Coho Point. It was also a bit of a surprise to learn that there was overwhelming support from the community.

What?

I must have missed something. I checked out the window and, yes, I was still home on Texada. Surely my call display and answering machine must have been out of order when they called to ask my opinion.

I checked with a dozen or so other residents and discovered that I was not alone.

Something smells a bit like the stuff they put in the propane.

Seasoned Texada Islanders are used to mega-proposals and their undelivered promises.

First, we had the Cheek-eye-Dunsmuir power line, which let a few local loggers cut a few trees, but mainly used imported labour and left not one permanent job. Then came Genstar and its promise of a swimming pool and a few jobs if we let Greater Vancouver replace its low-tech garbage dump with a new and better dump on Texada. We didn't fall for that one.

Then came the Vancouver Island gas pipeline, with more promises of prosperity, employment and natural gas. Again, a few token locals cut trees and operated machinery. However, there's not one permanent job and no gas for Texada. We have

seen the slick tricksters and hired guns with their open houses and managed public consultation. No thanks, not this time.

All Texada Islanders must have a say in the plant's location and if it should be allowed on Texada at all. Texada has a tradition of holding a referendum when faced with a major issue.

We have had votes on pesticide use, ferry schedules and land acquisition. Anything less than a referendum on this issue is unacceptable.

To all Texadans I say: Be vigilant, for those who will try to deny us a referendum don't have Texada's interests at heart and may have already sold part of their souls behind closed doors.

CHUCK CHILDRESS,
TEXADA

Bluster

When does partial presen-

tation of selected information, context manipulation and begging the question become lying? The answer lies in George Ehring's "In Response" article published in last week's Driftwood.

It is a classic politician's bluster of avoiding issues raised by Alix Granger. Red herrings, fear mongering and blatant mis-statements about Islanders for Self Government indicate to me that the emperor indeed has no clothes.

The old adage about telling the same invented stories over and over again, creating in some weak minds (voters) a belief in the unbelievable, must be true. Otherwise, why would George, Peter and Gary do it? Let us hope that enough of us remember come next election date and turf this un-holy triumvirate out.

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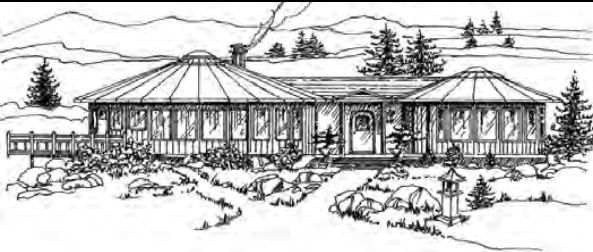
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Events listings

While recently visiting the Chamber of Commerce website (www.saltspring-tourism.com) I noticed that the Salt Spring Fall Fair (among many other popular events) was missing from the calendar of events.

When I brought it to the attention of the chamber's board of directors, the response from the executive director was "our events calendar relies on event organizers entering their own events and once a month we update for the month".

I think that a more accurate and up-to-date events calendar on saltspring-tourism.com would help tourists who are planning to visit our island.

I may be wrong in thinking that it is the Chamber of Commerce's objective and job to promote tourism in our community.

I assume that someone who works at the chamber could take the initiative to update and promote an accurate calendar of events. After all, whether we like to share our island or not, tourism is one of our largest economic resources.

As publisher of the Islands Marketplace magazine, I work very hard to keep an up-to-date and accurate

events calendar in order to promote local happenings and tourism, and I think if one single person can take the initiative, then surely the Chamber of Commerce should follow suit.

I urge members of the fall fair committee and other community groups to visit www.saltspringtourism.com as well as www.islands-marketplace.com to upload your island event and help promote tourism in our community.

I would like to suggest that the associate publisher of our community newspaper, who is also the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, find a way to merge the Driftwood's events calendar with the chambers, in order to provide accurate, up-to-date and detailed events listings for our locals and visitors alike.

SANDI POYSTILA,
SALT SPRING

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Driftwood invites all tourist oriented businesses and others to visit or link to www.gulfislands.net/calendar.html for an updated calendar of events.*

War is a dumb choice

Wow! I wouldn't have expected an editorial (last week's "Let the doctor speak") in a weekly paper

to so deftly argue the case for facing the truth about the war in Afghanistan. But maybe what ought to really surprise me is that so many people would see speaking such truth as showing a lack of support for Canada's soldiers or for women in Afghanistan.

Fear can so easily be exploited to get people to agree to horrors. Nazi leader Hermann Goering explained: "Why of course the people don't want war. [But...] the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger" (Nuremberg trials).

Such irony that fear of attack can lead people to engage in attacks themselves, and eventually to bring the violence raining down on themselves.

Israel Today reported on July 11 that NATO has given Israel the go-ahead to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities. Before we rejoice at the thought of preventing the scary Iranian government from getting nuclear weapons, we need to think of the immorality, illegality and the consequences of such an attack.

A recent Guardian article by authors associated with the Campaign Against Sanctions and Military Intervention in Iran (www.campaigniran.org), quotes Senator John McCain, who thinks war may be a good option, and as having answered someone's question about the consequences of such a war with one word: "Armageddon." Ah, right. As Madeleine Albright once famously quipped about the deadly sanctions imposed on Iraq: "the price is worth it."

Nope. It's just plain dumb. About as dumb as the guy who answered Rick Mercer's question about whether or not he thought we needed to bomb Chechnya with a stoic: "Ya gotta do what ya gotta do."

If we want to help the people of Afghanistan and ultimately make the whole world safer, war is a dumb choice. There are other ways. For instance, Physicians for Global Survival, with the help of the Centre for Peace Studies at McMaster, have outlined a "Third Option" for Canada. You can learn more about it through the www.pgs.ca website.

IAN SLAKOV
SALT SPRING

Galiano research

My name is Natalia Sudeyko and I grew up spending my summers camping on Galiano Island.

Usually my family stayed at the north end, Dionisio Provincial Park, in Porlier Pass. I gradually learned a little bit about its history, and became interested in the squatters who built a settlement there in the 1960s.

I am in the process of researching a story which involves the "hippie" squatters and I would really like to talk to some of the people who lived on Galiano during that time, or even to find someone who was a part of the commune.

Several years ago, while camping, my family and I began talking to a woman who had lived at Dionisio then and had actually given birth there one winter.

I am trying to locate her but I never found out her name. Anyone with information is welcome to contact me at: moz_kito@telus.net

NATALIA SUDEYKO,
NEW WESTMINSTER

RANTS *and* Roses

Roses

The executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92 would like to thank all members and guests who attended the recent reception to toast the late Conrad Flebbe. Thank you to all who helped in some way, large or small, to prepare for the reception and thanks to those who were there to honour Con, who ran our 50/50 draw twice a week.

Through all their efforts we were able to raise \$350 which will be donated to The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation in Conrad Flebbe's memory. Jim Andrews

Roses to Salt Spring Island Foundation for giving us a \$2,000 grant that makes it possible for the Salt Spring Archives to obtain equipment necessary for the continued functioning of the archives.

Many roses to Ron and Donna Ateah of Shephard's Purse Farms for once again generously donating their pasture for parking at Fulford Day, and for donating the proceeds of Fulford's Funky farmstand to the

cause as well! M&M Lane

Sweet-smelling roses to the kind lady who rescued my visually-impaired husband, who fell on the road after deciding to take a walk from Greenwood's. Bev Lillyman

A bouquet of dental floss flavour roses for Dr. Helen Johnston and Dr. Bill Lee for going way beyond the call of duty with my rotten tooth. Andrea Rabinovitch

A bunch of roses to Phyllis and crew for the great food and fun at our summer barbecue and scavenger hunt. Brinkworthy residents

Roses to the staff at GVM for being so helpful. J. Dennis

Wild nootka roses to all who contacted me about helping to save Salt Spring's creekside rainforest from subdivision. We're setting up a website this week at www.save-saltspringrainforest.com and invite visitors. Thank you all. Maureen Moore (m@gulfislands.com 538-1732)

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Not family

I am a great admirer of Naidine Sims, her daughter Judy Sims and their extended family members who frequently visit Salt Spring.

I was honoured to be among the many that stopped by their table during the Mouat's 100th anniversary celebration. As direct descendants of pioneering black settlers Louis and Sylvia Stark, the Sims clan represents an important legacy. I appreciate the warm embrace I've received from the family from the moment I arrived on Salt Spring.

However, contrary to the caption on Derrick Lundy's

fantastic photo (which included me with family members), I am not blood kin.

EVELYN C. WHITE,
SALT SPRING

Renter relations

When I read the classifieds and see how much rent is being charged on Salt Spring, I am grateful to my fortune as finding an affordable place to live. Others, as many people know, are not so lucky.

I've always been a renter, so I don't know how a landlord determines how much rent to charge, but I have noticed that rents are getting disproportionately higher than incomes.

For example, a person who finds a full-time job (most jobs here are part-time) and earns \$13.50 per hour will take home about \$1720 per month.

When formulating a household budget, rent is supposed to be about 25 per cent, which equals \$430. The balance of the income goes to hydro, water, transportation, food (local, if possible), credit cards and/or loan payments and, hopefully, some savings and fun. Obviously, things get more expensive if there are children and pets.

I am not advocating that landlords subsidize the rent or make their own lives more difficult, but if able to, consider the renters' side of the

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It may be time to ignore the market and invest in our own people and community to keep Salt Spring diverse, vibrant and growing.

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- Jessie Cherry for the great ideas on how to make our Centennial Celebration memorable.
- Frances Eide for giving up much of her furniture for our window display.
- Christina Marshall for the official photos of the grand event.
- Marguerite Lee for arranging our historic window display.
- Ganges Village Market for the huge anniversary cake.
- Rick MacKinnon and Sean McIntyre from the Driftwood for all the help with advertising and stories.
- School District 64 for allowing us to marshal our parade on the school grounds.
- Dept. of Highways for allowing us to hold a parade through the village on the busiest day of the year.
- Salt Spring Fire Department for intersection control during the parade.
- Lois Hobbs who continues to welcome us year after year to her incredible property for our summer BBQ.
- The representatives from 19 of Salt Spring's pioneer families for captivating residents and visitors with their family histories.
- The many individuals, groups and businesses that were so keen to take part in our parade. You were terrific.

