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CHAMPS AGAIN: Salt Spring FC soccer players sweep keeper Braiden Dragomir onto their shoulders as they hold the Challenge Cup and hold up fingers, showing they're number one in the annual tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring FC keeper Braiden Dragomir was hoisted above the shoulders of his teammates after he blocked two consecutive penalty kicks to win the Challenge Cup in a shootout finish Monday.

Following a 0-0 tie in regulation time, the final match between Salt Spring and Van City Lobban was decided in a shootout when FC captain Chris Jason deked the Vancouver keeper with a low-left shot and then Dragomir deflected Lobban's hard-centre shot over the cross bar.

"Braiden did fantastic for us, not just in the shootout but throughout the tourney," said FC's ex-manager Ken Marr. "He did marvellous work for us."

Dragomir's FC teammates cheered, "We believe in you Braiden," after the young netminder cleared an earlier penalty shot to keep Salt Spring in the shootout.

Standing in as keeper for an injured Jono McDonald, Dragomir was awarded most

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

4-day week proceeds as 'best of evils'

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

The decision to move to a four-day school week in September was made by the Gulf Islands School Board last week as expected, with parent and CUPE opposition still fierce to the end.

While most of the two and a half hour meeting held at Gulf Islands Secondary May 19 was taken up with the board and staff explaining the rationale for its decision and how concerns will be addressed, several parents took the opportunity to urge

reconsideration.

District Parent Advisory Council chair Kimberly Lineger pressed the board to deal only with the \$350,000 affecting the district this year, which would not require the four-day shift. With federal and provincial elections taking place next month and next May, respectively, education funding could be hiked, she said.

"We need some time as a community to take on the elected officials to get more money from them," said Lineger.

One parent questioned the board's projections and was dismayed with a process that left no room to negotiate.

Most often in these kinds of cases, he said, "You usually see an option A and an option B and then you have some sort of compromise. That's not happening here."

Other parents spoke of the hardships the change would cause for themselves, other families and the local economy.

CUPE local vice-president Chip Chipman was highly critical of the trustees' deci-

sion to not make a political stand by submitting a needs-based budget to the education ministry, and for not attending the May 1 education rally held in Ganges.

"If you do go ahead with this decision, it is without support from CUPE, the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, parents and the community."

Despite vocal opposition at the meeting, several high school students said the four-day week was preferable to

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Final appeal board arguments vented

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Closing arguments for the appeal of a waste management permit issued to Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. took place before the Environmental Appeal Board last week in Victoria.

Lawyers from three groups presented final reasons why they believe the board

should reverse an 18-month approval granted by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP) to the company to inject hatchery waste into an underground seawater layer at Walker Hook.

On Tuesday, May 18, the three-member panel heard arguments from lawyers for the Canadian Sablefish Association

(CSA), Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use (SSIRLU) and Penelakut First Nation Elders (see separate story), as well as the response from MWLAP. Over 70 concerned community members ventured to Victoria to attend the first day of the hearing.

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Giles picked for trip

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Mike Giles is one of 18 officers chosen from across Canada to participate in 60th anniversary D-Day ceremonies in Normandy.

"It's certainly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Giles on Friday. "I'm off to France next week and I'll be there for a couple of weeks."

Giles offered to lay mementos at the memorial on behalf of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 members.

"I was pleased to be chosen, but certainly in the Salt Spring context,

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GILES

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it's great that someone from our community can go and represent our veterans."

Giles, who speaks French, said bilingualism was one of the criteria for the selection process because the officers must interact within French communities.

His ability to speak French also took him to Haiti twice, in 1996 and 1999, to take part in UN police training missions.

Victory declared against burweed

A Salt Spring restoration crew has declared a victory in the battle against burweed.

A press release by island biologist Kathy Reimer says the last carpet burweed plants pulled this year have been burned in a pit at Ruckle Park.

"This year's victory may only be temporary because there may still be seeds underground, but at least we did not have a new crop of seeds produced," noted Reimer. "And next year we should be able to mop up any survivors."

