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BLOWING THEIR HORNS: Rylan Gajek, left, and Geoffrey McFarlane are medieval jesters in an annual festival put on by the Salt Spring Island Middle School Grade 8 French Immersion class. Story, photo on Page 25.
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Oldroyd found guilty of misconduct

Law Society releases verdict

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

A Law Society of British Columbia discipline committee sided with a B.C. Supreme Court decision that former Salt Spring lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd knowingly misdirected funds left in his trust by 12 clients in 2003 and early 2004.

"In our view, the respondent is guilty of professional misconduct, whatever mean-

ing may be attributed to that expression," reads the verdict issued by a Law Society panel.

The three-member committee said it received ample evidence during a two-day hearing last October indicating Oldroyd wrongfully converted funds left to him by clients, misled another lawyer, breached an undertaking to another lawyer, misled clients and failed to produce accounting records for the period between 1995 and 1999.

Brad Daisley, the Law Society's public affairs manager, said the board has not

yet set a date for a penalty hearing, but anticipated a ruling will be made before the end of February.

"The range of penalties ranges from a reprimand to total disbarment," he said. "It remains to be seen how the Benchers will act, as these charges are extremely rare."

Daisley said Oldroyd did not speak in his defence or submit any evidence contesting the charges at the disciplinary hearing.

Based on audited reports of Oldroyd's practice and oral evidence received from

former clients and other lawyers, the Law Society's panel of Benchers needed little time to reach a decision.

According to the panel, Oldroyd devised a system of falsified client ledgers and phony cheque stubs to conceal the "illegitimate and unauthorized" uses to which the trust funds were put.

"In light of the facts as we have found them, we cannot think of any sensible understanding of the expression 'professional misconduct' that could lead a panel of reasonable Benchers — or indeed a panel of reason-

able persons who are not Benchers — to conclude that [Jonathan Oldroyd] has not been guilty of professional misconduct," ruled the panel consisting of Leon Getz, Ronald Tindale and G. Glen Ridgway.

In June of 2006, a B.C. Supreme Court judge ordered Oldroyd to repay over \$4.6 million to island clients following the two-year case.

During the hearing, Oldroyd confessed to investing money from the estates

OLDROYD VERDICT 2

Fire trustees set out on hall planning process

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Fire trustees met over the weekend developing a plan to determine what kind of fire hall the community could build for \$3.5 million.

"We are sitting down and doing the work we thought we would be doing after the counter-petition process," said Bruce Patterson, interim

chair of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD).

Patterson took over the chair's role after Ted Hinds announced his resignation from the board in late January. The announcement followed the SSIFPD's decision to suspend a counter-petition process seeking landowner approval to borrow up to \$5 million for the purchase of land

and construction of a new fire hall.

He said trustees met with the hall's architect to examine available options.

Calling the meeting "very basic," Patterson said the trustees' main task is to balance the fire department's ideal hall with a facility that will last up to 50 years and receive the community's full support.

Some basic features, he said, would include meeting rooms, storage space and a training area.

"We want to know what kind of hall that would look like," Patterson said.

According to fire trustees, the original site proposed for the new

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Deer farmer advocates limited hunt

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

A former Mayne Island fallow deer farmer says reinstating a limited hunt is the only way to solve what has become the bane of island farmers, gardeners and drivers.

"This is not a love of animals, this is just stupid," said Paula Buchholz, owner of Arbutus Bay Deer Farms. "Deer have a purpose and we have a purpose. Wildlife management has to be done in a proper way and what we are doing is inhumane to the deer."

Fifteen years ago, Buchholz was among 80 enterprising farmers who began raising fallow deer after a promotional campaign by the provincial government.

Buchholz said raising organic venison was an opportunity to provide consumers with a healthy product while living off her dream to live off the land.

What the government didn't tell her about were the inherent difficulties of raising fallow deer.

"It was a bitter pill to swallow," Buchholz said.

"'Bambi' is nothing but an invention [...] to make money from our emotions."
— Paula Buchholz

low," Buchholz said.

Over the past decade, a small herd of escapees has grown into a population some locals place as high as 200 animals.

Farmers and gardeners have spent the intervening years looking for a solution to the population's penchant for local pastures, gardens and orchards.

More often than not, fingers get pointed in Buchholz's direction.

According to provincial regulations, however, animals left in the wild for more than 30 days become the Crown's responsibility.

In a December 2006 Driftwood article, a Mayne Island cattle farmer explained how a group of 15 deer destroyed

her animals' grazing area.

"They're decimators," said Maxine Biancine during the interview.

Kim Brunt, a provincial wildlife biologist based in Nanaimo, couldn't agree more. He's spent more than a decade searching for ways to prevent herds from running free across the island.

"Fallow deer can have a devastating effect on the island," he said. "Our goal is to reduce or eliminate invasive species."

According to Brunt, a hunting ban on Mayne Island prevents anyone from taking matters into their own hands. Even bow hunting is forbidden and will remain so unless there is a "wide consensus" among island residents.

"The ban dramatically limits our ability to manage that population," he said. "I think you can expect there will be a diversity of opinion on restoring a limited hunt."

Capturing and relocating the animals, he added, is time consuming, expensive and often has a mixed success rate.

Even the Mayne Island Conservancy is suggesting action be taken.

"We certainly recognize that they are not native and work towards the removal of non-native species," said Helen O'Brian. "We support their removal."

While the Conservancy has yet to release an official strategy, a 23-member ad hoc group is examining its options.

Buchholz is urging the community to stop assigning blame and concentrate on finding a way to allow a limited hunt that would help bring the island's deer population under control.

She said the hunting ban, a lack of natural predators and a plentiful food supply create ideal breeding conditions for the animals. Unfortunately, efforts to protect the deer have increased the prevalence of genetic illnesses.

"We have to face the reality that 'Bambi' is nothing but an invention of clever American businessmen to make money from our emotions," she said. "As it is, the deer population is way too high."

Islands Trust hires new planning director

The Islands Trust has hired a new director of local planning services, a senior position in the organization and one that supervises professional planning staff in three offices.

"I'm absolutely delighted to announce that Mac Fraser will be joining our management team in this key role," said Linda Adams, chief administrative officer of the Islands Trust. "Mac is well known in government circles on Vancouver Island and

is respected for his leadership, energy, creativity and a strong personal commitment to sustainable community planning principles. We anticipate great things as he brings his talents and passion to the unique challenges that face the Islands Trust Area."

Fraser brings more than 30 years of experience in public service management and planning to his new role at the Islands Trust. As the former chief administra-

tive officer for the Village of Cumberland, he played a leadership role in founding and chairing the Saving Small Towns conference, held each spring for the past four years. The conference has focused on the protection and enhancement of the environmental, social and economic features that keep rural communities strong.

"I believe the Islands Trust Area is one of British Columbia's greatest treasures and I am honoured to have been

offered this position," said Fraser. "I am attracted by the clarity of the Islands Trust mandate and the passionate commitment of elected officials and staff to uphold it on behalf of the Trust Area residents, and British Columbians in general."

Before he joins the Islands Trust, Fraser will complete a consulting contract for the Town of Creston. He is expected to begin his first day of work at the Islands Trust at the end of April.

FIRE PLANNING

From Page 1

fire hall at 154 Kings Lane is still a promising location.

"The site involves a minimal amount of site prep, has the right zoning and is in the right response time," he said.

The agreement to purchase the land for \$1.1 million expires at the end of February.

In response to the concerns from some segments of the community, Patterson added, the fire district is open to suggestions for alternate sites.

"It's all based on what's available," Patterson said. "If the place and the price is right, we would jump."

Patterson said he does

not expect to have concrete proposals prepared before trustee elections in March.

Two of the board's seven positions will be contested in the election.

While preliminary information may be ready by that time, he added, it could take months before trustees assemble a clearer picture of

how much the land and new hall will cost.

After the January public outcry over the counter-petition process, fire trustees are prepared to take a step-by-step approach through the decision trail.

"It doesn't work in our best interests to misinform the community," he said.

OLDROYD VERDICT

From Page 1

of Ruby Alton, May Cree Shaw and Charles Quentin Wilson, along with his own funds into more than 20 resort properties in and around Ucluelet on Vancouver Island.

Oldroyd's business ventures arose despite wishes that funds left by

Aston, Shaw and Wilson be donated to the Salt Spring Island Foundation, the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Greater Victoria Hospital Foundation and the Salt Spring Abbeyfield Society.

During the spring of 2004, com-

plaints from the charitable organizations led provincial authorities to launch an investigation into Oldroyd's accounts.

Oldroyd resigned in April 2004 after operating a general law practice on Salt Spring between 1984 and 2004.

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SIMS takes on the iPod as schools aim to adjust to electronic waves

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) has added iPods, cell phones, MP3 players and other 21st-century classroom taboos to a time-honoured list of misdemeanors that includes chewing gum, cursing and baseball caps.

In a school newsletter published last month, SIMS principal Kevin Vine said use of cellular telephones, portable video games and text messaging devices during class time detracts from the learning environment.

“It seems that ‘everyone’ got one of these things for Christmas; they’re everywhere,” reads the newsletter. “They’re great but they’re causing some problems in the classroom.”

As of last week, students are asked to keep electronic devices in their lockers while classes are in session.

Schools across the country have increased efforts to keep portable electronics out of classrooms and examination halls to varying degrees of protest. A private school in Sydney, Australia recently went as far as banning certain devices from school property on the basis they contribute to “social isolation.”

Vine said the decision is a response to the sheer number of devices students are bringing to school. He said an outright ban is not being considered. Over time, school staff will learn how new technologies can be used to enhance the learning experience, he said.

“At one point people didn’t want calculators in schools,” he said.

Margo Greggains, SIMS’ Parent Advisory Council (PAC) chair, said that while items may be disruptive, it remains important to accept the role technology plays in today’s society, especially



TECHNOLOGY BAN: High school student Carissa Winter is seen with an iPod — one of the items banned from classrooms at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

among younger people.

“I’d say about 10 per cent of my daughter’s Grade 6 class has access to cell-phones,” she said. “In two to three years that will likely be a lot more.”

Given that technology will remain a big part of students’ lives at lunch, recess and outside of school, Greggains supports school staff’s decision to keep the gear out of the classroom.

At Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), rules governing the devices are ultimately up to individual teachers, according to John Cameron, a media arts teacher and the

school’s unofficial technology guru.

Some teachers, he said, have an outright ban while others allow personal music devices while students are working on independent assignments.

“Students at this age should be able to make a responsible choice, but that doesn’t mean they will,” Cameron responded in an e-mail while on a trip to Vancouver.

Monitoring the technology, he said, often proves problematic.

Not only is trying to keep tabs on what 30 students are

listening to on their iPods virtually impossible, but establishing what material is acceptable to which students also presents a challenge.

“And of course this is a moving target,” Cameron added. “The capabilities of small devices include wireless internet access, video and video games. International students appear with devices not common to North America and there really isn’t time to sort it all out and do the job schools are meant to do.”

In a perfect world, teachers would have the needed resources to incorporate new technology into their lesson plans. Only a few teachers post course notes and assignments online, he said.

The prevalence of computers in the 1980s, the internet in the 1990s and portable devices during the past decade have made it abundantly clear schools, businesses and other organizations will need to adapt. Using popular technology to teach lessons, he added, helps students learn by using familiar media.

“A creative and informed teacher could create all kinds of useful study guides, exam review materials using podcast and videocast techniques,” he said. “But the system as we know it can’t keep its second-hand computers working reliably. How can it look at new technologies?”



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Pool columns straightened but still opening September

A problem with cement columns in the Rainbow Road pool was fixed on Monday, with little financial impact to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) budget for the project.

Roof trusses were lifted off the structure with a crane and the millimetres-wide deflection in columns corrected, all within a day’s work, said PARC pool committee chairman Peter Lake.

“Remediation work this

morning was successful,” he said Monday. “It all turned out to be a pretty slick operation.”

Lake said the consulting engineers reported the problem would not impact the integrity of the structure and the columns could be left as they were, but “the commission wanted the best job possible” so it was decided the issue should be addressed now.

“We’ve done what we can

to make it perfect,” he said.

“We are very pleased with the efforts of our construction crews and happy that the work has been done so quickly and economically.”

Despite the problem not incurring a substantial time delay, last Monday PARC announced it did not expect the indoor pool to open until September.

Shelby Memorial Pool at Portlock Park will run again this summer.

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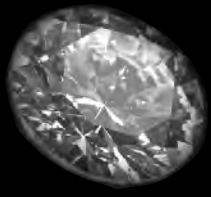
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OCP review needs fresh input

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Volunteers working on the official community plan (OCP) review acknowledge more must be done to capture the community's interest if findings are to hold any weight in the long run.

During the last Salt Spring OCP review, angry audience members literally threw the book at trustees when the document was discussed at Fulford Hall. The night's antics didn't stop there as an earthquake and power outage added to the OCP's chaotic christening.

"It was a giant schlamozle," said present-day Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehrling at a Saturday afternoon OCP event. "We want to make sure that doesn't happen in quite the same fashion this time around."

Islands Trust staff and more than 70 volunteers on six committees ranging from the island's water supply to its economy are nearly finished their task of reviewing the island's OCP, a document many view as the island's vision statement.

More than 100 participants crammed into Community Gospel Chapel for nearly four hours on Saturday afternoon to discuss what direction the island's new OCP should take.

According to Linda

"I think it's a great idea to make sure you're bringing in ideas from the whole community."
— Linda Adams

Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer, many of today's issues are a reminder of discussions held more than a decade ago when she was the Salt Spring planner in charge of the OCP project.

Affordable housing, settlement patterns, house sizes, amenity zoning, public transit, traffic congestion in Fulford and shifting density to the village while contending with water supply are all familiar discussion topics, she said.

In spite of the many "creative and innovative" ideas under discussion, she said, the OCP review panel members' most difficult task is getting the rest of the island's residents behind the plan.

"No offence, but this is kind of the usual suspect that I see around the room," Adams told participants at the event. "I think it's a great idea to make sure you're bringing in ideas from the whole community. It's too easy to cook up some cool ideas in your group, and boy,

it wasn't fun last time."

Focus group areas include housing, economy, environment and water, in addition to plans for Ganges and Fulford villages.

Outside groups representing the Area Farm Plan and Salt Spring Energy Strategy are also involved in the review process.

A community's OCP largely defines the guidelines by which a community's planners and elected officials make land use decisions. The plan includes all aspects of island life such as density, public safety, transportation and tourist accommodation.

Some ideas raised Saturday were placing a maximum square footage on homes constructed on the island; increasing buffers along island lakes, streams and creeks; limiting development in watersheds; increasing building height restrictions in the Ganges core and transferring densities from rural areas to the villages.

One group even proposed instituting a nominal hitchhiking fee that would encourage more drivers to offer rides.

Adams said that while many ideas were examined during the last OCP review and stood little chance of being adopted, it didn't hurt to bring them to the table.

"All of the stuff that peo-

ple are coming up with is not going to go into the land-use regulations and the OCP, but I would encourage you not to lose it because you are doing a lot of good thought," Adams said.

Focus groups will have final reports ready by the end of March. Reports will be subjected to a community consultation process in April. A final discussion paper and recommendations will be submitted to trustees on April 30, 2007. Changes to the island's OCP are not expected to be finalized before early 2008, and after a public hearing.