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LESOTHO, AFRICA

Saturday market opportunity to contribute to school

Salt Spring played vital role in project

Last October, a meeting in a local coffee shop changed the lives of 300 kids living half a world away. When Mamello Lehlotha came to Canada to speak at the Community to Community conference, she had no idea the journey would help her realize a long cherished dream: to build a school for her community's orphaned and disabled children. On August 25, islanders can help to bring this dream even closer to reality as

Community to Community hosts a fundraising day at the Saturday Market. Lehlotha was brought to Canada by Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID) to participate in a conference about gender equality and AIDS; she came as the leader of a grassroots project in her remote mountain region that has managed to mobilize over 19 HIV/AIDS support groups. In this region, one of the world's most impoverished and AIDS affected, the group also looks after 40 resident

disabled and special needs children, and runs a handicraft cooperative and organic farm to support disabled and HIV positive adults. With the rain falling outside, and the coffee shop buzzing around them, Lehlotha and Peter Schnitzler, a part-time Salt Springer, sat talking about what kind of project a community like Salt Spring could take on. Lehlotha sized him up and suggested that he take on building a school. The price tag? \$40,000. You couldn't buy a trailer for that on Salt Spring, but

in Africa, it was enough to buy a future for children orphaned by AIDS. Schnitzler said he would write a funding appeal and circulate it amongst his friends and colleagues. When Lehlotha returned to Lesotho, southern Africa, following the conference, she was emboldened by Schnitzler's encouragement. A grant for \$10,000, secured by SOLID member Meron Moroz through Omidyar, an online charitable network, was enough to convince Lehlotha of this community's commitment. She began

mobilizing villagers to gather stones for the school building, and calling orphans from the surrounding villages to register for her school. In addition to doing away with school uniforms, which can make school inaccessible for the poorest children, Lehlotha instituted a policy of integrated education, ensuring that the many special needs children that she had already taken under her wing would be allowed to attend public school alongside their peers. Children were enrolled by aging grandparents. Children as

young as 10, who were raising their younger brothers and sisters alone following their parents' deaths, gratefully signed onto the register as well, knowing they would now all get at least one healthy meal a day. Several Salt Springers were able to visit Ha Makhata, the village where Lehlotha lives and works, over the 2006/2007 winter. They witnessed the school grow from a pile of stones into a pair of beautiful, rectangular rooms that house 300 students. Because the glass for windows was cheaper than bricks, the rooms have enormous windows that look out over the towering mountains of the Maluti range.

A container full of goods arrived at Easter, bringing school supplies, chalkboards, books, and toys, along with enormous barrels of dried soup and dried fruit gleaned from the Okanagan harvest.

Today, the Mamello English Medium Primary school is nearing completion; while building has been underway, students have gathered to study in circles outside, in homes lent by villagers, and even in a building formerly used as the local bar.

Ongoing running costs amount to \$10,000 Canadian per year, include paying teachers' salaries and buying healthy food for lunch. SOLID has stepped in to pay some of those operating costs until anticipated support from the government of Lesotho begins next year; there is still \$14,000 to raise to complete the school building and to build a small staff office.

There are many people on the island who have shared in making this story come true, but it would not have been possible without the vision and leadership of Peter Schnitzler, who recognized Lehlotha's indefatigable determination that rainy October day, and dared us all to join in.

Islanders can show their support for this wonderful project next Saturday, August 25, as Community to Community hosts the fundraising day for Mamello English Medium School at the Saturday Market. Her Excellency Me Motseoa Senyane, the Lesotho High Commissioner to Canada, will be on hand.

To contribute toward the Mamello English Medium Community School project, please visit www.solidsspring.com/donate.html or, if you are a U.S. or European citizen requiring a tax receipt, visit www.peterschnitzler.com/hamakhata.

Market vendors are invited to contribute 10 per cent of their proceeds from August 25 towards the school, and there will be a display set up at the market where the public is invited to get involved, by contributing time or money, to this most wonderful project.

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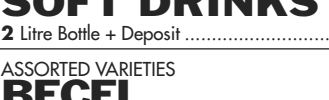
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15																					
5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:30) Tennis Rogers Cup - Day 3 Coverage	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - L.A. Angels vs. Toronto (Live)
	:30	Arrested Development	Kif-kif On ne se refait pas	Arthur	(Live)		Full House	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Popular Mechanics		News	Full House Sea Cruise	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	
	:30		Téléjournal Magazine	Kratts' Creatures			Malcolm in the Middle			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle		KING 5 News			Weird Years		
7	:00	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Meerkat Manor	Sportscentre	Ad Persuasion	Reba	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Sex, Truth & Video The First Time [Part 1 of 6]	Entertainment Tonight	Nick Cannon	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	For Laughs: Gags	L'Epicierie	Wild at Heart		Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Seasoned Traveler		Access Hollywood	Malcolm in the Middle	
8	:00	Just for Laughs	La petite séduction (N)	Ancient Clues Neanderthal/Copan		The War at Home	Friends	Power of 10 (N)	So You Think You Can Dance Top 4 Perform (SF) (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	Stargate: SG-1 Covenant	Vile Style	America's Next Top Model [Part 2 of 2]	So You Think You Can Dance Top 4 Perform (SF) (N) [Part 1 of 2]	According to Jim Knight Prosper. (N)	Most Outrageous Moments	Children of the Market (N)	CBC News: The National	Power of 10 (N)	Fresh Prince Alma Matter Yvon of the Yukon	Poker After Dark
	:30				Marital Arts WEC	The War at Home	Home Improvement														
9	:00	CBC News: the fifth estate	Bons baisers de France	Great Scientists	WrekCage 4	Last Comic Standing Challenge #3 (N)	The Standard	Without a Trace	Sabor Latino	"The Case of the White Chapel Vampire"	"Mickey Blue Eyes" ★★ (Com., '99) Hugh Grant.	Next Top Model The Girls Who Go to Prom	NASCAR in Primetime (P) (N)	Last Comic Standing Challenge #3 (N)	The Sixties: The Years That Shaped a Generation			CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds The Last Word	Mystery Hunters	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30			Rebuilding the Past	Motoring 2007		Diya	Without You											Ghost Trackers		
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Landed: Six New Lives in Canada	X-Games Skateboard	Dateline NBC	Religions of the World	Crossing Jordan	CSI: NY Not What It Looks Like	Ordonez de la Risa	★★ (Myst., '02) Matt Frewer.	Seinfeld The Raincoats	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	The Nine The Inside Man (N)	Dateline NBC			Sex, Truth & Video The First Time [Part 1 of 6]	CSI: NY Not What It Looks Like	Prank Patrol Lost Dog	Sportsnet Connected
	:30			Motoring 2007				Murder in the Rue Morgue				Seinfeld The Calzone							Weird Years Best Before		
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Westland	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	RAW	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Des mots d'août pour chanter l'Acadie (N)	Dotto Tech					CTV News	CTI News	(35) Star! Daily	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	South Park Fun With Veal	Scrubs My First Kill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Nightly Business		(35) The Late Show	15/ Love	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	Des kiwis et des hommes	Goodall's Choir	Best of Off the Record	That '70s Show	Coach	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	South Park	M*A*S*H	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	With David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(35) JFL: Gags		The Craftsman	NHRA Drag R. Lucas Oil	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Sabor Musical		(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	Cheaters		(35) Conan O'Brien	Mystery! [Part 1 of 2]		(35) Late, Late Show	Fresh Prince Alma Matter	

THURSDAY AUGUST 16																					
5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:30) Tennis Rogers Cup - Day 4 Coverage	CH News	Happy Days Babysitting	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - L.A. Angels vs. Toronto (Live)	
	:30 Arrested Development	Kif-kif	Arthur	(Live)		Full House	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	ABC World News					CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Spellz/(-10) Spellz	(Live)	News	Full House	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	(Live)	
	:30	A la carte	Reach for the Top						CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle						KING 5 News		Erky Perky
7	:00 Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Profiles of Nature Fiery Phantom: The Red Fox	Sportscentre	Ad Persuasion	Reba	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	KCTS Connects	Planet Earth Seasonal Forest	Entertainment Tonight	Nick Cannon	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30 For Laughs: Gags	Fric Show Le t-shirt			Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim (P)	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			Access Hollywood	Malcolm in the Middle		
8	:00 Modigliani: Body and Soul (N)	Perdus D.O.C. (N)	With Glowing Hearts Beaverbrook	World Extreme Cagelighting - Condit vs. Larson and Filho vs. Doerksen	"Message in a Bottle" ★★ (Rom., '99) Kevin Costner.	Friends	Big Brother (N)	So You Think You Can Dance Winner	What's in Vancouver? Ago Bahen Chugli Karen	Smallville Combat	Ugly Betty Don't Ask, Don't Tell	Smallville Combat	So You Think You Can Dance Winner	Ugly Betty Don't Ask, Don't Tell	My Name Is Earl	Travels to the Edge	CBC News: The National	Big Brother (N)	Fresh Prince Just Say Yo Yvon of the Yukon	Poker European Masters	
	:30					Home Improvement									30 Rock Hard Ball	Travels to the Edge					
9	:00 Embracing Bob's Killer	Bons baisers de France	In Search of Shakespeare The Last Years	Cagelighting - Condit vs. Larson and Filho vs. Doerksen		The Standard	The Office	Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Jaildarian	"Kung Pow! Enter the Fist" ★★ (Com., '02) Steve Oedekerk.	Supernatural Hunted	Supernatural Hollywood Babylon	Announced (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Grey's Anatomy Time After Time	The Office	The Secret World of Haute Couture	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Big Shots	Mystery Hunters	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
	:30					Muslim Faith	My Name Is Earl		Sadabahr Naghmae					Scrubs My Cold Shower					Ghost Trackers		
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart	X-Games Surfing	What Happened?	Promised Land And Baby Makes Three	Shark Starlet Fever	Criminal Minds	Main Goongi Nahi	Men in Trees New York Fiction [Part 2 of 2]	Seinfeld The Opposite	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Men in Trees New York Fiction [Part 2 of 2]	ER Family Business	Wide Angle Gaza ER	Planet Earth Seasonal Forest	Without a Trace Deep Water	Prank Patrol	Weird Years Sausaginator	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30		Rebuilding the Past							Desi Rhythms		Seinfeld									
11	:00 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives Taking Care of Elvis	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Realty Television	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30	Des kiwis et des hommes									CTV News	CTI News	(35) Star! Daily	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Frasier	Scrubs Her Story	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Nightly Business		(35) The Late Show
12 MID	:00 Arrested		Falling for a Dancer	Best of Off the Record	That '70s Show	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	Cheaters	M*A*S*H The Interview	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live		Tavis Smiley	The Hour	With David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	
	:30 (35) JFL: Gags			Motoring 2007	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms		(35) Conan O'Brien			(35) Conan O'Brien	(35) Conan O'Brien	The War		(35) Late, Late Show	Fresh Prince Just Say Yo		

