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## Water-sewer grants shower on islanders

By **GAIL SJUBERG**  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring won the infrastructure lottery Monday when \$1,610,000 worth of federal-provincial funding for three water and sewer systems was announced.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) had submitted funding applications for the three projects on behalf of the Fulford and Beddis water districts, and the Maliview sewer system.

Salt Spring's regional director Gary Holman said the formal announcement, "which has been anticipated for a couple of months, is of

course wonderful news." If Fulford Harbour Waterworks District (FHWD) ratepayers vote to become CRD utilities, the district can receive \$972,000 in infrastructure funds to contribute to a much-needed upgrade to its water system.

FHWD board chair Bruce Patterson said the district considered dealing with its water system problems about two years ago.

"The residents at that time said if they could get us an infrastructure grant then we would join the CRD. We've been waiting for the last two

**FUNDING GRANTS A4**

## New returning officer oversees fire election

By **PAT BURKETTE**  
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustee elections are going where the regional district and Islands Trust have gone before.

Thomas Moore, of Thomas Moore and Associates, has been appointed by the fire board to run the upcoming annual general meeting's (AGM) trustee elections.

Tom David, who acted as returning officer for the January 26 fire trustee by-election, decided not to continue in the returning officer role.

"As far as I'm concerned," said Moore on Monday, "we start the process all over again."

Nominations for two trustee positions will now be opened again.

Moore has submitted new dates for trustee nominations and an election to fire board trustees for approval. If accepted, the nomination period will be from 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 9.

**FIRE AGM A2**



**BASKING IN THE BLOSSOMS:** Betsy Kate Turner, top, and Jade Beauvais take some time out in Centennial Park on Saturday, climbing up and resting in one of the park's blossoming trees.

Phot by Derrick Lundy

## Harkema grabs top U.S. scholarship ring

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**  
Staff Writer

Islander Jacquie Harkema is one of three Canadians accepted for the prestigious Morehead scholarship at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill.

"You never actually think that, out of all of Canada, you're going to be one of the three people to get \$170,000 to go to school,"

said Harkema. "I'm just Jacquie from Salt Spring."

While Harkema had a near perfect grade-point average (3.94 GPA) with only two B's in Grade 9 among a 96 per cent average and trusses of As, her marks were "mediocre" compared to some other applicants, she said.

"This is the best scholarship I've heard of. To think

that 2,000 applied for the \$60,000 Canadian Merit Scholarship, but only 500 [Canadians] applied to the Morehead," she marvelled.

Harkema wasn't even nominated for the scholarship by her school. So she had to take the initiative to apply for the program in October, when she had just begun Grade 12.

"A lot of people would be

discouraged because they weren't nominated. The point is they should apply anyway."

So, she's encouraging other islanders to take a shot at the brass ring of scholarships.

"I guess it would be safe to say, if you have an 80 per cent or higher, don't write yourself off."

The Morehead Foundation scholarship is the premier merit award for undergradu-

ate study in the U.S. The foundation accepts 60 U.S. students, three students from the U.K. and three Canadians each year.

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# ArtSpring tax referendum on Saturday

Saturday, March 20 is referendum day on Salt Spring, with the Capital Regional District's arts service vote set to run.

An advance poll is also being held today (Wednesday).

Eligible voters can mark their ballots at Salt Spring United Church on Hereford Avenue for the March 17 advance poll, and at three locations on Saturday: United Church, Fulford Hall

and Community Gospel Chapel.

Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

Voters are being asked if they approve of property tax support for the Island Arts

Centre Society (ArtSpring) and a Gulf Islands Community Arts Council school program in the amount of \$.025 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, estimated to cost \$6.13 for the average-assessed property.

## SCHOLARSHIP: "It took more than marks"

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people you meet there are nothing compared to what you get in Canada," she said.

As part of the scholarship, she will enter an outdoor leadership program during the summer. She's trying to decide between hiking in Alaska or white-water rafting on the Colorado River.

"They both sound good to me."

The following summer she will go on an eight to 12-week public service internship that would see her work in one of a dozen locations around the world.

Another summer program offers travel study the following year. She also has the opportunity to work with major corporations as part of an enterprise internship before her senior year.

It took more than marks to win the scholarship she said.

"They want to see if you're passionate about what you're doing."

According to press material, Moreheads are selected based on excellence in four



**Jacquie Harkema**

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

areas — capacity to lead and motivate fellow students, scholastic ability and extracurricular attainments, moral force of character and physical vigour.

Harkema believes she was selected because she presented an honest account of herself during an all-day battery of interviews in Toronto on February 14.

"Every scholarship, they pick different kinds of people. For this one, they tended to go

for a real person rather than someone superficial," she said.

Interviewers focussed on the motivations behind students' actions, she said.

"They want to know why you want to be a doctor and why you are yearbook editor. Why you coach junior sports and why you read to younger students."

Harkema could be cited for all of those achievements. She also organized Hoops for Heart and the 24-Hour Famine.

Along with multiple talents in sports, Harkema is bilingual after completing the local French Immersion program and a three-month Québec exchange in Grade 10.

One bonus of the Morehead scholarship is she will have freedom to pursue some of her other interests instead of just focussing on academics, she said.

"They aren't looking to kick you out if your grades slide at all."

If she went to UBC, she'd need to keep a straight-A

average to maintain a scholarship, but the Morehead doesn't even require a B average, she said.

"I was worried about going to UBC and not having time to do the other things I want to do."

Harkema is interested in studying biology with an eye for medicine, but she is keeping her options open.

"Like I told them, it's hard to know what you want to do until you work as a doctor and see what it's like."

When she was younger, she wanted to become a veterinarian but she wanted to work with people too.

"I love biology. Ever since I was little, I was fascinated that people are animals."

Looking back on her already remarkable achievements, she reflects that she could have had better marks if she'd focussed on learning more back in Grade 9, the year of those two pesky Bs.

"If I hadn't been such a pain in Grade 9, I'd have better grades and a perfect GPA."

## FIRE AGM: Postponed to end of April

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The trustee election, originally slated for the April 6 AGM, will now take place April 27.

Moore agreed to take charge of the trustee election on one condition.

"We must start with a clean slate," he told the fire board. "I'm going to review all documentation and set out everything clearly," noted Moore.

January's by-election requirements, including necessity for identification at the polls and verification of property ownership,

caused some confusion. Then there was the question of whether spouses not listed on the property title could vote.

Fire board trustee Don Smith feels the spousal voter question is easily clarified.

"Spouses can vote only if they're on the property owner's list. If both spouses are on title, both can vote," he said.

"That's right," verified Moore.

The spousal voter question surfaced again last week when Ken Lee, who filed trustee nomination papers on March 5, was told by returning officer David that his second nominator was not a property owner and so did not qualify to nominate Lee.

David said that he asked fire chief Dave Enfield to check nominator names against a property owner's list, who found that only the spouse of Lee's second nominator was on the prop-

erty's title.

Nomination forms picked up at the fire hall did have a list of candidate requirements stapled to them, including a statement that nominators, voters and candidates must be property owners. But Lee was unaware his second nominator's name wasn't on title when he filed.

Lee took issue with Enfield, as a paid employee of the fire protection district, checking nominator qualifications of those effectively running to become his employer.

"The nomination papers are a confidential communication between me and the returning officer," said Lee.

He also noted that although he applauds bringing order to the fire board election process, candidates have already spent money on advertising with the previous April 6 election date in mind.

A call to Enfield (who is away on a training course)

for comment about fire department involvement with the nomination process was taken by deputy chief Dan Akerman, who said he was referring all calls about the election to fire board trustees and could not comment.

Moore said Akerman's response was the right one.

"That is correct procedure. Employees should not be involved in the election process."

He also said he is going to state, on the new nomination notice, that trustee nominators shall be property owners.

Moore noted that the Canada Elections Act and Provincial Election Act do not apply to fire protection district elections.

"Only the Local Government Act and the District's Letters Patent apply," he said.

Moore promises this time, "People will know exactly what the rules are ahead of time."

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**OUTSIDE ART:** A group of young artists takes to the pavement outside of ArtSpring, livening it up with colour via chalk drawings. The youngsters were at the island arts centre as part of a series of free classes in Spring Break at ArtSpring, which runs all this week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



## Joint group studies pool costs, grant

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

The park commission and indoor-pool society found a few notes of harmony in an otherwise discordant performance at their first public joint-review committee meeting March 11.

"It was a very spirited meeting, but good, I think," said Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Bill Curtin.

The joint committee agreed to fund an independent study of pool operation and capital costs for three options to assist in future decision-making.

"If we don't get these operating costs sorted out, we're never going to know which pool option we can afford," said Salt Spring Indoor Pool Association (Ssplash) president Darlene Steele.

There's been no agreement over potential annual operating figures, which range from \$600,000, as suggested by PARC, to \$250,000 proposed by Ssplash, Steele said.

"Instead of having these figures all over the place, and none of them seem to be substantiated or gel with any other of the figures, we thought it would be useful to get someone who could help us with this."

One of three facility options under discussion is a proposed hotel-sized indoor therapeutic pool, with a two-lane indoor pool and a six-lane junior Olympic outdoor pool.

"That option will be presented to the community, along with a scaled-down truly-incremental version," said Curtin, "which PARC feels we can afford without tax increase . . . plus a third option that is closer to the ideal Ssplash would like to see."

Ssplash is pushing for a stand-alone leisure pool, stand-alone hot tub and a main tank with four to six lanes, Steele said.

"It's the closest to what the community wants, according to their survey," said Steele. "I think in all fairness to the community, we have to cost that out and tell them 'This is the option you said you'd prefer and this is how much it's going to cost.'"

The two groups showed some interest in a compromise between previously entrenched extremes, said Capital Regional District regional director Gary Holman.

"That was one substantive bit of progress."

But Steele fears that PARC is pushing for an indoor/outdoor pool combination by presenting that option for the infrastructure grant application.

But applicants can change their proposals after receiving infrastructure grants, Holman said.

"The people in the [infrastructure grant] program are telling us there is definitely more flexibility. What you put in doesn't necessarily tie you down."

The community is in a "catch-22" where the committee must agree on a proposal before the community can make a final decision, he said.

"The public is going to have the final say on both the financing and the type of the pool," he stressed.

Steele is concerned that PARC will apply for a grant to fund a full recreation centre instead of an aquatic facility.

"What this means is they will be able to allocate the grant in any means they see fit."

And she expressed dismay by PARC's invitation to include more partner groups on the grant application.

"PARC wants community groups to support their infrastructure-grant application but they really don't want to share any of the decision-making process with them."

An effort to expand partnerships for the proposal was motioned at the last commission meeting, Holman said.

"The broader the community support, the better chance we have of getting funding," he said.

"It's absolutely essential, in my view, that Ssplash be on board for the proposal. They are our major local funding partner."

PARC and Ssplash had previously discussed a joint application for the grant where Ssplash would be the lead agency, she said.

"Despite the fact that we have our differences on the pool option, there was a fair degree of harmony over the fact that an infrastructure grant was something we could do together."

She believes PARC has opted to apply for the grant as the lead agency, with limited community support, so it can have greater control of the project.

"What it does of course is put them in the driver's seat. They no longer have to compromise because it's their grant."

Curtin maintained that PARC is the only agency that can apply for the grant.

"Ssplash just has to like it or lump it. They aren't going to get to go selfishly and greedily on their own with a grant application that reflects only the pool's need."

The infrastructure grant is a community application and cannot represent the needs of

one interest group. It must represent the needs of the broader community, Curtin said.

"PARC is drafting the infrastructure grant application and it will have an opportunity to include Ssplash and their cash contribution to the indoor facility."

But Ssplash doesn't want to take just a supporting role in the application, Steele said.

"What they want Ssplash to do is give them \$100,000 of the money they have fundraised and write a letter of support to include with the application. This is not the role that Ssplash sees itself playing."

She maintains the two groups should apply for the grant together.

"The money we've collected is for an indoor pool."

While the joint-review committee has had disagreements, its members have made significant progress, Holman said.

"If we hadn't had that set up, PARC and Ssplash

would have gone their separate ways long ago and we would have been embarking on this major project with the community divided," Holman said.

"It's inconceivable to me that we would go into a referendum with Ssplash advocating one project and PARC another. That would just be silly."



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# Gulf Islands violence prevention program expands to Interior

A violence prevention program originating in the Gulf Islands has been adopted on a pilot-project basis by two other B.C. school districts.

Quesnel School District and the Gold Trail School District serving the Cache Creek to Lillooet area are

now using the Developing Healthy and Respectful Relationships program developed in School District 64 by SWOVA.

According to a press release, personnel in the two additional school districts have been trained by Salt

Spring adult and youth facilitators and are now in classrooms delivering the violence prevention workshops to grades 7, 8, 9 and 11 students.

Gulf Islands Secondary School students and youth facilitators Nicola Temmel, Jenna McBride and Nigel Elliott went to Quesnel with adult facilitator Pat Fagan in early February to help with a weekend training session for the Quesnel youth team.

"The best part of this experience was knowing that I am learning as much as I am putting into it, through participation and listening," said Grade 11 student Temmel.

GISS students Taylor

Booth, Joel Eddington and Jessica Dollheiser went to the Gold Trail School District with adult facilitator Ahava Shira.

"I was really pleased to see the students wanting to help their schools," said Grade 10 student Booth. "I really hope that the program works for them like it works for us."

Key learning objectives in the program are developing self-worth and respect; setting personal boundaries; learning communication skills; dealing with peer pressure; recognizing the signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships; awareness of stereotypes (including unrealistic body imagery); under-

standing the relationship between power and violence; becoming aware of gender-based violence; awareness of systemic violence, including racism, sexism, and homophobia; balancing rights and responsibilities; and gaining a critical perspective on the influence of the media.

"Peer to peer teaching is a very powerful tool," notes the press release. "Youth facilitators play a strong leadership role in our schools-based program. Their experience in their training and co-facilitation in the classroom places them in an ideal position to pass on their knowledge to the youth

team members in the other school districts."

"Our youth facilitators are great role models for other students," said assistant project coordinator Christina Antonick. "Having the opportunity for these school districts to learn from our experience and use our curriculum in an effort to make their schools and communities safer places, is very rewarding."

The SWOVA-School District 64 project is in its fourth year of operation in Gulf Islands schools.

Funding for the expansion was provided by the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

## FUNDING GRANTS: 'Wonderful news'

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years to see if we could get that grant."

The Beddis Waterworks District (BWD) system has been approved for a \$507,000 funding injection.

A new reservoir, chlorination and filtration systems and associated pipework are included in the BWD upgrade plan, which would also require voter approval.

Cusheon Lake, the source of BWD water for about 250 households, has been concern-laden for several years.

Both the BWD and FHWD systems have been under boil water advisories at various times in recent years, and Cusheon Lake has endured blue-green algae blooms.

The FHWD serves about 100 homes.

Longstanding Maliview sewer system woes will also be addressed with help from approximately \$131,000 in infrastructure funding to replace the existing primary wastewater treatment plant.

"The project will ensure the wastewater system is in

compliance with Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection waste management permit standards, and will further protect the marine environment," explained a joint federal-provincial government press release.

"The Maliview sewage treatment plant has been out of compliance with its permit for some time, so upgrading of the wastewater treatment system is long overdue and welcome," said Holman.

Environmental assessments are required for all projects, which Holman said the CRD should complete soon.

The regional director also gave credit and thanks to MLA Murray Coell and MP Gary Lunn, as well as Union of B.C. Municipalities chair Frank Leonard, since support was required from all three before the funding could be approved.

Holman said the infrastructure upgrades would give the BWD and Fulford district residents excellent drinking water.

"CRD utilities are designed to meet Canadian drinking water guidelines, which meet or exceed the performance standards required by new provincial water protection standards."

If voters opt to join the CRD and receive the upgrades, it will bring five Salt Spring water districts and three of four drinking water lakes under the CRD umbrella.

Water quality improvements are being tackled on other fronts, he noted, with Salt Spring joining the CRD's stormwater management program this year and the CRD considering new regulations to monitor septic systems.

More independent Salt Spring water systems could become CRD utilities, he suggested.

"Over time, as smaller improvement districts become concerned about the liabilities and level of expertise necessary to upgrade and operate water systems, the CRD will continue to support and advise smaller systems interested in becoming a CRD-run service."



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# Rally set to make joyful noise

With the world reeling from an act of senseless aggression in Spain Thursday, Salt Spring is gathering momentum for Saturday's Global Day of Resistance to War and Occupation.

Rally organizer Christina Phipps hopes islanders will take full advantage of a chance to make a strong voice for peace heard above the din of war and acts like the Madrid commuter train bombing.

"People are encouraged to bring drums and noisemakers and banners and flags to make it a colourful and parade-like atmosphere," said Phipps.

The March 20 peace walk leaves at noon from the Kanaka Road skate park, travelling down Jackson and Seaview avenues past the Peace Park and down Fulford-Ganges Road to Centennial Park.

A large white peace symbol will be in the Peace Park, where people will be encouraged to plant special unity flags which will also be available beforehand.

A program of speakers, poetry and music will then run at Centennial Park. Participants include Derek Duffy, Phil Vernon, Women of Note, Cheryl Cohen, Lorraine Gane and the Raging Grannies.

Phipps also wants to ensure the event is "kid friendly," with children's art from the community displayed in the park, and an emphasis on peace rather than talk of war.

Walks and related events marking a year since the American invasion of Iraq have been organized worldwide for Saturday.

Last March an estimated 1,000 people came out to a Ganges walk to protest the then-pending invasion.

Gary McNutt, who is also involved in the March 20 events, said black ribbon, like that being used as an anti-terrorism symbol in Spain this week, may be displayed around Ganges to help promote the rally.

Islanders will also be able to sign the Declaration To End All War, a multi-pronged document with origins on Salt Spring, that has now been endorsed by more than 60 organizations around the world.

A pre-rally Feast for Peace, banner-making event and musical jam is also planned for Friday, March 19 at Fulford Hall.

People are invited to enjoy the potluck and free food available at the hall between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Some art supplies will be available, and more are welcomed, in order to decorate banners and signs for the next day's rally.



**DOCK ON:** Island Marine Construction's Stephen Carter and Ray Watson work on the ramp at Fernwood Dock as part of a major upgrade. The work was done in accordance with a Fernwood Dock Commission plan and using funds received from Transport Canada as part of a dock divestiture agreement. A celebration party was also held Monday night at Raven Street Café. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Spring greets first hummer

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Daffodils are bursting, mosquitoes are buzzing and frogs are chirping about warmer weather, but Salt Spring's favourite herald has now arrived as the official harbinger of spring.

Tom Thomas spotted a familiar rusty-red-throated Rufus hummingbird at his Main Street home on Monday.

"We called him Quasimodo because when he sits on the perch and puts his head forward to drink, a feather comes up on his back. He looks just like a little hunchback."

The feathered sun-lover spent the last four to eight weeks flying about 4,000 kilometres to reach the island after wintering in Mexico.

"It's the same one we've had for years," said Thomas. "I don't know what their life span is but it's been here about three years at least."