Trustee Ehrling said the focus groups' emphasis on preserving the island's natural environment while, at the same time, working to preserve and protect opportunities for young island families and businesses shows an underlying connection between the groups.

"All of these things interlap to a certain degree, so it's important to bring people into the discussion," he said. "At this point, your job is to make links with each other so that we have a complete picture of what you want the island to be."

More information about the island's OCP review is available by following the links at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

Smaller ETS events could trigger large-scale earthquake, say geologists

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Earthquake talk had islanders shaking last week, as geologists' "episodic tremor and slip" (ETS) theories received major media play.

Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands had experienced an ETS event, when the land moves out towards the sea.

According to Earthquakes Canada's website (<http://earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca>), an ETS event occurs every 14 months and lasts for about two weeks. It is not out of the ordinary, but scientists fear a large-scale

earthquake could occur during such an event.

"The worry is . . . that we think it may be these silent slip events . . . that actually triggers or starts a major earthquake," said Stephen Johnston, associate professor of geology at the University of Victoria.

As Johnston explained, all of the islands, including Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, are slowly moving eastwards because they are stuck to the oceanic plate.

However, every 14 to 16 months, the islands become "uncoupled, like a spring" and expand back outwards. This ETS event carries us

about four millimetres westward, Johnston said.

He added the current ETS event was "a bit late in coming" as it was predicted to occur in late November.

Such events have been monitored since 1996, Johnston said. According to records derived from tsunami deposits and other things, the last major earthquake where Vancouver Island became uncoupled from the oceanic plate occurred around 1700.

These large scale earthquakes occur every 300 to 700 years, Johnston said.

"We're just starting to enter into the period when the next big earthquake is

eminent," he said.

"The big earthquake, its location will be on the west coast of Vancouver Island. It will be big enough that Salt Spring will shake, but not to the extent that Port Alberni or Tofino would."

The tsunami caused by such a quake would affect the waters surrounding Vancouver Island, including Salt Spring.

In addition, there is evidence this could cause a second tsunami stemming from the Fraser River Delta, which would cause further damage to the Gulf Islands, he said.

4H Club registration night this Thursday

The Salt Spring Community 4H Club is starting a new season and kids who love animals and want a great community experience are welcome to come out to hear about the different clubs and register for the year.

This year the Salt Spring 4H club has units in rabbit/cavy, poultry and photography. Members need to be nine years old to join, but six to eight year olds can join the Cloverbuds and get a great introduction to 4H.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. in the meeting room upstairs at the Farmers Institute. Families planning to register are encouraged to bring cheque books, the medical care number of the child registering and their doctor's name, phone number and address to complete the registration forms.

Being a member of the 4H club means you attend one club meeting and one general meeting a month, raise and care for animals and attend summer fairs if you

are in an animal unit, participate in the Ruckle Park Farm Day, Salt Spring Fall Fair and many other activities throughout the year, do public speaking and learn all about farming and agriculture.

4H is a fun and valuable experience for kids of all ages. If you are unable to come to the February 8 meeting, there will be an alternate registration night scheduled for 7 p.m. on February 15. For more information, call Christine Clare-Rein at 653-9054.



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Second pothole count hits the road

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

If pothole dodging were a sport, Salt Spring drivers would compete on the international level.

But although some get a jolt of adrenaline as they maneuver their vehicles through the obstacle course, most others cringe and cross their fingers that they won't lose a tire.

Thankfully, for those who fall into the latter category, the second annual pothole count kicks off today.

Running until February 18, the count will see just how many potholes grace Salt Spring roads and whether there are more this year than last, a fate that organizer Lorraine Norfolk thinks just might come true.

Last year, islanders reported 5,161 pot holes on 101 roads, covering about one half of the roads on the island, Norfolk said.

Norfolk asks people to walk or drive roads and report their tally back to her via telephone or e-mail. There is no minimum size; anything that is a hole in the road will do.

Last year a man walked Sunset Drive, from North End Road into Vesuvius, and counted over 600 pot-



POTHOLES FOR THE COUNTING: Potholes such as these will be included in the second annual pothole count, set to run on Salt Spring until February 18.

Photo by Stacy Cardigan Smith

holes, Norfolk said.

Although she admits the process is not entirely scientific, she thinks the attention the count received is enough.

"I'm just hoping it might embarrass the government into doing something," she said. "That's really all it is — to bring it to people's attention."

And that it has. Last year, when the count was first announced, Norfolk said Salt Spring highways main-

tenance crews took to the streets almost immediately and began filling holes.

This year, she has already been contacted by the Times Colonist and the CH Victoria TV station to see if she would be organizing it again.

But it's not just the potholes Norfolk is worried about, but also the general unkempt nature of island roads and the lack of safe pedestrian walkways.

"It's really a nightmare driving at night," she said.

Norfolk said she hopes the event will also educate people to drive safely and defensively.

To report potholes on your street, or for more information, contact Lorraine Norfolk via phone at 537-8557 or e-mail at tenlen@telus.net.

More fire training ground data needed, say trustees

By **SEAN MCINTYRE**
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island trustees want to see more evidence a proposed Fulford training ground will not pose a significant environmental threat before giving it the green light.

Trustee Peter Lamb asked the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) to provide more information regarding how often the facility will be used, what exercises will take place on the site and whether board members had considered alternate sites for the \$400,000 training facility.

"I think you need to demonstrate to the public and to us that this will be safe and secure," trustee Lamb told Captain Jamie Holmes, a fire department spokesperson, during a Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting at Art-Spring last Thursday.

Before work can begin on the facility, trustees must approve the SSIFPD's applications to rezone a section of the fire hall property locat-

ed at 2470 Fulford-Ganges Road and forward a request to remove the land from the province's Agricultural Land Reserve.

The new facility would encompass just over half a hectare (1.5 acres) behind the Fulford fire hall, nearly three times the size of the current training area.

Trustees voted to have Islands Trust staff work on the rezoning application for next month's LTC meeting. Trustees referred the ALR request to the Trust's Agricultural Advisory Committee for further review.

Holmes said the fire department is committed to making the facility work alongside the interests of neighbours.

"We are actively trying to meet with them," he said. "I think there are some misconceptions and wish to convey that we are trying to comply with neighbours' concerns."

He added Fulford farmers shouldn't worry about their farms losing organic certification since the proposed

site will be an improvement over what is currently in place.

"The proposed facility will provide for training for various types of fire situations using clean-burning liquefied petroleum gas," reads a letter provided to the trustees in conjunction with the application. "All effluent from the training facility will be accommodated on site and will be treated in an approved manner."

Trustees are looking for more concrete information on the fire department's claims after pollution concerns were raised at a meeting of the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association in Fulford last week.

Training ground proponents say the new facility is required to meet the needs of the island's growing population and to provide adequate training to Salt Spring Island volunteers.

Trustees said they expect to revisit the applications at their March LTC meeting.

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First Nations studies class crafts strong blanket symbol

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

A traditional tree of life blanket is helping students learn about the heritage of the First Nations people in B.C., while also funding a field trip to Vancouver.

Students in the B.C. First Nations course, which was offered in the district for the first time at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) this past semester, learn about the culture of First Nations people in the area. Although there is a textbook and final exam, 80 per cent of the course is largely at the instructor's discretion.

Teacher Yarrow Sheehan brought in many speakers and took the class to Salt Spring locations of historical significance to First Nations people.

"I see it as a justice course. The content is stuff I've been doing in my other classes for years," Sheehan said, referring to the anti-discrimination and anti-racism curriculums taught in other social studies courses.

"I also see it as a course with a difference."

Grade 11 student Patrice Bowler spoke excitedly about a field trip the class went on to Burgoyne Bay, where they visited an area traditionally used by First Nations people for vision quests.

A vision quest, she explained, is a ceremony during which a young person waits alone in an area until he or she has a vision of their own power animal, whatever it may be.

That animal teaches them either a song or a dance, inspiring them for their entire life.

The tree of life blanket is another way for students learned and appreciated aboriginal art and culture.

First Nations filmmaker and fabric artist Sharon Jinkerson-Brass taught the students how to make the



ALL SEWN UP: Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, left, demonstrates sewing an acoya button on a First Nations blanket in a new GISS course. Photo by Stacy Cardigan Smith

blanket.

"I more or less showed them the design and gave them the historical background," Jinkerson-Brass said.

The blanket is made of trade cloth, which is 100 per cent wool, said Sheehan. Red with black trim, a large black tree is sewn in the centre with smaller designs sewn around it.

The tree is a design borrowed from the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation, for which Jinkerson-Brass received special permission to use.

Images with contemporary influences were also incorporated into the blanket.

Ryfawn Hoban, a Grade 12 student, chose to make a Vancouver Canucks logo.

"I'm a die-hard supporter of the Canucks. It represents who I am. I love hockey," said Hoban.

Buttons decorate the tree, the designs and the perimeter of the blanket.

These buttons were traditionally made of abalone, but were exchanged for acoya in this case as the former is now endangered, Sheehan said.

"Each of the buttons on the

tree of life has been placed for a reason in a ceremony . . . That's the kind of thing that you don't get out of a textbook," said Sheehan.

Grade 10 student Elizabeth Woods said making the blanket was "really interesting" and placed buttons to represent her family, friends and values.

She also enjoyed the program.

"If you didn't take this course then you wouldn't know about it. It's not in the Grade 10 socials books. History is written by the winners of wars and First Nations people have been swept under the rug," Woods said.

The blanket was originally to be auctioned off to fund an educational field trip for the class to Vancouver.

However, the district felt it was such a powerful symbol, they decided to fund the trip themselves in exchange for the blanket.

The blanket will hang at GISS, but will also make some trips to other schools throughout the district. First Nations students will have the option of donning it during school ceremonies.

PARC votes for zero tax

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) are giving island taxpayers a break by holding its 2007 tax requisition at the same level as last year.

PARC will requisition \$1,270,890 to support a proposed operating budget of \$1,625,950. Other funds include some surplus monies from the previous year when the projects they were earmarked for were not completed, plus revenue from programs such as swimming lessons and the Camp Colossal kids' summer day camp.

"We have a very ambitious year ahead of us and we'll be holding the line on taxes,"

said PARC finance committee chair Carol Dodd at last Monday's PARC meeting.

Final approval for the proposed budget comes from the Capital Regional District board.

At its annual planning retreat held in January, PARC commissioners and staff came up with a list of project priorities estimated to cost \$540,000 this year.

- An additional \$300,000 has been extracted to complete the Rainbow Road pool;
- \$100,000 to rebuild half of the Centennial Park washroom complex;
- \$40,000 for trail maintenance projects;

- \$20,000 for a Rainbow Road walkway;
 - \$20,000 for a Portlock parking lot upgrade;
 - \$20,000 to either repair the roof or demolish the main house on the pool site;
 - \$30,000 to repair beach access points at Churchill, Menhinick and Quarry Drive;
 - \$10,000 to remove some park trees marked as dangerous.
- In 2006 the PARC budget was \$1,548,300, with \$1,270,890 from property taxes. Some \$437,056 surplus funds were carried forward to this year.

Phone scam, fog demand caution

Salt Spring RCMP wish to remind drivers to use headlights in the weather we're experiencing this week.

"Dense fog makes for poor visibility. Cyclists and pedestrians should also ensure they are wearing reflective clothing, and/or carrying flashlights so they can be seen clearly in the poor weather conditions."

• RCMP advise a new telephone scam is circulating on the island.

When the phone rings, nobody is at the

end of the line right away . . . there is a short silence and then a voice says, "That is an invalid response, please press 1."

RCMP stress that people should not press 1.

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Climate change accord

With 113 governments signing onto the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report summary in Paris last week, there’s finally some hope the planet’s custodians might be ready to take a giant lurch forward to address an unprecedented global problem.

Governments at all levels must act now to reduce GHG emissions as soon as possible. We’ve already waited too long by resisting the scientists’ writing on the wall.

Individuals must obviously take responsibility by changing their lifestyle habits, but it’s fair to say most will need more than a few startling newspaper reports or book recommendations to get them on an effective course. Impediments to accept personal change are generally less onerous in the Gulf Islands, where education, social awareness and relative wealth put our residents further ahead. Receptive Salt Spring Islanders have already been steeped in necessary awareness through the Community Energy Strategy program.

But how to keep the spectre of global devastation front and centre in everyone’s minds and daily actions will be an enormous challenge. More than anything, political leadership is crucial at this time.

At the local level, the current official community plan review affords a great opportunity to inject climate change mitigation into its pages. The Capital Regional District, which deals with regional service issues for a larger population, may have even more impact.

Yet it’s provincial and federal governments that can effect the monumental changes in transportation, energy and commercial practices. Plans must be comprehensive rather than token and implemented on more than a piecemeal basis. Dispensing a few hundred million dollars into incentive programs over four years is simply not enough. The provincial government could also do the right thing by abandoning its plans for new coal-generating plants.

Recent polls indicate the Canadian public is ready to alter its ways. Translating that intention into effective action will take a coordinated, non-partisan, private and public effort never seen before. And there’s no time to waste.

City-quality film festival unfolds on SSI without the stress

By CAROL GRIER
Special to the Driftwood

Where on the island can you learn about issues of global significance and connect with local groups who are doing something about them?

My partner Dick and I learned the first spring we were here, in 2004, that the Our Island, Our World Film Festival was it for us. Combining a global vision and inspiration for action with a truly Salt Spring experience — all ages and types of people participating — how could we not be involved?

Later that year, when we found out that the organizers were looking for a respite and someone to adopt the festival, we volunteered to become coordinators. The retiring team graciously took us under its wing and connected us around the island. Little did we know how

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much fun it would be and what great people we’d meet along the way. What a fine introduction!

Since moving to Salt Spring Island we’d gladly adopted a slower pace of life. We learned to drive less, shop locally and live more simply. We liked our new rural life on the island. So a trip to the Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF) to connect with current films and their makers interrupted our quiet island life and sent us into an urban cultural tailspin.

The contrast between attending Our Island, Our World and VIFF could not have been greater: Vancouver gave us 6 a.m. ferries, freeways, aggressive drivers and

a film festival where we had to negotiate ticket queues and five different theatres, not to mention enduring never-ending wallet cleansings for food, accommodations, parking and tickets.

The Salt Spring festival is quite different: homegrown, easy to negotiate and delightfully local. If you haven’t attended before, give it a try. Like VIFF, you get high-quality films, but you don’t have to get on a ferry or a bus, and inexpensive, delicious food is right there. Entrance to Our Island, Our World is by voluntary donation, making the festival accessible to all.

Chef Al and his high school students and “foodie” Jacqueline Landeen will once again put together hot meals and take-away snacks and desserts. As well, Ometepe coffee will sell fair trade coffee and other beverages.

Our colourful social justice bazaar showcasing over 20 activist groups will offer opportunities and information for making a difference on a variety of issues. The film festival draws from a great wealth of knowledge from local residents who facilitate discussions and answer questions on issues raised by festival films.

Opening night at GISS will feature local music, good eats and an uplifting, inspiring film, Tocar y Lochar (To Play and to Fight). This beautiful film, which brought me to tears, is about the power of music and the growth of the Venezuelan youth orchestra movement.