FRIDAY AUGUST 17																					
5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:30) Tennis Rogers Cup - Quarter-finals (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	NFL Football - Minnesota vs. N.Y. Jets (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	Entertainment Tonight	El Tigre	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Baltimore vs. Toronto (Live)	
	:30 Arrested Development	Kif-kif	Arthur			Full House Jesse's Girl	Global National				Phoenix World News								My Wife and Kids		ABC World News
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Lilly		News	Full House	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show		News	News	News	CBC News: The National	Access Hollywood	(05) Puffy /Robotboy		
	:30	Coeurs batailleurs	Backyard Science				Malcolm in the Middle			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International		That '70s Show	KING 5 News	(35) Team Galaxy					
7	:00 Coronation Street	"Mariages!" (Com., '03) Jean Dujardin.	The Life Of Mammals Food for Thought	CFL Football - B.C. vs. Calgary (Live)	Ad Persuasion	Reba Reba and the One	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens		Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: the fifth estate		Naruto	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30 For Laughs: Gags				Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens		Jeopardy	Inside Edition	About the Money			Naruto	MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Seattle (Live)	
8	:00 Canadian Air Farce	Halifax Comedy Fest	By the Book Tess of D'Urbervilles		Zoe Bisiek: Wild Card The Cheese Stands Alone	Friends	Without a Trace Deep Water	Set for Life (N)	Weekly News Forum	Kool Countdown	Behind the Scenes Making it	Friday Night Smackdown	King of the Hill	Set for Life (N)	1 vs. 100	NOW	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer The Cradle Will Rock	Naruto		
	:30				Home Improvement									King of the Hill	Washington Week		Naruto	Chi. White Sox vs. Seattle (Live)			
9	:00 Intelligence	Bons baisers de France			One Tree Hill	The Standard	Las Vegas Wagers of Sin	Law & Order Choice of Evils	Hwang Jin Yi	"Crossroads" ★ (Dra., '02) Britney Spears.	"The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" ★★★ (Com., '00) Eddie Murphy.		Malcolm in the Middle	George Lopez	Las Vegas Wagers of Sin	Bill Moyers Journal	CBC News: The National	Jericho A.K.A.	Naruto		
	:30				Insights Into Sikhism								Malcolm in the Middle	George Lopez			"Inu Yasha : Fire on the				
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Detective Friends Reunited	Martial Arts World Combat League	20/20	Promised Land Out of Bounds	Numb3rs Pandora's Box	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Renewal	Open Concert		Seinfeld The Hamptons	Q13 FOX News	20/20	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Renewal	The War	CBC News: the fifth estate	Numb3rs Pandora's Box	Mystic Island" (Ani, '04)	Sportsnet Connected		
	:30										Seinfeld				"Father of the Bride"						
11	:00 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Historylands	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Pink Planet III Dallas	Frasier Love Stinks	The Simpsons	News	News	★★★★ (Com., '50) Spencer Tracy.	CBC News: The National	News		Sportsnet Connected	
	:30	Des kiwis et des hommes	Historylands					CTV News	CTI News	(35) Star! Daily	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Frasier	Scrubs My Cake	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(05) Tavis Smiley	The Hour	With David Letterman	Gundam SEED		
12 MID	:00 Arrested	(35) JFL: Gags	National Geographic	Best of Off the Record	(05) That '70s Show	Coach 19 Candles	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	South Park	M*A*S*H	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(05) Tavis Smiley	The Hour	With David Letterman	Invader Zim	Pratt & Taylor		
	:30			Hockey Telus Cup	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank		(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park Chickenpox	Cheaters	(35) Conan O'Brien	(35) Child of the Market		(35) Late, Late Show	Justice League			



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SATURDAY AUGUST 18

5 PM	:00 :30	(4:00) Tennis Rogers Cup - Women's Semifinal (Live)	(4:00) Tennis Coupe Rogers (En direct)	George Shrinks Zoboomafo	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Litzau vs. Lucero	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons Global National	Twice in a Lifetime Curveball	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Hollywood Countdown The New Canoe	Best of MuchOnDem and	24 Day 4: 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	M*A*S*H Everybody Loves Ray	KOMO 4 News	NFL Football - Seattle vs. Green Bay (Live)	Amer. Test Kitchen Chefs A'field (N)	Antiques Roadshow Coughton Court	NFL Football - San Diego vs. St. Louis (Live)	(4:00) "Pokémon 4 Ever: Timeless ...	(2:30) LPGA Golf
6	:00 :30	CFL Pregame	Le match des étoiles	Meerkat Manor Wild at Heart		Room to Grow Whose Design	Home Improvement Raymond Homework	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	The King of Queens	Raymond The Canister	News		Lawrence Welk Show New York Show	Saturday Report		Prank Patrol Spy Kid	This Week in Baseball
7	:00 :30	CFL Football vs. Saskatchewan (Live)	Un piano à huit mains Mr. Bean	National Geographic	Sportscentre	Canadian Case Files	Ustat	Andromeda Harper/ Delete	W-FIVE Presents	My Home, My Song	The New Canoe	Making It	MLB Baseball - Chi. White Sox vs. Seattle (Live)	American Idol Rewind	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy		Nature Holy Cow	The Nature of Things Cuttlefish		"Princess Mononoke" ★★★ (Ani, '97) Voices of Gillian Anderson.	Poker European Masters
8	:00 :30		"La Cage aux folles 2" (Com, '80) Michel Serrault.	Heartbeat Runners and Riders		Catrina: Blades of Glory	Voices of Hinduism Women in Focus	Andromeda Conduit to Destiny	"Tripping the Wire: A Stephen Tree Mystery" (Cri, '05) Clark Johnson.	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Monk Mr. Monk and the Really, Really Dead Guy	The Collector The Vampire		Cops Coast to Coast	"Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!" ★★ (Rom, '04) Josh Duhamel.		Antiques Roadshow	The Hour	Entertain-ment This Weekend		Poker After Dark
9	:00 :30			Midsomer Murders Written in Blood	ATP Tennis Masters Series - Semifinal	"Imaginary Playmate" (Thrill, '06) Dina Meyer.	Islam 101	ReGenesis Blackout		Asian Variety Show	"Dick" ★★ (Com, '99) Kirsten Dunst.	"Waydown-town" ★★★ (Com, '00) Fab Filippo.		America Most Wanted		NW Backroads	Warplane Air Force to Air Power	Saturday Report	"Rambo III" ★★★ (Act, '88) Sylvester Stallone.		The Ultimate Fighter 3
10	:00 :30	"The Good Thief" ★★★ (Dra, '02) Nick Nolte.	Le Téléjournal Perdus D.O.C.				The Standard	Global Currents	Comedy Now Trevor Boris Comedy Inc.	Made in India			CSI: Miami Kill Zone	Q-13 Fox News at Ten Scrubs	Masters of Science Fiction Jerry Was a Man		Guns, Germs and Steel The Crucible of Civilization	The Nature of Things Cuttlefish		Naruto Battle on the Bridge Inu Yasha	Sportsnet Connected
11	:00 :30		"Maris et femmes"	A Scattering of Seeds																	
12 MID	:00 :30	"The Grapes of Wrath" ★★★★★ (Dra, '40)	★★★★ (Rom, '92) Mia Farrow.	First World War Blockade	Billiards Nine Ball Challenge	Spike Feresten JR Digs (N)	Jack Van Impe PR Maxx		(:05) The Hills	"Yaadon Ki Baaraat" ★★★★★ (Dra, '73)	Professional Poker Tour	"Legend" ★★ (Dra, '85) Tom Cruise.	24 Day 4: 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Spike Feresten	(:35) Girls B.Badly			CBC News: the fifth estate	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program	The Ultimate Fighter 3

SUNDAY AUGUST 19

5 PM	:00 :30	"Chicken Run" ★★★★★ (Ani, '00) Voices of Mel Gibson.	Un dimanche au marché	George Shrinks Zoboomafo	NFL Football - N.Y. Giants vs. Baltimore (Live)	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons Global National	Instant Star Train in Vain	Spazio Libero	Hollywood Countdown	(4:00) World Poker Tour	All Of Us	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	NFL Football - N.Y. Giants vs. Baltimore (Live)	Ask This Old House Hometime	Planet Earth Ocean Deep	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Baby Geniuses" ★ (Com, '99)	MLB Baseball - St. Louis vs. Chi. Cubs (Live)
6	:00 :30		Le Téléjournal Découverte Les	Serious Desert Rough Science		Whose Design Driving Television	Home Improvement Raymond Pet the Bunny	News	News	"Yaadon Ki Baaraat" ★★★★★ (Dra, '73) Dharmendra.	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy! Weekend	Star! Daily	The Game Baby B.S.	Friends	News		History Detectives	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"The Karate Kid" ★★★★★ (Dra, '84) Ralph Macchio.	
7	:00 :30	The Nature of Things Giant Sloths (N)	Rocheuses (N) Laflaque (N)	National Geographic		Doc	Diya	King of the Hill	On the Lot		7th Heaven Good News for Almost Everyone	America's Funniest Home Videos	Smallville Hydro	'Til Death Death Sex King of the Hill	America's Funniest Home Videos		Antiques Rd. Hot Springs, Arkansas [Part 3 of 3]	49 Up [Part 1 of 2]	60 Minutes		
8	:00 :30	"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" ★★★★★ (Fam, '02) Daniel Radcliffe.	Tout le monde Le show du Refuge	The Royal Winners and Losers	Sportscentre	Makeover: Home O'Donnell Family	3D Dialogue	Big Brother (N)	Degrassi: Next Gen. Instant Star (N)		7th Heaven Inked	Making It	7th Heaven Inked	The Simpsons American Dad	Makeover: Home O'Donnell Family	Gymnastics US Championshi p	Nature Katrina's Animal Rescue		Big Brother (N)		Sportsnet Connected
9	:00 :30			The Last Detective Towpaths of Glory	ATP Tennis Masters Series - Final	"Montana Sky" ★★★★★ (Rom, '07) Ashley Williams.	Sikh Virsa	Family Guy	Cold Case Forever Blue	"Captain Barbel" ★ (Adv, '03) Ogie Alcasid.	"Analyze That" ★★ (Com, '02) Robert De Niro.	"The Transporter" ★★★★★ (Act, '02) Jason Statham.	Pussycat Dolls She Dances Like a Drag Queen	Family Guy Chick Cancer	Desperate Housewives Into the Woods	Gymnastics U.S. Championshi ps	Mystery! Miss Marple: Ordeal by Innocence (N)	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Forever Blue	Prank Patrol Spy Kid	Poker PokerHeaven Super 6 Shoot-Out
10	:00 :30		Le Téléjournal Zone doc Le porteur d'eau (N)	(:15) Africa Restless Waters			The Voices of Religion Leprosy Mission	Brothers & Sisters Game Night	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Design				Seinfeld The Soup Seinfeld The Switch	Q-13 Fox News at Ten (:35) Q It Up Sports	Brothers & Sisters Game Night	Dateline NBC	Smart Travels	49 Up [Part 1 of 2]	Shark Starlet Fever	Falcon Beach Local Heroes	Sportsnet Connected
11	:00 :30			Sustainable Region	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	I-Watch News	The Story Of... The Doors	Fashion Television Pink Planet III Dallas	CSI: Miami A Horrible Mind	The Shield Cut Throat	News	News	Exposé: Reports Think Like a Terrorist		News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
12 MID	:00 :30		"La Femme d'à côté" (Psy, '81) Fanny Ardant.	Heartbeat Runners and Riders	TSN the Reporters	Technical Knockout	PR Maxx	(:05) Brain Battle	(:05) CSI: Miami Slaughterhou se	"Captain Barbel" ★ (Adv, '03) Ogie Alcasid.	Inside Edition	World Poker Tour	Without a Trace	Stargate Atlantis The Tower	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Paid Program	State Legislature (N)	Sex, Truth & Video The First Time	Weekend	"The Karate Kid" ★★★★★ (Dra, '84)	Jays Connected This Week in Baseball