Based on the bird's colouring, Thomas is certain the visitor is a Rufus. But he's never seen one of the Anna's hummingbirds that overwinter on the island.

"He has been the first one to arrive here for a couple of years in a row. I know it's a male and I definitely know the difference

between the Rufus and the Calliopes."

Thomas and his wife Valerie put out four feeders at the beginning of March to welcome their feathered friends.

"I love these little guys. We get a whole mess of them here."

He's seen as many as four Calliope hummingbirds on a feeder at the same time.

"That, for me is phenomenal to see."

Calliopes have a markedly different personality than the feisty Rufus hummers, he said.

"They are a gentler spirit. You can get three or four of them on one feeder but a Rufus won't. They'll only allow themselves."

The Thomas family also has several seed feeders for other birds, he said.

"I love the little nuthatches, chickadees and rose finches that come around. We get all kinds of birds. Of course, they leave their little souvenirs on the deck but I'm feeding them so they've got to leave me something."

Thomas was thrilled to spot the first hummingbird again.

"That's the second time. A couple-three years back I phoned in because I was so thrilled I had to tell somebody, so I phoned the paper."

The arrival of Rufus hum-

mers is the real beginning of spring for Thomas.

"When they're here then you know. We've got daffodils that are just about ready to start opening up on the deck. My wife is an avid gardener. Me, I'm not a gardener. The ground is too far away for me to be bending over and getting back up again."

An early swallow sighting was also reported on Salt Spring Sunday.

Conhor Vane-Hunt reports seeing the first itinerant birds on his Sharp Road property at 7:30 p.m.

"Hopefully our residents will follow shortly."

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# Weston View Drive road work angers lane-dwelling islanders

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

While some islanders clamour for repairs to local roads, another group is unhappy about recent maintenance on a dead-end lane.

"I don't know why they picked on us; I have no idea. I'd like to know why they chose our road," said Weston View Drive resident Anne Williams. "We were living there, minding our own business, quite happily going along with our road."

JJM Maintenance crews stripped vegetation off a lovingly planted verge and created a muddy bog when they visited earlier this month, Williams said.

"I've had some comments from our neighbours on Bullman Road. They were saying, 'Well aren't you the lucky ones, getting gravel.' And I said, 'We

didn't ask for that gravel. They made a terrible mess.'"

Unlike the Weston View cul-de-sac, Bullman Road is in desperate need of attention, she said.

"It's just in terrible condition up at the top there."

There are only two households on Weston View and both homeowners are upset about the road work, she noted.

"Prior to this work being carried out, there was a grass verge with spring bulbs and wildflowers which we planted over the past 12 years. We mowed and maintained the verge throughout each growing season and were careful not to let the grass encroach on the driving surface. No shrubbery impeded the line of vision in any way."

Williams was so upset that she wrote to JJM

Maintenance Ltd., MLA Murray Coell and the Ministry of Transportation.

Williams believes the culverts just needed cleaning with a shovel.

"That's what caused the problem in the beginning."

She feels the grading work was a waste of money and disagrees with the ministry's explanation that grass clearing is a normal part of road-maintenance.

"This is something they've just done now. It wasn't as though the road became overgrown, the grass encroached and they've put it back. That is not correct. That was a very narrow country lane and now it's almost as wide as Beaver Point Road."

The grass verge on Weston View, previously 15-feet wide in places, has been reduced to four to five feet, she said.

"If they had just come along, done the ditch, repaired the culvert and put a little gravel at the bottom, we'd be happy as larks."

She'd like to see the area rehabilitated and hopes to prevent JJM from returning to Weston View in the future.

"Frankly, they told us they intend to send a roller along to press the gravel down and that really bothers me because I'm afraid they'll just turn it into a disaster again."

JJM manager Richie Harold believes the grading work is straightforward.

"You've got to get the water off or the road turns soft because it sits in ponds."

Gravel roads must be shaped and cleared to allow water to drain, Harold said. If culverts need work, they will be unplugged and

cleaned, he said.

"If they are rotted out, we'll replace them. That's routine stuff."

Asked why JJM needed to work on the dead-end lane, Harold described the company's routine-maintenance policy.

"Under our contract with the ministry, we have to inspect all roads, paved or gravel, several times a year. If it's a hill and it's wash-board and it's creating a problem, we have to go in there and add material to it, grade it and compact it."

The work was done by JJM at its own discretion, said Ministry of Transportation area manager Greg Galpin.

"It's their operation totally. It's not something we direct them to do or anything."

But JJM was acting in the best interests of island motorists, Galpin said.

"They had to strip off the vegetation before they re-gravelled it."

Galpin even sent an e-mail message to Williams to explain why the work was necessary to protect the road infrastructure.

"The sods trap moisture and the road base softens and gets worse. Periodically, we've got to peel the shoulder sods and clean out the ditches."

The ministry won't ask JJM to replant the area.

"Normally, if there is any planting of flowers, it's in the boulevard behind the ditch. This is the road surface that was stripped, not what we would consider a boulevard."

Grass will re-establish itself pretty quickly along the shoulder, he said.

"By mid summer or fall, you probably won't even notice it."



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# Trust extracts 4.4 per cent tax hike for growing budget

The Islands Trust budget burst the \$4-million mark for the first time as trustees opted to pay for new staff, give themselves a raise and boost discretionary spending for some local Trust committees.

In finalizing its 2004-05 budget of \$4,022,025, Islands Trust Council voted to extract 4.4 per cent more of its revenue through Trust-wide property taxes this year, representing a \$145,440 increase for a \$3,554,625 total.

"The Islands Trust budget has tipped \$4 million for the first

time in its history," said the Islands Trust's director of administrative services Doug Levell Friday.

After a few years of staff cut-backs following Bowen Island's 1999 incorporation and resulting loss of income, council was able to find the money this year to fund two part-time planning technicians (one for the Salt Spring office), to make a part-time Trust Fund Board communications and fundraising employee a full-time position, and to pro-

vide Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams with assistance from a half-time communications staffperson.

Since Adams' previous position of Trust Area Services director was not filled when she took on the most senior executive role, the latter hire will provide some relief to her current workload.

Overall spending on trustee honoraria will also rise by 23 per cent, with those serving less populated islands receiving proportionately more than their large-

island counterparts.

Trustees also agreed to increase discretionary spending to local Trust committees (LTCs), based on a proposal put forth by Salt Spring trustee Kimberly Lineger. (See separate story.)

Lineger's formula will see Salt Spring receive \$29,000 of that \$70,000. "Whatever your constituents pay, it is going to be spent on your island," she said.

Gabriola trustee and vice-chair Giselle Rudischer said it was

important to point out that the mill rate had actually dropped — from .7902 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to .6984.

"If someone's assessment stayed flat [this year], their taxes would go down," observed Kim Benson, Gambier-Keats trustee and also a Trust vice-chair.

Council also voted to take \$15,000 from its capital reserve account to pay for a Salt Spring Trust office move, if necessary. The office lease expires in January of 2005.

## Entry fee, equity get mixed reponse

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Tax equity and island "entry fee" issues grabbed some attention at Islands Trust Council on Hornby Island last week, with one proposal accepted and another moved on down the consultation line.

But council ran out of time to discuss a wide-ranging "tax requisition and resource allocation model" proposed by the Trust executive committee.

Trustee Eric Booth's idea to charge an island's entry fee to non-residents will be sent to the Trust's financial planning committee (FPC) for further exploration.

"It will be up to the FPC to decide what to do with it," said Trust chair David Essig.

Booth suggested fee revenue would address Islands Trust funding problems and the "inequity" resulting from larger islands subsidizing smaller islands' Trust functions.

Some trustees expressed concerns about how funds would be collected and spent, and how residents dependent on tourist income would respond to the idea.

"I think I'm still relatively welcome on my island," commented North Pender trustee and Trust vice-chair Wayne Wright. "I think this should go down in flames."

Trustee Kimberly Lineger's plan to increase local Trust committee (LTC) expense accounts so each LTC can support island-specific projects received positive

endorsement. It will see the Trust-wide LTC expense budget raised from \$28,000 to \$70,000, with funds split depending on the property tax contribution of each island.

"This is my first step to doing the tax equity thing without rejigging the whole budget," Lineger explained.

If trustee Wright was not in favour of an entry fee, he gave his blessing to the expense account scheme.

"Kimberly should get a large hand for coming up with something that is actually workable," he said.

But along with the higher amount of money comes more responsibility, since LTCs will be unable to return to council to ask for more funds when the well is dry, as they've done in the past.

Lineger was pleased her idea was endorsed but upset that the executive committee's proposal was left so late in the agenda that it could not be discussed.

She felt that if council was serious about considering tax equity it would have moved the topic up on the agenda.

"Yet again it's another delay," she said.

Hornby trustee Tony Law and others tried to calm Lineger down.

"I don't think it reflects any lack of commitment on the part of Trust Council," said Law.

Lineger was also the centre of attention on another matter when she pointed out the executive committee was asking for permission to spend legal reserve funds without

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Make a statement

On the street and in print, islanders have spent the last several weeks thrashing out the pros and cons of entrenching tax support for ArtSpring and the Community Arts Council (CAC) Artist in the Classroom program.

Spirited feelings clearly exist on both sides of the debate. Some people are eager to see arts funding formalized through the Capital Regional District (CRD) and others are vehemently opposed to yet another increase in property taxes and for something they deem frivolous.

We strongly sympathize with fears of rising taxes, and wish the \$38,000 figure touted in the arts service bylaw — to be shared 85 per cent for ArtSpring and 15 to the CAC — was a maximum cap.

However, we also believe both organizations, under their current excellent management, will make reasonable annual funding requests to the CRD. Those requests must be approved by the Salt Spring regional director and the CRD board, and both should heed public opinion on funding matters.

ArtSpring has naturally grabbed most of the attention, and its historic snaggletoothed ghosts have been unnecessarily rattled awake from their graves. The Island Arts Centre Society and ArtSpring may have struggled through a mucky start, but they bear no signs of that now and should not be “punished” for past controversies.

ArtSpring’s ability to rise far above its storied origins is a testament to the maturing of our community.

ArtSpring is now one of the island’s most valuable cultural assets. It has gone far beyond a strict arts-focussed mandate and is a true community centre, filled on varying days with kids or seniors or non-profit group members. Anyone who thinks it is not well-used or does not touch all of us in some way is simply uninformed.

The IACS board, staff, volunteers and generous donors have made the centre financially self-supporting in its first five years. And people who strongly support ArtSpring and the CAC could obviously donate more of their time and money to make those entities flourish.

But public tax support is not about reducing the voluntary contributions of an enthusiastic core. It is a statement about what a community values and recognition that public money is disbursed for the good of the whole community.

Are we an arts community — one of the best known in Canada — or not?

Do we recognize the arts, ArtSpring and the CAC as one of the main arteries of our local economy and community character or not?

Hopefully a majority of people on Salt Spring can answer “yes” to those questions and vote the same way on March 20.

## Enriching and uplifting ArtSpring facility is ‘worth it’

By NORBERT SCHLENKER

On March 20, Salt Springers will decide whether to support local arts through a new tax service.

To help you make an informed decision, we placed a series of advertisements in the Driftwood that outlined ArtSpring’s achievements since the doors opened five years ago.

Our message to the community is “ArtSpring is worth it.” We believe passionately in the value of artistic creativity, one of our community’s most distinguishing elements, something that makes this island stand out and be recognized.

Through continual development and improvements, ArtSpring has integrated itself into the community, encouraged artists and musicians to be their

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best and offered our patrons the very best experiences.

It took 10 long years to construct and open the facility, now in its fifth year of operation. The size of our community dictated compromises in the design of the building, compromises which irk critics to this day.

Yet the activities in the building belie all the criticism. In this fifth anniversary year, ArtSpring has events going on almost every day.

The average day sees the building being used for two or three different functions simultaneously. It is no white ele-

phant sitting unused by the community. Over a hundred local groups have used the facility — to sing, to dance, to act, to paint, to exhibit and, most of all, to share common experiences.

Countless members of the public have visited our many visual arts exhibitions.

Box office records show that more than half the island’s residents have attended performances ranging from Bach to Bachman, Gershwin to Geezers, Vivaldi to Valdy.

Tickets are priced at bargain levels due to unceasing efforts by staff, volunteers and fundraisers and the generosity of many donors.

The ArtSpring Board has dual responsibilities: operating in a financially sound manner and

providing an arts facility for use by the entire community. ArtSpring does both. Day to day, it operates as a business. Staff and the Board monitor its finances and ensure that all funds are spent wisely.

Yet ArtSpring is in business to do more than just make money. Ticket prices could be doubled, gallery and theatre rental rates could be tripled, Spring Break children’s programming could be a big revenue source instead of free, youth passes and community outreach to the disadvantaged could be ended, free concerts could be no more.

The building would make a profit. Our community would be the worse for that trade.

I realize that property taxes are increasing. I am no happier

about it than other taxpayers. But think about the sort of community you want to live in. An arts centre is an important building block in a community. We construct such a facility not because each one of us will use it, but for the greater good.

The arts — positive, constructive and uplifting — open doors to new worlds and enrich our lives. The arts reveal our values and beliefs as individuals and as a community.

What we value has a price. A small investment will realize great returns. ArtSpring is worth it. Our community is worth it. Please vote Yes on Saturday.

*The writer is the president of the Island Arts Centre Society, which operates ArtSpring.*

## March 20 rallies seek ‘force more powerful than war’

By MARION PAPE

I attended the 48th United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which met in New York from March 1-12.

My group, the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, presented two workshops there.

The first was titled War is not Healthy for Women and Other Living Things, and the second was A Force More Powerful, which is about non-violent actions that can be taken around the world in the face of overwhelming odds such as the Danish Resistance to Hitler during the Second World War.

Well-known author and peace activist Cora Weiss spoke eloquently about the

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need to abolish the institution of war. The UN was formed with the purpose of preventing the scourge of war and yet during the 11 years between 1989 and 2000, there have been 111 armed conflicts.

Cora asked, “Can we say that there has been a mammoth failure of the international community? So is it a dream to say that the time for war to go has come?”

Scanning the daily papers gives us photo after photo of civilians killed, children caught in the gunfire from

small weapons, which are hugely available around the world.

Canada is complicit in the export of some of these weapons. We must rid the world of the manufacture and sale of guns except for police defensive units.

Eleanor Roosevelt, mother of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, warned that if we want to rid the world of war we would have to think of an alternative activity for young men who were attracted by the excitement of war and the idea of becoming heroes.

Her husband FD Roosevelt, said: “I hate war. Is war a part of our DNA?”

The UNESCO Seville statement on violence of

1989 says, “We conclude that biology does not condemn humanity to war . . . Wars begin in the minds of men . . . the same species who invented war is capable of inventing peace.”

Nothing happens without a dream and we have set out a global dream in the Declaration to End All War that was written on Salt Spring Island and distributed across the globe.

To date, over 55 local, national and international organizations have endorsed the declaration, including organizations like the 9-11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, Code Pink, International Peace Bureau, Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice, A World

Without Armies, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Hague Appeal For Peace, UBUNTU Forum, Helen Caldicott, Robert Bateman, Alexa McDonough and the entire federal NDP caucus and many, many other groups.

We are continuing to collect endorsements and will post names on the Voice of Women web site [www.womenforpeace.ca](http://www.womenforpeace.ca).

And most important, we are launching the declaration and will begin collecting signatures at the Salt Spring Peace Rally and other rallies around the world on Saturday, March 20.

A year ago, as most member states of the United Nations opposed war on

Iraq, 80 million people marched, all over the world, protesting the looming attack, and also in growing numbers calling war itself in question.

As the Iraq story unfolds, their ranks swell, through skepticism about alleged reasons and alarming consequences. More people think now is the time to say: “No more war!”

Make sure you come to our peace rally, sign your name and get involved as a part of “a force more powerful than war.”

*The Salt Spring writer is co-chair of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and attended the New York UN conference this month.*



# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *How can we reduce violence in hockey?*



**Keith Newman**

*Get rid of the instigator rule. It's a rule that assesses an extra penalty to an aggressor. Instead of two guys having a pushing match, emotions boil over until something happens like the Bertuzzi thing.*



**Bob McIvor**

*I'm not a hockey fan but as for violence in general, a good step would be to get rid of violent video games, to start with.*



**Julianna Docherty**

*That's the part I like in it. I enjoy it when I see them belt each other.*



**Hanne Baer**

*Just eliminate it. Make it a rule that as soon as you injure someone, you are out of the game. I hate violence in hockey.*



**Riley Reid**

*You can't really reduce it. The players make it how it is. If it happens, it happens.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Unaffordable

The big pool debate is heating up, with PARC and Ssplash trying to compromise but still fiercely clinging to their different optimum goals.

I have had several discussions with PARC chair Bill Curtin, and initially thought that the option he said PARC was proposing seemed very sane.

He spoke of brand new technology from the U.K. being utilized. An outdoor pool, with a vinyl liner rather than a concrete excavation; the potential of having a roof manufactured from the latest in metal amalgams that would protect the pool in the winter, and could retract in the summer.

By applying for government grants, this seemed within reach without increased taxation.

However, the picture is becoming clouded. Now we need waterslides "to keep the children out of the lakes." What?? "With an increase in population and tourists, we don't want people and dogs in our drinking water!"

Come on PARC — now it wants to close lakes to the public and introduce more

fancy options to the pool question? Why are we living here if we want life to be restricted and dictated to us by more government regulations?

Incidentally, with property values rapidly increasing and taxes rising accordingly, how many of us are going to be able to afford these deluxe options? Reminds me of the original pool referendum almost 20 years ago, when wave makers were one of the options that got the whole motion defeated.

I guess I go along with Peter Vincent and his February 18 column. I can't afford any more taxes, so it looks as though I will have to vote against a pool — what a pity.

**ROSEMARY WYATT,**  
Salt Spring

### Backwards

I was rather shocked to read the comments of assistant fire chief George in the Driftwood three weeks ago, pertaining to the purchase, for \$675,000, of a new fire truck for the community.

The assistant chief states that anyone who is concerned about the fire truck not being able to access their house in the event of an

emergency should simply upgrade their driveway "to code."

This strikes me as a particularly backwards, not to mention arrogant, approach to the problem. As I see it, the fire department is here to serve the specific needs of this community, and not the other way around, so that if many people have driveways which are very long, winding, narrow and steep, which many people do, then a truck should be purchased which can service these properties.

The cost of upgrading "to code" could be quite prohibitive, given the length of some of these driveways, and the cash crunch faced by many who find themselves land rich but cash poor on an island with rapidly increasing property taxes.

I think it is a very dangerous turnaround to ask the community to make such changes to suit the fire department rather than to ask the fire department to tailor its new equipment purchases to suit the community.

I also think that this debate is one that should have taken place before the purchase of the truck.

The fire trustee elections

are on April 6, from 2-7 p.m., at the fire hall in Ganges.

**DAVID BUTTIGIEG,**  
Hilltop Place

### Too posh

Having witnessed and been involved in the volunteer labour at the Fulford Hall over the years and the many fundraising events and the many activities that take place there day and night for all age groups, I was wondering if the proponents of ArtSpring are all "too posh to push!"