Thanks in part to the Driftwood, VIFF 2006 was a whole different experience for us. We obtained a press pass, which afforded us entry into all screenings. We house exchanged and took our own snacks to reduce our costs,

we used the excellent bus system and saw nearly 40 films — several you will see at this year’s Our Island, Our World Film Festival.

The film guide will be in the Driftwood on February 21. Mark your calendars! You’ll be inspired by our terrific line-up of over 50 social justice documentaries and feature films which include a myriad of subjects: safe food, farming, music, international humanitarian issues and peacemaking. Donations will be gratefully received.

The Fritz’s enthusiastic new owner, Michael Levy, is collaborating with us this year, and has chosen some outstanding 35mm features and longer documentaries to show at reduced ticket prices.

We hope to see you there, March 2, 3 and 4 at GISS and The Fritz.

The writer was assisted by Dick Grier and Diane Thomas.

Three-way stops and giving up car addiction part of solution

By M.L. JOHNSTONE

I think \$20,000 is a lot of money for a traffic light at the Rainbow Road junction. As an option, I suggest three-way stop signs.

Why? Because I have concerns about the traffic not only through Ganges but on the rest of the Lower Ganges Road, all the way up to GVM. As soon as drivers have passed the Rainbow Road crosswalk they speed up, some driving as fast as they can.

There is another crosswalk just before Pioneer Village, but don’t attempt crossing there. Then, the last one up at GVM and Crofton Road has already been the site of a seniors’ protest.

To squelch the speed-up there should be another three-way stop at the junction of Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges roads. Dur-

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ing the summer I witnessed many near accidents as drivers lined up to make their left turns from Upper Ganges onto Lower Ganges. I have seen traffic backed up to Moby’s. Lots of confusion: some people coming through Ganges to turn on Upper Ganges don’t signal until the last minute before turning; there’s drivers anxiously gauging when to turn left while others wanting to turn right sneak past the line-up on the right side to do their turn. Again, a bad spot for pedestrians.

Three- and four-way stops are very effective in Victoria. They do not cost megabucks to install.

These series of proposed stop signs will definitely slow down rushing drivers, hopefully making them more alert to pedestrians. I also recommend painting the crosswalks bright high-way yellow or any colour. White is not working.

One more thing. I see no speed limit signs. There should be more. The speed limit through Ganges up to GVM should be reduced to a village speed limit. Over 900 cars in one hour on that road create enormous stress plus huge pollution problems. Seniors and people with disabilities have difficulty traversing that road to get to town, their doctors’ offices, the hospital and seniors centre.

With climate change reaching greater awareness, the time is ripe for a few small vans to serve Salt

Springers. That \$20,000 could buy a used mini-van and pay a driver. Eventually, people coming in from the south and north could stop at park-and-ride designated areas. Vans could be used for after school soccer practices, meetings, ArtSpring concerts and other events.

I believe the biggest obstacle is public will. Giving up car use is as difficult as giving up any addiction.

For some interesting reads, go to Google and type in “Without a Car in the World.”

Another excellent article is by Thomas J. de Marco, M.D, director of World Without Cars. Here is an excerpt from a paper he wrote for an international conference in 1993.

“Abandonment of cars could also help transform the prevalent ecologically non-

viable value system based on material wealth to one that is biocentric and sustainable. In the process, inter-regional relationships between east and west, north and south, native and non-native cultures may all improve as we eliminate one of the greatest obstacles to social equity.

“As the most respected authorities on health matters, physicians should feel some moral and professional obligation to initiate the persuasion of society to abandon a lifestyle choice that is responsible for more morbidity and mortality than are cigarettes, drugs, alcohol and unsafe sex combined.

“As they did with tobacco 20 years ago, doctors must not only show some community leadership in reducing personal use of the automobile, but they must also actively oppose its publicity.

And for those who feel it is hopelessly idealistic to aspire to a healthier, happier, more sustainable world — a world without cars — it should be remembered that only those who have done nothing can be sure that nothing can be done.”

For those of you living on Salt Spring who think you are exempt because you’re rural, Dr. de Marco has another article written in 1992, called Why and How Rural Residents Must Kick the Car Habit.

For those who think that high mileage cars and alternate fuel vehicles are acceptable options, he says “no.” They only address emissions, a small fraction of automobiles’ total harm on health and the environment.

The writer lives and walks near Ganges.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What can be done to prevent drinking and driving on Salt Spring?*



Terry Mulligan

Road blocks. A lot of road blocks where you least expect them and when and where they'll do the most good.



Suzanne Hoffman

A bus that goes back and forth or more cabs on weekends.



Crystal Rose

The road blocks being back would be good. I haven't seen a road block in a year and a half.



Paul Minvielle

I thought some of the programs were doing well. A lot of people are more conscious of drinking and driving and I see a lot more designated drivers.



Katie Hannah

Promote a designated driver program at island bars.

Letters to the Editor

Next steps

As the entire community is now well aware, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has gone back to the drawing board, so to speak, on the new fire hall project for Ganges. So where do we go from here?

We are now in the design stage of meetings with our architects and construction manager to develop a general building design based on the needs of the fire department. The new hall will be designed to meet the requirements of a growing department on a growing island. It will be built to service the needs of the community for the next 50 years. It will be designed with the environment in mind as well, and we will follow the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building requirements to develop a sustainable project the community can be proud of.

Our offer on the bowling alley site expires at the end of February. The owners of

the property have been very understanding of the challenges we have faced in the process to date. As a board, we still feel strongly that this is an excellent site for the new hall and have commenced with further study on the property in order to address the concerns of the community.

That said, there may be another property in the community that we are not aware of which could also suit our needs. We had originally approached the island realtors in search of available properties, but we are now in a position to approach the general public. If you have a piece of property (minimum 1.5 acres) within close proximity to Ganges that you feel would be a suitable location for the new hall and you'd be willing to sell, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to public discussion on the proposed new fire hall in the near future. We have not yet determined a refer-

endum date on the project, and won't until we feel we are prepared with a concise plan, have gone through a full public process, listened to all of the input, and feel comfortable that we've addressed the concerns of the community.

Our next public trustees meeting is on Monday, February 19 at the Ganges fire hall. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the community is welcome to join us.

MARK WYATT,
SSIFPD trustee,
SSIVFD volunteer

What we do matters

The "City of Lights," Paris, went dark Thursday, as people participated in a "five minutes of electrical rest" event to coincide with the release of the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report on climate change.

The news is sobering. "Climate change" is not just about longer golf seasons. It

means floods, crop failures, drought, environmental refugees, whopping economic costs; the list goes on.

We have entered the "Anthropocene era," a time when human actions are having enormous impacts on the biosphere. In other words, what we do really matters!

Turning off the electricity for a few minutes isn't going to make much difference. But there are lots of opportunities for "turning off" each day. Turn off your vehicle motor; one friend gets some 100 k more for each tank of gasoline now that she follows the "10 second" rule (no idling for more than 10 seconds).

Switch off your hot water except on certain days (or get a solar system); unplug appliances like computers, that draw electricity even when they are turned off. Turn food waste into compost, instead of sending it to the landfill, where it ends up producing methane gas.

Since one person travelling

cross-country by air emits about four tonnes of CO2 (more than half of what the average car emits in a whole year), many people are giving up long-haul vacations.

Of course, we also need to make societal, not just individual, changes. David Suzuki is doing a cross-country tour by bus, inviting Canadians to answer the question: "What would you do for the environment if you were prime minister?" To find out more, visit his website at <http://www.david-suzuki.org/tour/about.asp>.

JAN SLAKOV,
Salt Spring

Invest in education

According to Shirley Bond, our latest Minister of Education, school closures (130 of them since 2001) and four-day school weeks are "creative solutions" to declining school enrollment across the province.

Given the Minister's logic, the less kids in any given

community, the less education they can expect to receive. But according to a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, issued the same week Ms. Bond visited Salt Spring, the Liberal government has more than enough money to make up for declining enrollments—if it wants to. Instead, it's been crying poor, while underestimating its year-end surpluses by a total of \$10 billion since 2002. At the end of each year, with no debate, these massive surpluses have been rolled into debt reduction. Public services like education are left begging for crumbs.

Provincial budgets may seem abstract and abstruse, but they're not. They embody the choices we make as a society. Our current government has chosen to invest little of our wealth in our children's future. Is that the choice we really want to make?

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford

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Banish the plastic bag in greenest of green lands

Twenty bucks worth of groceries and five plastic bags. That's pretty much the daily tally on my run through Ganges Village Market. Plastic bags. The baggers bag the meat in a separate bag. They bag the dish soap in a separate bag. These all get stuffed in another bag, along with the bagged veggies.

Once all the groceries are tucked away in my kitchen cupboards, the bags get scrunched up and dumped in another plastic bag under the sink with the rest of the garbage.

Every Tuesday morning, this plastic bag is stuffed into a bigger plastic bag and deposited at the end of the driveway, where a big white truck whisks it away to a big wasteland of a landfill, where, along with millions of other plastic bags, they slowly decompose into a big amorphous goo, leaching god knows what into the soil. The estimated time for one of those flimsy plastic bags to decompose?

Four hundred years. If Henry VIII had stuffed the crown jewels in a plastic bag and buried it

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



behind Windsor Castle, the bag would have just oozed into the surrounding soil.

The King didn't have the dubious luxury of the plastic bag. They have only been around since the mid 1950s. But we certainly have made up for lost time.

In 2002, worldwide production was an unimaginable 4-5 trillion bags. Canada happily consumes 10 to 15 billion bags annually, about one bag per day for every man, woman and child.

One of the senior staff at Ganges Village Market estimated the store goes through 8,000 bags a week at the checkouts. That's 32,000 bags a month. Assuming Thrifty's is right there alongside GVM, that's about 60,000 bags a month, or over 700,000 a year on Salt Spring Island alone.

That doesn't take into account all the other miscellaneous retail shops, liquor outlets and corner stores gracing our island. It's not that we are completely without

conscience. Mouat's always asks if you want a bag. GVM gives away a heavy cloth bag in its Welcome Wagon package. Cathryn and Craig Seedhouse of Natureworks stock only biodegradable plastic bags, down to those little plastic produce bags.

Some of the off-world larger players are doing their bit. The Real Canadian Superstore makes their customers pay for their plastic bags at the counter. There is not a bag to be found at the checkout counters at Costco. Mountain Equipment Co-op has switched to compostable bags. Progress is being made, but overall, it's pathetic.

So what do you do with the old bags? They are not quite big enough to use effectively as garbage bags. They don't seem to survive well enough for a second trip to the grocery store, the handles being the major culprit. Dog poop bags?

Their ultra thin composition does not instill a lot of confidence for this job. The great irony is that the doggy material entering the bag would decompose naturally in four days, versus the 400-year life span of the container it has

been deposited into.

Recycle? Less than one per cent of these bags are recycled. The rest end up everywhere. Driving through New Mexico a few years ago, it seemed like every cactus was blossoming grocery bags. I witnessed the same in Mexico and Thailand. I have seen them on Mount Erskine, and there are a daily sightings along the beach at the bottom of my street.

Animals mistake the stuff for food. An estimated 100,000 sea turtles, whales and birds die from ingesting these plastic bags. I don't have to tell you the active ingredient in plastic bags, but I will. Black gold. Texas tea. Oil. PlanetArk.com estimates the petrochemicals needed to produce each plastic bag would propel your car 115 metres.

At the above recycle rate of 0.6 per cent, it's obvious we cannot rely on guilt to turn this ship around. Last week's pronouncement of the profound human contribution to global warming will not make a dent. Canada needs to follow the lead of Ireland.

In 2002, Ireland imposed a 20 cent tax on each bag taken at the grocery checkouts to combat that

country's 1.2 billion bag per year appetite. Guess what? Plastic bag use has dropped almost 95 per cent. The money collected did not go into general tax revenues, but was specifically earmarked for environmental programs. Canada needs to go on this diet.

The timing is perfect. Acutely aware of recent polls indicating the environment as the number one concern of Johnny Canuck, Mr. Harper has gone bright green. What better way to demonstrate his party's commitment to global convalescence than to address our national appetite for plastic?

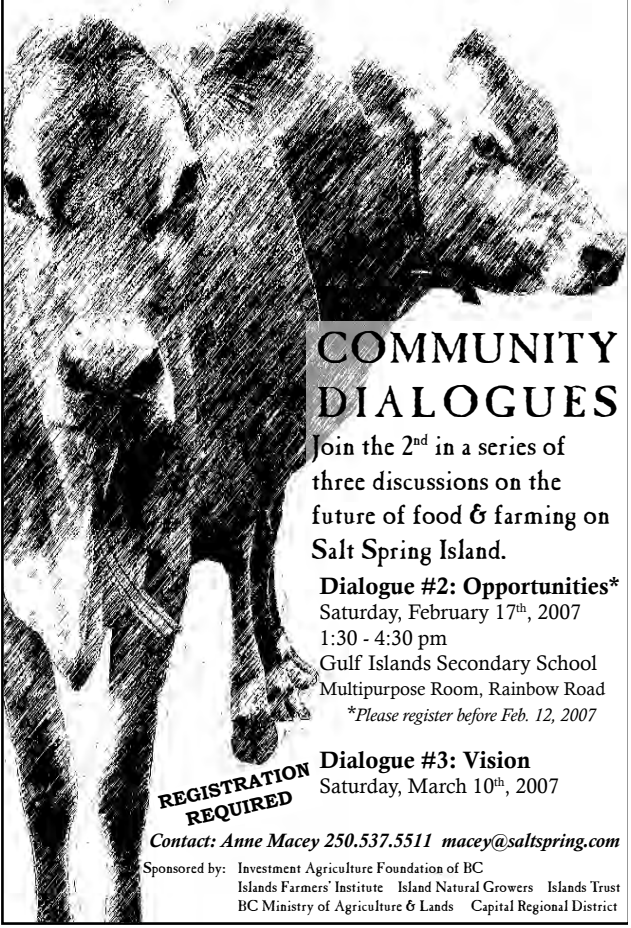
But Salt Spring can go one better. We are known as the greenest of the green. Do we have to exercise conscience by government decree? Can't we all just take a bag to the store? I have seen the error of my ways and practise "BYOB" — Bring Your Own Bag.

I plan to proudly brandish my Salt Spring Natureworks 100 per cent recycled cotton bag through every whole foods store in the American southwest on my upcoming road trip.

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Cake and eat it too

I am puzzled by Gary Holman's response to my January 24 View Point article on the subject of Salt Spring governance. He either misquotes me or responds to my concerns with irrelevancies or incorrect interpretations. I apologize if my writing was not sufficiently clear and will try to address Gary's concerns.

On the subject of the proposed crossing light at the foot of Rainbow Road, Gary says that only \$2,000 in local tax dollars will be spent on the light. My point is that crossing lights are generally the responsibility of the local government and are not dependent on pleading to the provincial government and children begging for donations. This would be an appropriate use for our taxes.

Gary claimed that I said that Salt Spring "has no sewer, water or garbage facilities." What I actually said was "there are few services for many of us such as water, garbage or sewers" and in that context, we have

to pay for those services where available in addition to our already excessive taxes. Municipalities generally include those services in local taxes and our taxes should be used for the purpose instead of disappearing off the island.