MONDAY AUGUST 20

5 PM	:00 :30	The Simpsons Arrested Pier Pressure	Rumeurs Kif-kif	George Shrinks Arthur	NFL Football - Chicago vs. Indianapolis (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Dragons:... SponseBob SquarePants	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Oakland vs. Toronto (Live)
6	:00 :30	News	Le Téléjournal Zigzag rétro	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman Kratts' Creatures		News	Full House Joey's Place Malcolm in the Middle	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	
7	:00 :30	Coronation Street For Laughs: Gags	Des squelettes	Sustainable Region		Ad Persuasion	Reba Reba and the One	Entertain-ment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Naked on the Inside	Entertain-ment Tonight	Nick Cannon	Sportsnet Connected
8	:00 :30	Doctor Who The Family of Blood (N)	Que le meilleur gagne	Africa Southern Treasures	Sportscentre	Met Your Mother Stuff Old Christine	Friends	My Name Is Earl	Corner Gas Potato Bowl Robson Arms	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Smallville Rage	Blood Ties Blood Price (P) (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Everybody Hates Chris All Of Us	TV's Funniest Moments	Wife Swap Browne/ Robinson	Thank God You're Here	Antiques Rd. Charlotte (Hour Two) [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	Met Your Mother Stuff Old Christine	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Yvon of the Yukon	
9	:00 :30	Hustle (N)	Bons baisers de France	Perspectives Hoop Dreams	NASCAR Auto Racing Canadian Tire Series	Two and a Half Men My Boys	The Standard	Heroes Homecoming	Canadian Idol Top 5 Performance (N) [Part 2 of 2]	I Luv New York	The Collector The Junkie	Blood Ties Blood Price (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Girlfriends Church Lady The Game		Fat March	Heroes Homecoming (N)	History Detectives (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men Ghost Trackers		
10	:00 :30	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal		Marital Arts WEC WrekCage 5	Big Day	3D Dialogue	Without a Trace Volcano	CSI: Miami Rush	Balik-Bavan	Supernanny Walker Family	Godiva's Flipping Switches	Seinfeld The Label Maker Seinfeld The Contest	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Supernanny Walker Family	Dateline NBC (N)	Simon Schama's Power of Art Turner	Naked on the Inside	CSI: Miami Rush	Prank Patrol Pipes	Sportsnet Connected
11	:00 :30	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal Des kiwis et des hommes		Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	Speaker's Corner	Frasier Bla-Z-Boy	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
12 MID	:00 :30	(:05) Arrested (:35) JFL: Gags		The Valley Between	Best of Off the Record	That '70s Show	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	South Park	M*A*S*H	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live		Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(:35) David Letterman (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY AUGUST 21

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6	:00 :30	News	Le Téléjournal Artistes dans l'âme	C6 Kids		News	Full House Sisterly Love Malcolm in the Middle	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	
7	:00 :30	Coronation Street For Laughs: Gags	Des squelettes	Working Animals	Sportscentre	Ad Persuasion	Reba	Entertain-ment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Bosses	Entertain-ment Tonight	Nick Cannon	MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. L.A. Angels (Live)
8	:00 :30	Rick Mercer Report This Hour 22 Minutes	Beautés désespérées Panne de courant (N)	Masterpiece Les Demoiselles D'Avignon		NCIS Cover Story	Accord.Jim [Part 1 of 2]	Ent. Tonight Canada	America's Got Talent Season Finale (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Filo Diretto	"Edtv" ★★★★★ (Com, '99) Matthew McConaughy.	Stargate Atlantis Home	Gilmore Girls It's Just Like Riding a Bike	On the Lot 3 Cut to Winner (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Just for Laughs	America's Got Talent Season Finale (SF) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Nova America's Stone Age Explorers	CBC News: The National	NCIS Cover Story	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
9	:00 :30	The Second City's Next Comedy Legend (N)	Bons baisers de France	Freedom	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Litzau vs. Lucero	The Unit Two Coins	The Standard	Big Brother (N)		Made in Germany euromaxx	"Wild Wild West" ★★ (Act, '99) Will Smith.	Beauty and the Geek Geek Love	House Family	Primetime: Crime		Wide Angle Gold Futures (N)	CBC News: The National	Big Brother (N)	Mystery Hunters		
10	:00 :30	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Whole Notes		The Singing Bee	Promised Land Jury Duty	Accident Investigator	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Sin	Schauplatz Europa	Good to Go		Seinfeld The Race Seinfeld The Airport	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	i-Caught	The Singing Bee	P.O.V. Arctic Son (N)	Bosses	The Unit Two Coins	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected
11	:00 :30	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal Des kiwis et des hommes	Reach for the Top	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	In Fashion	Frasier	The Simpsons	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected
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Arts & Entertainment



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Pastel artist Andrew McDermott demonstrates pastel on paper at ArtSpring as the local arts centre stages a national pastel exhibit.

PASTEL EXHIBITION

ArtSpring hosts national event

Local artist Gail Sibley takes a top prize



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

ble using just one medium. Forty-one artists, 13 of them from B.C. (with three from Salt Spring), displayed their interpretations of portrait, landscape and the abstract.

Visitors to the show's first few days benefited from the lively action of a master class for the artists taking place right in the exhibition space. Andrew McDermott, a pastel artist, painter and instructor for the Federation of Canadian Artists, led the artists who were busy creating at tables under the perfected work on display. To see both beginning and end results was probably as instructive for the visitors as the participants.

A range of categories for this juried show were awarded with prizes on the opening night by juror McDermott. Western Canada rep-

resented itself well at its home debut, with Calgary-based Karin Richter taking the grand prize for Mission Alley, a snowy streetscape. Last year's grand prize winner, Roberta Combs of Pitt Meadows, took second place for A New York Minute and our own Gail Sibley took third for her Self Portrait.

Richter's Mission Alley is an impressionist, vibrant scene that is reminiscent of earlier paintings of towns in Quebec and Ontario. Richter says in her statement that she finds street scenes and back alleys inspiring due to their many angles, shapes and surfaces. Those unfamiliar with the terminology will not hesitate to apply the word "painting" to her work — there is a freshness to her colour and line that is very appealing.

A New York Minute, by Roberta Combs, portrays a quiet moment taken by two workers, who perch on a low window ledge. Most of the scene is what is reflected in the window, revealing a busy city in the hurried pedestrians, traffic and surrounding buildings. There is a fine contrast between the seated

men and the slightly warped movement of the reflection. This piece also received the People's Choice award.

Sibley's self portrait was created from life, using a mirror. Sibley does one self portrait a year in the tradition of the great artists of the past. For this work, she said, "I challenged myself to push the colour." This is evident in the rich orange and peach background, which contrasts with her electric blue sweater. These tones are taken up again in the planes and shadows of her face.

All Sorts of Colour is a wonderfully satisfying piece by Dianna Pontins of Abbotsford, who received the prize for Still Life and Floral category. A dish of all-sorts liquorish drops is so rich in colour, so reflective of light and so true in its form that several of us stood transfixed before it. As one visitor remarked, this painting in its expression of realism is "better than a photo, because you can see the hand in it." To see the world as the artist reveals it is surely a wonderful reason to visit any show.

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Festive Fulford

Fulford Day, 2007



Above, youngsters get set for the “egg” and spoon race; while below, Fulford Day MC Valdy gets it all happening.



Jurel Broomfield blows bubbles through a wand won at this year’s Fulford Day, held Saturday at Drummond Park.



Above, Caroline Reynolds couldn’t decide on popsicle flavours — so she bought both. At left, are John and Annie Bateman.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



From left, Ajra Dooben, Emma Lewis and Nixie Palm decorate themselves with balloons.



Pie girls are, from left, Jessica Crumpton, Danielle Topaz, Silken Conradi and Ele Brouard-John.



A crowd gathers as musical entertainment gets underway at Fulfird Day.



Briony Penn’s gumboots remind islander’s she’s on the campaign trail.

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VISUAL ART



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Michelle Bauer with a painting now on exhibit at Salt Spring Island Coffee Company.

Island cabbie puts brush to canvas

Inspiration comes from inner drive

She may be a mother of two young boys working as a full-time taxi driver, but that’s not enough to stop Michelle Bauer from expressing her inner sense of wonder and passion.

“I’m known around the island as the nighttime taxi driver,” Bauer said in a recent interview.

“People are so surprised when they realize there’s a flip side to my life.”

Bauer, 40, began painting as a child though, she said, her painting has grown increasingly passionate with each passing year. She credits her evolving passion to experience and finally finding

a community that fits her vibrant personality.

Bauer said she doesn’t set out with a designated message for her work. Instead, she strives to let people cast their own judgments based on the abstract figures and sweeping brush strokes she creates on the canvas.

“I want to evoke a strong reaction in people,” she said. “Whether you love them or hate them, I want you to have an opinion.”

The selection of Bauer’s large and colourful works currently on display at the Salt Spring Island Coffee Company in Ganges has garnered such a great reaction, the cafe’s managers have asked the exhibition be extended until September.

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FIDDLEWORKS

A fiddlin’ good time planned

Annual camp and concert gets underway

Salt Spring Islanders should prepare to get their toes tapping with the upcoming Fiddleworks’ Instructors Showcase Concert taking place at ArtSpring on Sunday, August 19.

The show, which promises to amaze, includes “a stellar world-class line-up of 15 of North America’s finest folk musicians all on one stage, one night only,” states press material.

The audience can expect to tap along to eastern European and East Coast fiddle music, as well as jazz, blues, celtic, bluegrass, swing, west coast and some good old Canadiana.

There will be a variety of world-class ensembles collaborating throughout the evening and the rousing grand finale set will feature all 15 fiddle instructors making music together.

“This is the most professional talent you may ever see all together on one stage!”

The concert kicks off the opening of Fiddleworks’ 8th annual Salt Spring Fiddle Camp, which will include over 125 fiddlers at the Salt Spring Centre, August 20-24.

During the camp, community members are also invited to attend a barn dance on

Tuesday, August 21 at Beaver Point Hall (7 p.m.) and a grand finale concert and dance on Friday, August 24 at Fulford Hall (7 p.m.).

The camp, which is hosted by the Fiddleworks Community Development Society, is a week of learning, fun and community building for children and adults. The Society hopes islanders will help them out by lending a few remaining essential items required to ensure the camp’s success.

They are still on the hunt for a few market-style tents (the larger the better) which can be used for classrooms, and some pancake-making equipment for the August 20 registration breakfast (griddles that can go onto a barbecue, electric griddles or best of all a large portable pancake griddle).

Anyone with any items to loan out should contact Ellie at 653-9612 or eparks@telus.net. The group promises to pick up and drop off any loaner items, acknowledge your support and be gentle with your things, besides being extremely grateful for your help.

For further information, please see www.fiddleworks.ca.

The Instructors Showcase will be held at ArtSpring on Sunday, August 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children, are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre at 537-2102.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Galiano concert group nails grant

The Galiano Concert Society will get \$3,500 from Canadian Heritage to help support the society’s 2007-2008 concert season.

During fall 2007 and spring 2008, the society is now set to present a five-concert series featuring mainly classical music, three school outreach concerts and a benefit concert.

“Congratulations to the

volunteers of the Galiano Concert Society,” said Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn in a press release. “Your dedication to the presentation of live music has drawn appreciative audiences year after year and contributed to the vibrancy of the Canadian music scene.”

Galiano Concert Society board member Patricia Joyce said, “The funding

largely supports our main four-concert series and two or three professional concerts a year at our elementary school.”