I don't remember Fulford Hall ever asking for taxes, and the list of the events they have held for the whole island is too lengthy to put in this paper.

Gump Kaye was right when he said the island was led to believe ArtSpring would hold its own and islanders would never be asked to pay through taxes.

**TIM O'DONNELL,**  
Salt Spring

### Expensive chaos

Last Thursday evening three ferry workers, with combined service of nearly 50 years, addressed a public meeting at GISS sponsored

by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens.

Their purpose was to alert the public to implications for our ferry system of Bill 18, The Coastal Ferry Act, which was quietly passed by the legislature nearly one year ago.

For the last 40 years we have had an integrated system. Lucrative routes subsidized those not profitable, and ships could be moved within the system to cover breakdowns and repair times. It had become apparent in recent years, however, that efficiencies were needed and that government action should address long-standing problems.

The action taken last April, however, was of a different kind. Bill 18 fully privatizes the ferry operations and looks for a series of separate companies to form, each of which will operate one or more routes. Each route must become self-sustaining (make a profit) or it will be eliminated. Port facilities remain in government hands.

This is an invitation to competitive chaos at the expense of consumers.

Salt Spring Island will have three routes, each of

which must justify itself by earning a profit, or be eliminated.

It is no secret that under this regime we will lose the Long Harbour route. What is less understood is that the Fulford run will have to raise rates substantially to make a profit, and this will lead the operator of the Vesuvius route to match the fare for his run. How this would play out over the years is anybody's guess.

Bill 18 changes the basic philosophy of our ferry system. In private hands this will no longer be run as a service to coastal communities; it will be a business run to make money or else go down the tube.

What public money has built is being presented as a prize to the highest bidder (or closest political friend?). And no one is predicting what it will do the tourist industry.

If you want to know more, look up [www.saveourferries.com](http://www.saveourferries.com). The provincial government needs to hear from us.

**BOB WILD,**  
Hedger Road

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## Hairy-chested rodent killers are back on top

It's been over two years since the 9/11 tragedy, and it's pretty safe to say that the ashes from that event have found their way into every corner of our lives, in every corner of the globe. Some of the changes are obvious.

The glacial progress through customs. The flag-waving, the bumper stickers, the endless parade of TV specials. In North America, the pendulum has swung from a live-and-let-live, laissez faire community to a borderline Orwellian vision, keeping time to the distant muffled cadenza of jack boots.

Along with all this frenzied motherland dancing, there has emerged a creature that, at least in the western world of Subway Jareds and Microsoft

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SPEAKING**  
BY PETER VINCENT



genius/geek/Gates types, has become as rare as cocktail wienies at a baby shower. Men are back.

Attribute it to the firemen who went down to the World Trade Centre. Or the death of the Dot.com Horatio Algiers. Or our soldiers returning from Afghanistan, Eastern Europe, Africa and now Haiti. Or maybe it is due in part to Viagra's meteoric rise to supreme master of the pharmaceutical universe.

Whatever the reason, it's okay to be a man again. The androgynous, pale, skinny, angst-ridden goth-boys popularized by Calvin

Klein and Yves St. Laurent have given way to hairy chests, Levi 501s, and the weather-beaten visage of Clint Eastwood. All of this is good news to those young men out there looking for that "everyman" figure to hang their squeegee-boy hats on.

They have spent years developing a troubled childhood, effeminate gestures, and the unswept pallor of raw turkey skin. All for naught.

The world has indeed become a dangerous place. Women once again feel the genetic pull to security and protection. The days of coddling a hyper-sensitive, self-absorbed girly-boy are officially over.

Women are seeking the security of big arms and a comforting, calloused hand — someone who will jumpstart their car at 6 in the morning, who will take care of

that rodent problem, who can open the jar of pickles. A man who smells like a man.

Don't believe it? Take a flip through the magazine section. Full-page ads of big hairy guys displaying their tanned backsides. The European editions, unfettered by puritanical censorship, are only too pleased to display real men in all their full frontal glory. Have you seen the TV advert by Nissan? It's a 60-second life clip of a woman and her broken-down car. A woman who has suffered through a series of neurotic, narcissistic, insensitive boyfriends. And then, the promise of something better with the appearance of a rugged Marlboro-Man towtruck driver with a can of gas and a mouthful of pearly whites.

If anyone can recognize a trend, Madison Avenue can. Daddy's home.

Radio stations across North

America are playing talk radio for guys. It is the male equivalent to Oprah, where topics include such pearls as "single moms, should you care?"; or "beautiful and insecure — the perfect date."

And men are listening in record numbers. Why? Because despite the past 20 emasculating years, men still want to be men. It's just they have forgotten how.

For these confused boys, there is a new dawn. New York has given them back their genitalia. The sexes are once again definable. No more of this amorphous goo, where the only sure way of confirming gender was by observing whether they stood up to pee.

So men, it is time to hit the gym, get some sun, and buy an Irish Setter or some other hair shedder. Men are back in, and the world will be a better place for it.

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## More letters

### Corrections

We do not presume to answer the questions Albert C. Kaye directs to Catherine Faulkner (Low Priority, March 10), but we thought it essential to inform him that she is ArtSpring's longest-serving volunteer. As such, she has more knowledge and history than any other person currently working with the society and we are proud to have her as part of our workforce.

We also thought it important to correct Mr. Kaye's assertion that ArtSpring was to be run entirely by volunteers. As early as August 1989, the same month the Island Arts Centre Society was founded, staffing costs were projected by the board at \$38,200 (director's salary, bookkeeping, landscape maintenance and janitorial). This amount is increased over the following five years and, in the business plan dated fall 1994, the projected operat-

ing budget estimates \$58,500 in staffing expenses.

The society's business plans do refer to volunteer staffing but, taking into account the projected budgets, it is clear the founding directors did not intend this to exclude paid staff. Today, ArtSpring operates exactly as anticipated 15 years ago with paid and volunteer staff working side-by-side. Volunteers contribute over 5,000 hours annually.

We regret that Mr. Kaye feels he does not receive sufficient notification of events presented by ArtSpring (Untruths told, February 25). A considerable amount of time and money goes into promotion and marketing and we have to wonder why it is not reaching him.

This past August and September we distributed 3,000 copies of a brochure announcing a line-up of 13 concerts. The first ad for the season appeared in the

Driftwood on October 8, 2003, and we have been advertising on a regular basis with at least one ad every two weeks.

About every six weeks we distribute 2,750 copies of a free newsletter by direct mail and by insertion in the Driftwood. This paper also carries a monthly column that describes upcoming events. Electronic versions of the newsletter are available on ArtSpring's website, which has featured concert information since August.

So, in the past six months we have distributed 11,000 newsletters, 3,000 brochures and placed ads in the Driftwood 15 out of 24 weeks. A recent dance performance took more than five months to sell out, and two upcoming performances, which have been promoted since August 2003, still have tickets available.

It is unclear how this amount of marketing is catering to an exclusive clique, but we do feel we must be doing something right, or most of the events would not have sold out.

**PAUL GRAVETT,**  
ArtSpring executive director

### Grinches

Unfortunately, I have to say I'm not overly surprised by the amount of negativity and whinging I'm hearing and reading about the prospect of supporting ArtSpring through property taxes.

I'm disappointed and dismayed, but not really surprised.

Wherever you go you'll inevitably find scrooges, grinches and naysayers, and I guess Salt Spring — "Island Paradise" or not — isn't exempt.

Okay, granted, the ArtSpring building is far

from perfect (but what public building is? Go ahead and name one if you can. I bet you can't). It is almost unbelievably badly designed; I suppose the floor layout could have been more awkward, but it's difficult to see how.

The actual auditorium is too small, there is a totally unnecessary proliferation of floor levels (the washrooms, for example, are not wheelchair accessible, although everything else is), an incredible amount of wasted space, and the construction was far too expensive (all those custom-cut cedar beams). One gets the impression that the architect designed the outside of the building first, then desperately tried to fit all the required facilities into the resulting space — not very successfully.

But, with all its quirks and idiosyncrasies, it does serve its purpose, and in my opinion it serves its purpose pretty damned well. It has been the venue for a truly amazing variety of performances, from Romeo and Juliet to the Scrotum Dialogues, to the Baltimore Consort, to the Niagara Youth Orchestra, to The Hobbit, to jazz, to Quebecois fiddlers.

The art gallery has shown works by internationally known artists (Robert Bateman, Diana Dean), by children from the island's elementary schools, and by everyone in between. If you can't find something that appeals to you in all of that, then you must be a very morose Grinch indeed (And the art gallery is free!)

And fer cryin' out loud, you're whinging about the prospect of having to pay six dollars per year to keep the facility going? Good heavens, some people spend twice that much per day on cigarettes, and shorten their lives into the bargain.

We're talking half the cost of a case of beer (or at least a case of that thin,

watery stuff that some people hereabouts call beer), or about what some of us spend per week on cat food (I'm a dog person myself . . .) C'mon, guys; all things considered, I'd say we're getting a bargain here. Personally, I'd be willing to pay a lot more than \$6.

**MIKE PRICE,**  
Main Street

### Vote yes

Arts on Salt Spring need your support. Please vote YES in the Salt Spring arts referendum on Saturday, March 20.

The proposed Bylaw (3116) stipulates that the Gulf Island Community Arts Council would receive 15 per cent of the levy. This would be directed to the Artist in the Classroom Program (AIC) for Salt Spring Island artists in the visual, performing and literary arts to conduct workshops and programs in Salt Spring schools.

AIC involves over 500 participants each year, including artists, teachers, parents and children.

This successful and popular program gives students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, the opportunity to try dance, theatre, music, puppetry, animation, clay work, felt work, basketry, paper making, painting and much more. With all the budget cutbacks to our educational system, this program provides an extremely valuable learning experience.


Arts are central to the identity of this island. A yes vote on the referendum will benefit the entire community.

Thank you to all those who already have YES marked on their calendars for March 20!

For more info, visit [www.gulfislands.com/artscouncil](http://www.gulfislands.com/artscouncil).

**ANNA HALTRECHT,**  
**GEORGETTE PAUKER,**  
AIC Committee

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# ROSES

I want to send roses, lots of them, in her favourite colour, to my friend Donna Martin, who has devoted a year of her busy life to our community with her unrelenting devotion to Walker Hook. LQ

A firey red bouquet of roses for good neighbours spotting flames atop our chimney. And thanks to local fire department volunteers for their quick and professional response.

A rose for Jill Thomas and Stan Mulder, who hosted a wonderful party at Tree House South to wrap up the season for the U11 Roadrunner girls soccer team.

A dozen red roses made with love for Mr. and Mrs. Robbins. Your simple act of kindness, Sunday at Golden Island Restaurant, could not have happened on a better day.



## DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

**Name:** BOB ROGERS  
**537/538/653:** 537  
**Occupation(s):** Building manager, furniture builder.  
**Hobbies:** Photography, building theatre sets, Toastmasters.  
**Home finished/unfinished:** Awaiting next renovation.  
**Favourite people:** Salt Spring Islanders.  
**Favourite read:** Anything by W.O. Mitchell.  
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### Control

It seems to be a sign of the times when we read of hundreds of millions of dollars "missing" in Ottawa and our province slashing every public program to fund the "Olympic party," that some of us turn to something we CAN control — the tax for ArtSpring.

Perhaps we have locals feeling outraged over a tax amount equal to several cups of coffee because it seems to be the only place they can exercise some control of their money? A sense of perspective is needed.

For example, while we're counting our pennies for ArtSpring, the entire ferry system is collapsing under privatization and our local runs will be entirely supported by those who use them in the near future. Fares could be out of sight and services could be terminated without ANY public input.

Now, there's an issue to sink your teeth into!  
**DOROTHY DRUBEK,**  
 Meadow Lane

### Questions

Have I missed something here?

To the tune of \$800,000.

PARC is now advocating the construction of an outdoor swimming pool with a separate 18 x 36-foot indoor hotel spa-style pool which it estimated will cost between \$375,000 to \$675,000 to cover.

Clearly, according to the joint PARC/Splash survey, this is not what our community wants or, according to consultants, is adequate for the needs of a growing community!

It appears that it would cost very little more to cover a combined four-lane, Olympic, 25-metre inside pool, with a leisure pool on the side (all one body of water). Why would we not put the spa money towards covering the whole complex?

For another \$900,000, PARC is proposing to build PARC offices and bathrooms. Bathrooms we need, but PARC offices?

PARC should stay at Portlock Park and the money thus saved be put toward building an indoor pool complex. After all, a pool is what it is all about, or have I missed something along the way?

Please, do not let us fall into the trap of false economy, which we surely will if we do not build a pool that meets our community's needs now and for a long time in the future.

All we need to do is compare Salt Spring with other communities of the same size who built real recreation centres which have served them well for a very long time, while our poor little Portlock Pool has had it after only 14 years.

We don't want to find ourselves in the same position in another 14 years!

While Portlock has not been a total waste considering the hours of summer fun it has provided, it should be remembered that had a quality indoor pool been constructed in the first place all this discussion and controversy would not be necessary now.

**LORRAINE NORFOLK,**  
 Monteith Road

### Legacy

I am writing in response to Anne Humphries' letter regarding the Shaw history in the March 10 Driftwood, as I feel I must correct the erroneous timing.

The Shaws were not involved in over 140 years of farm labour and community services. Obviously it must have been another Shaw who was on the island in 1861.

I do not have the exact date on which the Shaw family arrived on Salt Spring Island but, to the best of my knowledge, it was 1909 when John Shaw purchased the Fulford property, which the family farmed until 1971.

The Shaws were hard-working members of the community and when the last members of the family, Willie and Cree, died in 2001, 92 years of residency on Salt Spring Island came to an end.

It was the family's wish that Salt Spring would benefit from their legacy and it is my hope that today's islanders will appreciate what the family has given to this jewel of an island.

**LAVINIA M. HANN,**  
 Dover Place

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### Well-invested

In 1998 the supporters of ArtSpring were faced with a tough choice. The building was two-thirds built but money had run out. The options were to either fundraise to finish the project or watch the structure slowly deteriorate — a monument to community failure — the seawalk on a grand scale.

Before deciding to go ahead it was agreed that two conditions had to be met:

- sufficient funds had to be raised to complete the project debt-free.
- a realistic operating budget had to show that its operation was viable and that sources of funding were available to sustain it with only a very small component of taxpayer support.

When it was determined that these conditions could be met, a "Funding to the Finish"

campaign commenced and through thousands of donations, large and small, in cash and in kind, ArtSpring opened for operation debt-free in February 1999.

The euphoria surrounding the opening quickly subsided as the realities of day-to-day operations had to be faced. There were teething problems. The well-discussed deficiencies of the building had to be dealt with. The board, staff and volunteers had to learn how to run ArtSpring while staying solvent. Board members, in particular, must have wondered what they had gotten themselves into.

Now in 2004 we can review the accomplishments of the past five years and by any reasonable standard ArtSpring is an outstanding success. The theatre provides a fine venue for artists from around the world and, equally important, for local groups and children's productions. The gallery areas and public spaces regularly feature the work of local artists. The demand for space is such that some requirements cannot be accommodated. Despite its flaws, the building is serving us well and the community is immensely better off for having it.

This success could not have been achieved had it not been for the efforts of many people.

Management is top notch. Successive boards of directors have been strong and committed. Hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers provide tremendous support. It is a tribute to everyone involved that ArtSpring stays financially sound while maintaining its commitment to affordable ticket prices and reasonable rent.

As mentioned at the outset, the operating budget developed in 1998 assumed a very small component of taxpayer

funding which to date has been provided by PARC in the form of grants of \$18,000 per year. PARC has indicated that the grants cannot be continued and, as a result, on March 20 islanders will be asked to approve modest direct funding to ArtSpring and the Community Arts Council. This assured funding will allow these organizations to plan for the future with a degree of certainty.

Although few of us are enthusiastic about taxes, in this case the record shows the money will be well-invested.

Please vote YES on March 20.

**TOM TOYNBEE,**  
Arbutus Road

### Arts for kids

On March 20, the people of Salt Spring are asked to vote on a referendum providing some funding for the arts: ArtSpring and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. The amount to be designated to these groups is the same amount from the CRD that has been provided to them over the last several years, but will come directly from the CRD rather than through PARC (\$18,000 for ArtSpring and \$3,300 for the GICAC). This will cost the average homeowner \$6.13 per year, much less than any other area within our regional district.

The amount available may grow slowly over the years through the increase in the tax base but the yearly request will always have to be reviewed and approved by the CRD director before being forwarded for approval within the overall CRD budget.

What does the GICAC do with the \$3,300? We support the Artist in the Classroom program, which encourages teachers in all the schools on

Salt Spring to choose artists in our community to teach their speciality. Students from kindergarten to Grade 12 have the opportunity to learn dance, theatre, music, puppetry, animation, poetry, pottery, felt work, basketry, paper making, painting and more with the assistance of many artists who live in our community. Last year this involved more than 500 participants: children, teachers, artists, and parents. The money benefits our whole community.


In addition to this direct benefit, the CRD contribution is considered the local government contribution, which is then matched by the provincial government. The B.C. grant is distributed to the community, also through applications made to the GICAC grants committee. This grant benefits many local groups and individuals such as performing arts groups, art exhibitions, guild events, professional development and school groups.

All told, the GICAC supports local arts and artists by distributing \$12,000 to \$20,000 per year. Your tax contribution of \$3,300 per year is a great investment in our community, enabling stronger children's arts education and doubling through matching funds and those contributed by the GICAC.

By voting "yes" on March 20, you support the GICAC program, which provides extra arts funding for our children in their classrooms. This small amount of money then grows allowing us to spend much more than the few dollars raised through your tax contribution. Please support the arts for children on Salt Spring. Vote YES on March 20.

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## 'Simple chaps' get 21 per cent pay hike

Islands Trust trustees found \$32,700 more in their 2004-05 budget to compensate themselves for the work they will do in the next year.

The sum of \$187,340 will be spent on the 26 trustees' honoraria this year, representing a 21.1 per cent increase over the 2003 rate.

Salt Spring trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger will now receive \$12,000 per year, up from \$10,500.

Representatives on the least-populated islands of South Pender, Thetis and Lasqueti will be paid \$6,750, up from \$5,330, while the others range from \$7,250 to \$9,500.

While discussing the issue

at their March 10-12 council meeting on Hornby Island, trustees provided rationale for the substantial raise.

"In one respect, yes, it's described as a whopping [21] per cent, but it's not whopping at all," said North Pender trustee Em Round.

He said inflation had gnawed some \$300 away from trustees' pay packets since their last increase in 2000.

He also noted that recent legislative changes have mandated more work of trustees, as has an increase in land-use-related activity on the islands.

Trust-area politicians would have received even more if Salt Spring trustee Kimberly Lineger had not detected a

mathematical error that gave a \$150 bonus to each trustee.

Trustee Eric Booth also pointed out that while Salt Spring taxpayers will pay 40 per cent of the increase, as they do for all spending hikes, their own trustees will only receive a 14.29 per cent honoraria increase.