The non-native plant, also known as Texan burweed or spurweed, had invaded several areas of the Ruckle Park campsite area, resulting in a

large section of land being fenced and quarantined.

Reimer said the burweed quickly crowded out all native plants, forming a thick carpet over areas that used to hold foam flowers, camas lilies, harvest brodiaea and other special bulbs.

The small weed was first spotted in the park in 1997 and, despite a huge effort to eradicate it, the burweed spread around the entire campsite.

Several groups — including parks staff, government habitat professionals, plant specialists and local volunteers such as Trail and Nature Club members — have been involved in fighting the weed over the years.

According to Reimer, some of the eradication methods used included burning the plants with blow torches and spraying other sections with an expensive mixture of detergent and sugar.

"In the end, old-fashioned weeding by B.C. parks staff and a crew of seven or eight workers on their hands and knees for several weeks resulted in the collection of over six garbage bags full of thousands of the tiny weed," says Reimer. "These were burned on site to prevent their spread to other areas."

The weed originally came to the United States from South America. Burrs may have arrived on Salt Spring attached to visitors' camp-

ing gear.

The restoration crew involved in the burweed removal project is funded by Human Resources Development Canada and Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement in partnership with B.C. Parks, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, and The Nature Trust.

In the past year, the crew has also built trails and footbridges in Duck Creek Park, operated a wetland plant nursery, completed several riparian planting projects, and removed broom and gorse from Garry oak parkland areas, including Burgoyne Bay Park and land belonging to The Nature Trust.

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SABLEFIN: Hearing takes place in Victoria

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The meeting carried over to Wednesday, when board chair Alan Andison and members Bob Gerath and Robert Cameron heard final words of third party Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd., followed by responses from the three appellants.

Arguments of the first two appellants dealt mainly with environmental issues. Lawyer Wally Braul presented the CSA's concern that microbial waste might travel to the marine environment. He said enough research has not been done on the effects of microbes on fish and fish habitat, resulting in "a good deal of scientific uncertainty."

"Tackling the difficult issues is imperative. Consideration of the presence of potentially harmful substances should have been a priority."

According to Braul, limited studies on microbial effects were done by the hatchery's own hydrogeologist Dennis Lowen instead of by professionals qualified to study the wastes.

Braul said Lowen reported on areas outside his realm of expertise and Sablefin Hatcheries took a "less than rigorous approach" to the guidelines set out by the ministry.

According to the CSA, the ministry misconstrued agency approvals. Braul said the project received conditional approval based on the assumption that no waste water would enter the environment. Yet Lowen's report stated most waste discharge would be eliminated, but said the project could produce some potential contaminants, like peroxide. This discharge could go through a number of routes to get to the marine environment.

Braul said there was insufficient analysis of this microbial waste, of rate and direction of water flow and of tidal effects. He said most evidence was anecdotal rather than based on facts.

"We have at best very superficial information. Transparent analysis was not used in this case. Uncertainty of information makes it very difficult to develop a responsible approach to the risk. There is a significant possibility for damage," said Braul.

Eamon Murphy spoke next on behalf of SSIRRLU. He said the decision maker for waste management approval failed to take into account recreational uses of Walker Hook, as well as the possibility that the area could be acquired for parkland.

He also expressed concerns about the effects of hatchery waste on three sensitive ecosystems at Walker Hook, which are home to fish and threatened bird species.

Murphy told the board the decision was based on "inadequate, insufficient and incomplete information" that lacked baseline studies and environmental impact assessments.

He said guidelines about water discharge were not followed. Murphy further questioned whether the hatchery's sand filter would remove marine bacteria, viruses or microbes.

Murphy said that eelgrass, important for spawning and feeding, could be adversely affected.

"Once eelgrass begins to die, it has a very slow recovery rate. Once eelgrass is affected, the food chain becomes affected. We just don't know where the effluent is going to come out."

According to the residents' group, Lowen relied on "four years out-of-date water analysis guidelines that were not specific to eelgrass or fish species."