Since 1992, the Galiano Concert Society, an entirely volunteer-run organization, has presented a variety of musical genres including classical, folk, eclectic folk, spiritual, jazz, neo-Flamenco and opera.

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KICK UP YOUR BOOTS: Jean Burard and Briony Penn perform a crowd-pleasing gumboot dance at last Saturday's Fulford Day at Drummond Park.

NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE

Almost the real Neil at ArtSpring concert

People should get tickets early for show which includes Fleetwood Mac tribute

It's not quite the Real Neil Deal, but it's the next best thing to Neil Diamond. Called "Double Diamond" – The Definitive Neil Diamond Tribute, the show lands on Salt Spring for a three-hour performance August 25. And judging by the popularity of the event in the past, islanders should get their tickets early. Bill Zaalberg is a Neil Diamond tribute artist and he, along with his full band, will appear at ArtSpring "in a show that might have you rubbing your eyes and cleaning out your ears in disbelief," states press material.

The Victoria-based show is a polished Las Vegas-style tribute to Neil Diamond featuring a full live 10-piece orchestra. It comes with its own opening act called "TUSK" — an "electrifying tribute" to Fleetwood Mac, featuring back-up vocalists Laurie Belknap as Stevie Nicks along with Tara Lynn and several members from the Double Diamond group. "They're really incredible and one would swear they look and sound just like the real stars."

Zaalberg says the show appeals to a wide

variety of ages, and audiences can expect to hear classic hits such as: Love on the Rocks, Sweet Caroline, Cherry Cherry, Hello Again, Coming to America, Desiree" and many more from Diamond's Jazz Singer album and his 2005 world tour.

"This is one classy group that continues to bring smiles to people's faces and to draw them back to take part in a very special performance."

"We have spiced up all the arrangements with a sizzling brass section, two outstanding female back up vocalists and a tight rhythm section," he says. Double Diamond has become a "huge success," states the press package. "This is one classy group that continues to bring smiles to people's faces and to draw them back to take part in a very special performance." Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office, by phoning toll free 866-537-2102 or via the website at www.artspring.ca.

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Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes.
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Paul Bram.
Acoustic soul. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SS Painters Guild Sketching Sessions.
Shepherd's Purse Farm with sunflowers galore. Drummond Park picnic follows. Info: 537-1980; 537-2498.
West African Drumming Classes.
Wednesdays with Annica Burnaby at Beaver Pt. Hall. 5 p.m. Info: 653-0022.
Kundalini Yoga Classes.
Wednesdays at Paradise Found Yoga. 6-7:30 p.m. 537-9299
Diva Walk & Run Bootcamp.
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Thurs. August 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lisa Maxx.
Salt Spring singer-songwriter. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
One Night Stand.
With Matt and Tom. Shipstones 8 p.m.

Fri. August 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sunyata.
Passionate, gypsy. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Hey Boy Hey Girl.
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Outlaw Social.
Folk/country. Barb's Bakery & Bistro. 8:00 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

James MacKinnon & Alisa Smith.
Authors read from their book The Hundred Mile Diet. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
9 & Dine.
At SS Golf Club. With live music at the Falconshead. Info: 537-2121.

Sat. August 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Helge Lien Trio.
Innovative European jazz group. Part of Way Cool Summer Nights. ArtSpring. www.artspring.ca
Sunyata.
Passionate, gypsy. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
House Party.
With DJ Matt J. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Ruckle Park Nature Programs.
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Sun. August 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ramesh Meyers.
The (pop music) road less travelled. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Fiddleworks Instructors' Showcase Concert.
ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Henry Boudin Trio.
Featuring George McFetridge & Ian Van Wyck. 6-9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Yoga.
Sundays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 4:30-6 p.m.
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Mon. August 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiendes.
Island songs. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.
7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Kundalini Yoga Beginners Class.
Mondays at All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 537-9299
The Wall Climbing Camp.
For youth aged 8 & up on Mondays at Community Services' wall. 10-3. Info: 537-9971, ext. 231.

Tues. August 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage With Tara Hollingsworth.
Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow.
Tuesday farmers market on Hereford Ave. 11-3.
Chess Club.
At Salt Spring Seniors on Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m. Info: Ted, 537-2809.
Morning Sadhana.
Tuesdays at Paradise Found Yoga. 5:30-8 a.m. Call to confirm: 537-9299.
African Dance Classes.
Live Drumming. Beaver Point Hall. 6-7:30 p.m.
Life Drawing Classes.
With Stephanie Denz. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Info: 537-9606.

Wed. August 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Orchid Ensemble.
Multi-media musical presentation. Part of Way Cool Summer Nights. ArtSpring. www.artspring.ca
Jaime RT.
Canadian, Celtic fiddle at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Karaoke.
With Greg Van Riel. Moby's Pub.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Yoga Classes.
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EXHIBITIONS

• **Purely Pastel** — Pastel Artists Canada's 16th annual **Open Juried Exhibition** of work from 41 PAC members. Runs until Tues., Aug. 28 at ArtSpring.
• **Morley Myers, Deborah Gainer and Nicola Wheston** show new work — sculpture, clay pieces and paintings — in their **Merchant Mews** studios. Runs through the end of summer.
• Featured at the **J. Mitchell Gallery** is the **Summer Exhibition of New Works** by many of the local artists represented. The gallery is pleased to show **Garry Kaye's** new piece.
• **Judy Wheeden's** functional and decorative pottery is now at **Steffich Fine Art**.
• **Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive. The lower gallery shows **"Anthologies"**, prints by master printmaker **Marc Siegner**. Show runs to Sept. 3., with a reception on Sun., Aug. 26th. from 2-5 p.m. Upper gallery features work by owner **Margaret Day**.
• **Conversations with God** — contemporary sculpture by **Morley Myers, Deborah Gainer and Ben Goodman**. Fri., Aug. 17 to Wed., Aug. 29 at **ArtSpring**. Opening reception Fri., Aug. 17, 7-9 p.m.
• **Along the Gold Dust Trail** — Black Ink Brush Stroke, Large Canvas and Abstract Paintings on Paper by **Tracy Harrison** and Hall Tables by **Carl Borgstrom** are shown in the **ArtSpring** lobby through August.
• **The Children** — paintings by **Stefanie Denz** are exhibiting at **Salt Spring Woodworks**, along with the garden sculpture walk.
• **Michelle Bauer** is exhibiting her large scale paintings at the **Roasting Co.** in Ganges.
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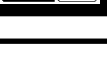


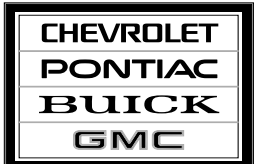
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTCRAFT

'Conversations with God' in sculpture at exhibition

Morley Meyers, Deborah Gainer and Ben Goodman featured

BY APRIL CURTIS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Contemporary sculpture will be featured in "Conversations with God," an ArtCraft showcase opening this Friday at Mahon Hall.

The exhibit, which features the work of Morley Meyers, Deborah Gainer and Ben Goodman, runs until August 29, with an artists' reception set for 7 p.m. Friday.

The artwork has been grouped to provide a glimpse into the current directions in which each of these strong artists is moving.

During a conversation about the upcoming show, well-known sculptor Meyers was asked about the title and content.

He said, "There are many ways of being in communication with God. I have chosen this title for the show because it is a vast topic. I have chosen artists whose approaches to expression are quite different; the materials that they use are different as are their concepts of God and what it means to be in communication with this energy.

"Myself, I have had a very adolescent view of what it means to be in relationship with God for most of my life. I think that my piece "Conversation with God" is a good representation of that relationship. My personal feelings are that we communicate by doing. It is in our actions that we experience bliss and in so doing open up the channel to dialogue.

"At this point in time, Deborah is

driven to working with clay, Ben by the manipulation of found objects and glass and I am fascinated by bronze. We each find a great deal of joy through these mediums and, therefore, are in communication."

He commented further on why this group of three is showing together: "There are several commonalities in our processes, the primary one being high temperatures. In the firing of clay, the slumping of glass, the smelting of bronze lies the dialogue. Our part is the mixing of ingredients."

Goodman, graduate of the Ontario School of Art and Design, past member of the board of the Sculpture Society of Canada, past president of the Glass Art Association of Canada and past editor of the Glass Gazette (now the Contemporary Canadian Glass Journal) is well represented in corporate and private collections in Canada and the USA. In explaining his approach to his sculptures, he said,

"I have an enduring respect for natural materials. My constructions reflect a re-ordering of found material – to extend and renew its life. Found wood seems to possess a yearning to live again. The elegance and simplicity of design in nature makes a powerful statement. I am compelled to develop tributes that pay homage to this natural form."

Gainer has created evocative terra-cotta figures that touch both the visual, textural and emotional senses.

Describing the work for this show, she says, "They are souls wrapped in human form looking up to greater than or in awe of a distracted moment in life."

ARTSPRING

Norwegian jazz trio collects kudos from all over the world

On stage this Saturday at ArtSpring

Jazz was born in America, no doubt about it. But it also has deep roots in Europe.

If the recent performance at ArtSpring by the Berklee/Monterey Jazz Quartet showcased the very best young musicians in America today, this Saturday's performance by the Helge Lien Trio from Norway will give jazz lovers a glimpse into the superb music-making happening these days in Europe.

The Helge Lien Trio, per-

forming at ArtSpring fresh on the heels of their appearance at Festival Vancouver, is one of the most important jazz groups from the other side of the Atlantic, states press material.

The Norwegian press has this to say about them: "Very few, if any, Norwegian pianists are able to combine the kind of lyrical sensitivity with the strong, raw power that fills the playing of Helge Lien, and I cannot think of any trio that presents the music with more authority and personality in their expression."

Jazzwise Magazine in the

UK says, "Lien's originals often teeter on the brink of abstraction, and this feeling of being on the edge gives their reflective pieces unexpected drama."

Helge Lien's performance at ArtSpring on Saturday, August 18 at 8 p.m. will be a chance for a Salt Spring audience to hear what all the international fuss is about.

The concert is part of the Way Cool Summer Nights festival, and that's exactly what it promises to be – way cool.

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ISLAND COMMUNITY

Star of HüM aerial arts show dies at 52

Tenzing Tsewang suffers heart attack

Tenzing Tsewang, former Tibetan monk and recent star of the locally produced HüM, died Monday evening of a heart attack. He was 52 years old.

The performer was known for his musical and chanting skills.

“He was such a bright,

shining light,” said Victoria Mihalyi, a friend and fellow performer.

“He brought so much joy to the people of this island.”

Tsewang was born in Sangsang, a nomadic community at the southwestern corner of Tibet. He was educated in the private monastery of the Dalai Llama in Dalhouse, India. Tsewang learned the arts of music

and chanting at age 14.

He was a gifted musician and singer, and his talents were nurtured at the monastery.

At 23, Tsewang moved to Australia, where he lived for some time before turning to his own music at the urging of the Dalai Llama, who remembered Tsewang from his years at the monastery.

Tsewang’s music brought him to Salt Spring.

He felt drawn to the place and decided to make the island his home.

He married islander Kirsty Barclay on June 9.

Tsewang was a gentle, reflective man whose charming sense of humour and sparkling exuberance captured the heart at once, said Victoria Mihalyi.