"The larger islands are already compensated for the extra population because of the original formula," noted North Pender trustee and council vice-chair Wayne Wright.

Other trustees observed that attempts to rejig the formula so that everyone received an identical raise were not successful.

Round, who is also vice-chair of the Trust's financial planning committee which approved of the increase, felt confident his constituents would sanction the raise.

"They think we are simple-minded chaps for even taking on this role."

Trustee honoraria amounts will not fall behind in future, since council also voted to adjust the amount each year based on cost-of-living changes.

Consideration was also given to delaying implementation of the increase by three months to save another \$8,000, with six trustees in favour of the idea and 16 against.

## Taxpayer vote on new aquatic facility assured

Regional director Gary Holman wants to calm islanders' fears about this year's substantial Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) tax increase.

Holman said that following last week's Driftwood article describing the requisition increase, along with other Capital Regional District (CRD) tax changes, he received several calls "from islanders concerned that the community would not have its say on a new aquatic facility."

But, as stated in the March 10 article,

a referendum to approve borrowing for the construction of the new aquatic facility will have to be held, likely in the fall of this year, he said.

Holman also stressed that the 2004 PARC requisition increase of about \$250,000 is earmarked for the capital costs of the project, not operating costs as reported last week.

As previously explained by Holman at a PARC meeting, the funds will be placed in a "continuous supplementary" fund earmarked specifically for Rainbow Road capital costs.

The 2004 requisition increase will enable PARC to begin with infrastructure work over the summer.

"Without the requisition increase, preparation of the site could be delayed for up to a year," he said.

He said that would be problematic if Shelby Pool did not last beyond 2004.

"Also, if we are successful in securing federal-provincial funding for the pool — up to \$2 million is possible — the project has to be completed by March 2006, so our timing is constrained from that end as well."

## Coast guard helps RCMP battle boat fire

Ganges Coast Guard crews helped police officers nip a fire aboard an RCMP vessel before it became a major conflagration Sunday.

"They did everything right. That's why it didn't get out of hand," said coast guard officer John Nilssen.

Officers aboard the 75-foot RCMP catamaran Nadon battled an engine fire after a hydraulic line blew

near Thieves Bay on North Pender Island.

"They just smothered it and hit it with a hose to cool it down," said Nilssen.

"They fired off their CO2 system to put it out."

The coast guard provided self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) so crews could check the confined space after the fire was extinguished.

A CO2 system removes breathable air from confined spaces, which poses an additional hazard, he noted.

A Spirit-class vessel from B.C. Ferries was also on hand to offer assistance.

Nilssen was surprised how little damage the engine room suffered, given the large amount of smoke from the fire.

"If you do everything

right, you can keep damage to a minimum," he said.

A police officer aboard the Nadon confirmed that damage was minimal as a result of the fire.

"It wasn't a big deal actually. We were only out of service for one day."

The boat had just come out of refit after a week of engine work.

## RCMP REPORT

A Salt Spring man was arrested after brandishing a shotgun and threatening

workers at a land development on Thursday.

Salt Spring RCMP seized a shotgun but no ammunition when they responded to a disturbance complaint. The matter is still under investigation.

Police are also investigating a car theft from Southey Point Road Saturday.

A silver 2001 Chrysler Concord was stolen from a locked garage.

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keys in the ignition.


The vehicle was found abandoned on Beaver Point Road later in the day. Anyone with information about the theft is asked to contact the local RCMP detachment.

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## GISS physics kids earn accolades with egg protector and race-course pirate boat

By SHOSHANA LUCICH  
GISS Work Experience Student

Creating a structure that prevents an egg from breaking earned a Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team a fourth-place award at this year's UBC Physics Olympics.

Teacher Larry Nelson supervised the team, which competed against other physics students from approximately 70 B.C. high schools at UBC on March 6.

Team members for GISS were Lauren Lee, Mario Roldan, Ria Okuda, Samantha Wilcox, David Bartle, Hali Larson, Ryan Wallace and Peter Theunis.

The team competed in five events that tested their physics skills in a variety of ingenious ways.

In the "Pirates of the Caribbean" event, a boat was built to sail a race-course in the fastest time with the most "Aztec gold" (loonies) to the "sunken city" (target).

Nelson particularly applauded the team members' efforts in this event, and said their boat had a "really brilliant design."

Unfortunately a slight glitch occurred in the only allowable run, lowering their standing in that event.

Other events used logic, knowledge of basic physics principles, astronomy knowledge and optics to solve problems or build structures.

The GISS team just missed bringing home a medal in one event in which they designed and built a structure that protected an egg from breaking under a mass dropped from a one-metre height.

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## Gymnasts reap medals at Port Alberni competition

The Salt Spring Gymnastics Association bounded through another competition with honours at Port Alberni last weekend.

Samantha Brunt took bronze on vault, fifth on floor and ninth on beam, placing eighth all around among Argo 1s.

Kaitlin Brunt took seventh place on bars as a Tyro 1.

Katrina Villadsen took seventh on bars, ninth on beam, ninth on floor, 10th on vault and placed 10th all around as a Level 1 novice.

Tess Eddington took fifth on vault, sixth on bars, seventh on beam, seventh on floor and placed seventh all around as a Tyro 2.

Rachel Drummond took

bronze on vault, sixth on beam, sixth on floor, seventh on bars and placed sixth all around as a Tyro 2.

Jessica Fettis took gold on floor, silver on vault, silver on bars, silver on beam and took the silver medal for all around score in her first competition as a Level 2 novice.

KIP (Kids in Progress) gymnasts Hailey Brown, Mikaela Fraser and Nikole Varlis-Love participated in their first competition at the meet.

Brown placed silver on vault, bronze on bars, silver on beam, bronze on floor and bronze all around; Fraser took silver on vault, bronze on bars, bronze on beam, bronze on floor and bronze all around;

Varlis-Love scored silver on vault, bronze on bars, bronze on beam, bronze on floor and bronze all around.

Fellow KIP athletes Jenna McRobb and Madison Greggains placed exceptionally well in their second competition.

McRobb won gold on bars, gold on beam, gold on floor, silver on vault and gold all around.

Greggains placed gold on vault, gold on bars, silver on beam, silver on floor, and silver all around.

The gymnasts are back to the gym for a few training sessions over March break to prepare for their next competition in Abbotsford this weekend.

### Derrick's ISLAND PICS



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## Starting gun sounds on SSPLASH run training

Splash marathon organizer Ben Cooper is advising runners to start training for the May 30 event.

He suggests three to four sessions a week of gently easing into running with intermittent periods of walking, as needed.

"Instead of distance, think time," he said.

Trainees could start with 30 min-

utes per session and try one longer stint of 45 minutes each week. He advises runners to leave a day off between sessions to help muscles recover.

Runners can try adding a little training time to weekly sessions until they build up to their target. Alternatively, racers can try intermittent bursts of medium-speed running

(Fartlek training) or hill running on some sessions to prepare for the rigours of the Salt Spring course.

Reducing training time on occasional days will also give the body a rest, Cooper said.

For some targets to consider, Mike Stone won the Salt Spring half marathon in one hour, 19 minutes last year. Another 60 runners com-

pleted the race in under two hours and the longest time was two hours, 46 minutes.

Neil Holm won the 10-K in 34 minutes, 60 competitors completed that race in less than an hour and the longest time was less than two hours.

Runners (and fundraisers) who start training now will have time on their side.

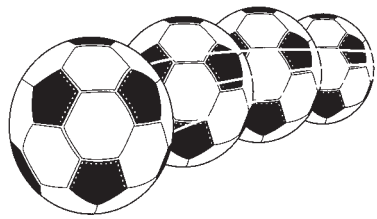
## MAN O' THE MATCH



Colin Walde is Man of the Match after he scored the winner in a 1-0 game against Bays United White Sunday.

"It was good to see a guy who's put so much work into getting back into the saddle with the first team get the goal that keeps us in the first division," said FC manager Ken Marr. Walde took a year off from FC but returned to the game last year and joined division one as a starter this year.

"He has done fantastically through the season." The powerful defender was a huge part of the team through the nineties, said Marr. "Colin Walde was solid again defensively, solid as a rock."



## Simmonds disc 'terrorizes' Pender

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Staff Writer

Gordon Murphy might have topped scores among a Salt Spring disc-golf contingent attending the Pender Duck Golf tourney Sunday, but competitors were talking about junior player Braeden Simmonds. "He's the terror of the future," said local disc golf president Scott Chapman, after the island youth showed incredible promise at the event.

Simmonds hit an 86 on the 27-hole course (par 81) to surprise all competitors.

"Give him five or six more years and 'Oh-no,'" said Chapman.

Simmonds also tagged along as the spoiler for a

post-tourney open-pro skins game where his shot would have won the first seven holes had he opted to compete in the event, Chapman said.

Some 11 islanders attended the Duck Golf Series tourney among more than 125 competitors.

Murphy shot a 71 (10 under par) to take second place in the advanced-masters division.

Among open women, Brook Holdack tied for fifth with an 86 for the best Salt Spring female and Tanya Van Ginkel placed sixth with an 87.

Locals Brian Bolesky and Dennis Murray also tied for fifth in the amateurs division with 75s. Mike Boughton tied for seventh in amateurs with a 76. Boughton also hit an ace on hole 17.

Dean Crouse scored a 75 among advanced men, Fritz Arnold hit an 84 among advanced masters, and Chapman and Ted Hickford both shot 79s among open masters.

"We tied for dead last. We sucked," Chapman said.

In lieu of a reputable score, Chapman was impressed by massive renovations to the Pender course.

"They spent thousands of hours cutting new trails down the hills, clearing trees and broom. You can't say enough about it. It was absolutely incredible."

Chapman also returned home with a few shreds of dignity after he carded a record on the new course. He was partnered with tourney director Alex Fraser to hit a 58 (23 under par) during a random doubles event.

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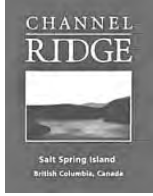
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*Thank you for your input to date. Please appreciate that we are answering these questions to the best of our ability and knowledge at this time. Some of the issues have not been resolved definitively yet, but we will continue to work with integrity and transparency towards acceptable solutions.*

*Thomas Ivanore  
Project Manager*

### **How much land will be cleared to create Channel Ridge Village? Does that mean the Garry Oaks as well?**

In the 87.3-acre CD-1 & CD-2 Village Site, we are only clearing 50-55 acres. We will not remove any Garry Oaks from the Garry Oak ecosystem. We have found three small Garry Oak trees growing among the Douglas firs. These trees have been shaded by the larger firs, are in poor condition and will be removed. In response to information brought to our attention by groups on Salt Spring Island, the natural detention pond on the site will be retained for its same purpose.

### **Are the trails on Channel Ridge going to remain open to the public?**

Since our early meetings with community groups last summer, we have been aware of the keen desire by many to keep the trails open to all who wish to use them. In the last six months, we have put information kiosks at three trail entrances with trail maps and a list of regulations designed to protect and maintain the trails. We have appreciated calls from regular trail users who have alerted us to some inappropriate uses, including people taking motorized vehicles on the trails.

With the majority of the land at Channel Ridge – some 750+ acres – left in a natural state, surrounding the Village, there is the opportunity for preserving it. We have had conversations on this matter with local groups and are certainly open to discussions on that topic if an agreeable arrangement for all parties can be found.

### **Will there be an additional access road built prior to the development taking place? Was there an additional access road planned in the original stages of the development? What is the current planned route for logging trucks and heavy machinery to the development site?**

We have reached an agreement with the current residents and the emergency services agencies to complete an emergency egress road that goes from the proposed village to Sunset Drive. There was not an additional access road originally planned that we are aware of.

The route for construction traffic will be on the existing public roads of Broadwell, Sunset and Vesuvius. We have had discussions with the Channel Ridge Owners Association, as well as residents in specific neighborhoods within the area to try to find alternative, less invasive routes, but we were unable to secure the necessary permission to use any private roads. We are well aware of the improvements necessary for those public streets to accommodate trucks and we have talked to the Ministry of Transportation & Highways about the appropriate and necessary improvements and repairs.

### **How many logging trucks do you estimate will be loaded and leaving the Island from Channel Ridge?**

We commissioned two traffic impact studies from ND Lea Engineers Inc., a specialized firm of professional engineers. Their report estimates initial load hauling from the construction site at about 12-15 loads per day. This is an average of one tandem load per ferry sailing over a two-month period.

It is our intention to balance the earthworks through our site design in such a way that there is a minimum of dirt and rock to be removed or imported. In terms of the delivery of housing construction materials, we estimate four tandem loads per day, which is one load for every two or three sailings from Crofton.

We have had discussions with BC Ferries representatives about the best ways to manage the truck traffic without inconvenience to residents and visitors' traffic on the ferries.

### **Who will pay for any necessary road improvements or repairs?**

Any new roads that are created with the intention of public use must be built to the standards set by the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Highways. If we build such a road, we will pay for it. Once built, the road becomes the responsibility of the Ministry to maintain. If a public road is damaged during our construction work, we will repair it to Ministry standards.

### **Will there be a camp set up for workers during the construction phases? How many will there be, how long will they stay and where will they reside?**

In order to maintain ease of traffic flow on BC Ferries, especially in the summer months, we are considering transporting workers onto the site via buses on a weekly basis to stay at an on-site camp. If our research indicates this is a good idea, we will set up the camp to provide the workers' food and accommodation. We estimate, at any given time during the construction process, there could be about 75-80 workers staying on-site. Of course, any of those workers who are local residents will not require camp accommodation.

### **Do you intend to hire local people for site preparation, construction and other aspects of Channel Ridge's development?**

Absolutely. There is an abundance of talent and skills in the labour pool on Salt Spring Island and wherever possible we will access the products and services we need locally. In certain specialized areas, that may not be possible or feasible, but whenever a local bid is competi-

tive and of comparable quality, we will make every effort to keep the work on-Island.

### **How many of the proposed properties for sale will be time share and how will the timeshares be structured?**

We have always emphasized that "timeshares" are not in the plans. We do not intend to develop, own or operate rental housing. However, in the same way as the rest of Salt Spring Island, we do anticipate that some of our purchasers will rent part of their home or their entire home some, or all the time. Of course, they will all have to comply with the same Salt Spring Island regulations or guidelines as any other Island homeowner.

That said, we have always acknowledged that "fractional ownership" has been in our plans from the outset. This is not a new concept, nor is it a sneaky way to do timeshares. It simply recognizes that many people are only able to afford a property by purchasing it with others. For example, two married sisters, each with their own families, might decide to buy a home at Channel Ridge for the use of the families at different times of the year. This same extended family may not always be resident and may elect to loan or rent the home out to other family members or friends. This is an acceptable practice on Salt Spring and elsewhere.

We have met many people who originally came to Salt Spring for a "season," and over time made it their permanent home, contributing to the community as volunteers, taxpayers and consumers. We anticipate this pattern will prevail on Channel Ridge.

### **How many of the proposed properties will be condominiums and town homes and strata titled?**

Of the 405 homes, 394 will be in multi-family settings and 11 will be single-family houses. The tenure structure of the village homes will be primarily strata ownership and the single-family homes outside the village will be primarily fee-simple ownership. And, of course, once someone has purchased a home, they may live in it full-time, part-time or not at all, as is the case anywhere else on Salt Spring Island. They may elect to rent it to others, to loan it out to family or friends or keep it vacant.

### **Will the community and recreation amenities created at Channel Ridge be open to all residents of Salt Spring Island or just to people living at Channel Ridge?**

We have not finalized all the plans for the community amenities planned at Channel Ridge, but it is our intention to allow access to recreational outlets, such as the

tennis courts, meeting rooms or parks, to anyone who would like to use them. If demand begins to outstrip space, we may have to move to a reservations system and a small user fee may have to be levied. We have not concluded our discussions with Islands Trust about the community's interest in parks, what types of features these parks might have and whose responsibility maintenance and upkeep will be. We are open to hearing what residents think about these options.

#### **Where will you get water, what will be the primary source?**

The two sources of water for the new village will be St. Mary Lake and rainwater captured from building roofs.

In addition to minimizing the use of water through measures like low-flow toilets and low-flow showerheads (these measures are detailed in our Development Permit application), we will capture the rainwater and store it in reservoirs we will construct on the site. The wastewater will be managed within the Channel Ridge area in percolation fields on the western slopes where the soils will support these systems, which include appropriate filtering and settling systems, of course.

Our water procurement and management plan is intended to address water conservation and to embrace environmentally friendly liquid waste treatment systems. We have three main objectives: to minimize use of potable water throughout the development; to minimize negative impacts on the site and its hydrology associated with water and waste management, and to develop a high quality water and liquid waste management system at a reasonable cost.

#### **How many square feet of commercial space will there be, and has any already been purchased?**

The Village is designed for 81,000 square feet of commercial space – approximately 54 commercial units at about 1,500 square feet each. We have had discussions with several businesses – the majority already on Salt Spring – about establishing locations in the Village, but we haven't finalized plans with any of them yet. We have not decided yet if the commercial properties will be leased or purchased outright.

#### **Why should those of us who live elsewhere on the Island be interested in what's happening at Channel Ridge?**

Channel Ridge Village represents the single largest development undertaken on Salt Spring Island and it will inevitably have an impact on the entire Island. We believe the increased population will mean economic growth for businesses in the Channel Ridge Village, as well as for businesses in other locations on the Island. New residents will utilize services, products and entertainments throughout the Gulf Islands, bolstering the seasonal economy and providing more outlets and opportunities for local entrepreneurs and artisans. The agrarian and artisan flavors of Salt Spring Island are key to the development's appeal and we intend to celebrate them within the Village with Guild Row's live-work spaces for artists, Village square events that feature the local farm products and use of the adjacent meadows for fairs, festivals or performances.

#### **What type of people will live at Channel Ridge?**

Because it is a new community with high construction standards and a strong emphasis on environmentally sustainable practices and features, the homes at Channel Ridge will not be inexpensive and that will affect the demographic profile of the community. That said, we think the people attracted to such a community and to Salt Spring Island will not be dissimilar to the current residents of Salt Spring Island. Many of you came to Salt Spring incrementally over years, first as holiday visitors, then as part-time owners and finally, perhaps, as full-time residents. Others had the 'love-at-first-sight' experience and moved right away. Still others bought as an investment and rented out the property, maybe planning to come at a later date. We anticipate a similar mix at Channel Ridge.

If there is an element of affordable housing in Channel Ridge, that will provide more diversity in the economic profile of the community. We have initiated discussions with representatives of the Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society and we look forward to receiving an official proposal from them.