Murphy told the board the ministry's decision maker "exceeded his jurisdiction" because he approved a project that puts effluent into fish habitat.

"The decision maker should have involved the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) in waste management concerns. He effectively stepped into the shoes of the DFO."

He also said the decision was fettered, as correspondence with the ministry gave "the distinct impression" the project would be approved before the application was submitted.

On the other side of the case, Dennis Doyle presented arguments on behalf of MWLAP's regional waste manager.

He said the hatchery's "low-risk" discharge meets all water-quality standards and its impact on the environment is negligible since it comes from an "all-natural process."

"It's not a pesticide that comes out of a sealed container. It's created right there in the hatcheries. There is no miscommunication and we don't have to worry about the environmental impact to fish."

Doyle said it would be impractical to try to monitor microbes. He said the manager looked at other fish farms with sablefish and found no problems with microbes being discharged.

"This is not a case of failure to look at an issue, but a case of looking at an issue and deciding it doesn't need any further consideration."

He said the hatchery is also not a problem for above-ground creatures.

"We're not talking about a very intrusive development here. On a whole, we would submit that, given the studies the manager did, all procedures and policies were followed and the decision should stand."

On behalf of Sablefin Hatcheries, Rory Lambert addressed some of these issues.

He said the CSA's claim was made so that commercial fishermen could "protect their monopoly and stifle competition."

He also said residents "can't see, hear, smell or taste the hatchery."

"There is no harm that the hatchery site creates. There is no evidence that the discharge affects the receiving environment negatively at all."

After hearing the arguments from all sides, the board members said they could not promise a date or time for results, but would try to make their decision as "expeditiously as possible."

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FOUR-DAY WEEK

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the loss of programs ranging from art to out-of-school band and choir, calculus and cafeteria that would result if savings came through more staff lay-offs. Class sizes would also be increased and special education and support services cut.

"This is the best of two evils," said student Casey Wheadon, "and I wish to thank the board for their courage in dealing with it."

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) PAC chair Kristina Kilbourn also tempered the image of widespread parent opposition.

"There are people in the community who have come to me and said they are for the four-day week . . . Many people would rather have a four-day week than lose programs."

SIMS principal Kevin Vine and GISS principal Nancy Macdonald also supported the board's and students' position.

While acknowledging the issue had been difficult for all concerned, Macdonald was optimistic about how it would work out.

"Our kids are really resilient and I think they will deal with it and get on with it."

Among trustees, only Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray voted against the plan. She said she was not against the four-day school week per se, but felt the process was too rushed.

"I wish the process was longer and we were able to set, in my mind, what the four-day week would look like."

Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel had originally voted against the April notice of motion proposing the four-

day week, but changed her mind in the intervening month.

She said the other option — laying off 7.5 FTE staff — would have a huge negative impact, especially since bumping would take place.

Boel agreed with Liniger that the board needed to buy time.

"I think we can buy time and go to a system change that will allow us to review it without a loss of programs."

The board shared a paper outlining the decision rationale and how each concern will be addressed.

It includes strategies to address potential student fatigue and help them retain what they learn in the compressed period at school.

The calendar first proposed has also been changed so that Friday is the consistent day off, except for weeks with statutory holidays and the last two weeks of June, when school will be open for five days.

Some schools will be

available for community use on Fridays, but costs will be covered by rental fees.

The paper also clarified that international program students "would not receive any more than they presently access." They now receive after-school tutoring and specific help in preparing for an English as foreign language test. That service, which they already pay for, would shift to the fifth day, as would cultural and recreational field trips which presently occur on weekends.

Superintendent Wendy Herbert also confirmed that schools could return to the five-day schedule if it was found a four-day week would not work.

Complete details on school, bus and water taxi schedules will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, a group of Pender parents has investigated taking legal action against the board because of the four-day school week process.

Federal candidates set to vie for riding

Four candidates have so far thrown their names in the hat for the upcoming federal election on June 28.

Incumbent MP Gary Lunn, age 46, of the Conservative Party is serving his second term in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding. Lunn has a background in law.