MUSIC AND MUNCH

Popular a cappella group back on stage

Obmock at All Saints next Wednesday

As Music and Munch begins to wind down its summer recital series, All Saints church is opening its doors to a group of young a cappella singers next Wednesday, August 22.

There is no slowing down this talented group, some of whom were members of Obmock, created last year by a few keen singers from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

They gathered together weekly to

sing for their own enjoyment and to hone their musical skills. Encouraged by music teacher Bruce Smith, and armed with an extensive repertoire which he found for them, they became independent and practiced unsupervised at home.

Not intended to be a performance group, they were nevertheless enthusiastically received whenever they sang in public. In what was the final performance for the original members, held at All Saints last summer, the group presented a stunning program.

Now far flung in their studies and pursuing a variety of careers, the group has been transformed for Wednesday’s recital with three of its original members plus two.

Obmock this year is Patrice Bowler, Brad Cronin, Jasmine Dine, Gordon Havelaar and Caroni Young, with a super selection of a cappella songs interspersed with a variety of instrumental pieces.

Free music begins at All Saints’ at 12:10 p.m followed by a tasty optional lunch for \$5:50.

ART CLASSES

Jutras’ watercolour classes offer lessons, discussions

Over 10 years of teaching experience aids students

Salt Spring artist Libby Jutras is once again offering her six week sessions in watercolour instruction to beginners and intermediates this fall.

For over a decade, Jutras has taught these courses

using a step-by-step modality with emphasis on the elements and principles of design. Work on the use of water in various washes and in-depth discussions about colour are integral parts of the fall courses.

Since a variety of values is key to establish “life” in a painting, course work will include the “disappearing purple techniques” giving values to create light and

shadow to paintings.

Landscapes, flowers, animals, still life and seascapes will be the focus of each course, developing paintings from good drawings created from photos of “en plein air,” weather permitting. The learning of drawing tricks will aid that process.

Jutras also hopes to inspire artists through encouragement and positive critiques of their works and to pro-

vide suggestions on how to change or complete works in progress into successful paintings.

Courses will run from September 11 for six weeks. Contact Jutras at 537-1952 or ljutras@shaw.ca to register and for a list of required supplies to purchase before class begins. Visit Jutras’ website at www.members.shaw.ca/seasidestudio/ for more information.



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Quilt with a cause arrives on SSI

Honours islanders' fight against rare cancer

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Mary Lynn Hetherington's husband Orland passed away from a rare form of muscle cancer in 1999, little was known about Leiomyosarcoma (LMS).

Spelling it was hard enough.

Eight years later, thanks to the efforts of a tightly knit group of families who've lost loved ones to this disease, a support network has slowly evolved.

In addition to offering a public forum, funding research and offering hope, patients, families and caregivers spent years assembling a memorial quilt to honour those who helped kick everything off.

"It's what they call an orphan cancer and we are all like a small family," Hetherington said. "All the money raised for this cancer is from patients and their families. It's pretty amazing what they've done. It's pretty awesome."

The LMS quilt arrived in Hetherington's mailbox last week. After traveling through 11 states, Salt Spring Island is the quilt's first international stop.

Each of the quilt's 30 squares, Hetherington explained, represents one person who has succumbed to the cancer.

Patches were contributed from across the United States, England, South Africa and Canada.

Hetherington points out her husband's square, adorned with a maple leaf and two giant salmon, a testament to his passion for sports-fishing.

MARKET IN THE MEADOW

Salt Spring food recipes sought for contest

Time is running out to woo local chefs and Salt Spring radio personality Arthur Black with imaginative ways of serving up local food.

The Market in the Meadow's recipe contest is a chance for local cooks to combine great island food with creative cooking flair.

Rock Salt Restaurant chef Bruce Woods will be the judge of your recipe idea, while the proprietor of

Dinner's Ready, Christine Godlonton, will cook up the best recipes for ultimate approval and review by Black.

All islanders have to do is come up with a recipe using mainly Salt Spring grown, raised or processed foods.

Organizers point out there are many local food types to choose from, including breads, cheeses, tofu, flour, wines, herb and spice mixes, eggs, meats, "not

to mention all of the fresh veggies, fruit and berries that you can imagine."

One brilliant island foodie will win a \$50 shopping spree at the Market in the Meadow.

Contest entry forms along with full contest details are available at the market, Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the United Church Meadow on Herford Avenue.

Contest deadline is August 21st.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Mary Lynn Hetherington points out the square quilted in her husband's honour shortly after the Leiomyosarcoma quilt arrived on Salt Spring last week.

"It's what they call an orphan cancer and we are all like a small

family."

MARY LYNN
HETHERINGTON
LMS widow

Hetherington said the quilt's arrival in B.C. has a special significance since the province's environment minister Barry Penner announced he too is suffering from the rare cancer.

The 41-year-old politician made his announcement in June after noticing several

unusual symptoms. After two surgeries earlier this summer, Penner awaits further news about treatment options.

Most leiomyosarcomas are diagnosed after a person develops symptoms.

These include a lump or swelling, abdominal discomfort or bloating and swelling or pain in any area of the body.

Hetherington said she's already been in touch with Penner to try and have the quilt displayed in the provincial legislature before sending it back to the U.S. at the end of the month.

The quilt is on display at Ganges United Church until Sunday.

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Caregivers, youngsters at school together

A new program for preschoolers and parent/caregivers is set to run, starting this September.

The ELF (Early Learning Family) Centre will take place 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday, in the community room at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Free of charge, the program welcomes all preschool age children and their parents, grandparents or caregivers for a morning of singing, playing and exploring.

It will be facilitated by Janet Hoag and fully funded by the Ministry of Education's Strong Start program.

Further information can be obtained through Hoag or Kathryn Akehurst at 537-5548.



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OUT AND ABOUT:

"Dangerous Don" Napier was spotted riding through town with his cricket paddle last weekend.

EDUCATION

Nature-based program connects kids and world

Home school starts third year on Salt Spring

BY FRANK BURNABY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

A nature-based home school program on Salt Spring has been operating for two years and is looking to expand this year.

Wilderness Awareness Salt Spring (WASS), which previously included children aged eight to 12, hopes to open up to a more diverse range of ages in the upcoming season.

Although nature-based learning has been fundamental to the development of children through the millennia, it has been pre-empted only recently by industrialized culture. Now with the importance of our relationships to nature renewed, wilderness awareness movements have come into their own.

The Salt Spring program is designed to vitalize a child's intuition and instinctual intelligence, which guides and connects him or her to fulfilling relationships within the community and our world.

"Our approach to studying nature," says David Krieger, one of the instructors and program director, "combines modern scientific understanding with more first-hand connections that ancient cultures had with the natural world. Students may become skilled naturalists and master trackers in our program, yet ultimately our goal is to create centered, healthy, self-motivated young adults, able to think critically for themselves. Then they will have

the confidence and inspiration to dream a vivid vision of their own future, and have the skills and enthusiasm to pursue that vision."

The wilderness curriculum focuses on many topics including: survival, mammals, tracking, bird languages, plant uses, aidless navigation, native cultures, ecology and community, with plans to coordinate nature mapping programs with the University of Washington and Wilderness Awareness School Kamana.

"The learning is fun and profound. When young people expand their awareness of the natural world, they engage their inner voice, intuition and heart. It is truly remarkable," says Krieger, "how they begin developing into physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually centered people."

Krieger and fellow instructor Tashmyra Crowe consider themselves mentors rather than teachers.

They say the mentor's role shies away from lecturing and downloading students with curricula of facts and information. The emphasis is upon students discovering their own gifts and interests. The mentor does not give answers, but guides the innate curiosity in every child to further question, investigate and find meaning in the natural world around them.

"We call this method Coyote Mentoring," says Krieger. "It's a technique that encourages creative thinking, rather than providing answers. This results in a deeper learning experience, and stimulates the growth of problem-solving skills. We are seeing a dramatic

expression of self-sufficiency in our children, as well."

One of the school's goals is to be supported by the larger community of amateur and professional naturalists, artists, crafts people, teachers, elders and other young people.

"When young people expand their awareness of the natural world, they engage their inner voice, intuition and heart."

DAVID KRIEGER
WASS instructor

"Having volunteer days enables people, plants and animals to serve together as the real teachers of our students," says Krieger. "This is crucial for successful mentoring."

Krieger and Crowe have studied for over 10 years with renowned naturalist Jon Young and The Wilderness Awareness School in Washington and with Tom Brown Jr. at The Tracker School in New Jersey.

They have been teaching outdoor and environmental education for over seven years in Canada, the United States and Thailand.

Wilderness Awareness Salt Spring can be contacted at wa.salt.spring@yahoo.ca or 653-4607.

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Sports & Recreation

ROWING



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From left, Stacy Mitchell, Judy Raddysh, Karen Hosie and Susan Garside practice for this weekend's regatta at Elk Lake.

Salt Spring quad eyes Masters event

Foursome is powerhouse of experience

BY DAWN HAGE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A team of four women rowers from the Salt Spring Island Rowing Club will compete in the 2007 Canadian Open Masters Rowing Championships taking place at Elk Lake on Vancouver Island.

The regatta, open to rowers over the age of 27, will be held from August 17-19 and is hosted by the Victoria City Rowing Club (VCRC).

Salt Spring's "quad" (a four member team) is made up of Judy Raddysh, Stacy Mitchell, Karen Hosie and Susan Garside.

Hans Stoffelsma will also be rowing in a number of events at the regatta. He is in the D age group and rows regularly with the VCRC, but has also been instrumental in launching the Salt Spring club and has coached the women's quad on a number of occasions.

The Salt Spring team has lots of power behind it.

Mitchell was a member of the national junior rowing team in the early 1990s and Raddysh was a member of the national B team in 1984. Mitchell approached Raddysh with the idea of entering a team in the regatta, due to the easy proximity of Elk Lake.

"I hadn't rowed except for a few little outings two summers ago on Long Harbour, since 1984, so it took some convincing!" said Raddysh.

Mitchell and Raddysh were joined by Hosie, who has been rowing with the SSI club for the past two seasons, and Garside, who had experience rowing with the University of Victoria team in the early 1980s.

"We've had a fun summer," said Raddysh. "Lots of training — both on the lake and weightlifting at the gym."

The team travelled to Brentwood College and trained with the head of rowing to "work out some kinks," she added, noting Garside and her previous rowing experience was as "sweep rowers," using only one oar. They needed to adjust to "sculling" and using two oars.

At the Masters regatta the local quad will be rowing in two events: Women's C4x, which is a quad event (two oars each) for the age group 43-49 and the Mixed C4x, where they will row in a composite boat with Harold Backer and Simon Vermegen, members of the Brentwood Bay community rowing team.

"We have no idea how we'll do," said Raddysh. "We'll be happy just to finish not too far behind and to stay in our lane!"

Stoffelsma is the only male rower in the local club, which is why members

"I hadn't rowed except for a few little outings two summers ago on Long Harbour, since 1984, so it took some convincing!"

JUDY RADDYSH
Salt Spring rower

had to look off island to create a mixed team.

The club would love to see some experienced male racers come out to train, said Raddysh.

The local rowing club, which is open to members of all ages and abilities, has junior members rowing regularly all summer.