#### **How many of the investors intend to own property in Channel Ridge? How many already do?**

There has been a significant level of investor interest in owning properties at Channel Ridge. We do not require that investors own homes on Channel Ridge to partici-

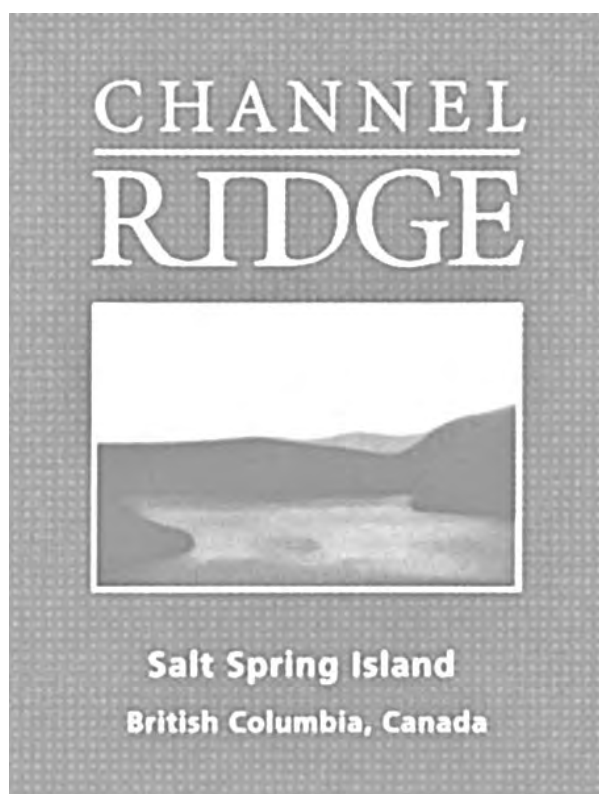
pate in the development as an investment opportunity and therefore, do not have specific information about this. However, we do know that several investors already own property or homes on Salt Spring Island and we believe that many of the investors are intending to purchase homes at Channel Ridge.

#### **Is there an available list of investors and where can that be procured?**

Though Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. is a public company, it is not publicly traded. Our investors do not wish to have their names publicized and we must respect their request for privacy.

#### **How many living units in total are going to be constructed and will they all be at one location?**

When discussing the number of residential units, we must make clear distinctions between the development rights of the zoning and the limitations of the 1986 restrictive covenant. At this time, the limitations of the covenant take precedence over the development rights of the zoning. The zoning set by the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw for the Channel Ridge lands allows 710 residential units (442 residential units in the Village



Centre plus 268 single-family homes in the R6(a) lands). The restrictive covenant imposes a lower limit of 577 residential units (minus the 172 existing single-family homes), which means 405 residential units in the Village Centre. Therefore, at this time, we intend to build 405 residential units, with 11 single-family and 394 multi-family in design.

#### **How much parking will there be?**

In the overall Village Centre, there will be 493 parking spaces for the commercial units and 576 spaces for the residents. In the interests of a sustainable community with a decreased emphasis on cars, we are focused on building a pedestrian-oriented village with neighborhoods that encourage alternate forms of transport like walking, cycling, electric carts and perhaps car-sharing for longer distances outside the Village. To that end, we have asked Islands Trust to consider a 'variance' that would allow us to provide less parking than required by the zoning; we believe that this request is consistent with the pedestrian-orientation of the Village and Islands Trust is considering this request.

#### **Would you and your representatives be willing to be present at a public forum that will examine the issues involving the Channel Ridge development from a community perspective and would you be willing to answer questions for that forum and for the media?**

We have sought input from the Salt Spring Island community from the outset.

We have always made ourselves available to groups, individuals or members of the media who have asked questions about Channel Ridge Properties and the proposed development. We also co-hosted, with Islands Trust, an Open House in early December, which was attended by 150 people. We provided six members of our CRP professional team at that meeting, all available to interact with anyone who had a question or comment.

When we see the phrase "...from a community perspective..." we do hesitate however. It is not appropriate for

us to comment on Island-wide initiatives or to debate issues such as the vacation rental situation. We are entirely comfortable describing our plans for Channel Ridge and seeking input from the community, but we would not want to interfere in the free-flow of discussion among residents.

We have also made a significant investment in fostering relationships in the community, as well as providing as much information as possible in our Channel Ridge Update (distributed in The Driftwood), on our website ([www.channelridge.com](http://www.channelridge.com)) and we always respond promptly to queries from reporters or editors at the local newspaper.

#### **What do you estimate the total number of residents at Channel Ridge to be in five years?**

It is difficult to estimate, but with 442 homes and say, a minimum of two people per home, that comes to 884 new residents. Plus the existing 172 homes, with two people per home, another 344 for an estimated total population of 1,228 residents at Channel Ridge.

#### **What will be the lowest selling price, the highest selling price and the average selling price of each living unit?**

We have not finalized the range of housing prices that Channel Ridge will offer.

We have real estate marketing and sales specialists working on it, and it is not easy even for the experts. As any real estate professional will confirm, homes are priced according to the marketplace. And we are all well aware that properties in the Lower Mainland – including the Gulf Islands – have increased in value in the last year, in some cases quite dramatically even in the past several months. Once our experts have concluded their research and made recommendations on price ranges, we will publicize that information immediately.

#### **Will there be affordable housing in this development?**

The provision of affordable housing at Channel Ridge is a negotiable option available to the community. We have initiated discussions with representatives of the Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society and we look forward to receiving an official proposal from them.

#### **Getting good reliable high-speed Internet service is a problem on Salt Spring Island. Will you provide that to Channel Ridge residents and will it be available to the rest of the Island?**

We are in discussions with a provider of unprecedented technological communications and access that would provide a convergence of video, voice and data through a single delivery system. In the simplest terms: your Internet computer is now also your television and your phone; your phone is now your Internet and your TV.

We are moving cautiously, of course, but we are also excited about the potential for both Channel Ridge and the entire island. Think of how it would help such initiatives as the long-distance education plans Gulf Island Secondary School has with Europe, for Lady Minto Hospital to have instant connections to medical research or assistance and the solutions it offers self-employed entrepreneurs who need to stay in touch with suppliers or clients off-island.

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#### **How long will it take to completely finish the development?**

It could take six to 10 years, depending on the market place.

#### **Do you live on Salt Spring or do you intend to move here in the future?**

We should all be so lucky to live on Salt Spring Island! Several Board members and investors already own property or homes on Salt Spring Island.

Most members of the CRP professional team have family and work commitments in Vancouver, which means that's where most of us make our homes. However, several members have expressed interest in purchasing a home at Channel Ridge, so it's a distinct possibility that some of us may be your neighbors one day.

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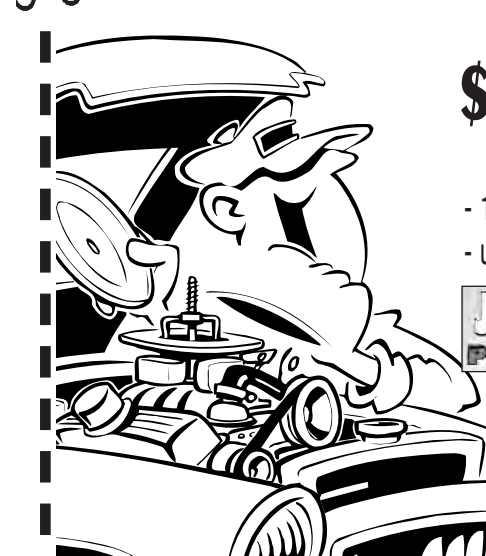
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The tourney will feature all our teams, boys and girls, from U-10 to U-18, with each age group inviting three teams to compete for a trophy and medals on one day only. (For example, all U-10 games will be on Saturday, all U-15 boys will be on Sunday.)

As we speak, our teams are busy scrambling to find opponents for those dates.

The tournament will also feature a late Saturday afternoon exhibition game, featuring a newly formed women's team playing against Salt

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Salt Spring's year 2000 provincial champion girls team. The game should be a thriller involving many of Salt Spring's graduated girl players who still compete in soccer.

There will also be concessions at both fields, with Ssplash running the Portlock site and hopefully the Lions Club at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

We hope to have teams from Victoria, Duncan, Parksville, upper Vancouver Island and Vancouver to spice up the tourney's competitiveness, with the idea that the event will expand from a successful one this year.

Currently we are actively seeking sponsors as well as

volunteers who would be willing to help with the running of this tourney. Sponsors are needed to help off-set costs incurred above the fees played by the team, as well as trying to have a corporate partnership in the tourney. The sponsorships will range from 1) overall tourney sponsor, 2) age group sponsor and 3) general sponsorship, with different cost outlays and benefits coming through each one.

Anyone wanting more details on sponsoring, volunteering or about the tourney in general, please contact Malcolm at 537-4970 or by email at mlegg@saltspring-wireless.com.

By working together, this tourney will be a great showcase for youth soccer on Salt Spring



**EYE ON THE BALL:** Nothing got by FC keeper Jono McDonald, right, in FC's 1-0 win over Bays United at Portlock Park on Sunday. More game photos at [www.johncameron.ca](http://www.johncameron.ca).

### Mini Soccer

League games continued until March 13, and then a Mini Wrap-up Tourney will take place March 27 at Portlock.

Call Dick Davidson for details at 538-1979.

### Super 8s

These teams will finish their league schedules and then enter tourneys, some put on by the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) and some by clubs under the guidance of our technical director Sue Spencer. Contact Sue for further details.

# Walde head shot wins FC clincher

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC assured a spot in the first division next year after staving off Bays United White with a 1-0 victory at Portlock Park Sunday.

"It was a great game," said FC manager Ken Marr. "I think we played really similarly to how we played against Gorge two weeks ago. We controlled the ball really well. We were obviously a much more physically dominant team and they were quite a bit smaller and quicker."

Salt Spring controlled play at least 75 per cent of time, Marr said.

"We had lots and lots of opportunities."

Colin Walde scored the lone goal with 18 minutes left in the first half when he headed a corner kick into the back of the Bays net.

"I'm just so happy for him for getting that all-important goal. We're thinking of bronzing his head."

The win over Bays (previously sixth) was critical to

maintain standing in the first division next year, said Marr.

"Now we're back up into sixth place. We are guaranteed to be in the first division next year. There's nothing anybody can do about that."

Salt Spring has only one more home game to reschedule against Juan de Fuca (ninth place) to wrap up the season.


Given the spate of recent FC wins, Marr is confident of another victory.

Fighting off a threat of relegation, Salt Spring won five out of the last nine games. Previously they had only two draws in the first seven games of the season.

"That's quite an accomplishment for the guys. I'm really pleased for them."

FC fell 2-0 in their last meeting with Bays White on November 1 after they suffered two goals in the last five minutes of play.

The two teams vying for sixth place were promoted together from the second division last year, Marr noted.




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## From poignancy to hilarity: Talking With touched all



**ON STAGE:** Becky Acheson talks about faith as she holds a snake in Handler, one of the monologues in Talking With, presented by Gulf Islands Secondary School drama students at ArtSpring last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Staff Writer

High school drama students captivated ArtSpring audiences last weekend, presenting a moving and amusing collection of monologues in Talking With.

With poise and talent, 11 students carried the audience through a range of emotions from poignancy in Caitlin Cunningham's Clear Glass to downright hilarity in Lindsay Bryan's MacDonalds-loving French Fries vignette.

Directed by Gulf Islands Secondary School drama teacher Christina Pittmann, the show combined playwright Jane Martin's female-cast Talking With interspersed with excerpts from Drinking in America by Eric Bogonian to accommodate three male drama students.

Highlights of the show for me included Amanda Noyes' stunning portrayal of a woman in childbirth in Dragons, Chris Akehurst's philosophical drunk in Fried-Egg Deal, and Bryan's brilliantly acted French Fries.

But all the actors brought their characters to life —taking them to the very edge of sanity where they found obscure ways of dealing with everyday challenges.

The show opened with Caitlin Bishop's thought-provoking monologue Fifteen Minutes, where she mused on the relationship between the entertainer's "lacerated self-exposure" and faceless audience.

Akehurst's Fried Egg Deal came next, with the actor staggering and slurring his words just enough that his diction remained understandable.

In Clear Glass, Cunningham reminisced about the final months of her mother's terminal illness. The drama peaked as Cunningham recalled the moment of death and dumped a glass bowl of marbles on the

stage, shattering the silence of the theatre.

Noyes then presented her first monologue Audition, in which she gave a splendid performance of an over-the-edge actor prepared to take extraordinary steps to be noticed.

Peter Theunisz drew lots of applause as he used different intonations to publicize beer in Commercial.

Jessica Bambrough's Twirler was another highlight, as she portrayed an apparently ditsy baton twirler turned poet, making a connection between twirling and relating to God.

The theme of religious faith was carried into the next act Handler with Becky Acheson's southern-drawling depiction of a snake handler drawing lots of laughs from the audience.

Following a quick intermission, Heather Meek took the stage with a visually-effective series of lit lamps, which she turned off one by one as she mused about memories, warmth and patterns.

In Melting Pot, Aaron Poole employed an immigrant accent to depict a restaurant owner who comically says, "you go into the melting pot and melt — that's the American way."

Following Noyes' highly successful Dragons, Tammy Dean deftly portrayed a woman whose mundane existence turned around after a scar on her face made her life more interesting.

Then Akehurst took the stage again to perform Held Down, where he considered success and failure at the hands of a demanding girlfriend.

The show wound up with Bryan's French Fries, where a love of MacDonalds was once again taken to a poetic and spiritual realm.

"God gave us plastic to let us know what the everlasting is,"

quipped Bryan.

The entire show was augmented by simple sets and props moved on and off the stage with ease under the direction of stage manager Andrew McPhee.

Two running crew members — Taylor Booth and Kevin Parr — (who were aided by Halley Fulford) almost became part of the show Friday night as a group of females in the audience cat-called and whistled at their antics each time they stepped onto the darkened stage.

McPhee and Dylan Davies, listed in the program as in charge of sound, can take credit for a great music track that set an auditory backdrop for each monologue.

And, as in most ArtSpring theatrical events, Marv Coulthard's lighting wizardry added immensely to the overall effect.

Two down sides to the evening emerged. First was the dismal showing of theatre-goers Friday night; spectators barely managed to fill the centre section of the theatre.

And second, I found the interspersing of Bogonian's excerpts distracted from the building of theme in Martin's Talking With.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed each of the topnotch male vignettes, I would have preferred to see the progression of Talking With's monologues in the order the playwright intended.

All of the monologues were linked by off-the-wall characters, but each playwright was making a different statement on the world; mixing them up made it difficult to understand the whole concept.

Individually, however, the scenes were a delight to watch, and I'm looking forward to seeing all these actors back on the ArtSpring stage — hopefully with a much-deserved bigger audience.

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### Silent auction and streams of entertainment at GISS event

By SHOSHANA LUCICH  
GISS Work Experience Student

Anticipation and delight are part of the build-up to a March 27 After Grad fundraising event thrown by parents and students.

They will host an evening of entertainment and fun at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym on Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm really excited," said parent and organizer Sandy Harkema last week.

The free-admission event features a variety of entertainment, a silent auction and an elegant coffee bistro.

Entertainment includes performances by singer/songwriter Peter Prince and his daughter Koy, Salt Spring's pre-eminent choir Tuned Air, the

Barley Brothers bluegrass band, jazz combo YJP and comedian Shilo Zylbergold.

The Roop family (Emily, Jeff and Dorian) will perform contemporary mixed jazz, rappers Dorian, Peter and Hal will be doing their thing, Chris Smart and Jane Becklake will share poetry readings, and there will be visits by Tim Byron and friends, among others.

A silent auction will present everything from plants and planters to paintings and B&B stays.

Volunteers have already spent many long hours raising thousands of dollars (to approach a total of \$15,000) necessary to transform the Farmers Institute building into a magical and welcoming atmosphere for the After Grad party.

The Ganges liquor store is donating over \$2,000 from a chocolate sales fundraiser.

Grads and their families are pulling out the stops to prepare for the much-anticipated After Grad.

"We are working hard to provide a fun, safe and memorable evening of celebration," said Harkema.

Just to make it more exciting for the grads, details won't be released about the event beforehand.

"This event is always 'top secret' with planning and execution kept from the graduating students and only revealed upon their arrival at the Farmers Institute building," she said.

It has, however, been revealed that the theme for this year's After Grad will be "winter."



**EGG ART:** Salt Spring's Melitta Kandler is seen with a collection of her amazing hand-painted eggshells.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

### Wiseman at Fulford venue tonight

Excitement is brewing at Tree House South as musician Bob Wiseman prepares to kick off a spring musical series with a multi-media show on St. Patrick's Day.

Tonight (Wednesday) former Blue Rodeo musician Wiseman will join Jim Guthrie of Royal City fame and special guest Courtney Wing at the south-island venue.

As described in press material, the show features the three vocalists along with film, video, a Playstation, accordion, guitar, melodica — a keyboard-like hand-held wind instrument — and a small Casio organ.

Since Wiseman has recently become a filmmaker, he will show and accompany three short films at the Tree House South event.

One of Wiseman's films features the comedy group Knock Knock Who's There and the Distractions, a group set to start its own TV series on the Comedy Network.

Jim Guthrie will perform music composed to accompany a Playstation display. The video-game images will be projected onto a screen to complement his original vocals and instrumentals.

Wing gives an engaging guitar and vocal performance in styles ranging from blues and bluegrass, to country and folk. His many influences include reggae in Belize, flamenco in Southern France, Latin American folk music in Mexico and Guatemala, and busking in New Orleans.

The show begins at 8 p.m. and guests are invited to arrive early for dinner. Tickets (\$12) are available at the Tree House South in Fulford and the Tree House Cafe in Ganges, as well as at the door.

### Upbeat Zimbabwean music at Friday dance

Fans of ecstatic Zimbabwean rhythms can celebrate the arrival of spring at an all-ages Friday night dance at Mahon Hall.

Jambanja will perform an evening of traditional Zimbabwean music, drumming and dance, beginning at 8 p.m.

Garadziva Chigamba and Kokanai Mizite — both from Zimbabwe and presently living in Canada — are band members along with Melissa Chigamba, Ilana Moon, Michael Stevens, Dalton Wilcox and Paul Adam.

Together they've played in Canadian folk festivals, in Victoria, Vancouver and throughout B.C., while Chigamba and Mizite have toured and taught internationally.

According to press material, their melodic rhythms and vocals exhilarate traditional Zimbabwean songs.

"While remaining true to the spirit of the musical heritage, with marimba, mbira, drums and vocals, master musician Chigamba's arrangements also include contemporary themes and instrumentation, with guitar, electric bass and drum kit."

Some pieces will also be played on mbira to accompany the driving beat of the hosho gourd shakers.

Garadziva Chigamba and Kokanai Mizite will also dress in full costume.

Tickets for the March 19 show are \$10 in advance at Acoustic Planet and \$12 at the door.

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**TEACHING THE TECHNIQUE:** Tracey Jackson leads a group of sewer-wannabes as spring break youth art classes got under way at ArtSpring last Monday. Youths could select from myriad courses — all free of charge — that ranged from theatre exploration to gumboot dancing.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Fine island talent spices Gumboot gumbo event

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Top-notch folksters Valdy and Bill Henderson will join the Wrangellian Gumboot Dancers and visiting guests Brava to wrap up the folk club season with another Gumboot Gala on March 22.

"The Gumboot Dancers won't have to work nearly as hard because we have an act now," laughed Valdy. "There's enough performers to make a very fine bouillabaisse."

He's excited to share the stage with Henderson and Brava.