A third significant point is the purchase by the library of an adjoining lot for \$600,000 in order to build a new library. Gary says "only" \$350,000 in debt would be required to cover this cost and the balance will be raised by donations. My point is that no debt or donations were needed because a much better location was available at no cost. The excuse that the OCP would not allow the library in the better location is a red herring and many people voted yes in the referendum because they were misled by the wording. Another referendum will be needed to pay for the building but this large amount could be raised by selling the two properties instead of by incurring substantial additional debt.

So take Gary's claims with a grain of salt. He decries local control of planning and prefers the present system

where major decisions are made by non-residents of Salt Spring. As a last resort, he falls back on the need to keep the present ineffective system in order "to preserve and protect." Completely overlooking the fact that Salt Spring as a municipality would continue to be in the Trust and to be totally committed to "preserve and protect." That is almost like having your cake and eating it too.

ALIX GRANGER,
Director, Islanders for Self Government

Incorporation with the Trust

Recent viewpoints in the Driftwood seem to imply that those of us who support a move towards self-governance, in the form of incorporation as a municipality for Salt Spring, would mean the end of the Islands Trust as we know it.

Islanders for Self-Government (www.islandgov.org) supports incorporation for our island, but only under the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust. It works for Bowen Island, surely it can work here.

We also need to recognize that decisions on the services presently offered under the CRD, are now, in effect, made by one elected representative. This means that a very large budget is now finalized by only one person. Isn't it time for a change?

SUSAN RUSSELL,
Islanders for Self-Government

Curve needs work

We have lived in Fulford for several years and have noted many accidents at the curve near St. Paul's church. As you know, or may not know, cars have gone over the edge and into the water in some cases. Could the highways department please put a rail and reflectors there? I do realize people speed and may have been drinking, but some may just be unfamiliar with the curve.

There are markers in place at the Cusheon Lake area, but not at Fulford.

SALLY HYSOP,
Fulford

Grim ferry tale

My yesterday was awash in B.C. Ferries. Starting in dense fog at Long Harbour, I caught the 6:15 a.m. sailing into the city, then returned via the 3 p.m. Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay run, connecting with the 5 p.m. Fulford ferry.

Coming and going, the

major legs of both voyages were muffled in thick, impenetrable fog, with a nice run of radiant late-afternoon sunshine this side of Galiano. I really enjoyed the buffer zone between the city and Salt Spring — just having time to stroll around the deck in the sunshine, lean on the rails, gazing at the azure quicksilver water foaming below, watching in awe as a freight train of fog rocketed out of Active Pass behind us and obliterated Trincomali Channel in an instant. Ah, so lovely.

In the morning, I had walked all over the Queen of Nanaimo, (horrible name for a boat) and opened every locker and cupboard and closet. (They do say that we should familiarize ourselves with the location of safety equipment, life vests, etc. and I realized that I hadn't done that for a long time — years in fact — so I went looking.

And it was a shock, let me tell you. The two huge lockers at the rear of the forward lounge that I assumed held life jackets were actually full of vacuum cleaners, mops, and window covers! Well, that wouldn't have done me a hell of a lot of good in an emergency.

Fear is a great motivator, so I went and opened every single locker and door until I knew where everything was. I know there are diagrams at intervals around the boats, which show the location of life jacket lockers and such, but the way my mind works is that I actually have to physically see for myself exactly where these things are stowed so I won't be caught with my jaw hanging down, desperately trying to make sense of some cutaway, multi-deck schematic, while my overloaded mental synapses short-circuit, shrieking with redux Titanic terror. Then, coming home last night, I did the same search on the two other ferries. Some of my fellow passengers looked a little weird about my sleuthing, but hey — I wasn't looking for a date.

Besides, my own safety is my own responsibility. And if I have to rely on panicking crew members who, like everyone else, are hauling bum to save bum (wouldn't you?) to tell me what I, as an intelligent and strongly motivated survivor should have made it my own, independent, responsible business to already know, then all I can say to those lazy, sedentary people who looked askance at me while I was poking around in lockers is: "How long can you tread water?"

S. COLE,
Ganges

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Clarify

Speaking for myself and not for the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC): Your January 17 article on Galiano’s Forest 1 review contains a number of mistakes.

First, your article starts by stating that “the only way Bill Eller can build a home on his forest lot is by giving up 75 per cent of his land to a local conservation group.” While this is true for Bill Eller’s property, Galiano’s bylaws currently provide two options for some other owners to build on Forest lots:

- an option to rezone for a building right with ability to subdivide to 20 hectares, and
- an option to permit one dwelling per eight hectares of F1-zoned land by rezoning approximately 25 per cent of the land to Rural Residential and by rezoning the remaining 75 per cent to Heritage Forest which is transferred to an incorporated Galiano organization of at least 30 years standing for sustainable forest practices.

The article incorrectly infers that giving up 75 per cent of land for a residence is the only option available.

Actual implementation of options can be affected by the size of the lot involved and whether that lot has public road access. Lots without public road access may rezone for a residential use but, because residential use is currently dependent on road access, the owner won’t be able to build until road access reaches the lot. Some lots are small enough that they really only have the 75 per cent transfer option, while others also have the ability to rezone for an immediate building right and subdivision to 20 hectares.

Further, the Galiano LTC has not “backed down” on legal actions against three land owners. Legal actions are on hold until it is determined whether there should be any changes to the current bylaws. Owners are expected to comply with our bylaws; however, there is little point in proceeding further with legal actions if the LTC is considering changes to the sections of the bylaws involved.

The next mistake is in the report of what I had said in an interview with your reporter. The quote in which I said that a decision on “the proposal” would likely be taken by the LTC at its next meeting is seriously not correct.

I had stated that there would be one public meeting on the general subject of residential use on Forest 1 lands, then an opportunity for the LTC to consider proposals (plural) on the subject at the next LTC meeting,

and that there would then be another public meeting in which the public could comment on proposals.

It is at that point that I said that the LTC would likely make a decision on a proposal at the subsequent LTC meeting.

The quoted statement is taken drastically out of context and infers that a decision may be made at the February LTC, giving the impression that public input is not part of what is to happen. The earliest any such decision could be made is the April LTC meeting.

I said directly and emphatically at the beginning of the interview that nothing I said should be interpreted or inferred to represent the Local Trust Committee or any member of the Local Trust Committee. Your reporter responded that he understood and that he would be speaking to the other Galiano trustee. In spite of this, I am quoted in a way that infers that I was speaking for the LTC with consequential harm to my relationship with one of my fellow trustees.

At the least, my statement concerning representing the other trustees or the LTC should also have been quoted and would have been respectful of the context of the interview as set out at the very beginning.

I respectfully request that your reporting be more careful in future.

ROY SMITH,
Galiano Trustee

Dangerous

I’d like to add my two cents to Bristol Foster’s fine January 31 Driftwood letter about the condition of Robinson Road.

In place of words like “holey, lumpy and dangerous,” I would substitute somewhat stronger adjectives — like brutal, lethal and criminal.

The stretch with which I am intimately familiar lies between Upper Ganges Road and Mansell Road. It’s about 570 paces long, and of that distance, one single area — 43 paces long — has an intact surface right across.

Year after year, the rest is left as a jarring patchwork of broken or missing surfaces, punctuated by sullen, pathetic, uninspired attempts at maintenance.

It’s all uphill (or downhill), with three spots where oncoming cars can fully disappear behind hills or in valleys — often popping back into view in the centre of the road because the sides of the road are either missing or too rough to drive on. It exists in insulting contrast to the fine, smooth roads between the ferry docks and the cash registers of Ganges.

Robinson Road is a dangerous ride in a family car.

On foot one feels exposed and vulnerable, and on a bicycle it’s utterly suicidal. It serves as a strong disincentive to anyone exploring alternative forms of personal transportation than, say, a Hummer. Makes me wonder where my taxes go. Sigh.

CHRIS DIXON,
Mansell Road

Just one of many

In memory of “Angie.” I used to meet this young lady at a busy bus stop at Hastings and Carrall streets in Vancouver. She lived in the Pennsylvania Hotel on the corner.

When I first saw her she was panhandling for spare change from the bus patrons. I used to give her a loonie or toonie and chatted with her while waiting for my bus at 2:30 p.m. I worked night shift in North Vancouver and had to be there by 4:30 p.m.

She was a pleasant girl and I never saw her under the influence of drugs or alcohol. She seemed to enjoy talking to me and always called me “Irish.”

I liked her too and remember her sweet voice calling to me on the street: “Hey Irish, got a toonie for me?”

One day I met her and she invited me to come up to her room in the hotel. I did not go, but I was curious why she would ask, as she never solicited me for sex, only spare change.

I never saw her again until I visited Salt Spring and saw her picture on a missing woman’s poster at the Community Centre in 1998. I was shocked and hurt.

Later I found out why she wanted me to come to her room. The Province paper did an article on her and she

kept her room spotless and tidy. She was so proud of it and just wanted to show it off.

DNA from her remains was found at the Pickton farm.

Her name was Angela Rebecca Jardine. God rest her soul. Her bones may be low in the ground but her spirit is high in the sky.

I write this just to let people know that not all the missing women were prostitutes or druggies.

I even knew another missing girl — Marlene Abigosis. Her sister Norma Jean and I were very good friends. I brought her to Salt Spring and also to Duncan to meet some native friends I knew there.

It is so sad that these girls had to be deceived and lured away with false promises to die the way they did.

JOHN STEEL,
Upper Ganges Road

Expand Central hall

A suggestion to the trustees of our local fire department.

Instead of thinking we are a part of the kingdom of Dubai, we could expand the fire hall at Central, making it large enough to hold four trucks, with plans to expand in the future if needed.

Maybe we just need a new fire hall, without the extras. We could keep the one in Ganges for quick response. As you might have noticed, at any given time in the summer months there are millions of dollars worth of boats tied up in the harbour. What’s wrong with having a couple of trucks stationed right next to them for a quick response to a downtown emergency?

JACK LANGDON,
Salt Spring



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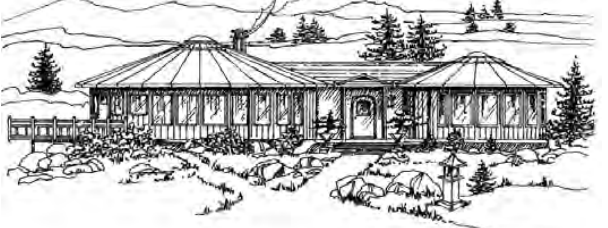
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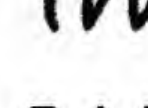
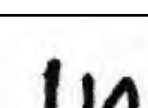
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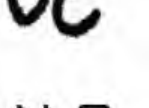
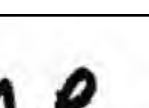
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If we deliberately scaled back a couple of million dollars on a referendum-approved community pool facility, why would we grant, carte blanche, these extra millions to the new fire hall proposal that includes a private gym and a museum?

We wouldn't allow Rogers to resort to "negative option" billing, but the fire board chairman thinks the community would concede to a couple of extra million for a fire hall that has not even made it off the drawing board yet?

What were they thinking? That a great big truck deserves a great big hall? Please, let's not open up that can of worms again.

Between the indoor tennis court debacle, paying over market value for commercial land in Ganges for a library that still will not have sufficient parking spaces and requires further millions, and now a new fire hall project that appears to be marching to its own drummer, surely we can all see that the time for incorporation has not only come, it is well past due.

Surely we can see that it is time for us to look at the

bigger picture. The Islands Trust has been very good at saying no. Salt Spring deserves a planning department that actually plans and a municipal government that can see the big picture.

S. KNIGHT,
Russell Road

Heat for sale

Good news for fans of George Monbiot. Andrew Haigh at Salt Spring Books has put Heat: How to Stop Our Planet from Burning on sale. He has also begun the process of lending this book to businesses around town and made a limited number of books available for bor-

rowing from the store.

Monbiot's Heat has been called one of the most important books on the climate crisis. It was published in Canada by Doubleday and is a best seller on Salt Spring Island and across the country.

Not so in the case of our neighbour to the south, however. According to an article from DeSmogBlog.com on December 8, 2006, U.S. publishers are finding Heat too hot. Monbiot stated that they all said a version of the same thing: "Americans aren't ready for it."

Here is a list of U.S. publishing houses which praised

this book and then turned it down: Houghton, Penguin, Norton, New Press, Basic, Bloomsbury, Picador, Harcourt, Harper Collins, Doubleday, St. Martins and Random House. Heat will eventually be published in the U.S., but not until July 10, 2007 and by a Canadian publisher, Anchor Canada.

We are very fortunate to live in a country where publishing houses are not afraid to print groundbreaking books. And we're lucky here on Salt Spring to have book stores that understand the value of this book.

DOROTHY CUTTING,
Price Road

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

To the thief who stole the wheel off my white Voyager van, when I see your vehicle, I'm taking it back, scumbag. Mickey Twostring

ROSES

A single red rose to each of the many Bessie Dane Hospice volunteers who have served in compassionate vigils over the last months. The work you do is appreciated more than you can ever know. On behalf of our community, a special thank you. KH

I need to send a huge bunch of roses to Stephanie and Malcolm Bond for what they did for us on Sunday night. It wasn't an emergency as such, but an emergency to me in a way. My little mini-aussie had a stroke and I needed to have her die with dignity at home. They came over and helped Jazzy along, I am so grateful. You have been there for me for 37 years, way back when you were my vet in Langley, and

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you did, and continue to do here in this community. Much love to you from Sabine

A heartfelt thank you to the young woman whose alacrity and strong arm saved an 85-year-old visitor from Ontario from pitching head first down the stairs at Mouat's store on Tuesday, January 30. MH

Roses from the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society to all the wonderful people and organizations that helped us get the first Salt Spring Jazz Fest off the ground last year. A huge thanks to Jill Thomas, Greg Esposito at Acoustic Planet, all the Driftwood staff, Bob Young at Apple Photo, the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, the Newman family, SHINE, Mike Wall, Erin Mullan, as well as our anonymous donors and tireless volunteers. We look forward to an even better festival this June! See you there!

Roses and thank you to all the folks for the cards, flowers and phone calls expressing sympathy at the

loss of our little Jack Russell terrier "Miss Daisy" who was recently killed on North Beach Road. She was a great little friend for 16 years. Gary and Mona Coulter

Roses to Gordon Lee "The Tree Guy" for so generously coming to Tree Frog Day-care and cutting down a dead and potentially dangerous tree. Thank you for making our playground safer, and for adding a little excitement to our Monday afternoon!

We have an entire bouquet of roses for the people at the Tree House Cafe. We were sitting enjoying some of their fine food on a recent visit to your community when an accident occurred which resulted in damage to my jacket. Rob Weir responded to the situation with dignity, fairness and unbelievable generosity, so that what might have been an unpleasant experience became instead a treasured memory. Our sincere thanks to Rob, Barbara and the staff of the Tree House. Len and Jessie Ann Gamble, Armstrong, B.C.