The youth are made up of both boys and girls, ranging in age from 12 to 18. Practices are casual, noted Raddysh,

"Whoever shows up, we split them into boats and they row."

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SPORTS & RECREATION

SOCCER

Island soccer activity gets kicking

With the soccer season less than a month away, the members of the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association are busy with preparations for the upcoming season. Here is a listing of the upcoming events.

Registration:

The Association has already registered the only gold team we have in the Girls U-18 category, with silver and bronze off-island teams to follow. If you have not registered yet, you can get forms at the PARC office or at SportsTraders, and leave payments there as well. Registrar Tracey Shaver can field any questions at 537-2863 and you can get form online at www.saltspingsoccer.com.

Sponsors:

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Referees:

Any youth or adult wishing to referee this season should get signed up for a course now.

Class 5 Clinic will be held on SS in October over 4 weeks (one evening per week) and is for all youths aged 12 to 14.

Class 4 clinics are for new referees or class 5 referees who want to referee off-island teams and are 14 or older. If we have at least 12

sign up we can run a course here, otherwise courses are available on the B.C. soccer website www.bcsoccer.net

To sign up please contact myself at mlegg@saltspringwireless.com.

Website:

Make sure you keep an eye on this all year at www.saltspingsoccer.com, as our new webmaster, Paul Niezella, has streamlined the site so that we can get info on the site a lot faster this year. Watch for technical director info each week, especially about practice times and SSIYA Academy, scheduling of games and especially a notice about cancellations due to weather, special clinics and other events.

Raffle:

Once again we will have the raffle, our major fundraiser for the teams as well as the association. Teams can raise money through the percentage kick back of ticket sales to help with their fundraising projects and there are prizes for top sellers as well. If you want to donate a prize please contact Francis Haavelar at 653-4501.

Icebreaker:

On September 8 our association will have its annual Icebreaker Tourney to get the season underway, with training sessions, team formation activities, small sided games, late registration, fun games, music and much more. Sue Spencer, our technical director, will have details on the website.

Scheduling:

Following the Icebreaker Tourney and gold team start-up, September 8, all off-island teams U13 and older get started. Euro teams start league play, and the mini program gets underway, September 23.

As you can see there is a lot happening and there will be more with photos to be done come cup play and our big tourney at year's end.

The turf field committee will reconvene in September to start a marketing plan to build a turf field – yes, we are going ahead with this.

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JULIAN ELWES

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club mounted a first ever Stableford competition for its junior members last Wednesday.

Almost 30 golfers came out for the fun of seeing how many points they could win versus a quota of points assessed to them based upon their normal handicaps.

The winning team came in with a total of 4.5 more points than their combined quotas, narrowly edging out the second place finishers who recorded 4 points over.

The winning team was Josh Brown, Josh Crandall, Hari Brooks and Nicholas Honour.

All competitors enjoyed

refreshments back at the clubhouse after the competition.

In other junior golf news:

A record high 10 junior members of Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club competed last Thursday in the annual Todd Comb Tournament at Cowichan Golf Club.

A total of nearly 60 players from 16 different Victoria-to-Duncan golf clubs took part with Salt Spring representing 17 per cent of all competitors.

Salt Spring's team included Stephen Greenwood, Mathew Hollingsworth, Charlie Holmes, Jack Wiltshire, Ben Barter, Steven Hardy, Noah VanHullebush, Jeremy Hollingsworth, Harianna Brooks and Nicholas Honour.

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10 CELEBRATIONS

ALL OF THE HONGS

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5 BIRTHS

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6 DEATHS

MYNONIE HILDRED, age 85, slipped away peacefully August 8th at Greenwoods in the company of family. Born June 28, 1922 in Cornwall, England, she had an adventuresome life. She was always keen on horses and boats, and loved to travel, especially to California. She served in the WRENS in the war, and worked as an LPN most of her life. Her first job on Salt Spring was at Dr. Francis' nursing home; her last job was at Campbell River Hospital when she lived in the Courtenay area. Married for 55 years to Philip Hildred (who died 6 years ago when they lived on Protection Island), she loved her 3 children Rosalind, Bruce and Rolf who live in the area, and 5 grandchildren Aaron, Todd, Silas, Karen, and Ben. We all miss her terribly. There will be a memorial tea-party at the Legion on Salt Spring, date to be announced later.

7 IN MEMORIAM



How does life contain so much and not you, Max?
How does life go so fast and then stop in its tracks when I think of you?
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20 COMING EVENTS

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

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Painting classes (water colour or acrylics): new sessions for Sept. - mid Dec. Beginners & intermediates welcome. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

THE UNITED CHURCH welcomes The Island Natural Growers' Tuesday market in our meadow. Visit our booth for refreshments and plants.

9 & DINE AT SALT SPRING GOLF CLUB.
Friday 17th August. Tee times 4:00-5:20 pm. Live music in Falconshead Grill. \$33 non-members, \$15 members. Book as a couple, a single or a foursome. Call 537-2121 to sign up.

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34 NOTICES



School District 64

Early Learning Family Centre
Opens Monday, September 10 at Saltspring Elementary School.

This free parent-child interactive program is for children 5 and under and their parent, grandparent, or caregiver. The program is designed by an Early Childhood Educator and will include art, music, song stories, and creative play opportunities.

Come join us in the Community Room (by the gym) Monday through Thursday, 8:30-11:30 am.

Please contact Janet Hoag or Kathryn Akehurst at 537-5548 for more information.

School District 64 acknowledges the financial support from the Ministry of Education who fully funds the Strong Start Early Learning Centre.

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS – 537-9933

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34 NOTICES

REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

SERVICE BUILDING REPLACEMENT CENTENNIAL PARK - SALT SPRING ISLAND

PARC plans to reconstruct the Centennial Park service building in the near future to provide upgraded public restroom facilities, utility functions and storage accommodation. The new structure will be approximately 600-700 sq. ft. (55-65 sq. metres) at the same location as the existing washrooms. PARC would like to hear from architects/building designers interested in working with us to develop construction documentation and go through the local approvals process.

The project schedule is as follows:

- Fall 2007 - Design documentation, approvals and site preparation
- Winter - Spring 2008 - Building construction
- April 1, 2008 - Building completion

For additional information, contact PARC Administration office. Qualified consultants are invited to submit proposals, including a fee outline, to: Dave Gibbon,

Parks Operations and Project Manager,
Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission,
145 Vesuvius Bay Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C.,
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Tel: (250) 537-4448 Fax: (250) 537-4456

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55 HELP WANTED

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WANTED: TWO outgoing, competent, proactive people for part-time retail sales at Aroma Crystal Therapy; includes Saturday Market. Please direct resumes to Box 6, c/o Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3.

MATURE COUPLE required for early evening janitorial. Must pass police security check and be fully bondable. Good pay. Reply to Box 7, c/o the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

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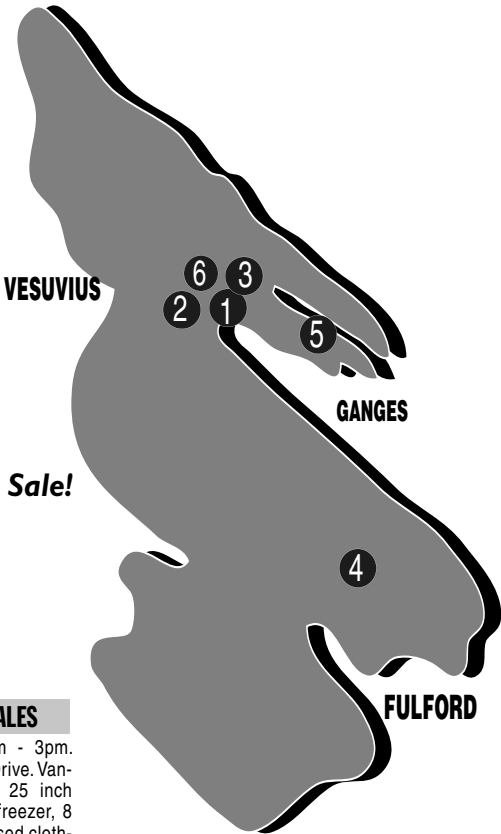
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

The heat is on and you are a flame. Summer time in the sunshine is playtime. Your energies are rising and exploring new places and people is part of the plot. Despite certain delays, you can feel your power growing. Big changes are dawning for you. These will usher in new lessons and perhaps some form of apprenticeship. Whatever the weather, there is something hot and dry in the atmosphere with just enough moist, thanks to the Moon making aspects to Mercury, Sun, Venus and Saturn. This spells passion like a sudden tropical storm that booms, pours and clears quickly. What will you do with this provocative energy? At deeper levels you are still doing some soul searching about what you truly want. Clearer answers will come in the very early New Year. Until then, hold on tightly and let go lightly!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Home is where the heart is – you know in the center area of your chest. Houses that shelter families can also be a lovely extension of the love. Of course, houses are more easily replaced than people, even if real estate market has been influenced by a bag of jack's beans. Facing some of your biggest fears may be a part of the plot these days. This theme has been active for the past 2.5 years. Soon, you will feel the call, to commit more fully to new skills and trades. What to do and where you fit may be lingering questions. Creating new bridges in deed and in mind is a source of stimulation. There is always another way to se things and new ways of connecting with people and life. Every loss brings gifts when we are open to receive them. Begin with expanding your mind with your imagination.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

In with the new and out with the old is a common life theme. Exploring new territory somehow is keeping you busy and it implies leaving old places and perceptions. Making diligent efforts to break through existing barriers is likely. These may be financial or perhaps emotional or maybe they are habit patterns. This is a very expansive time for you and well worth embracing fully. This includes a vision quest of some sort to see yourself and the world with new and wider eyes. As imagination is your greatest ally, be sure to enlist its more positive features. In other words, avoid using it to conjure up in your mind all the things that could go wrong and stick with focusing upon only what and who your truly desire.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Taking stack of your creative inventory is a central theme now. This can include tools and supplies and it can point to your skills, resources and assets. We are all much more talented and abundant that we know. The key is to be open to new possibilities and to make sincere efforts to investigate and work/ play with them. Sometimes, we have to go within to break through mental barriers know as habitual self-concepts and conditioning from our environment. We can learn to be the authors of our own play in life as long as we are aware that it is possible. Aiming to write your true story requires that you learn to trust your intuitive feelings more fully and not over emphasize habitual thinking. There are many resources to help you to explore your untapped potential. Go online and google key words that interest you and begin there. Break out of your box of safety and security and uncover your treasure trove of talents.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

You will feel like you are on a rebellious role starting this week. With your energies high and your ambitions strong you will want to get a lot done over the next several weeks. This is the time to do it all – live large in the summer and prepare for the rapidly approaching new season. To get a lot done, make a priority list with a date line and intend to focus. Entertaining new people, prospects, possibilities and projects will put you in a power mode. To succeed you will also need to take some pretty big risks and/or chances in addition to deliberate and focused efforts. This is an excellent time to take new initiatives and the New Moon in your sign on August 12 is a big indication of it. Making a clear break with the past is an important factor. How can you shake up your routine and/or organize your base to take big leaps?