"Bill Henderson goes to the edge, all the time, whenever he plays. He's always a challenge to be on stage with."

The Nova-Scotia based ensemble Brava is comprised of Juno-nominated songwriters Cindy Church, Susan Crowe and Laura Smith. Each one of those artists could've made a fine headline act on their own, he said.

"I'm the biggest fan of Cindy Church," said Valdy. "She just blew the socks off people across the country doing jazz improvisations."

Church is an award-winning solo act but she's also performed with Great Western Orchestra and Quartette.

He saw Susan Crowe

perform with John Reischman and The Jaybirds. Valdy described her as a brilliant singer-songwriter with a taciturn sense of humour.

"She's quite captivating."

Laura Smith catapulted into the festival scene after her recording of My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean a few years back, he said.

"When she and Stephen Fearing went on the road together it was called 'The Double Angst Tour,'" he quipped. "It was a colloquial thing among musicians. There's anguish in both of their repertoires."

Smith also played at the folk club a few years back.

Valdy just returned to the island after a cross-country tour with Gary Fjellgaard and they dogged Brava throughout their tour.

"I saw their posters all the way across."

Organizers are planning other surprises and treats at the gala as well, he said.

"I believe Bill's daughter, Camille, will be on the island."

The young singer has performed for much of her life, Valdy said.

"She was on the road with Sarah McLachlan for years, singing with her. And with a whole lot of

other acts."

He also encourages guests to pull out their glitziest galoshes for the event.

"It's nice to dress up and make it a festive occasion."

Organizers will even throw another set of awards for best costume, he said.

"Anyone who wants to proceed toward the short-list for that prize is certainly welcome to dress-up to the nines."

Valdy expects the evening will also allow performers to mix and mingle on stage for a unique impromptu experience.

"I wish there was something really spectacular I could tell you about it. But I don't know what will be spectacular until we do it. It's always fun."

The folk club event starts at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Fulford Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for season-ticket holders, 6:45 p.m. for general admission.

## David & Davida play debuts

David & Davida will make its West Coast theatrical debut in a one-time performance at ArtSpring Thursday night.

The play is the work of Kristen and Tessa Woodruff, of Woodruff Sisters Productions, a performance assembly that has produced a variety of dramatic events in Montreal, New York City and Halifax.

Part play, part performance art piece, the show will appeal to those who love theatre, but also those who tend to shy away from traditional theatre.

Explaining David & Davida is not a straightforward matter.

"If I could say what it is about then there would be no need to put on the play," said Kristen. "There are two toilets in it. People sit on them and talk. People dance, recite poetry — Ezra Pound's, mostly — cry, laugh and eat pie."

Kristen has studied intellectual history at Dalhousie University, wrote the play and also plays the part of David.

"It isn't sordid," said Tessa. "This will not be one of those things you go to and then come away feeling as if someone paraded his dirty laundry in front of your face for an hour. But it isn't boring, either."

Tessa, who studied philosophy and fine arts at St. John's University in New York, orchestrated the play's non-verbal elements and stars as Davida.

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# Mona Lisa Smile bittersweet at best

Mona Lisa Smile is another one of those "liberal teacher fights the odds at a conservative school" type films like The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie or Dead Poets Society.

## FLICK PICK WITH JASON TUDOR



This time, it is 1953, and Katherine Watson (Julia Roberts) has arrived at Wellesley College to teach art history to the smartest young women in America. She soon finds that Wellesley is less about the expansion of knowledge and consciousness than it is about preparing a girl for the role of wife and mother.

As a progressive woman, Watson immediately begins railing against the strict social codes of the mid-'50s, and is just as quickly assailed by not only the administration but the girls themselves.

First off, let's acknowledge that Mona Lisa Smile is not particularly good. However, it is interesting as a film that doesn't really know where to go with its point. And this is too bad, because there is a decent film here somewhere.

Julia Roberts is, for once, a human being, and the supporting cast of Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles and Maggie Gyllenhaal is good as well.

It is fairly clear that the creators, be they the screenwriters, or producers, or the

director, never quite established what they wanted.

At first glance Mona Lisa Smile seems destined to be utterly formulaic, with a plot that you see coming a mile away.

But absolutely none of the plots, sub or otherwise, turned out the way I thought. And the end of Mona Lisa Smile is bittersweet at best.

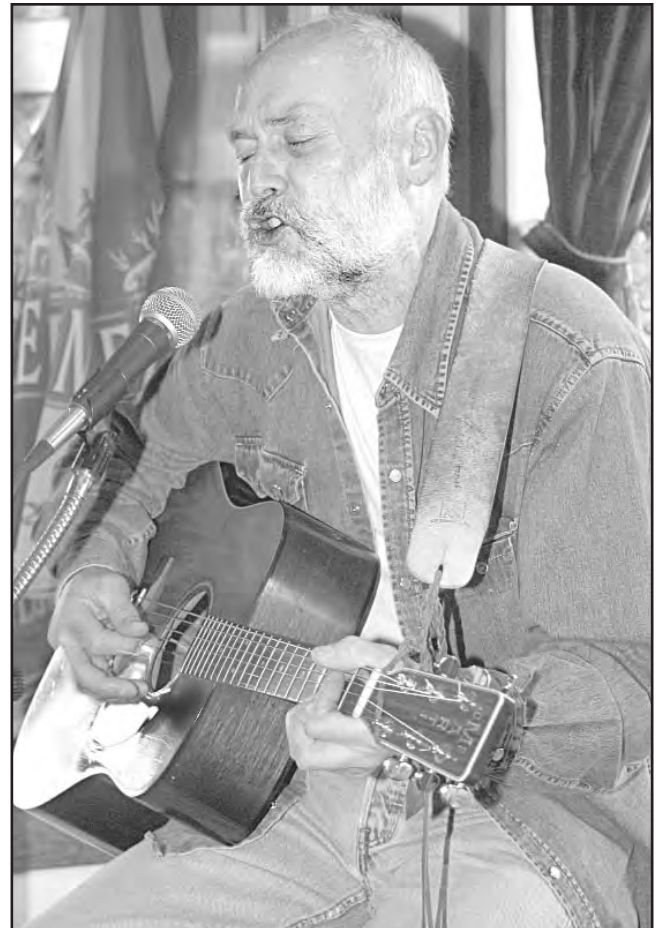
Yes, there is some resolution, but it's not the sort of resolution that leads to sure answers.

At the heart of the film is the notion of choice. Katherine arrives at Wellesley with a mission to free the girls from a future life in the prison of girdles and suburbs.

But many of the girls themselves do not accept her near-dogmatic methods, and decide that they might actually want to be mothers and wives.

Thus, Mona Lisa Smile attempts to appeal to both progressives and conservatives. It's a nice try, really, but smacks of lowest-common-denominator marketing.

How many times do potentially good movies have to be destroyed by the profit motive before the studios realize that artistic integrity is the key to a good film?



**LOCAL SINGER:** Buck McDonald entertains with rousing songs and guitar playing at The Local early last Friday evening.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Sufi, Turkish music at March 28 event

Beaver Point Hall will be visited by widely known Sufi musician Latif Bolat on Sunday, March 28.

Bolat plays badlama (traditional folk lute) and sings devotionals by 13th-century mystic poets such as Yunis Emre and Mevlana Calaleddin Rumi. He is also known for his Turkish folk music.

According to a press release, Bolat begins his evenings with an engaging lecture and story-telling session complete with poetry and slides of Turkey.

Bolat's spiritual and authentic music is also augmented by whirlers and other "dancers of joy."

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a pre-concert lecture on Turkish music and the mystic tradition, with poetry, stories and images. Music begins at 8 p.m.



Latif Bolat takes the stage at Beaver Point Hall next Sunday.

Tickets for the show are on sale for \$12 at Stuff 'n' Nonsense (653-4620) and Acoustic Planet (537-9608 or 537-9668).

Visit Latif Bolat's website at [www.latifbolat.com](http://www.latifbolat.com).

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### Dispelling the Myths

**The Myth: ArtSpring is elitist**  
**The Fact: ArtSpring is inclusive.**

From exhibitions by students and Robert Bateman to performances by Fiddleworks and the Victoria Symphony, ArtSpring's schedule spans an incredible range. Used by over 100 groups since opening, ArtSpring can boast 890 activities in this year. The facility is open and available to the entire community.

In an ongoing effort to increase accessibility, ArtSpring has developed numerous admission-free programs and services that support attendance and participation by students, youth organizations and the disadvantaged. No one is excluded.

**The Myth: ArtSpring caters only to a clique**  
**The Fact: ArtSpring has broad-based appeal.**

The numbers cannot be disputed: ArtSpring's box office records indicate that well over half of the island population attends events at ArtSpring.

Between September and February, ArtSpring distributed 11,000 newsletters and 3,000 brochures, and placed ads in the Driftwood fifteen out of twenty-four weeks. Electronic versions of the newsletter are available on ArtSpring's website, which has featured concert information since August. This, along with other marketing efforts, is available to all without charge.

**The Myth: ArtSpring does not operate like a business**  
**The Fact: ArtSpring is a not-for-profit business.**

Many critics have forgotten, or do not know, that ArtSpring is owned and operated by a not-for-profit society. If ArtSpring were to operate as a for-profit organization, such as local golf clubs and pubs, the community would see a very different organization. Rental rates would triple, marketing assistance for local events would be eliminated, ticket prices would double, and our program that provides tickets to the disadvantaged would disappear. It is hard to imagine many, if any, who would think this a good idea.

**The Myth: ArtSpring is flawed and should be destroyed**  
**The Fact: ArtSpring has always had a multi-purpose vision.**

ArtSpring may not offer the perfect art gallery or provide the perfect theatre, but it was never meant to be. The very thing that is criticized is at the source of ArtSpring's success—it is a community centre. And that is what makes it special!

The design process included years of community input to develop a facility that would accommodate a multitude of uses. It was anticipated, as we experience today, that this all-embracing concept would bring with it compromise. ArtSpring was built according to this vision and, taking into account the extraordinary range of activities, they got it right.

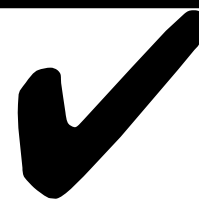
**The Myth: ArtSpring's 2004 grant is 81% higher than in 2001**  
**The Fact: The 2004 grant provided by PARC is the same as it was in 2001.**

**The Myth: ArtSpring has done nothing for the community**  
**The Fact: Really?**

ArtSpring provides free marketing assistance for our renters; offers two annual community concerts; organizes Spring Break at ArtSpring, an annual week of workshops for students; coordinates masterclasses with touring professional artists; creates programs to increase accessibility to students and the disadvantaged; arranges pre-concert chats so that audiences have enhanced concert experiences; curates annual student art exhibitions; raises funds year-round to keep ticket prices and rental rates as low as possible; provides storage space to guilds; coordinates volunteer ushers; operates a computerized box office with full accounting of ticket sales; purchases equipment in response to community needs...

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# IODE funds benefit schools and community

By NANCY HOLCROFT  
Special to the Driftwood  
This year, H.M.S. Ganges Chapter of the IODE begins its 90th year of service to the community, helping to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need.

The IODE is a national women's organization founded in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and now has chapters in all the provinces of Canada.

The Salt Spring Island chapter has more than 30 members committed to working for the benefit of the community.

Several island groups benefit from IODE contributions.

Schools on the island are presented with library books of their choice.

Snacks packs consisting of nourishing food are distributed through the Food for Thought program to the elementary and middle schools.

Donations were made to the music programs of the Salt Spring Island Middle School and Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Money was given to the 4-H Club, Salt Spring Pony



**GENEROUS SOULS:** Members of Salt Spring's chapter of the IODE met for their regular monthly meeting Friday at the United Church as the national organization enters its 90th year of community-building charitable activity.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Club, Therapeutic Riding Association and the SPCA, as well as the Island Wildlife Natural Care Rehabilitation Centre.

Scholarships and bursaries in three categories were presented at the May high school graduation ceremony for a total of \$1,800.

The Lady Minto Hospital

Palliative Care Unit received a donation, as did the Girl Guides, Salt Spring Gymnastics in Fulford and SWOVA.

Senior citizens are not forgotten, as several IODE members serve a "sunshine breakfast" once a month for some Greenwoods residents.

The Seniors Services

Society luncheon also involves some of the ladies in the preparation and serving of the food.

Socially, the Salt Spring chapter held a successful fashion show and luncheon last June featuring outfits from a local clothing store.

In December an auction and bake sale brought in

nearly \$1,000.

Meetings are held on the second Friday afternoon of every month, except August, in the upstairs room of the United Church in Ganges, sometimes with a speaker. We welcome any women interested in helping others.

For further information about IODE, call 537-2854.

## Nuk at reins of bladder control discussion

By KEN MACKENZIE  
Driftwood Contributor

After the sometimes side-splitting humour of Dr. Bob Crossland regaling members of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at

last month's talk on his experiences as a coroner in B.C., March's topic is most relevant.

Entitled, "I Laughed so Hard I Peed my Pants," those attending the March

24 seniors society wellness talk will learn the ins and outs of bladder control, discovering where and how to get help for what is a most inconvenient problem.

Part of a series of talks presented at the Seniors Society, it will be given by Lesley Nuk, a rehabilitation therapist for the Vancouver Island Health Authority,

who needs little introduction to many islanders, and certainly not just seniors.

All are welcome — men and women — at the Seniors Centre, 349 Lower Ganges Road, across the street from GVM, on Wednesday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MAR 19
7:30 PM
19 MXP: Most Xtreme Primate (2002,Comedy) Jack, an amazing chimp, learns how to snowboard after getting lost in Colorado. Devin Drewitz, Trevor Wright (1h30)
8:00 PM
11 The Peacock Spring (1996,Drama) Two sisters leave England to be with their high-ranking diplomat father in New Delhi. Peter Egan, Naveen Andrews (2h5)
24 Perry Mason: Case of the Fatal Framing (1992,Mystery) A lawyer takes on the case of a photographer who is accused of murdering a famous artist. Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h)
8:45 PM
3 From Justin to Kelly (2003,Musical) A down-on-her-luck singer and a young man fall in love during Spring Break in Miami. Kelly Clarkson, Justin Guarini (1h30)
9:00 PM
18 Battlestar: Galactica (2003,Sci-Fi) When a robots attack the human race, it's up to the crew of the Galactica to save the day. Katee Sackhoff, Edward James Olmos (2h)
19 Jack (1996,Comedy) A 10-year-old has a genetic disease that causes him to age four times faster than normal. Robin Williams, Bill Cosby (1h50)
20 Dirty Harry (1971,Police) A San Francisco police inspector must track down a sniper who is terrorizing the city. Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino (2h)
10:00 PM
9 Love Affair (1939,Romance) A man and woman agree to meet each other six months later if they want to be together. Charles Boyer, Irene Dunne (1h30)
19 Sharpe's Rifle (1993,War) An officer is promoted on the battlefield and assigned a top-secret and dangerous duty. Sean Bean, Daragh O'Malley (2h)
10:15 PM
3 Eight Legged Freaks (2002,Horror) A group of predatory spiders grow to monumental proportions and wreak havoc on a town. David Arquette, Tom Noonan (1h45)
10:50 PM
19 In Love and War (1996,Romance) A nurse and a young ambulance driver fall in love while caught in the crossfire of WWI. Sandra Bullock, Chris O'Donnell (1h20)
11:00 PM
14 My Chauffeur (1985,Drama) A woman gets a job as a limo driver with a sexist boss who gives her a tough time. Deborah Foreman, Howard Hesseman (2h)
SATURDAY, MAR 20
6:00 PM
14 I'm the One That I Want (2000,Comedy) Comedian Margaret Cho talks about her professional and personal life during her stand-up. Margaret Cho, Matthew Hooper (1h45)
15 When Trumpets Fade (1998,Drama) A WWII private, after requesting a discharge is pressed into action in 1944 Germany. Ron Eldard, Frank Whaley (2h30)
7:00 PM
3 Anger Management (2003,Comedy) A mild-mannered man is ordered to see an unusual anger management specialist. Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson (2h)
8:00 PM
24 Nobody's Fool (1994,Drama) An out-of-work construction worker has one more chance to turn things around for himself. Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy (2h)
27 Air America (1990,War) Two American pilots accidentally find out that the airline they work for is CIA owned. Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr. (2h)
23 Tarzan (1999,Animated) A young man who was raised by gorillas must decide where he belongs. Voices of Tony Goldwyn, Minnie Driver (2h)
9:00 PM
3 The Core (2003,Sci-Fi) Scientists discover a problem with the Earth's core, which threatens the entire world. Hilary Swank, Aaron Eckhart (2h15)
13 Battlestar: Galactica (2003,Sci-Fi) When a robots attack the human race, it's up to the crew of the Galactica to save the day. Katee Sackhoff, Edward James Olmos (2h)
15 When Trumpets Fade (1998,Drama) A WWII private, after requesting a discharge is pressed into action in 1944 Germany. Ron Eldard, Frank Whaley (3h)
19 The One (2003,Comedy) A look at what happens when you fall in love with someone who is already committed. Meredith Monroe, Richard Ruccolo (1h45)
10 Fugitif au Texas (1992,Histoire policière) Un policier est obsédé par la capture d'un évadé de prison condamné pour meurtre et viol. Peter Strauss, Eric Roberts (2h)
14 Frenzy (1972,Thriller) An innocent man is accused of committing a series of brutal murders in London. Jon Finch, Barry Foster (2h15)
10:45 PM
19 Big Top Pee Wee (1988,Comedy) Pee Wee Herman joins a circus troupe as they put on a really big show. Paul Reubens, Valeria Golino (10m)
11:15 PM
3 Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001,Fantasy) A hobbit embarks on an epic quest to destroy an ancient ring of evil entrusted to him. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellan (3h50)
SUNDAY, MAR 21
6:00 PM
2 Chicken Run (2000,Family) A group of chickens decide to rebel against their evil captors by planning a great escape. Voices of Miranda Richardson, Julia Sawalha (2h)
3 Agent Cody Banks (2003,Family) A teenage secret agent goes undercover at a prep school to gain access to a scientist. Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff (2h)
14 The Princess Bride (1987,Adventure) A beautiful young woman must be rescued from her cruel fiancé by her one true love. Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin (2h)
15 The Great Escape (1963,War) During WWII, allied POWs escape a camp through a network of laboriously excavated tunnels. Steve McQueen, James Garner (4h)
23 Turk 182! (1985,Comedy) The brother of a disabled fireman takes on City Hall to win back his brother's pension. Timothy Hutton, Kim Cattrall (2h)
7:30 PM
10 Les Muses orphelines (2000,Comédie dramatique) Abandonnés par leur mère, trois enfants décident d'épargner à leur jeune soeur la vérité. Céline Bonnier, Marina Orsini (2h30)

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## Hall of Fame

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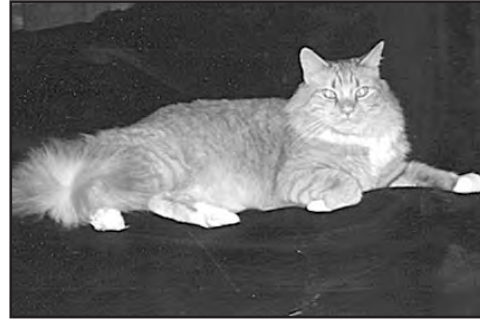
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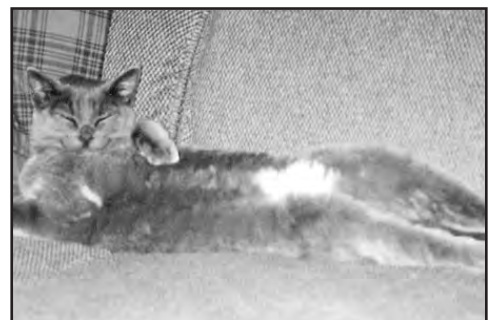
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**Minouche/Rosalie Beaudoin**  
Survived having 65 stitches in her leg



**Bellini/Wayne Langley, Emely Walburger-Kovac**  
Loves the cold weather



**Scorcher & Juneau/Maggie Smith**  
"Who was that guy in the Red Suit?"



**'The Fish'/Ken Sutherland**  
Likes to swim around and pose



**Cindy Lou/Susan Borland**  
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**Kate/Eileen Hunter**  
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**Tazmere**  
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Richard Krieger  
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Pat Barnes  
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**Koa**  
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- Walkathon - TBA
- Auction in October
- Rabbit Sunday - coming soon
- Garage Sale - spring
- Raffle ideas welcome

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14 ★★ Coming to America (1988, Comedy) An African prince travels to America to avoid an arranged marriage and find a new bride. Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall (2h30).