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Shopping list:

☐ Beef or chicken

☐ Butter

☐ Garlic

☐ 1 yellow bell pepper

☐ Artichoke hearts

☐ 1 lemon

☐ 1 tomato

☐ Salt

☐ Cracked black pepper

☐ Heavy cream

☐ Fettuccine noodles

☐ Parmesan cheese

☐ Fresh parsley or basil



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

Garlic: (*Allium Sativum*) is a perennial plant closely related to the onion, shallot, and leek. Dating domestically back over thousands of years, it is native to Central Asia and has long been a staple in the Mediterranean region as well as a frequent seasoning in Asia, and non-Mediterranean Africa and Europe. Egyptians worshipped garlic and placed clay models of garlic bulbs in the tomb of Tutankhamen. The Egyptians even used it as currency. One explanation for the Egyptians' high regard may be their recognition of garlic's medicinal properties. Garlic was rare in traditional English cuisine. Garlic was frowned upon in the United States and English Canada until the first quarter of the twentieth century. Until then it was found almost exclusively in immigrant ethnic dishes in working-class neighborhoods. Today, the aroma of fresh garlic emanating from the kitchen evokes nods of approval. Equated with fine cooking as well as comfort foods, garlic is today's favorite child. No pantry is complete without it. Almost all the garlic bought in urban supermarkets today comes from China. It is mostly "softneck" as opposed to 'hardneck' garlic. Hardnecks have more intense flavors (which are more closely related to their wild onion ancestor) but lesser storage capabilities, while softnecks are excellent "keepers" but often milder in flavor. In Ganges Village Market you can find hardnecks from local growers when in season. For a truly tamer variety of garlic, try elephant garlic (*Allium Ampeloprasum*) - its very large cloves (a single clove can be as big as a whole bulb of ordinary garlic) are more closely related to the leek than the onion. When purchasing garlic look for bulbs that are firm with plenty of dry, papery covering. Also look for garlic bulbs with large cloves-they are far easier to work with. Smaller garlic cloves are acceptable, but require more work since two or three of them are equal to one large clove. Garlic is best stored at room temperature in a container that allows ample air circulation, such as a basket or a clay garlic pot with holes on the sides. Stored in this manner, garlic will keep well for up to six months. Do not wrap garlic in plastic or store it in the refrigerator. If you do, mold will be a problem.

In a heavy skillet over medium heat sauté 1 lb. thinly sliced beef or chicken in 2 tablespoons butter with 8 cloves minced garlic. After the meat is browned, add 1 chopped yellow pepper & 1/2 cup drained artichoke hearts and sauté 3 to 5 minutes more. Add 2 tablespoons lemon zest, the juice of 1 lemon, 1 chopped fresh tomato, salt & cracked black pepper to taste. Mix in 1 cup heavy cream. Heat through. Serve immediately over cooked fettuccine noodles. Garnish with 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese & either parsley or basil.

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LET IT SHINE: Rasma Bertz, a Salt Spring health consultant, says getting out in the sun is the best and cheapest way to prevent the onset of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).
Photo by Sean McIntyre

Don't blame yourself if you're feeling SAD

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Whoever said Salt Spring has a Mediterranean climate has obviously been in Mexico for the last few weeks.

There's no denying the island has some of the most temperate weather in the country, but this isn't saying much when the country in question remains one of the coldest and darkest places to spend a winter.

Even without the great white north's ubiquitous snow, slush and ice, a lack of sunlight between fall and spring means Salt Spring Island residents are just as likely to suffer the effects of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) as people living in Thunder Bay, Chicoutimi or St. John's.

Rasma Bertz, an island-based nutritionist, said she's noticed significant numbers of people come by her clinic asking for advice on coping with the winter blues.

She said roughly 30 per cent of her clients exhibit signs of SAD. Even Bertz noticed she had signs of the illness before she moved to the island from Scotland last year.

"I began treating myself for SAD when I was getting only five hours of daylight per day," she said, adding Salt Spring's seven or eight hours of daylight have done wonders for her. "It's partly why I moved."

A study published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal in 2002 found between four and six per cent of the population shows symptoms of SAD every year. An additional 10 to 20 per cent of people experience sub-clinical levels of

depression, the report concludes.

At first glance the symptoms appear more like leftovers from the holiday season rather than the onset of depression. When weight gain, social withdrawal, cravings for sugary and starchy foods persist into the New Year, she said, it may be time to investigate what's got you feeling low.

Symptoms often appear when daylight savings time begins in October. Matters are not made any better by stress and festive binging wrought by the holiday season, Bertz added.

"Despite the onset of winter, we humans don't tend to slow down," she said. "We push ourselves to the limits and still sometimes have 16 to 20-hour days when there's only seven hours of light."

While Bertz acknowledged the difficulty of waking up and falling asleep with the sun, she said there are a number of things people can do to minimize the effects of SAD.

"I'm not saying go to bed at five o'clock but just recommending people do quieter activities and refrain from sugar-rich foods," she said.

Installing daylight bulbs in light fixtures near your computer, favourite reading chair or bedside table is a great low-cost option to increase exposure to natural light.

For more severe cases, specially designed panels called light-boxes are available online and by consulting with health professionals on the island.

Patients often require as little as 20 minutes exposure per day to reduce their chances of succumbing to SAD.

Anti-depressants are always an option, but not everybody wants to go down that route for four months of the year, especially considering the alternatives out there, she said.

Elizabeth Hemmings, a south-end homeopath, said she has yet to see the influx of SAD patients come to her this year.

After the high volume of clients she treated for SAD-related issues last year, she suspects the problem has more to do with people admitting they have a problem.

"There is an issue with people not recognizing their symptoms," she said. "They go into denial and say they don't want to have anything wrong with them."

Most people, she said, just assume feeling blue is a part of winter and continue on with their lives.

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YOUNG ARTISTS AT WORK: Grade 12 students Emily Buttery, left, and Ruby Bilney check out Bilney's painting of sunflowers at an exhibition of youth artwork on now at ArtSpring. Called Artfully Off in All Directions, the annual youth visual arts exhibit runs daily until this Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Feeney enchants folk club crowd

By ELIZABETH NOLAN
Driftwood Staff

It was a cold, cold, clear January night when Salt Spring Folk Club hosted its latest event featuring American activist and protest singer, Anne Feeney.

While the turnout was reportedly somewhat lower than usual, due to season pass holders joining the mass exodus to Mexico, a warm and merry gathering came close to filling Fulford Hall that night.

The evening began with local favourite Sharon Bailey in the opening slot, playing a lovely bluegrass-tinged set of songs about love, longing and loss.

Joined by the three musicians she has been working with over the past year, Bailey proved an accomplished singer and songwriter with a rich voice. Band members Donn Tarris on slide guitar, Bruce Pearson on mandolin and Jane Squier on fiddle and vocals helped bring in a counterplay of instruments and voices that complemented Bailey's guitar and lead vocals perfectly. All musicians showed such enjoyment and comfort on stage that it was easy to imagine them playing together in someone's farmhouse kitchen, going into the deep hours of the night without resting



Musician Anne Feeney

or worrying about the time.

After a short break, audience members quickly got over the disappointing announcement that dessert was already sold out when Anne Feeney took the stage.

Feeney's years of political action are joined with a strong voice and polished showmanship; the lone woman plus guitar established immediate rapport with the audience and easily filled the stage and the entire hall. Her opening song on Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott repeated words by Parks that could be Feeney's own credo: "My feet are tired but my soul is rested."

Protest songs, including a polka on the real recipients of welfare in the States (the corporations), were interspersed with treats such as a hilarious Irish folk song rap, which Feeney amazingly spun out at high speed

and still managed to remember the lyrics and keep her breath.

Feeney is indeed a wonderful singer in addition to being politically motivated, as was proved in the medley of '60s love songs she performed to great comic effect, demonstrating the lack of feminist role models in the popular culture of her teens.

Story-telling is also an important component of Feeney's performance and took almost equal time as singing in her first set. Laughing at herself as well as others, her description of her kids possibly forming a support group for the Adult Children of Politically Correct Parents had me thinking about my own childhood. (When I was eight or nine I told a friend's mother that she was a scab for crossing a picket line.)

Feeney may have an excellent and infectious sense of humour, but she is completely serious about her politics and she clearly does her homework. One satiric "gospel" song featured the lyrics:

"Praise Gordon Campbell super man/who bends the truth with his bare hands./ When God removes his super suit /you'll see the Fraser Institute."

By the end of the evening the serious side was

commanding more stage time than the humorous, although Feeney did have the entire audience singing the following chorus for her last official song of the night, an opposition to joining NATO by an Irish workers' collective:

"Hey Ronny Reagan, I'm black and I'm pagan, I'm gay and I'm left and I'm free./I'm a non-fundamentalist environmentalist/please don't bother me."

After a standing ovation, Feeney brought us back to her labour roots by ending the evening with the rousing song War On the Workers. Despite the late-ish hour and the lack of dessert, the audience was completely enchanted by Feeney.

Those people who went to Mexico may even get the chance to see her again at the folk club, judging by the enthusiastic response to her suggestion that she might be back some day.

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Drum circle pounds out teamwork



DRUMMER MAN: Mbuyiselo “Munkie” Ncapayi exudes enthusiasm and energy at Saturday’s Drum Café at Lions Hall.

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By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

I arrive for Saturday’s Drum Café at Lions Hall a few minutes early. A variety of people are lined up at the registration table: children as young as three, teenagers and adults of varying ages.

Some people carry their own drums; others, like me, arrive empty handed.

A man dressed in bright-coloured African-patterned clothing chats with registrants. He wears his long, braided hair in a pony tail at the top of his head and has a thick South African accent.

His name is Mbuyiselo Ncapayi, but he is commonly referred to as Munkie.

He sets me up with a djembe drum and I take my spot in the circle. Although some of the 12 faces are vaguely familiar, I only know my co-worker Andrea. Nonetheless, the others are friendly and smiling.

Munkie begins the warm up without a lot of fanfare or explanation. Following his lead, we slowly hit our drums and gradually pick up speed. Left, right, left, right, our hands pound in unison. Eventually, we are playing so quickly that I can’t keep pace. Munkie’s hands continue to move so briskly they are blurred.

He calls out noises to supplement the drumming. To me, it sounds like South African scat. The room, which started out cold, quickly warms up.

He shows us the three basic notes: bass, tone and slap.

He then teaches us four simple patterns.

The patterns are difficult

for me. Although I can keep time, remembering which notes to play with which hand is hard. On top of that, we have to keep count.

It turns out that I can play the first variation, Andrea is great with the third and fourth, and my neighbour to the right has a natural ability with the second. When the room is broken into sections, the three of us work together, counting loudly.

When we all finally nail the entire series, there is an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and team work. We did good.

As I speak with Munkie after the workshop, he understands the feeling.

“The idea is to put everyone together and play on the same beat and listen to each other,” he said.

Munkie grew up in Cape Town, South Africa and learned to play the drums as a child.

The Drum Café originated in Johannesburg in 1997.

A simple web search shows the idea has taken off internationally. Corporate events have been held for 6,000 Microsoft employees at once, and 22,000 have played together in a stadium in South Africa, Munkie tells me.

When Munkie immigrated to Vancouver four years ago, he began his own Drum Café chain. His biggest workshop was for 900.

He encourages islanders to play drums and said he believes Salt Spring has a great drum culture.

But he warns everyone to make sure their drum is in tune: “If you get a flat one it’s hard to play and you get bruised hands.”

Visiting performers jazz up concert series

The Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society has launched an exciting series of concerts from visiting artists at various island venues.

First on the line-up is the Pat Coleman Quartet on Friday, February 17. Coleman is a jazz guitarist of international renown who will be playing with Kenny Lister, bass, Buff Allen, drums, and Salt Spring’s own Monik Nordine on saxophone.

The quartet performs at the Rock Salt Café and Restaurant in Fulford from 8 to 10 p.m. At-the-door admis-

sion costs \$10 for members of the jazz and blues society and \$15 for non-members.

On Saturday, February 24, jazz fans can enjoy the Sharon Minemoto Trio with Ross Taggart at All Saints By-the-Sea.

“Sharon Minemoto has been leading her own quartet from the piano since 1997,” notes a press release. “The band plays at various venues in Vancouver year round and has also performed at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival, the Kelowna Jazz

Festival, the Powell Street Festival, the Hornby Island Arts Festival, Festival Vancouver, the Jazz on the Wing series in Whitehorse and at Club JZ in Shanghai, China.”

“Minemoto and her group will be joined by Juno Award-winning saxophonist Ross Taggart of the Hugh Fraser Quintet and VEJI fame. Also on the bill are Ken Lister on acoustic bass and Nino Dipasquale on drums.”

The concert takes place at 8 p.m. at All Saints. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and

are available at Salt Spring Books and the door.

In addition, Minemoto leads a workshop on Sunday, February 25, beginning at noon at Acoustic Planet music studios.

Registration for the workshop takes place at Acoustic Planet and costs \$5.

Third in the concert series is The Kevin Elashuk - Dave Say Quintet scheduled to perform on Saturday, March 24 at All Saints.

See future issues of the Driftwood for more details, or send an e-mail to info@saltspringjazzfest.org.

Bond films double as Safe Grad fundraiser

A Fritz double bill on Saturday, February 10 lets islanders release their inner Agent 007 as part of a week-long Safe Grad 2007 benefit.

Michael Levy of The Fritz theatre is donating a dollar for each seat sold at

Casino Royale (7 p.m.) from Friday, February 9 to Tuesday, February 13, as well as a showing of Die Another Day (9:45 p.m.) completing the double bill on Saturday, and for an additional \$2.50 only.

James Bond is the theme for this year’s 2007 grads. The Safe Grad 2007 committee thanked Michael of the Fritz, Tim and John of Island Star Video for Die Another Day and Saint of Salt Spring Air for their support

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READY TO PLAY: David Storm was spotted rehearsing piano pieces at All Saints church last weekend as he prepared to play at the Sunday service.

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Plato Quintet hot this Sunday

One of the hottest acts from a sizzling jazz scene in Vancouver, the Karin Plato Quintet, plays ArtSpring on Sunday, February 11 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Plato has twice been nominated Canadian Jazz Vocalist of the Year in the National Jazz Awards in 2003 and 2004.

She is also a Juno nominee and was nominated for a West Coast Music Award in 2004 for her CD *The State of Bliss*.

"All these honours aside, Plato is one of the most exciting jazz vocalists in the country," states an ArtSpring press release.

Plato will be bringing a stellar group of musicians with her to ArtSpring: pianist Louis Mastroianni with a long association with Cuban and Latin recording artists; guitarist Bill Coon, who has played with jazz greats Jimmy Heath, Chuck Israels and Eddie Daniels; Adve Robbins, one of Canada's premier jazz drummers; and bassist Paul Rushka, who won a Western Canadian Music Award for Best Jazz Album for his work with the Mike Allen Trio.

"What this all adds up to is one of B.C.'s best jazz quintets, showcasing the terrific vocal talent of a true West Coast star."

As with other jazz events at ArtSpring, the afternoon starts with a wine tasting hosted at the theatre by Garry Oaks Winery starting at 1:30.

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Dance crew has 'blast' at Streetgroove event

On January 27 and 28, a six-person crew headed to Streetgroove in Surrey to participate in a hip hop convention with Los Angeles teachers seen in major music videos, movies and on tour with artists such as Shakira, Mariah Carey, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Black Eyed Peas.

Salt Spring hip hop teacher Andrea Rabinovitch and crew members Sam Neville, Karen and Chelsea Shergold, Brendan Elwell and Monica George had "an absolute blast" and learnt various styles in the master classes such as house, locking, popping and waving, street, B-boying and hip hop.

"This is the third year a crew from Salt Spring has gone, and I'd have to say that I learnt more at this one

than any other," said Rabinovitch.

"It was so inspiring and way too much fun."