Saanich-based public policy consultant Jennifer Burgis (58) represents the New Democrats.

Salt Spring landscaping contractor Andrew Lewis (42) represents the Green Party. Victoria lawyer David Mulrony (49) represents the federal Liberals.

An official list of candidates is not available until June 9 when nominations have been confirmed by returning officers in each of

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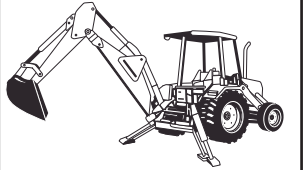
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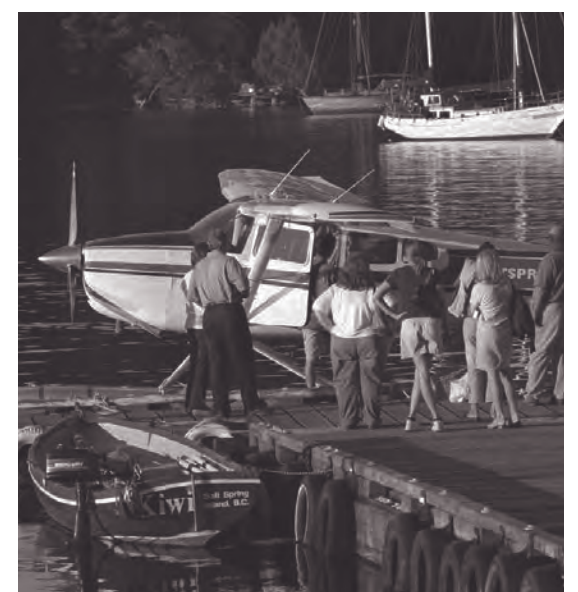
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Future of Channel Ridge trails causes concern as design panel considers development permit

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. (CRPL) is getting closer to having a development permit in hand for Phase 1 of its project, but the critical issue of trails and parkland still remains unresolved.

A perceived change of position has concerned some islanders who've followed the process so far.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy president Peter Lamb, Advisory Design Panel (ADP) member Linda Quiring and Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Bill Curtin have all

questioned what happened to CRPL's accommodating tone exhibited in an October 2003 Channel Ridge Update produced by the company's public relations consultants.

At that point, the development's landscape architect Don Vaughan was quoted as saying, "... it is the intention of the developer that the trails will always be accessible to the public. This is not an uncommon situation and there are many ways in which communities and developers have sorted things out."

But a May 13 Trust consultants' staff report to the ADP of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee notes "the offer for trail access outside the village centre was withdrawn by Channel Ridge subject to further discussions."

The design panel is scheduled to meet with Channel Ridge personnel on Friday, when the hefty report and its recommendations will be reviewed.

PARC had forwarded its parkland recommendations to the Islands Trust as a normal part of the consultation process.

Those included a request for guaranteed public access

to the existing trail system in the approximately 800 acres of land not slated for development, and a conservation covenant restricting development on those lands; unrestricted public access through the village area; provision of parking and washrooms; protection of environmental features such as wetlands and buffer zones; and additional parkland such as extension of Duck Creek Park.

But Channel Ridge lawyer John G. R. Third makes it clear in an April 26 letter that PARC has asked for more than the community would be entitled to, which is legally nothing.

"To give full effect to each of those [PARC requests related to the existing trails] would result in the provision of public open spaces far in excess of Channel Ridge's legal requirements. In addition, the areas of their requested park dedication would significantly exceed any lawful requirement without compensation," writes Third.

Channel Ridge community relations officer Deborah Folka confirmed last week the company believes it is not obligated to provide a

five per cent parkland dedication — which would amount to 6.51 acres — but that it is still open to negotiating parkland and trail access.

"That is certainly not in keeping with the spirit of this project," said Folka, about concerns CRPL has backtracked on park and trail promises.

"There is no way we are going to behave in that manner. What has been on the books and is still there on the table is the 200-plus acres of trails. We're happy to discuss that at any time."

Both Folka and Third's letter indicates parkland dedication does not have to be determined at the development permit stage of the project.