S - Salt Spring Island - ExpressVu - StarChoice TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 23. Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and program details.

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# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED. March 17	THURS. March 18	FRI. March 19	SAT. March 20	SUN. March 21	MON. March 22	TUES. March 23
<b>Music</b> <b>Bob Wiseman &amp; Jim Guthrie.</b> Tree House South, 8 p.m. <b>Simply Organic.</b> Free recital with organist Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Followed by coffee and muffin. <b>Bill Bourne and Band.</b> In concert at the Core Inn, 8 p.m. Fundraiser for Core Inn. <b>Wednesday Night Live!</b> Open stage at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. <b>Celtic Music.</b> Wear your green. Fulford Inn.	<b>Music</b> <b>Drop Radio.</b> Plays for Caribbean Night, Anise, 9 p.m. <b>Theatre</b> <b>David &amp; Davida: A Play.</b> Dramatic piece by Kristen & Tessa Woodruff. ArtSpring, 8 p.m. <b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Living With Dying.</b> Support group at Croftonbrook meeting room, 7 p.m. Info: Margaret, 537-9172; Gerri, 537-1140. <b>South SSI Property Owners &amp; Residents Association.</b> Fulford Hall, 7:30 p.m. <b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Spy Vs. Spy.</b> Fables Cottage workshop, 2-3:30 p.m. 537-0028. <b>Weavers &amp; Spinners Guild.</b> Needle felting with Laurie Owen. ArtSpring, 10:30-noon. <b>Activities</b> <b>SS Badminton Club.</b> Drop-in Thurs., GISS gym, 8-10 p.m. info: 653-4613. <b>Bingo.</b> At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30. <b>Family/Youth</b> <b>Storytime.</b> Thurs. at Fables Cottage, 11-noon.	<b>Music</b> <b>Canamerish.</b> Celtic roots music at Moby's <b>Jambanja Marimba, Mbira &amp; Dance Ensemble.</b> Mahon Hall, 8 p.m. <b>Friday Night Jam.</b> Hosted by Joy and Daemon. Anise, 9 p.m. <b>Special Event</b> <b>Feast for Peace.</b> Pre-rally potluck meal & free feast, with musical jam. Fulford Hall, 11-4. <b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Handmade Books.</b> Fables Cottage workshop, 11-noon. 537-0028.	<b>Music</b> <b>Organic Farming Workshop.</b> Farmers Institute. Call CED office at 537-4219. <b>Tom Hooper &amp; the Angry Hippies.</b> Fulford Inn. <b>Canamerish.</b> Celtic roots music at Moby's. <b>Green Law.</b> Funk/Soul/R&B. Anise, 9 p.m. <b>Special Event</b> <b>Faith in Music.</b> Lively afternoon of music & storytelling. United Church, 2:30 p.m. <b>Global Day of Action Against War.</b> Peace Walk at Kanaka Road Skate Park, 11:30 a.m.; walk at noon to Centennial Park for program. <b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Video Production.</b> Workshop begins today. Call 537-0065 or avlab@telus.net. <b>Paint Your Own Ceramics.</b> Drop-in activity at Fables Cottage, 10-3.	<b>Music</b> <b>Sweet Papa Lowdown.</b> Sunday dinner jazz at Moby's, 8 p.m. <b>Barley Bros.</b> Perform at the Fulford Inn. <b>Ian Tamblyn.</b> Canadian folk legend. Anise, 8 p.m. <b>Special Event</b> <b>Salt Spring Healing Arts Fair.</b> Free treatments and consultations at Mahon Hall, 1-5 p.m. Music/dance circle at 7 p.m. <b>Activities</b> <b>SS Badminton Club.</b> Drop-in Sundays, GISS gym, 8-10 p.m. info: 653-4613.	<b>Music</b> <b>Gumboot Gala.</b> with Brava, Valdy, Bill & Camille Henderson. Fulford Hall, 7:30. <b>Special Event</b> <b>Maya Scholarship Fund Benefit Dinner.</b> Tree House South, 5:30 p.m. <b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>SEEDS EcoVillage Meeting.</b> At StarBooks every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. <b>Alliance of Saltspring Artists.</b> Potluck dinner & AGM at SS Sailing Club, 5:30 p.m. <b>Toastmasters Public Speaking Meeting.</b> SS Seniors Centre, Mondays at 7 p.m. Info: Chuck, 653-2015. <b>Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary.</b> AGM - Lions Hall. Tea, 12:45; meeting at 1:30. <b>Drop-in Floor Hockey.</b> Fulford Hall, 6:30-9. <b>Men's Pick-up Basketball.</b> Mondays at GISS gym. 8-10 p.m. Info: Chris, 538-5534.	<b>Meetings/Talks</b> <b>Effective Living.</b> Free public talk with Dr. Brian Grady, on Managing Moods Before They Manage You. Lions Hall, 7-8 p.m. <b>Salt Spring Healing Arts Circle.</b> Tuesdays, StarBooks, 5:15. <b>SS Genealogy Group.</b> Meets at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7 p.m. <b>Classes/Workshops</b> <b>Welcome to Satsang.</b> Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 p.m. <b>Dance Technique Classes.</b> Teen & adult jazz styles and hip hop, with Andrea Rabinovitch. GISS dance studio, 5:30-6:30. Call 538-0116. <b>Painting With Acrylics.</b> Fables Cottage workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m. <b>Health</b> <b>Diabetes Clinics.</b> Downtown Pharmasave, 9-11:30; Uptown, 1:30-4. Call to book time.

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- **Big Fish** — Director Tim Burton offers up tall tales from small towns; with Albert Finney, Jessica Lange and Ewan McGregor. Back by popular demand!

## Cable

**SSTV Cable Channel 12** broadcasts this Friday, March 19, with programming running continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m. **The Peacemakers:** a documentary examining positive and powerful new voices devoted to making the world a safer place. The program talks to individuals ranging from ordinary citizens to celebrities to former military personnel who are striving to stop the senseless destruction of war. Produced by the Simons Foundation.

Next up watch **Rose Murakami**, who tells the story of her family's history. Rose's family came to Canada in 1896 and she talks about the large Japanese community that thrived on Salt Spring until the government interned the Japanese in 1942, the hard times during and after WWII and how her family returned to the island, the only Japanese family to do so. Program courtesy of the SS Historical Society.

## Exhibitions

- **Marg Threlfall** exhibits intuitive watercolour paintings — Taking one step into abstraction — in the ArtSpring lobby through March 31.
- **Bob Masse** is displaying his poster art collection this month at Moby's Pub.
- **Susan Haigh** is the featured artist at Island Savings.
- **Stewart Katz** has a photo exhibit on March 7-April 4 at Barb's Buns.

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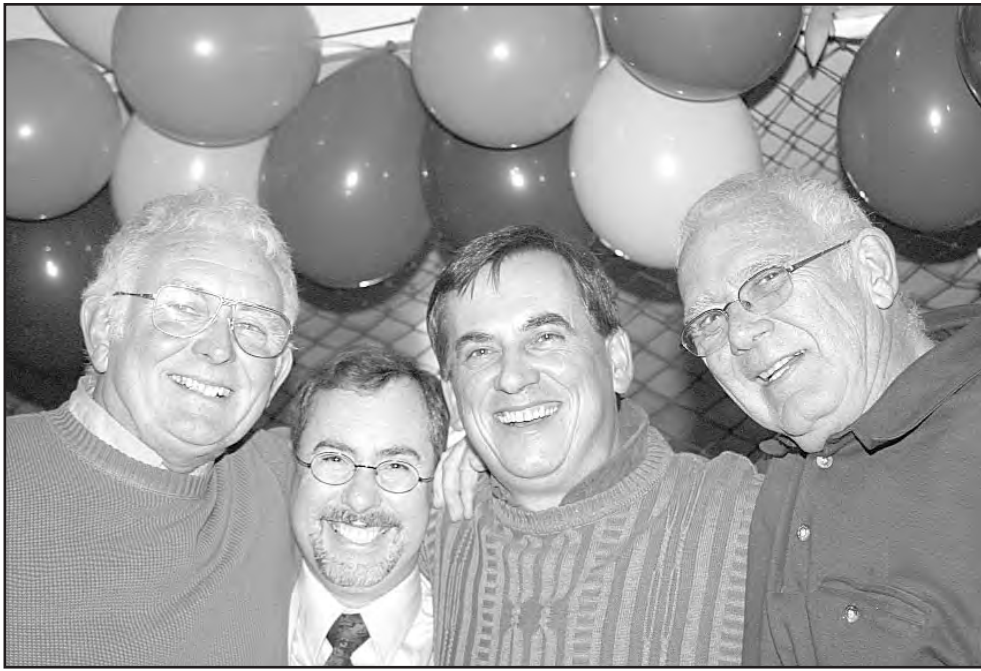
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**FIRE THANKS:** Former firefighters Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge, centre, are flanked by fire district trustee candidates Ken Lee, left, and Ted Hinds at a sold-out appreciation dinner held Saturday night at Fulford Hall. The event thanked and "roasted" Patterson and Outerbridge for their years as volunteer firefighters on Salt Spring. The two were fired last summer. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Stop dog-paddling in peanut butter

Ever hear of Joseph Thomson? He was one of those 19th-century Doctor Livingston/Lord Stanley intrepid Brit explorer types. Trekked all over darkest Africa at a time when no one had a clue just how dark it was.

Persevered through blinding sandstorms, blistering droughts, blizzards of tsetse flies, bouts of fever and ague, hostile natives and man-eating crocodiles.

Thomson eventually staggered back to England, a hero. In the sunset of his life he was interviewed by a reporter from the London Times who asked him to describe the most dangerous part of his travels.

Thomson replied without batting an eye, "Crossing Piccadilly Circus."

Yes, indeed. Anyone who's been exposed to that snarling maelstrom of honking cars and tooting lorries in the very bosom of downtown London can only nod ruefully.

What's sobering is the fact that Thomson was talking about a traffic nightmare that pre-dated the automobile. He wouldn't believe what traffic is like in London nowadays — although ironically, the pace of modern-day traffic probably wouldn't alarm him. A couple of years ago an expert reckoned that it took as long to drive through

downtown London in a Porsche today as it did in a horse and carriage a century ago.

We're not that far behind here in Canada. Trying to drive out of Toronto on the eve of a holiday weekend is like a scene from Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. Attempting to drive into Vancouver on a Monday morning (hint: sooner or later you have to cross a bridge — along with 11 kazillion other commuters) is like trying to dog-paddle across a vat of Skippy peanut butter.

Could be that London solves its traffic problem before we do. This past year the city has been conducting an experiment in which each car venturing into the heart of the city during weekday business hours got dinged five quid (about \$12) for the privilege.

Drivers howled with outrage. Business soothsayers predicted economic ruin for the city merchants. Drive-in restaurant owners and operators of strip malls wailed and moaned. Civil servants grumbled and threatened to go on strike.

But none of that hap-

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pened. Instead, the city streets became more pedestrian (and bicycle and moped) friendly, the air is more breathable, people on the streets can converse in a normal tone of voice, not having to shout over the din of car horns, grinding gears, squealing brakes and revving motors and . . .

The traffic is moving again. The average speeds in downtown London are now around 40 km/h.

And the city fathers have a brand new pot of money to play with, because tens of thousands of motorists chose to pony up the five pounds a day for the continued convenience of driving downtown.

But about 50,000 vehicles per day have been eliminated from the metropolitan mix, and London's mayor, Ken Livingstone, is ecstatic.

"People who have to drive are over the moon," says the mayor. "Most people are saving money hand over fist because they are not spending so much of each day stuck in traffic."

Cars. Someday archeologists will look back on our

## Healing arts fair on equinox

Islanders can experience an optimum spring equinox through the Salt Spring Healing Arts Fair at Mahon Hall on Sunday.

Free treatments and personal consultations from a score of local healers are offered at the March 21 fair, which runs from 1-4 p.m.

Pressure work such as reflexology, shiatsu and marma therapy will be featured, along with various massage therapies, including intuitive, ayurvedic and pregnancy massage.

A range of energy healing experiences is also available.

Those include polarity therapy, reiki, chakra balancing, sound therapy and psychic cleansing.

Personal consultations in yoga and dance, herbology, traditional Chinese medicine, posture analysis


and other realms round out the topics.

While admission and services are free, donations will be gratefully accepted.

A concession with teas, soup and more will be set up. A healing music and

dance circle is also set for 7 p.m., and people are invited to bring their instruments for that event.

More information is available from shiatsupractor@hotmail.com or gokalesh@hotmail.com.

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## SPCA Fundraiser



Local artist and SPCA supporter Julia Lucich has offered to do portraits for the first 10 people who donate \$500 to our local branch. Portraits can be people or animals. Tax receipts will be issued.

Thank you Julia!

## Voice Of Women group seeks jewellery auction adornments

Vintage jewellery donations to benefit an Afghan women fundraiser are now being sought by the Salt Spring Voice of Women (VOW) for Peace group.

The Salt Spring chapter of VOW is holding a special tea and jewellery auction on May 1 at ArtSpring to raise funds for Afghan women in need of capital to develop their own businesses.

Islander Bonnie Dalziel will be travelling to Afghanistan to work directly with the women.

VOW member Deborah Miller said the idea originated in the VOW group, with the idea being that vintage jewellery would attract

widespread attention.

However, other desirable jewellery donations would also be accepted.

To donate to the auction, phone Marlene Smith at 537-0756, or take or mail jewellery to Cathy Ward at Family Jewels, 161 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2T8. Donations should be posted by April 15.

Tickets for the event cost

\$10 and are available at ArtSpring (537-2102) and include tea, refreshments and complimentary wine donated by Elaine Kozak of Salt Spring's Garry Oaks Vineyard.

Salt Spring VOW involvement with aiding Afghan women has a long history, with feasts and other events helping raise funds and awareness of the situation for women in Afghan.

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### Notices

#### 6 DEATHS

**JUDITH E. SHERIDAN** (nee Kirk) We regret to announce the passing of Judy Sheridan on Friday, February 27, 2004. Judy died peacefully surrounded by family. Judy's vivacity and love of life are deeply missed. Friends are invited to celebrate Judy's life on Sat. Mar. 20 at the family home. The family is indebted to you all for your kindness and support. In lieu of flowers, please consider Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation, SSI, V8K 1T1.

**DAVIS: STANLEY** Warren passed away peacefully at Kiwanis Care Center in North Vancouver with members of his family at his side on Friday, March 5, 2004. Stan had been suffering from the effects of Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia since 1998. Born March 25, 1927 in Vancouver, son of Harry Herbert Davis and Margaret Marion (Muir). His loving wife Barbara, children Cathy (Richard Thomas), Ron (Sue), Jeff (Lynn), Michael, Carolyn (Jim Dempsey), grandchildren Michael, Katelyn, Sarah, Jillian, Laura, Hayley, Rebecca, Emily, Nelson and Hayden survive him. After graduating from Kitsilano High school in 1945, Stan trained as a radio technician and went on to become a broadcast technician with radio stations CKMO (now known as C-FUN) and CKWX in Vancouver. In 1962, Stan started SW Davis Broadcast Technical Services Ltd. to service the growing radio, television and cable markets in Western Canada. In 1963 Stan was instrumental in obtaining the licenses for CFBV - Smithers, CFLD Burns Lake. The company grew in the 1970's and 1980's when CJCI and CIRX in Prince George and CIVH - Vanderhoof went on the air. In the 1980's and 1990's Cariboo AM and FM stations were acquired which brought the full compliment owned by Cariboo Central Interior Radio Inc. to eleven radio stations and eighteen transmitters. He was an active member of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) and the British Columbia Association of Broadcasters (BCAB). Stan became a member of the CAB Hall of Fame in 1995 for his pioneering innovations in the broadcast industry. His peers again honored Stan in 2002 when he received the prestigious R.W. Lamb Award for Engineering Excellence by the Western Association of Broadcast Engineers. Stan was a successful businessman noted for his drive and entrepreneurial spirit but always took the time to mentor young people and help them with their ideas and business challenges. Stan had many personal interests including boating, fishing, tennis and travel. Stan had a very wide group of friends and business associates. The family greatly appreciates the warm wishes and caring messages we have received. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Parkinson's and/or Alzheimer's Societies of British Columbia. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Boal Chapel, 1505 Lillooet Road, North Vancouver. A celebration of life will be held immediately following the memorial service at the Holiday Inn, 700 Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver from 3 to 6 p.m.

#### 6 DEATHS

**HARRY (HENRY) WEBSTER PICKSTONE** May 19, 1922 to March 10, 2004 Harry Webster Pickstone passed away peacefully in his sleep at Lady Minto Extended Care facility, Salt Spring Island, on March 10, 2004 after a long and dignified struggle with Alzheimer's disease. To the end he maintained his wonderful sense of humour delighting all of us with his smiles and laughter. Harry was born in Formby, England and attended Merchant Taylor's boys, school on an academic scholarship before joining the RAF in 1940 and ultimately becoming a Spitfire pilot. Shot down over the coast of Holland, he spent the last 4 years of the war as a POW, helping his fellow prisoners to tunnel out and escape back to England by forging their travel documents. After the war he went on to study architecture and town planning, and in 1953, just a few months after marrying Joyce, his loving wife of 51 years, emigrated to Canada taking a job as a town planner at Vancouver City Hall. Along the way, his career included stints as an architect, director of the Vancouver Museum and Planetarium and finally as a Planning Consultant before retiring in 1981 to fulfill his dream of living a rural life on Salt Spring Island. Here he spent his time as an avid gardener and potter, and enjoyed hiking many of the woodland trails. Harry was an intellectual man of strong social conscience and unshakable integrity in both his professional and family life. Even in hospital, unable to walk or speak, he kept his sense of humour, always ready to laugh at a funny movie or a risqué joke, making a visit with him a real pleasure. Harry is predeceased by his sister Mary and is survived by his wife Joyce, his four children: Tim (Elissa), David (Suzanne), Michael (Claudia) and Sarah along with his grandchildren: Kendal, Alex, James, Sofia and Nina. He will be terribly missed by us all. His family wishes to express their gratitude to the wonderful staff at Greenwood and Lady Minto who cared for him so well in the last years of his life. A neighbourhood wake will be held at the house on Sunday, March 28th between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. to see Harry off in style. All are welcome. Come and have drink and share a story.