Held in the huge Guildford Recreation Centre, dancers from all over British Columbia and even an awesome crew from Portland, Oregon danced solidly for two days. On the Saturday night a free-style circle offered teachers and dancers the opportunity to show off what they could do.

"The opportunity to see dancers that you see in videos dancing right in front of you was thrilling," said Rabinovitch.

For people interested in learning hip hop, a drop-in teen and adult class runs on Thursday nights from 5:45-6:45 at Mahon Hall and is open to all.

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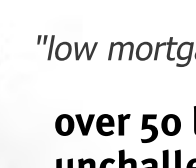


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Of Love and Music. Marcus Hissen, trombone. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Stage with Stephanie Rhodes. Moby's. 9 p.m.

activities

Copper Kettle Fundraiser.
At Ganges Village Market.
Swing Dance Lessons. With
Mike Best & Sue Newman.
Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Kundalini Yoga. With Nomi at The Gatehouse. 5:15-6:45 p.m.

History of the Blues. And a Whole Lot of Singing workshop for youth with Alan Gerber. Core Inn. 4:15-7 p.m.

South End Nia. At The Gatehouse with Arleen, 190 Reynolds Road, 7-8:15 p.m. Info: 653-9235.

Alan Miceli. Performs at Rock Salt Restaurant as part of Valentine's Day dinner.

Valentine's Day Live Raw Dinner. \$25 a plate. Reservation necessary. 6 p.m. 537-0634.

SSI Historical Society Meeting. Moutat's Store History with Kevin Bell. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

Portrait Drawing. Painters Guild drawing sessions at ArtSpring every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon. Model provided.

exhibitions

- **Artfully Off in All Directions** — annual youth visual arts exhibit at **ArtSpring** — runs daily through Sun., Feb. 11.
- **Diana Dean** shows paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobbies and lounge through February.
- **Kate Leslie** is the artist for February at the **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** cafe in Ganges with a show theme of “**Daydreams of a Lesbian Virgin.**”
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February blues given the boot with boogie-woogie concert and youth events

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Community Services is following up its wildly successful Jade Bell community youth event with a second exciting project involving blues and boogie-woogie gospel music.

Alan Gerber (aka The Boogie Man) brings his exhilarating boogie-woogie, gospel, Chicago blues sound to ArtSpring on February 15 at 7 p.m.

"His boogie piano, ominous slide guitar and violin skills are matched only by his no nonsense songwriting and rootsy soulful vocals," notes a press release. "After three decades of performing, Gerber is still knocking the collective socks off audiences wherever he plays."

Alan will be joined by Salt Spring Island youth singing songs of inspiration.

Tracy Harrison, child and youth mental health outreach counsellor with Salt Spring Island Community Services, is organizing both the concert and other youth events over the weekend.

"Alan is an inspiration to youth and will encourage them to believe in themselves, their dreams, their community and their future," she said.

On February 15, students from Phoenix High will work with Gerber for a half day, pulling together a rock band and singers for the ArtSpring show.

All community youth are invited to a workshop with Gerber titled History of the Blues and A Whole Lot of Singing! taking place on February 14 from 4:15-7 p.m. at the Core Inn.

Gerber is Chicago born



The Boogie Man Alan Gerber

but now Quebec based and has played with Lou Reed, performed at Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue, contributed two songs to the soundtrack of Bob Dylan's movie Renaldo and Clara, and served as front man for '60s supergroup Rhinoceros, which toured North America with the likes of Janis Joplin, John Lee Hooker and Jimi Hendrix.

Harrison feels that February is a particularly difficult month for teens and hopes that events like this will help kids work through the blues and have some fun.

"It's a way to reach youth and inspire them during a month that is historically a high risk month for teen suicide, depression, anxiety and despair," said Harrison.

"We want them to know we are hearing them."

"In the fall we did a brief mental health needs assessment with students at Phoenix High, GISS and the Core Inn and found that they want to learn more about suicide

risk, drug and alcohol abuse, depression and anxiety, but they want to learn through creative, artistic, athletic, playful, interactive means rather than sitting in classrooms listening to facts and stats."

"This is, along with the Jade Bell event at ArtSpring and other events our child and youth team are planning, our way of following through with the feedback from youth."

As an art therapist, Harrison knows that one of the most effective ways to counter depression and suicidal thoughts is to engage in activities that are creative, inspiring and social.

She hopes that people aged 14 to 19 will take full advantage of these events through Valentine's Day.

How can island youth participate in the weekend blues event?

"Come to the Core Inn on February 14 at 4:15 p.m.," said Harrison. "Come to listen, sing and sign up to join Gerber on stage. There is something for everyone here."

"We really want to encourage families to come to the show together and celebrate love, put all the stress, concerns, problems aside and plug into an evening that will inspire all."

Tickets for the February 15 Alan Gerber - Boogie Man show at ArtSpring are \$12. A limited number of free youth passes are available and interested individuals should call Harrison at 537-9971 for more information. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Trombonist defines romance via music

When one thinks of a romantic evening of music, the trombone does not usually leap to mind as a vehicle for the magic.

However, Victoria Symphony Orchestra member Marcus Hissen has prepared a concert designed to showcase the beauty of the instrument and music that reveals interpretations of musical romance throughout history. Of Love and Music takes place at ArtSpring on February 14 at 7:30 p.m.

"Of Love and Music is a concert program that follows our culture's many different interpretations of the term 'romance' through history and around the world," describes a press release.

"Each evening is a guided survey of music of diverse styles ranging from Baroque opera to Argentinean tango. Like the different ways people conceptualize 'romance,' the music ranges from profound to flirtatious, and introspective to exotic. This is not just a recital intended to show off excellent musi-

cianship to the artistic elite, but an evening designed to inspire, engage and entertain all different kinds of people."

Hissen has been a trombonist with the Victoria Symphony since 2004.

He will be joined by pianist David Enns.

"Balancing a busy performing schedule with a commitment to teaching, pianist David Enns has travelled throughout Canada, Iceland, and to Mexico as a soloist, chamber musician, accompanist, teacher, and adjudicator and has appeared on radio and television in Canada, Iceland, and Belgium," states the press release.

Of Love and Music: Romance Through History and Around the Globe takes place at ArtSpring on February 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$18 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students and are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre at 537-2102. For more information about Hissen, visit www.marcushissen.com.

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Winning the mental game

Dawn Beattie (Hogarth)

WEIGHT LOSS: 70 pounds
METHOD FOR SUCCESS: Stopped dieting! Walked, then added strength training, then started running. Solved foot problems with orthotics.
CURRENT EXERCISE ROUTINE: Runs 4 times a week for as long as she can, often 2 or 3 hours. Hikes with her dog, looking for the steepest trails on Salt Spring. Teaches spin classes at North End Fitness on Wednesday nights. Lifts weights and does yard work for strength training. Bikes. Enters marathons all over the world.

TIPS - RECOMMENDATIONS:
✓Exercise has to be fun. Choose something you love to do like kayaking, swimming, tennis — anything!
✓Take your time. Fundamental lifestyle changes take years.
✓Don't punish yourself — be happy that you can get up and try to exercise.
✓Throw away the scale. The numbers can ruin your motivation.

WORDS OF WISDOM:
· Think about getting healthy more than losing weight.
· Consistency is the key.
· Stop dieting.

“I spent so much time at the gym that they eventually offered me a job.”

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

Dawn Beattie abandons ‘all or nothing’ creed on road to extreme health

From “fat kid” to ultra marathon runner, Dawn Beattie discovered that her personal secret to success lay in putting aside diet plans and strapping on her sneakers instead. Always a “big kid,” Beattie dreaded the weights and measures section of the gym program at school where every kid was forced to have their height and weight measured in front of the whole class. “It was a horrible thing to do to kids,” she said, grateful that today’s youth don’t have to endure such rituals. “I was always the heaviest. It was awful.” Although always active, her weight slowly crept up over the years, peaking at 205 in her early ‘20s. Then an accident happened that started her on a course that would change her life. “I was skydiving in New Zealand in 1992 and I fell and broke my back,” said Beattie. “They told me that I would never be able to run. Although I had hated running up to that point, I was suddenly motivated to prove them wrong.” Beattie was carrying a great deal of weight around her midsection and was advised that if she could lose some of those pounds, she would be putting less strain on her back. So she started walking, neck brace and all, and gradually some of the weight began to melt away. Around this same time, she read a book called “Overcoming Overeating.” Its premise was that by dieting and labelling foods as “good” and “bad,” individuals

create a relationship with food that just doesn’t work. “At that point, I stopped dieting,” said Beattie. “I decided that all you need to do is nourish your body and exercise.” The “snap” occurred for Beattie when she was sitting on a beach watching moms who were much older wearing bikinis as they played with their kids. She was hiding her stomach rolls with a towel. Suddenly she decided that she had had enough. “I wanted to be the one in the bikini, not the one with the towel,” she said. “That was it. Snap.” She kept walking and then added step aerobics to her routine. She had already lost about 20 pounds at this point. But progress was halted when she developed plantar fasciitis, a serious condition that occurs when the long, flat ligament along the bottom of the foot develops tears and inflammation. Fortunately she overcame the condition with a great podiatrist who prescribed orthotics that she is still able to wear 10 years later. Step class was now out so Beattie turned to the gym at North End Fitness for her exercise needs. Still feeling self-conscious, she would go in the evening just as the crowds were dwindling. “I had never strength-trained before and it transformed my body,” she said. “I spent so much time at the gym that they eventually offered me a job.” Still not dieting, and eating basically whatever she wanted, Beattie found that her choices

were becoming healthier. “I was motivated by my weight loss and feeling so good that I just automatically made better choices like cutting out chips and salsa at night. It was just common sense.” Beattie is convinced that losing weight is more of a mental game than anything else. “We can all exercise and get healthier,” she said. “It means not getting down on yourself and not seeing it as all or nothing.” In her work teaching fitness classes she has seen patterns of behaviour that are consistent year after year. “On Mondays, the classes are packed. On Fridays no one is there. The gyms fill up in January for New Year’s and by Valentine’s Day, people are gone. It’s the same in September — people last until Halloween.” Beattie is convinced that people “blow” their diet and fitness plans and then see all their efforts as wasted, rather than just coming back and keeping at it. “We eat one chip, then 10, then say we blew it, may as well eat the whole package. Why?” “It’s all out there,” she continued. “There’s no magic pill. You just need to put out more energy than you put in.” As Beattie’s fitness increased she started jogging as well as walking. That quickly turned to running. She would bike to work and then run at night. She entered her first marathon in 2001 and became hooked. “I did the Honolulu marathon

and it was so fun I couldn’t believe it,” she said. “Since then I have done six regular (42-km) marathons and five ultra marathons (over 50 km and up to 65 km). I can’t count the number of half marathons I have done.” Beattie loves to travel and has discovered the joys of signing up for fitness events wherever in the world she finds herself. “I have run marathons in Dublin and in New Zealand,” she said. “If I’m going somewhere now I check on the internet for races and sign up. It’s a fabulous way to see scenery and train while on holiday. I wish more people would do it, it’s so much fun.” “In the New Zealand race I ran with people from India, South Africa, Boston and England. They called us the United Nations.” Beattie is aiming to participate in an Ironman triathlon one day. In the meantime, 70 pounds lighter and phenomenally fit, she is living proof that exercise really does work.



Dawn Beattie stretches before seeking the steepest hills on Salt Spring to walk her dog.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



French immersion students head to Middle Ages for excellent adventure

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

It was a scene that would make Bill and Ted proud: 23 Grade 8 French immersion students on an “excellent adventure” dressed as characters from the Middle Ages.

Draped in capes and flowing skirts, donning crowns and large jewels, and, in some cases, goofy pants and hats, the students hosted Grade 6 and 7 immersion students at the fifth Medieval Festival on Thursday.

“Unlike the Middle Ages, we have a lot of rich people here and not a lot of poor and unfortunate,” admitted Grade 8 immersion teacher Christianne Bevan.

But many of the activities were Medieval-esque: the Grade 8 students ran nine stations where they taught their younger counterparts how to make candles, play games of chance, and shoot a bow and arrow, among other things.

But they also ran a game modelled after Fear Factor, where kids ate a variety of concoctions, such as mushed rice cakes mixed with apple sauce.

Emily Wypkema highlighted as a fortune teller. She used tea leaves and tarot cards for authenticity, but noted the fortunes she told were fairly modern:

“The basic things were: rich, famous, singer, marry a basketball player or doctor,” she said.

Not only did students host the stations, they also acted out a rather complicated sce-



A LOOK TO THE PAST: Emily Wypkema and Sal Wiltshire demonstrate their activity at last Thursday's Medieval Festival staged by the Salt Spring Middle School Grade 8 French Immersion class.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

nario, or scandal, complete with love triangles and confused identities.

Shanti Amal-Hill played queen to Arlo Bryn-Thorn's king.

“When I first found out [he was king and I was queen], it was a little bit surprising because we're just friends,” admitted Amal-Hill. However, she said she got over it pretty quick.

According to teachers, the day was a success.

“We are very proud of them. They have done a fantastic job of speaking French all day,” said Louise Doucet, district secretary for the French immersion program.

Medieval study is part of the Grade 8 curriculum, said Bevan. In addition to the festival, students also made a creative assignment of their choice.

Wypkema, along with a partner, made a diorama of a castle, complete with great hall and latrine.

“It was the first thing that came to mind,” she said of the project.

Students also seemed to think the day went well, and were enthusiastic about the French immersion program in general.

“You definitely connect with people more because you're with them one on

one,” said Amal-Hill. “You have a group of friends because it's just one class. It's not as spread out as English.”

Kaylea Kray shared similar sentiments: “It's pretty awesome. It's better if you are bilingual because you have more options.”

In School District 64, French immersion begins in Grade 6 and runs until graduation. For parents and students interested in the program, Francophone Night is March 1 at Gulf Islands Secondary School. For more information, contact Louise Doucet at 537-1159, ext. 227.

Second chance to hear Seedy Saturday speaker

After her presentation on February 10 at Seedy Saturday, Kate Green will make a second appearance at the Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship on Sunday, February 11.

Taking place at the OAP meeting room in Fulford Hall, the event begins at 10:30 a.m.

Green joined the Unitarian Service Committee (USC) in 1993 as a program officer and has since helped guide the USC's Bangladesh and Nepal programs. Since 2003, she has worked with the team which steers Seeds of Survival, USC's flagship food security program, overseeing USC's project in Southern India.

“Seeds of Survival (SoS) is a program of USC Canada that promotes long-term food security for marginal farming communities in developing countries,” notes a press release. “SoS fosters the development of community seed banks and

emphasizes the conservation of traditional crop varieties, thereby reducing farmer dependence on aid.

“By diversifying crops and promoting nutritionally rich varieties, SoS also serves to help enhance family nutrition and health. The program stresses the importance of using time-tested farmer knowledge and practices, thus limiting the need for external farming methods, which are often expensive and incompatible with local growing conditions.”

Green's Seedy Saturday presentation takes place between 10:30 a.m. and noon on February 10 at the Farmers Institute and she will speak at the Unitarian Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. on February 11 at Fulford Hall. For more information, go to the USC website at www.usc-canada.org/whatwedo/seeds/index.html.