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Doing work behind the scenes is the call now. This may include organization, creative brainstorming, clarification of dreams and goals or perhaps catching up on much needed rest. If you go out, you may wish to do so in disguise somehow so that alter ego expressions can have their play-time. This is one way of giving your 'normal' self a break. With confidences growing thanks to Jupiter now in direct motion, you are wise to make use of this opportunity. Gestate you plans and ideas now with clear intentions to activate them in late August and/or early September. This is also a very good time to learn or teach 'how to do...' stuff. What do you want and perhaps need to learn for creative confidence and flow? Amidst all of this activity aim to heal

fractured ties on any and all relationship fronts. Refine your offerings!

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Opening yourself to new aspects of your self via new people, places and ideas continues. This is your time to receive so beware of asserting your own views at the expense of receiving from others. Your willingness to explore the unknown is the key to your fulfillment now. Big changes are rumbling at root levels and will become more apparent in the New Year. It is natural to feel secure with what we think and perceive and to fear or at least feel insecure about the unknown. However, with an open mind and a trusting heart you could gain fresh glimpses and have experiences that open up new worlds of possibility. When it comes down to choosing between being right and happy, happy is usually the better choice. Knowing who your friends are and are not is part of the plot. If you move away from source you will want to be only with familiars; if moving towards the source you will accept both challenges and new incoming realizations.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The Sun is shining bright and hot on your world now. Hopefully it is not too bright and hot. Your mood is playful yet pragmatic, optimistic yet realistic, wild yet sober. With such contrasts at play you may not be sure of your direction. The key is to move with the flow of change and transformation; this is the long-term goal. For now, the time is ripe to make some key moves and assert your power for the sake of earned rewards, favours, strategic positioning and/or leverage. Gaining recognition from superiors and piers in positions of power is ideal and likely now. Making others aware of your presence, past performance and potential may be necessary and wise. Taking risks to assert your self and/or to make some promising investments will pay-off. Delegate as necessary to get the answers and results you desire.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

True spirituality is the science of the heart. The truly wise sages from all walks and all times know this to be true. The science of the heart includes the realization that the heart chakra is the portal to the soul, which resides in the inner dimensions of higher vibration. There is a good deal to say about this yet simply learning to 'think with your heart and feel with your mind' is a good way of cutting to the chase. Clear intentions and follow through is ever the way. The time has come generally to take risks to expand your horizons. Creative investments are implied. Financial considerations are likely but not necessarily. Every choice is a form of investment. Store up your treasures in heaven and on earth as both are realities worthy of one's full sincere attention.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Cleansing, clearing, completing, eliminating and the like are current themes. Making way for the new is the bottom line. Meanwhile accessing and making use of other people's resources is likely these days. Creative cooperatives will require research and new approaches. Delegating is usually a Capricorn ace, are you making use of it? Your energies should be running high and, despite the fine weather, you may well be in the mood to get a lot done. Exercising faith in your abilities, those of others, society and perhaps in divinity itself is your other ace. Life is a game but sometimes we need to concentrate harder and work more cooperatively if we want to win. Aim to learn new approaches by getting clear on what does not work so well, stop doing it and collaborate with ideas and action.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Bringing more energy, creative possibility and love to your relationships continues. You are learning to communicate more directly and listen more fully. Seeing what is ideal yet also through and beyond illusions, denials and deceptions may be a part of the plot. Generally, you want to express yourself playfully with a healthy dose of passion and perhaps romance. Entertaining new angles of perception and approach will prove liberating. Freedom from past protocols and rigid rules requires that you be willing to acknowledge them and then to take a few risks. Once we have an experience it can prove to be like an initiation into a new way of seeing and being. How do significant others in your life see you? How would you like to be seen? Aim to be in your center and create balance in your relationships by way of spontaity.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Refinements and improvements both at home and at work are keeping you busy now. The time is ripe to expand on all fronts, especially socially and professionally. The question is, are you ready to do so; do you have your desk and papers in order? By organizing your files and affairs before reaching out to expand you will feel more confident and have greater chances for success. A certain amount of review and rehearsal may also be necessary. In addition to the practical details, clarifying your desired outcome and focusing upon achieving your goals with visualization and affirmation is very helpful. Clarify what you want, why and what you are going to do about it and then go meet the people.

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Taste buds pampered in challenge

BY STEVE COOPMAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRFTWOOD

It takes an occurrence of some import to get a semi-retired wine sleuth out of his cellar.

When I heard through the grape vine that my oenophile buddy Doug was going to be in Vancouver during the Playhouse Wine Festival, I detected an opportunity worthy of attention. Doug's cryptic comment when I eventually reached him sealed the deal.

"There's a particular wine challenge that must be met," he forwarded.

The Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival, now in its 29th year, is one of the three largest festivals of its kind found anywhere in the world. This year, the festival included 60 events planned over seven days. Events ranged from intimate dinners with particular wine makers to the massive scrums of the trade and public tastings where

all 160 wineries showcased their collective 1,550 wines. (Ever tried to sample that much wine in 2.5 hours? — don't!)

Doug and I were intent on a gathering with a medium sized crowd at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel's intriguingly titled The Fetzer "Great Beginnings" Appetizer Challenge. This year, the challenge was to devise the perfect food tempter to complement Fetzer Vineyards Valley Oaks Pinot Grigio, and as it was promoted as the 10th Anniversary Recipe Collection, I was expecting my taste buds to be particularly titillated.

My winery senses were on high alert as we entered the banquet hall. Doug and I were dressed in appropriate island wine writer attire: jeans, thrift store sports jackets and clean shoes (gumboots are not good form at wine events — they can hold too much spillage).

The room was just beginning to fill with islands of people gathered at each of the nine food tables, the chefs were serving their creations, and platters of wine glasses were being distributed. Deftly hauling in a full glass from a passing tray, I began the first part of the investigation.

What flavours were these anxious looking restaurateurs hoping to enhance with their offerings? A glass of crystal clear light straw liquid met my gaze and beckoned my nose closer. A breath of spring with citrus, apples, pears, a hint of melon and an underpinning of vegetable were all there on the nose. The taste echoed all that lip smacking good fresh fruit, herbal notes, and with a satisfying medium bodied finish. The cooks had their work cut out for them and, as I slyly gazed at the room, I saw the wine/food sampling had begun in earnest.

Everyone was concentrating on the task at hand. Doug and I could melt into this crowd and not be noticed, a wine sleuth's special skill. This looked like it was going to be easy, too easy. Suddenly, across the crowded room, I saw her: dark eyes, raven hair, exotic red silk dress. Her smile was dazzling as she walked toward and right past me to clasp Douglas in a warm embrace. I gulped and began to edge my way into a food line in order to give Doug time to conduct his own interrogation when he stopped me.

"This is Julia, one of the best wine reps in the business," he began. "She works for Charton Hobbs Distributors, who happen to be responsible for this event."

I was impressed. Julia wanted our opinion on the food and wine pairings. I was glad to succumb to her sultry-voiced request. Food and wine beckoned.

I snagged another glass of Pinot Grigio and gracefully fell into the nearest line. Fire&Water Fish and Chop House was serving seared ahi tuna stuffed with braised porkhock and kalamata olive farce. The tuna was perfectly underdone, complementing

the wine's fresh citris and apple/pear flavours beautifully. The pork farce wasn't a laughing matter until I tried it with some Fetzer Merlot a little later, when it made me smile quite loudly.

Slowly mastering the glass, plate and notebook juggling challenge, I moved on to Culinary Capers Catering. Here the long line-up matched the food description: roasted sablefish with preserved lemon and tarragon brown butter on gnocchi and crispy oyama shinkenspeck.

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investigation.

Although I doubted the combination of gnocchi, oyama and shinkenspeck in the same sentence as being proper, the flavour combination was certainly terrific. The tarragon in particular complemented the herbal notes in the Pinot Grigio beautifully and made a second glass necessary. This wasn't the only appetizer that featured sablefish, but it was beyond doubt the best.

By description alone the next taste treat looked to be the best combo. The host hotel was serving up bronzed weathervane scallops, citrus and artichoke ravioli, with Pinot Grigio emulsion. The scallops' delicate but full flavours were enhanced beautifully with citrus zest, herbs, and the Pinot Grigio. Unfortunately the pasta dough was chewy and detracted from the overall effect. Great flavours with the Fetzer however. Amazing. Another glass was in order.

A surreptitious glance at my program gave me a clue as to where I should continue my sleuthing. Herons' chef was presenting halibut cheek spring vegetable mosaic with prociutto air. I followed my nose toward this tasty eat and was amply rewarded. The halibut cheek was perfectly done and the vegetable flavours subtly enhanced the freshness of the wine. The spicy prosciutto lifted the citric tang in the Pinot Grigio: a perfect combination. I raised another glass and headed back to the line at Herons for another taste of perfection.

The challenge had been met.

•If you want more information about the Vancouver Wine Festival check out their website at www.playhousewinefest.com.

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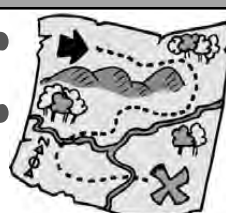
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Stingrays shine at B&C swim championships

Eight Salt Spring Stingrays “swam their hearts out” at the regional “B&C” championships held last weekend in Duncan.

“Many of their swims were inspirational,” said head coach Kris Isenor.

Highlights were as follows, he added:

- Chelsea Harris took a hard earned four seconds off her 50-metre freestyle, finally achieving and surpassing a goal she had set for herself at the start of the season.
- Emily Wypkema had seven best times.
- Andrew Sinclair took a “whopping” 11 seconds off of his 100-m individual medley (IM).
- Maggie Birch dug deep in her races, in which she had fierce competition, and took four seconds off her 50-m fly.
- “Stoic trainer” Nigel Bisnar showed hard work does pay off when he took nine seconds off his 50-m breaststroke.
- With his best results of the year, Tyler Bullach had four best times and made finals twice.
- Alex Crandall had five best times and took five seconds off her 200-m IM.
- Lauren Anderson had three best times and took four seconds off her 100-m freestyle.

While the competitive season is over for most of the Stingrays, several island swimmers are heading to Prince George, where the provincial championships take place this weekend.



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BEACH TREASURE: Chelsea Kaye and Emmy Lyytikainen are excited to find crabs on the beach.

GOLF

Islanders take prizes in amateur open

38th annual brings participants from Hong Kong

The 38th Annual Salt Spring Island Amateur Open for Men and Women was played under intermittent skies last weekend.

The field of 112 golfers represented 17 different golf

clubs, traveling from the United States, Alberta, Ireland, Hong Kong, Vancouver and Vancouver Island to join the Salt Spring members.

Congratulations to Jim Charlton of Salt Spring, the men's low gross winner, with a gross score of 151.

Congratulations also went out to the ladies low gross winner Melanie Iverson

from Salt Spring with a gross score of 178.

Men's low net winner was Larry Davies from Salt Spring with a score of 133. Ladies low net winner was Dora Reynolds, also from Salt Spring, with a score of 143.

There were many other prizes awarded and another 27 lucky Salt Spring Island golf club members went

home with something from the prize table.

Organizers thanked all the community hole sponsors and prize contributors, noting the tournament would not be possible without their generosity. Also, thanks were extended to all members of the golf club staff for their hard work in preparation for this event.

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