**MURPHY: MAURICE** Eldon. No words can say how much we are going to miss Dad, Maurice E Murphy, who passed away peacefully Sunday morning (March 14) at age 75 on Salt Spring Island. His wife, Roberta, of 13 years, his son Philip and daughter Rachel survive him as well as five grandchildren: Alexandra, Victoria, Olivia, Georgia and Connor. He is predeceased by daughter Lacy, and former wives Helen and Martha. He was a highly creative man who had spent years in the construction trade working and living in Anchorage, Alaska; Rochester, New York; as well as Vancouver where he is credited as the Project Manager for the CBC building's construction in the late 70's, to Victoria too, his birthplace. He had a fondness for sailing and boating and loved predicted log races; he won the Barusch Pacific Coast Championship in San Francisco in 1987. He kept his hand in helping American fellows by computer tabulating currents and tides in his later retirement years. He will be dearly missed. No service by request. Donations can be made to your local Arthritis Society. Thank you.

#### 6 DEATHS

**WELLIVER, Helen** Viccars (Pattison) of Salt Spring Island, B.C. passed away on March 11, 2004. Born March 7, 1917 in Northfield, Massachusetts, Helen graduated from East Northfield Seminary and University of Brandon. She married Bob Welliver on March 10, 1945. While Bob served with the RCMP and later as a judge in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Helen taught special needs students in Wetaskiwin and volunteered with the YWCA, before retiring to Salt Spring. Helen was an avid golfer and won many medals for swimming and diving at the Seniors Olympics in Mesa, Arizona. She was a faithful member of All Saints Anglican Church and volunteered her time caring for others. Helen was keenly interested in life, making every effort to live life to the fullest and kept in touch with friends all over the world. Helen is survived by her son Judson (Janet) of Edmonton, sister, Meredith Gaskill of Kirklund, WA, brother Frank (Harriet) Pattison of Seattle, WA, nieces, Diane Whalen, Zoe and Tiffin Whalen-Breen of Victoria, B.C., Carell-Ayne Whalen (Charlie Lindsay) of Sidney, B.C., and grandchildren, Amanda, Matthew (Nikki) of Edmonton and numerous nieces and nephews. The family appreciates the love and care Helen received from her many friends, and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. The memorial service will take place at All Saints Anglican Church, Salt Spring Island on Wednesday, March 17th at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation for palliative care, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1 are appreciated. Helen will be interred at the RCMP Cemetery in Regina at a later date.

#### CAPTAIN ALAN ROBERT FLEMING DAVIDSON ("CAPT. AL")

March 30, 1937 - March 8, 2004  
It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Alan, well loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Alan will be missed beyond measure by his loving wife Janet, daughter Deb (Bob) Serviss, son Captain Art (Dianne) Davidson, son Mike (Cheryl) Davidson, daughter Dianne, and grandchildren Aurielle, Kaylee, Jordyn and Alexander; sister Doreen and neices and nephews; his children's mother Pam (Ron) Vincent, birth mother Dorothy Gustafson of Vernon, BC., sister Marilyn (Charles) Grimshaw of California, and sister Carol (Bob) Ferguson and families of Vernon. Alan's ashes were released to the sea in a private ceremony held on Sunday, March 14. A celebration of Alan's life will be held at the Fulford Hall, May 16, 2004, between 2-7 pm. Further notices will be posted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, if desired, to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation, SSI, V8K 1T1.

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#### 6 DEATHS



**PATRICIA ANN BARNES**  
On Friday March 5th at 2 pm Mrs. Patricia Ann Barnes passed away at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital in the arms of her son, David Barnes, her daughter, Jenny-Rebecca Barnes, and her son-in-law, Jim Gilliland.

Pat immigrated to Hamilton, Ontario from Watford, England in 1955 with her parents Tom and Pauline Farmer on a transatlantic journey aboard a Cunard ship. After successfully becoming Miss Canada, Pat pursued an acting career with the Canadian Players that took her across the country and onto the screen in live television performances.

While doing dinner theater, Pat met an up and coming radio broadcaster in Nassau, Bahamas. Pat and Gregory Barnes were married soon after in West Vancouver. Her years in Vancouver brought her two children and a life long friendship with Kelly Barnes (not related).

In 1975, the young family moved to Saltspring Island. Pat called the island her home for over 28 years.

Pat opened her first store, the Loom Room in 1979. Pat was as skilled in the textile arts as in the theatre. As she explored her art and business, Pat made the transition from retail to wholesale and created The Tangled Web.

Pat moved to Qualicum Beach in 2002 where she relived memories of her British heritage in this pretty, "British" seaside town. Here, too, she discovered a passion for fitness and Dragon Boating with *Abreast for Life*.

Her wonderful story telling, passion for life, laughter, commitment to family, children, animals, and community will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A Celebration of Pat's life will be held at 11 am Saturday March 27th at the Parkville Funeral Chapel, Cemetary & Crematorium.

Mum - we miss you and will see you in our dreams. Her family welcomes your donation to the BC Cancer Foundation.

#### 7 IN MEMORIAM

**THE MARSHALL FAMILY** would like our neighbours and friends to join us from 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, March 21 at Brinkworth Club House for tea & refreshments in memory of Luke's life.

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THE GRADE 8 girls basketball team and coaches would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone that made it possible for us to go to the Grade 8 Provincial Tournament in Pitt Meadows. Your support has been tremendous: Shell Gas Station, Legion Branch, G.V.M., Windsor Plywood, Harlan's Chocolates, Thrifty Foods, Mout's Home Hardware, Pharmasave, Hazenboom Construction, Island Star, Murakami Auto Body, Don's Collision, House Piccolo Restaurant, Patterson's, Rhonda's Place, S.S. Chiropractic, Oystercatcher, Lock Stock & Barber Shop, Karen Dakin, Skin Sensations, Thunderbird Gallery, Dr. DeKock Inc. North End Fitness, Luigi's Pizza, Dr. Reznick's office, S.S. Optical, Anise Restaurant, Harkema Repairs, Fulford Inn, Flowers & Wine, The Tread Shed, Driftwood, Coastal Currents, The Paint Store, Bristol Cutters, Ganges Garment Co., Paula Ryan and Michael Berendt, Raven Street Cafe, Stan Lam, S.S. Drycleaners, B-Side Clothing, BC Ferries, Golden Island Restaurant, Jill Simpson, Karen Hartley, Lane Gromme, Val Harkema and anyone else who may have slipped between the lines. many thanks to all.

#### 20 COMING EVENTS

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

**ACTORS WORKSHOP** with Ron Max. All ages, limited seating. Call for more info 537-9738.

#### 10 CELEBRATIONS

#### Sorry Girls, the Guedes Boys are Married



Roger Guedes and Rae-Anne Perreault were married June 28, 2003, at 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church in Cranbrook, B.C. Pastor Rick Hill, formerly of the Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly, officiated the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the photo session took place in Kinsmen Park. The reception was held at Springbrook Resort in Skookumchuk, 45 minutes north of Cranbrook. The setting and the beautiful weather made it a wonderful picnic celebration.

Thanks to all who made the long journey from the coast and from Ontario to be with them on their special day. Thanks to everyone who loved them, encouraged them, prayed for them and helped with all the preparations, and who made the wedding part of their summer holiday.

Roger and Rae-Anne now reside in Cranbrook, B.C.

#### 20 COMING EVENTS

**SECOND ANNUAL** Wim Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch and bridge. Friday, April 2, noon. \$20 includes lunch, bridge. Telephone 537-0897.

**PAINTING CLASSES** in water colour or acrylics in small group setting. April-June. Beginner to advanced. Call Val Konig to register 537-9531.

**BILL BOURNE** and band in concert. Wed., March 17, at the Core Inn, 134 McPhillips. 8 p.m. \$8 at the door. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to support youth programs.

**WATERCOLOUR** classes. Beginner or intermediate, 6 weeks. Starting beginning of April. Max 5 students. Contact Libby 537-1952.

**WRITING AS Witness: The Personal Narrative.** A workshop with writer/poet Loraine Gane. Sat Mar 27, 10 - 5. \$65. 537-5294.

**COME CELEBRATE** Equinox with Jambanja Marimba, Mbira, & Dance Ensemble 8pm Friday, March 19th at Mahon Hall. Also featuring Taiya freespirt bellydancer, firefingers, and sword dance. Tickets \$10 at Acoustic Planet, \$12 at door.

**STORYTIME RETURNS** to Fables Cottage, Thursdays, 11 a.m. - noon. Drop-in, Free, all ages. 112 Hereford Ave., Ganges. 537-0028.

**VIDEO PRODUCTION** Workshop beginning, Sat. Mar. 20. Script, shoot & edit digital video. Professional gear. 537-0065. [avlab@telus.net](mailto:avlab@telus.net)

**MEXICAN FEAST** for Guatemala, for Mayan Scholarship fund, Monday, March 22, 5:30 p.m. at Fulford Tree House Cafe. Advance tickets, \$25 available at Tree House Ganges & Fulford Tree House Cafe. Limited seating. Come and enjoy your meal while supporting a Mayan student. Music, door prizes.



Travis Guedes and Sandy Coleman wish to announce their marriage, which took place on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at the Community Gospel Chapel on Vesuvius Bay Road. It was a beautiful, morning service officiated by Reverend Grant Fredrickson of South Delta Baptist Church, in the presence of friends and relatives, mostly from Salt Spring Island and Victoria.

Following the ceremony, there was coffee and bagged goodies to enable everyone to catch the Fulford Ferry. There was a mini-reception line in the waiting room. Thanks to the captain for the special ferry blessing when the wedding party departed from the boat. The wedding party drove to the photo session in Crystal Gardens while the wedding guests made their way to Prospect Lake Hall for a lovely reception with copious amounts of food. Thanks to the Colemans for their generous banquet, especially the seafood.

Travis and Sandy wish to thank everyone who made their day so special and who supported them with prayer, love, helping hands and many beautiful gifts. The couple will reside on Salt Spring Island.

## 20 COMING EVENTS

**EFFECTIVE PARENTING of Teens.** Group program focusing on encouragement, communication skills, mutual respect. Seven Wednesdays, Mar. 24 - May 5, 7-9 pm., \$95. Dorothy 653-9253.

**BOB WEEDEN** reads poems, essays and letters at Artspring Multipurpose. March 31, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

**BEGINNERS SPINNING** Classes with Karen Mazzei, starting late March. All equipment supplied. For more information call 537-4164.

**SPRING BASKET** workshop for kids at Fables Cottage with Donna Cochran. April 1 and 8, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Call 537-0028 to register.

**JEWELLERY CLASSES** start now. Andrea 537-2866.

**CAMILLE HENDERSON** (singer for Sarah McLachlan & more) invites you to The Voice Workshop March 28, 2:30 - 5:30. \$75 537-2575 or 604-805-2358.

**HEALING ARTS** Day - Mahon Hall, Sunday March 21st, 1 - 4 pm. Free energy, pressure & body work. Donations for hall. Music 7pm. info 537-1419.

**NEW TIMES Spring Dance** Class Series, 8 weeks remaining, join any time. Belly dance Fusion 4:15 - 5:30; Beginner African 5:30 - 7:00; West African drumming 7:00 - 8:30. Session fee \$10/class or Drop-in \$13 per class, drum class \$8 session. Ania 653-2059.

**Thai Massage Certification.** Learn this ancient art from the Pacific Academy of Thai Massage. March 26-28/April 17-19. 537-1219. pathaimassage@uniserve.com

**FREE PUBLIC Talk.** Effective Living. Dr. Brian Grady. Managing Moods before they manage you. Tuesday, March 23. 7 - 8 pm at Lions Hall.

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## 20 COMING EVENTS

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## ASA

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March 22, 5:30pm

## POT LUCK DINNER

**AGENDA**  
• Directors Report  
• Discussion: Will the ASA continue to exist in its present form?  
• Nominations from the floor  
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## UPCOMING CED EVENTS

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## 20 COMING EVENTS

**Salt Spring Folk Club**  
**Gumbout Gala!**  
Monday, March 22nd, 2004  
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**Deadline for Post-secondary: April 30**  
Application information is available from GISS, from the GICAC, 114 Rainbow Road, SSI BC V8K 2V5, by eMail to [gicac@saltspring.com](mailto:gicac@saltspring.com), or call 537-5681.  
[www.gulfislands.com/artscouncil](http://www.gulfislands.com/artscouncil)  
Portfolios, tapes, videos, etc. will be required for jurying.

## 20 COMING EVENTS

**MARCH 20**  
**Global Day of Action Against War**  
**PEACE RALLY**  
**11:30 AM**  
**Gather at Skate Park on Kanaka Road**  
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THURSDAY  
March 18 - 7:00pm  
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## 29 LOST AND FOUND

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## 32 MEETINGS

## Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society

## Annual General Meeting

March 22 - 1:30pm  
Lions Hall  
103 Bonnet Ave  
12:45 Tea & Dainties  
**Election of Officers**  
All members urged to attend

Portfolios, tapes, videos, etc. will be required for jurying.

## 32 MEETINGS

THE SALT Spring Golf and C.C. Women's Annual Spring Business Meeting will be held Wed., April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. All women playing members are welcome.

## 34 NOTICES

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

GOLF LADIES opening luncheon March 30. 10am scramble. 12 noon lunch. Sign up by March 26. Tickets at the Pro shop. 537-1212.

## 34 NOTICES

GLAD'S ICE CREAM is thrilled to announce our new manager Sunny Sayer! Come try our new flavors: Ginger and Green Tea.

ANYONE HAVING witnessed or having information concerning a motor vehicle accident which occurred on February 4, 2004 at appx. 10:00 p.m., 50 m south of 529 Fulford-Ganges Road, SSI, involving a blue 1998 Chevy Tahoe, please contact Carlos MacDonald at 250-386-8707.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004. Lucy Wharf - After a long struggle with heart problems Lucy moved on to pig heaven (or Beastatoria). Leaving behind Sandy, Barry, Marilyn, Joan and Craig to mourn her passing. Lucy was a private though congenial Boxer who loved to go boating in the Sandbar and spend time around Bedwell's do-do walk. She will be sadly missed by close friend Nelly. No bones please. Donations in her memory to the SPCA.

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- 26 Portals
- 29 Persian prince
- 30 Guido's highest note
- 31 Gelling agent
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# Eagle, trumpeter swans bring mid-winter gifts

Lately I have been thinking about gifts. There seem to be two kinds; firstly, the gifts you get from people, and secondly the gifts you get from the universe. Perhaps the first kind of present doesn't always get a sincerely enthusiastic response, but each certainly deserves a thank you.

Recently I've been handed some of the second variety.

One day, while doing the dishes, I looked up from the sink and out the window and saw something black and white moving in a shallow pond in the bog not 50 feet from the house.

My initial reaction was what, a big stray cat drowning in the pond?

Then I realized those were feathers, not fur, and I needn't dash to the rescue. It was an adult bald eagle taking a leisurely and rather dignified bath.

Now I realize there are plenty of birdwatchers out there who have already seen an eagle taking the waters.

You've probably also seen tons of eagles lining up for dips in your bird bath and even seen eagles scrubbing each other's backs.

But please understand I have never had the pleasure of these sights, and so for me, it was "a moment."

As I stood there, with my hands still in the suds myself, I watched this great bird dip, shimmy and shake. Then it got even better. An immature bald eagle landed on dry land about five feet from the adults, and hoisting up its

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Trumpeter swan

Photo by Jonathan Grant

wings like a lady protecting her petticoats, very gingerly waded into the pond.

It proceeded to wash up as well, but there was nothing graceful about the act.

It was uncertain and splashed and thrashed and

played like a kid. Eventually they flew off, but I just stood there, gaping like a bass.

The following day, I looked again, hoping to see a repeat performance, but any eagles I saw were in the trees looking clean, dry and smug.

I also had a yen to see a trumpeter swan, as a pair visited the same pond about this time last year, but they didn't drop by either.

Here on the Gulf Islands, we mainly see the non-native mute swans (look for the orange bill and the sinuous "s" curve in the neck) and occasionally the native trumpeter swans (look for the black bill and a straight neck).

The mute swans were introduced from Europe, frankly, to decorate ornamental garden pools.

When we tired of that, some were released to the wild in the last century and became "feral," competing for the same habitat the native trumpeters had used

for thousands of years. This was a blow to trumpeter populations, particularly as we had already hunted them almost to extinction.

Happily, today trumpeter numbers are increasing, so when later that day I walked over to the lake and saw 13 trumpeter swans gliding like ballerinas (and honking like truckers) through the mist, well . . .

Sometimes it's great to get what you want.

# BC massage therapists rank high in world

By VIOLET REYNOLDS  
Registered Massage Therapist

The practice of massage therapy has been legislated and regulated in British Columbia since 1946.

Massage therapists in B.C. are among the most highly trained in the world. Students receive instruction in the health sciences of anatomy, physiology, pathology, kinesiology and neuroanatomy. Instruction in the clinical sciences of orthopedics, remedial exercise and hydrotherapy, as well as a variety of massage techniques, are part of the training.

After completing a 3,000-hour program, students are required to pass written and practical exams, which are administered by the College of Massage Therapy of B.C. The college is the regulatory body that licenses and monitors the practise of massage therapy in B.C. Registered massage therapists (RMTs) pay annual licensing fees and are required to do post-graduate education.

Registered massage therapists are trained to assess, treat and prevent soft tissue pain and injuries. Assessment involves medical history, joint range of motion, muscle testing, orthopedic tests and postural analysis. The treatment plan will vary depending on the individual needs of each client.

A variety of hands-on techniques, remedial exercises, stress-reduction techniques and ergonomic suggestions can be helpful to reduce and prevent pain. Massage therapy is a clinically proven, effective treatment for many conditions, such as headaches, back pain, fibromyalgia, tendonitis and carpal tunnel syndrome.

I graduated from the Okanagan Valley College of Massage Therapy and

## HEALTH LINES

became licensed to practise massage therapy in 1996.

My post-graduate courses include perinatal massage, infant massage and the osteopathic techniques

of craniosacral and muscle energy.

After having a successful practice in Kamloops for four years I moved to Salt Spring with my husband and daughter. I worked at Salty Springs Spa until I took maternity leave.

I am looking forward to returning to a part-time practice of massage therapy

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