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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY MICHAEL O'CONNOR

ARIES (MAR 21 – APR 20): Expressing your individuality is important these days. From deep within you feelings and intuitions about your core nature are trying to break through into your conscious awareness. As tune-in and allow these you will feel more fully you and happy. You attitude is perhaps unusual, a bit eccentric, rebellious, maverick and all the while dreamy. Deciphering who your true friends are and are not and what being a true friend means are highlighted.

TAURUS (APR 21 – MAY 20): Deciphering dreams and fantasies from responsibilities and realities continues as a central theme. We are in Aquarius time and we should expect paradoxical challenges. You may be quite down to earth and generally simple in your attitude yet you also like to wear a striped feather in your cap, so to speak, something that accentuates a sense of individuality that you want others to see. As one of the more multi-talented signs of the Zodiac, your biggest challenges may include prioritization. What do you actually want?

GEMINI (MAY 21 – JUN 21): Spreading your arms wide to receive and to fly is in the stars for you now. Dreams you have nurtured for a long time may be finally getting answered now. Be sure to express gratitude and avoid statements like: "I can't believe it..." You co-created this reality because that is the magical way life works. Despite what the materialistic scientists may say, we truly live in a magical universe and our mind focus is our wand. In alignment with our destiny and the essence of timing we can create whatever we focus upon with clear and sustained intent and realistic action.

CANCER (JUN 22 – JUL 22): Merging talents, creative inspirations and energies with those of others is a central focus now. You may not exactly know your place, however. Don't take this too personally or seriously, just adapt as necessary and enquire with your team mates how you can best contribute. Be willing to teach and to learn how. Patience with yourself and all projects is important now. This is largely a time of completions of projects and of cycles, in the larger scheme of things. Still, you can learn a lot and others can learn from you.

LEO (JUL 23 – AUG 23): Creating fulfillment on relationship fronts is now in the spotlight. There are indications that you are experiencing a few challenges at least. Perhaps significant others are not reliable or available. Maybe your own ideals are too high. In any case, this is your opportunity to review your own attitude for blind spots. At best, you are experiencing higher love of a spiritual sort that is overriding all other issues. Old perceptions, attitudes and lifestyle patterns are steadily dissolving and it may not be time to expect that you can fully replace them with something solid yet.

VIRGO (AUG 24 – SEP 22): Tending to your health is now a central theme. This can include your physical, psychological, emotional and/or spiritual health. New realizations are coming to you steadily from others these days; they are challenging you to more fully awaken to how

to nurture your whole being. In turn, you are being asked to make certain sacrifices and to be fully present as necessary without questions or objections. Trusting in the larger flow and plan is the ideal here.

LIBRA (SEP 23 – OCT 22): You are in a creative cycle now and your imagination may be offering you images in Technicolor. Bringing your dream into reality and making your reality your dream is a balancing act reflective of your sign. This implies making changes in your lifestyle and working with changes that are coming from outer sources. Renovations or simply re-arranging the furniture will have a refreshing impact. Returns from past choices and investments continue to come in. These may come in the form of more confidence in your overall knowledge base. Be careful of adhering too closely to the letter of the law in place of the spirit, it will come back to you eventually.

SCORPIO (OCT 23 – NOV 21): Awakening to who you are at this stage of your journey continues. What are your best talents, what is your true worth, what do you really want, who are you? These and other such questions can be answered with satisfaction especially if you make a creative project out of posing these and such questions and being willing and ready to receive and record your answers. Otherwise, they may swirl in your mind endlessly leading you to escape from reality altogether. Make a resume, outline what you want from your job, your relationship, your life.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 – DEC 21): Your mind is ignited with ideas, visions and imaginings. You are eager to broaden your horizons and/or break free somehow. You probably realize that in order to succeed you have to gain certain knowledge. Fortunately, you are in the mood to do just that. It is important that you do because the anti will go up by September somehow when Saturn enters Virgo and your solar 10th house. Your living situation may not be as stable as you might like now and it will require imagination and patience to resolve some of the disruption.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22 – JAN 19): Building

upon a more reliable base for the future is keeping your busy these days. You have dreams and they will require money and earning it now is on the top of your priority list. You are committed to do whatever it takes, yet you have your style and must proceed in your own way. On the other, you are wise to be open to new perspectives, approaches and visions as well. Besides, they can probably be creatively woven together. Why be so stubborn when there is always another way to do things. Sure, tradition is time proven yet innovation is the other exciting aspect of reality. Intend to work synergistically by entertaining all incoming input. Why do you think it is coming at all?

AQUARIUS (JAN 20 – FEB 19): You feel strong and charismatic these days and your dreams and ideals are extra active. As you enter unknown territory the spirit of adventure is awakened in you. All security considerations aside, in your heart you live for adventure. Exploring new horizons and possibilities that challenge you to adapt and innovate is what makes life worth living for you. Perhaps you are an adventurer in consciousness, or you are an inventor or a salesman or builder or broker whatever your roles finding ways to expand your frontiers is an important part of the deal and others who understand this are closer to truly understanding you. The future is beckoning now so do not look back.

PISCES (FEB 20 – MAR 20): Dreams of the future are dancing in your mind. Travel, adventure and romance are highlighted. Whether you will get all three is another question; however you can enjoy the prospects. You have reason to feel both optimistic yet also a little cautious as well. Throwing caution to the wind may seem flighty, yet the time is right to take a leap of faith in your self and in your dreams. Do this both for the sake of adventure but also for the sake of reality. In other words, taking risks is the key to aligning with the heartbeat of life. Do hold fast to your visions amidst the flow of other influences so that you can achieve that golden mean of self actualization and conscientious co-creation with someone special and/or with life itself.

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Young stewards get training via Conservancy program

B.C. Gaming Commission funding and a generous donation from a Salt Spring Island Conservancy member has allowed the Conservancy to continue with its Stewards in Training School Program for 2007.

The program provides full-day, hands-on field experiences that teach students about different Salt Spring eco-systems.

Sarah Bateman and Cate McEwen have been hired by the Conservancy to coordinate the school programs.

"I am really looking forward to expanding the program so that more children on Salt Spring can experi-

ence increased curiosity and connection to this beautiful island," said Bateman.

Bateman moved to Salt Spring from Nova Scotia in 1988. She holds degrees in anthropology, psychology and education from the University of Victoria and is a B.C. certified teacher who has taught grades K-8 as a teacher on call. She has been very involved with Fulford school's nature club and has volunteered for the Stewards in Training program since its conception.

McEwen melds together experiences in field biology, interpretation and education when teaching in ecological education.

"She has trained teachers and worked in classrooms through the GLOBE program, an international environmental education program based in experiential field science," notes a press release.

McEwen holds a B.Sc. (Ecology) from Guelph and a M.A. (Environment and Management) from Royal Roads University. She is co-founder of Fulford school's nature club and has been an active Stewards in Training volunteer. Anyone wanting to help with the school program can contact McEwen or Bateman through the Conservancy office at 538-0318.

Sanctuary sprouting more seeds

Salt Spring's Seed and Plant Sanctuary is now in its fifth year and gaining a national reputation for its work.

The Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada group will have a table at Seedy Saturday at the Farmers Institute from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 10 and islanders are invited to stop by and pick up a membership catalogue. Its AGM follows the event from 3:15-4:15, upstairs in the meeting room.

Two feature films about the Salt Spring Seed and Plant Sanctuary were produced last summer and recognition across the country of their efforts is increasing.

"We are now maintaining

huge numbers of plant varieties for most kinds of food and herbs," notes a press release. "We have many plant 'custodians' across the country who tell us how the seeds do in their environment. We are keeping extensive plant records which are posted on our website at seedsanctuary.com."

A \$20 membership entitles members to any five seed varieties on the group's extensive lists in return for sending them a harvest report. A member is entitled to trial five more varieties each year.

"This year, because we now have so many tomatoes, we have started asking some non-Salt-Springers to

send us back seed with their evaluations," continues the press release. "Also new are comparison trials of certain beans, tomatoes, lettuces or chick-peas."

"These days it's easy to see the necessity of seed sanctuaries. One just has to look at what corporate agriculture is doing and what our governments are not doing in the world of seeds. Our Sanctuary is trying to champion the idea of seeds staying in the public domain. They should belong to everyone, not owned by corporations. Who better to shape the culture of our food than the farmers and gardeners who devote themselves to growing food?"

Medical equipment number changed

Salt Spring's Red Cross Bessie Dane medical equipment loan service has a new phone number.

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The previous and now incorrect number was recently published in a January 17 article submitted to the Driftwood for its Death and Dying section.



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Unless we grow our own, or purchase locally grown organic food, about 30 per cent of our individual GHG emissions comes from the energy used to produce the food we eat. This amounts to a whopping 1,500 litres of gasoline a year, or four litres a day. Why so much energy? Energy is used by conventional agribusiness at

every step of food production — to manufacture fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, for tillage and harvesting, for processing and packaging, and for transportation. We then drive to stores to purchase, then refrigerate, and cook the food. The further food travels, the greater the amount of energy used. Thus even organic food can be bad for the environment if it has been shipped great distances.

Salt Springers live in a hospitable climate where year-round gardening is possible, indeed delightful. At Seedy Saturday on February 10 a workshop series will be launched on winter gardening with presentations from authorities in their fields. Workshops will be followed by garden tours.

This series will be attractive to a wide variety of gardeners from total beginners to seasoned gardeners. Ses-

sions include:

- February 10, 1-2:30 p.m. — Introduction to Winter Gardening with Linda Gilkeson at the Farmers Institute.
- April 15, 1-4 p.m. — Perennial Food in Your Ornamental Garden with Brandon Bauer.
- June 3, 1-3 p.m. — Preparing to Plant Winter Vegetables with Linda Gilkeson.
- August 26, 10:30-noon — Seed Saving and Squash Curing, including a tour of Salt Spring Centre garden with Dan Jason.
- August 26, 1-4 p.m. — Building Cloches and Covers for Winter Gardens with Brandon Bauer, Salt Spring Centre.

To register: marionpape@telus.net or 537-4567 or at the door \$5.

This is the first in a series of articles from the Salt Spring Energy Strategy Task Force.

Grief and loss seminar offered

The Arbutus Therapy Centre will host a seminar dealing with the unique challenges facing an individual when grieving for a loved one, whether the loss is anticipated or unexpected.

Randie Clark, a psychotherapist and bereavement support group facilitator, runs the seminar scheduled for Friday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

“My objective in present-

ing this seminar is to help folks recognize the unique differences in the challenges an individual faces when grieving, whether the loss is anticipated or unexpected,” said Clark. “We will also compare and explore concepts of normal grief versus complicated grief and trauma, assessment for trauma response, as well as pathways toward healing and

appropriate interventions to support an individual who is grieving.”

Clark has worked in the field of complicated bereavement, traumatic loss and trauma related issues since 1997. Professionals as well as individuals coping with grief are welcome.

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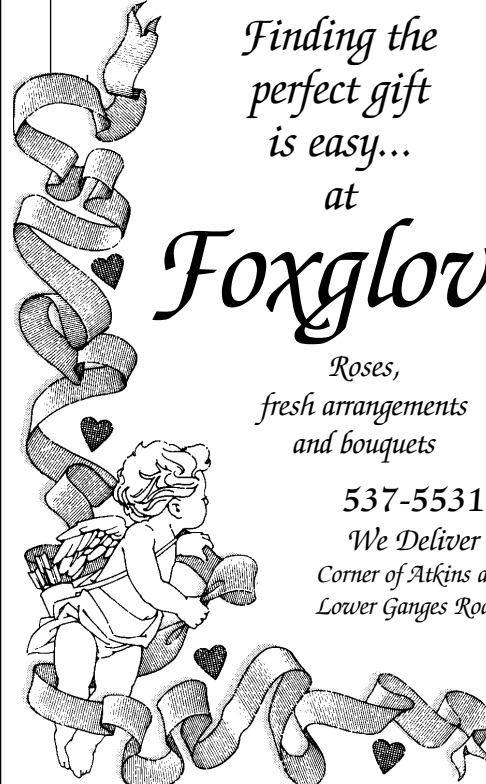
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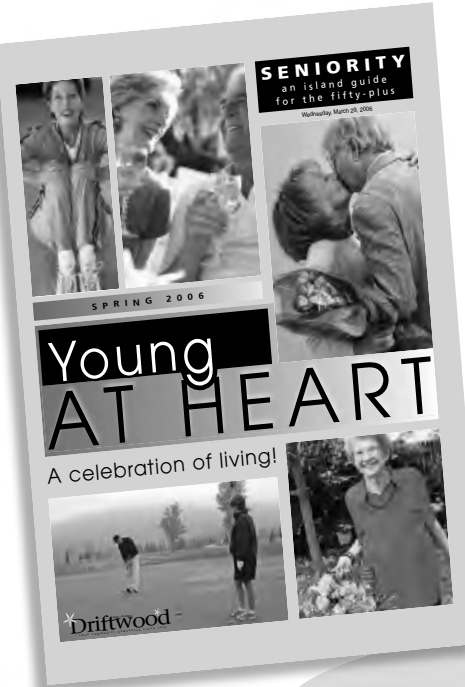
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Scorpions set to face B.C. giants



TOP FORM: Bonn Smith leaps above a Shawnigan player in recent high school senior boys basketball action.
Photo by John Cameron

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys basketball players hope last weekend's second-place finish at the Brentwood Countdown to the Playoffs tournament in Victoria will help them conquer the province's top AA team sailing to the island Friday.

The Scorpions outscored their opponents 253 to 193 and finished the tournament with a 3-1 record. Decisive victories against Frances Kelsey, GP Vanier and Stelly's Secondary Schools sent the Scorpions to the tournament's final match where they lost by only eight points.

Down by 20 points to start off the fourth quarter, the Scorpions fought their way back to within six points, but fell just short of pulling off the dramatic come-from-behind victory against Lambert Park in the final.

"We were still happy with that game and look forward to playing them again later at the South Island Championships later in the year," said Eland Bronstein, one of the Scorpions' first team tournament all stars.

Jordan Borth was awarded tournament MVP honours and Martin "long-shot" Lannan sank no fewer than six three-point baskets during the Scorpions' second game.

An ankle injury forced Lannan off the court early in the third game, though he

is expected to make a full recovery in time for Friday's match versus Ladysmith.

"We're hoping people come out and are ready to make some noise," Bronstein said. "It should be the best entertainment in town."

Game time is set for 5 p.m. in the GISS gymnasium.

In related news:

The GISS senior girls basketball team is calling last weekend's Campbell River tournament a learning experience and hope they won't have to relive the lesson.

"It was terrible," said Scorpions point guard and team spokesperson Kayla Gromme. "We should have done better."

Gromme said a lack of communication and cohesion plagued the senior girls for most of their matches despite playing one of their best games of the season against a strong team from Chilliwack.

"We played amazingly and only lost by 12 points," she said. "As usual, we played really well during the second half. It just wasn't enough."

Failing to capitalize on the team's solid opening performance, the Scorpions dropped their second game to Mount Douglas Secondary. The girls ended the tournament with a one-point loss to Ladysmith.

The team hopes to regain its winning ways at a weekend tournament in Victoria.

Grade 8 basketball hits the court at SIMS

Midget basketball has caught on in a big way at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and the results are equally impressive.

"We've had an unprecedented response from the kids," said Jude Shugar, coach of the midget girls team. "There are about 45 players involved in Grade 8 basketball this year."

Shugar's 16-player girls team celebrated a second-place finish in a Vancouver Island tournament held over the weekend in Cedar.

Early victories led the team to the

tournament final on Saturday afternoon. Despite a hefty opening push, Shugar said, SIMS failed to overcome a powerful Dover squad and dropped the match 39-29.

"We played well through the tournament and finished strong against one of the strongest triple-A teams in the province," Sugar said.

The girls picked up their game on Monday afternoon with a convincing 29-10 victory against a team in Brentwood.

One of the school's two Grade 8 boys

teams began the week with a 30-20 victory over Chemainus.

Shugar said so many boys turned out for the basketball team this year that two 13-player sides were formed.

He said all three teams hope to keep their winning streaks alive and the enthusiasm high during a busy February schedule.

Upcoming games include a boys match against Prevost on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, the girls hope to make it two in a row when they host Quamichan.

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Old Boys enact revenge edging closer to 1st place

Victory may be sweet, but revenge is even sweeter, according to Salt Spring Old Boys spokesperson Fraser Hope.

The Salt Spring Old Boys (6-5-1) got a little bit closer to first place after defeating the Fernwood Dragons on a wet yet “surprisingly playable” Gulf Islands Secondary School field Sunday.

The victory makes up for an October loss against the Dragons on the Old Boys home turf in October.

The Old Boys spent much of the first half edging their way towards the lead, but a good Fernwood keeper and a heavy field made it difficult to pass the ball crisply from man to man, Hope said.

A second-half pass from Martin Thorn allowed Chris Cottrell to capitalize on a Fernwood mistake.

“The keeper was only able to parry a hard shot from Antonio Alonso, who fought off a defender and slotted the goal that proved to be the eventual winner,” Hope said.

With Graham Tweddle marshalling the defence, Eamon Murphy imposing his strength in midfield, the Old Boys ran out the clock and secured the victory without having to score an additional goal, Hope added.

Several fine efforts from Murphy and Damien Brazier troubled the keeper but not the net, he said.

Dennis Shaw obtained the shutout thanks to some timely decisions that helped muffle a potential Dragons revival.

The Old Boys stand alone in second place, only six points behind first place Nanaimo United, in the Vancouver Island Soccer League Masters C division with a bye scheduled for next week.

FC nabs home field draw

Foggy conditions failed to dampen the spirits of Salt Spring FC players during a 0-0 draw against a visiting Powell River squad at Portlock Park Saturday afternoon.

“It was a solid game all around,” said Jordon Morrison, a player and the team’s spokesperson. “We had the better chances, but just couldn’t finish.”

Having to stop only three shots, keeper Daniel Bennett captured the shutout without breaking a sweat. Jesse Fisher also had several opportunities to give the home side the victory.

Salt Spring FC players thought a win was in sight after scoring a goal late in the second half. Despite players’ celebrations, the referee overruled the goal after Powell River players argued the ball had entered the net off a Salt Spring player’s hand.

“The referee definitely blew a couple of calls,” he said. “It was pretty disappointing.”

Another call earlier in the game stalled a Salt Spring breakaway on what Morrison called a questionable offside call.

“That one was obviously wrong,” he said.

The draw places FC (3-10-2) in seventh position in the Lower Vancouver Island Soccer League’s first division. Morrison said players are eager to gain some ground during their next match against visiting Sooke at Portlock Park. Kickoff time is scheduled for 2:15 p.m.

U14 girls head into final round

Salt Spring’s U14 bronze girls team is headed to the finals of the Lower Island Coastal “C” Cup challenge after beating Bays United 1-0 in overtime Sunday.

The local team, which won the cup last year, will take on Gordon Head in the finals this Sunday.

Billed the “most exciting game of the season,” the Salt Spring squad and Bays fought to a 0-0 draw at the end of regulation time.

In the first 10-minute half of overtime a Bays player was called for a hand ball inside the box.

Salt Spring player Becky Edwards used patience and kept a good eye on the keeper to blast the ball into the centre of the net.

The final score was 1-0.

“Every single player contributed to this win to advance the team to the finals,” said coach Tina Rothwell.

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Snakes on a Plane full of fun and jump-scares



Jason Tudor

Rumours abound that Samuel L. Jackson took the lead role in Snakes on a Plane without even having read the script. All he saw was the title, and that was enough for him.

Snakes on a Plane had a long and complex journey to the screen. Apparently the idea sprouted from a bunch of Hollywood types at a party who were joking about the worst possible idea for a film.

When the project became public, there was an outburst of commentary from the internet, particularly to the respect that any movie with snakes killing people mid-air should be as adult and over-the-top as it is cheesy.

The producers heard this and reacted accordingly. New footage was shot, adding more gore, lots of naughty language and even some nudity.

The result arrived in theatres with much fanfare but little box office. This is a shame, because Snakes on a Plane could be the most fun you’ll have in a theatre this year.

Jackson stars as an FBI agent who is assigned to protect a witness who saw a murder committed by a gang boss. While the witness is being transferred by jumbo jet to the trial, the gang boss has hundreds of snakes released onto the jet. Chaos ensues as snakes of every size and shape go to town on the passengers and crew.

I loved every minutes of Snakes on a Plane. Chock full of dark humour, obnoxious one liners, and hilarious jump-scares, this is an incredibly insane Hollywood film that hasn’t one shred of believability.

The very first snake attack, whereupon a big green one drops from the ceiling on to a couple of naked mile high club wannabes and proceeds to bite the guy on the face and the girl on the, uh, chest, is a shocking beginning.

It only gets crazier from there, with the casualty count pretty much split down the middle between reptile and human. The snakes get into everything, including pants (yipes) and bite anything that moves.

Snakes on a Plane obviously isn’t remotely believable, and most of the violence is played at least partially for laughs. And yet, this is an exciting movie where you can cheer for the humans and boo the snakes (and nasty humans).

I’m hoping for a sequel, but how can you match such a perfect title? Bugs on a Train? Rats on a Boat? Sharks in a Tub?

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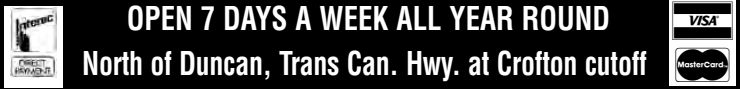
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Mud bowl tames Dragons' bite

Despite a well-played match, the Salt Spring Island Dragons couldn't overcome adverse field conditions in a 2-0 loss against Sooke over the weekend.

"It was as though we were playing in a giant mud pie," said Sue Anne Donaldson. "We had trouble keeping our footing, got really dirty and the ball didn't even bounce."

Another "super-stellar" performance by Dragons keeper Lindsey Kovats, a solid effort from defender Christine Godlonton and a strong game from midfielder Louise Doucet kept the visitors within reach of victory for most of the game.

"For some reason our forwards just couldn't get the ball into the net," Donaldson said. "I guess Sooke is used to playing in the mud."

Donaldson said she remains satisfied with the game in spite of the negative result.

"We all played really clean soccer and had a lot of fun," she said.

The loss leaves the Dragons (3-2-1) in fourth place in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association's third division, 11 points behind first-place Lakehill.

The Dragons have only one regular season game on their schedule before cup play begins later this month, although cancelled matches will likely be rescheduled for March.

The team has a chance to make up some ground when they hit the field against Vic West on Sunday. The match is set for the lower high school field at 12:30 p.m.

Youth soccer teams tie, win, lose games

• In a repeat performance of a previous game, Salt Spring's U10 Hooligans boys team and the Peninsula Hurricanes found wet conditions difficult to play in on Saturday. Each team's keepers found it especially difficult to cope.

The Hooligans started well and quickly led following two fine goals by Louis Everest. Then Peninsula played its long ball, off-side tactic and managed to pull back a goal. However, a long, surging run by Luke Hylands gave the home team a comfortable margin at the half.

A further goal by Hylands in the second half appeared to seal a win for the Hooligans, but true to their name, the Peninsula players came "storming" back to tie the match 4-4. It was an exciting game despite the field and weather conditions, and provided a worthwhile draw that pleased both teams.

• Salt Spring's U14 girls faced off against Cowichan at Portlock Park Saturday, winning 3-0. The first Salt Spring goal was scored by Abby Rothwell — her patience and good positioning paid off. The second goal

SOCCER KICKS

occurred when Pilar Brooks nailed a beautiful corner kick, connecting perfectly with Rothwell, who knocked the ball into the net off of a Cowichan defender.

In goal for the first half, Megan Jarman shut down Cowichan's attempts to score. In the second half, Jarman knocked one in on a break-away to bring the score to 3-0. Keeper Becky Edwards kept the opposition shut out for the second half.

• The Salt Spring U18 boys gold soccer team played a good game against tough competition on Sunday.

The boys matched off against the top team in their league, Gorge FC, in their first B District Cup game. Despite playing a top team while adjusting to a new formation of play, Salt Spring played with heart and determination all the way to a 3-0 loss. Mention goes out to keeper Scott Fennell and centre defender Gordon Havelaar for their solid defensive work.

School seeks used hockey sticks

Salt Spring Centre School's hockey stick supply is getting low, but students hope islanders might be able to get the cupboard stocked again.

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Jesse Alexander Allan

Peter Allan and Lynda Monk announce with pure joy the birth of **Jackson's** little brother, **Jesse**, born on **January 26th, 2007**.

Blessed to be born in this wonderful country and special island, **Jesse** and his **parents** wish to thank **Terri, Maggie, Heather, Pauline, Jacquie, Ryan, Carol and Marilyn!** We are so fortunate to have such skilled caregivers in our midst. Deep thanks to our supportive **family** and **friends** from near and far.

Our hearts are full!

Love **Peter and Lynda**



SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Heather Nelson, midwifery student, who enthusiastically helped with the prenatal care and birth of our son, Jesse.

We wish you continued success with your studies and trust you will be a meaningful presence to growing families during your midwifery career.

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5 BIRTHS

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6 DEATHS

STEWART, FLORENCE LAFON
ON WEDNESDAY January, 31, 2007 Florence Lafon Stewart passed away at the Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges, Salt Spring Island at the age of 95 years. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter Shelia and son Don. Her sister Patsy Miller; nieces Marilyn and Barbara. Grandchildren Scott, Craig, Katherine (Will), Sandra, and Tracey. One great grandchild Olivia. As well as many other relatives and friends. Florence was predeceased by her husband Jack. At Florence's request there will be no service. Hugs to Dr. Woodley and Dr. Preshaw as well as the wonderful nurses for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, donations in Flo's name may be made to Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, Salt Spring Island.

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Sandra, son Ross
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grandchildren
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Many thanks to
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loving care
and attention.

6 DEATHS

Dickenson, John

Passed away at Greenwoods February 4, after a brave struggle with dementia. Beloved husband and best friend of Joan, John is also survived by his stepchildren Stephen of Seattle and Susan (Joe), and grandson Charlie of Surrey BC, his sisters Margaret (David) and Rosemary (Julian) in England and many nieces and nephews in England, Canada and the United States. Born in Christchurch England, John attended the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He came to Canada on a scholarship in 1967 and then taught Economics at Langara College in Vancouver. He was a founding partner of Lens and Shutter and then went on to become the managing director of the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre.

On Salt Spring, John enjoyed the Trail and Nature Club, the Historical Society and membership at All Saints.

Grateful thanks to Dr. DeKock and the staff at Greenwoods. In lieu of flowers donations to the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring or to Greenwoods Foundation. A service in memory of John will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, February 10th at All Saints Anglican Church.

Howard,
Winnifred

June 16, 1914
to
February 3, 2007



Passed away peacefully at the Lady Minto Hospital.

Predeceased by husband George, daughter Alice, son Herbert, granddaughter Nichola Howard and grandson Melville Jack.

"Ma Howard", as she was affectionately known by her neighbours and family friends, is survived by her daughters Florence and Winnifred, sons Fred, Arthur and Dennis (Heather), as well as her nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

We wish to thank everyone at Lady Minto Hospital for the care and kindness shown to her and her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Winnifred's name can be made to Lady Minto Hospital or kidney foundations.

No service by request.

6 DEATHS

Elizabeth Lee
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Hann, Doris
1913-2007

Born in London, England, emigrated to Canada in 1992, passed away peacefully January 29.

Our grateful thanks to Dr. David Woodley, nurses and staff at Greenwoods, and Lorcan Pitcher.

Bob and Lavinia Hann

11 ENGAGEMENTS

SAM & WENDY Anderson are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Victoria Littlewood to Kurt Duff, younger son of Verne & Kathie Duff of Angus, On.

20 COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Salt Spring Centre School invites you to our Open House, Tuesday, February 27, 4 - 6 pm, meet our teachers, parents and students, see our wonderful school environment! 355B Blackburn Road. Phone for more info. 537-9130.

4-H MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION Day has arrived. Welcoming girls and boys ages 9 - 21 and 6 - 8 year olds for Cloverbuds. Also those with an interest in helping us all to "Learn to do by doing". Farmer's Institute (upstairs main building) 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 8. Come join us to find out more.

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20 COMING EVENTS

RELAY FOR LIFE!

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THE A.G.M. of the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society will take place just after Seedy Saturday, upstairs in the Farmers Institute, February 10 from 3:15 to 4:15. Members and non members are invited.

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26 LEGAL

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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32 MEETINGS



AGM - Gulf Islands Community Arts Council

Annual General Meeting of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) will be held on **Sunday, February 25, 2007** at 2 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

Members and perspective members are welcome.

The main items on the Agenda are:

- Adoption of the Annual Budget 2007
- President's Report by John Neville
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution:
 - a) Article 1. Name
The name of this society is "Gulf Islands Community Arts Council"
 - Be it resolved that Article 1: Name to be changed to: The name of this society is "Salt Spring Arts Council".
 - b) Article 3.1
No business shall be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum consisting of twenty-five voting members is present. Be it resolved that Article 3.1 be changed to read: No business shall be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum consisting of fifteen members is present.
- Election of Board Members for 2007

29 LOST AND FOUND

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32 MEETINGS



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A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at Galiano Community School Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

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34 NOTICES



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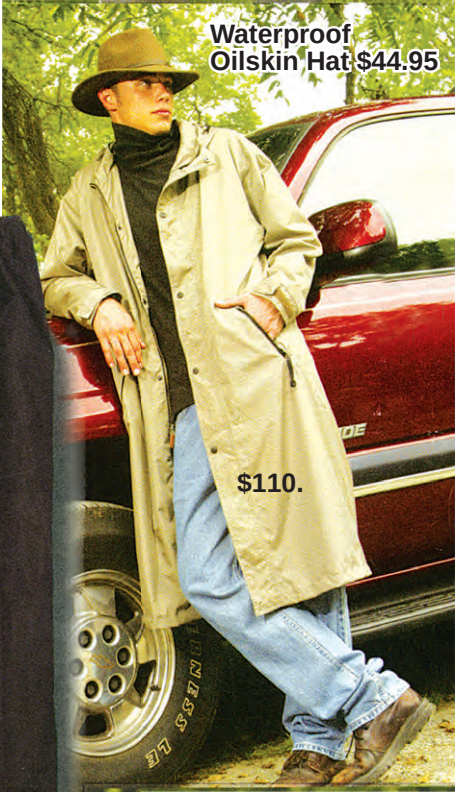
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