Folka also suggested PARC had both delayed its response and asked for too much.

"PARC did kind of drag its feet and came back with a request that was quite overreaching."

Curtin is upset with allegations that PARC delayed the parkland recommendation when a too-tight timeline was originally given by CRPL.

"They are behaving very

badly," said Curtin. "They are mad because we are insisting on the parkland dedication and now they are threatening to create one strata title lot for the whole development."

But Folka said nothing has changed in terms of the strata plan itself.

Lamb is concerned about the unresolved trail issue, as well as a suspicion that the agreed-upon buffer for the Garry oak meadow has not been maintained.

"It appears they have gone beyond the village boundary in that [north and northwest edge] part," said Lamb. "To what extent I can't tell."

"It's not that they are not permitted to do it," he noted. "But we were sort of assured they had recognized the value of those meadows and would retain a buffer around them."

Lamb is conversely heartened by the Trust staff report for the ADP created by Moodie Consultants Ltd. Among other things, it recommends covenant protection of sensitive areas and a restrictive covenant on the remaining 800 acres so the land cannot be developed in future.

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Islanders overlook deer-fence cash

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Government seed money is available for anti-deer fencing but few island farmers have nibbled on the offer so far.

"I expected to have a run of inquiries," said local Crop Protection Fence Program committee member Tim Marchant.

"It hasn't at all been over-subscribed. In fact they said, 'If we ran out of this money, there might be more money.' And we said, 'Is this the same government we're talking to?' We haven't got it for schools but we're hop-

ing to get it for agri-tourism."

Only two islanders have called Marchant about the program managed by the B.C. Agriculture Council (BCAC).

"I thought it made sense for people to at least know this is going on... The government's willing to do this kind of stuff and we're not taking advantage of it."

Approximately \$100,000 in government funding is available for fences in the Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island through a partnership between Agriculture Canada, Agri-Food

Canada, the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. and the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

"We want to put land back into production. You see a lot of land lying fallow. You hear about the trouble people are having with deer."

Marchant helped get the fence program going last summer by contacting the BCAC about problems with deer at his new organic vineyard on Lees Hill.

In the new fence program, farmers put up a deer-fence and the government will reimburse up to one third of costs, provided fences meet criteria established by the committee, he said.

"They definitely want a good-quality fence that's going to do the job for a long time."

The program is set up to prevent ungulates (elk and deer) from entering farms, as opposed to raccoons or dogs, but a case might be made to protect sheep or cattle with improved fences, he said.

Funding for deer-proof fences might even be available for islanders whose property does not have assessed farm status, he said.

"If enough people were interested who were not in a farm status, we could ask the government, 'Could we set up a special program?'"

The government-funded fence program is able to look at each case individually because the front-end work is conducted by volunteers, he said.

Marchant is planting a vineyard on Lees Hill with the intent of forming the first organic winery in the area.

"I think agri-tourism is the future of B.C. We don't want this island to be just a resort destination. We want it to have an industrial base. With farming comes small industries, like a winery based on a farm."

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Following on the success he's had collecting materials in the past, Howard hopes for continued cooperation from builders to provide more wood scraps for student projects at SIMS.

"Several local individuals, most notably Kaye Magee, Tom Knoth, John Wellingham and Peter Young, donated enough material, destined for the burn pile, to keep two years of continuous rotations well stocked."

The material has been used to create beautiful boxes, benches, footstools, picture frames, bread boards, knife handles, clocks and a number of other projects, he said.

"The entire shop budget is tiny," he noted.

Howard can only afford to spend \$5 per child for all supplies.

But scrap-wood donations have enabled him to purchase new tools, high-end adhesives and better finishes. "At the same time, students are working with much more beautiful material than \$5 could buy and mistakes are not disastrous on egos or budgets."

The program is now stocking up for next year and Howard is particularly interested if anyone might have juicy scraps such as: hardwood flooring, cabinet plywoods, hardwood shorts, off-cuts or discards.

"We can use material as small as 1 X 2 X 12 inches long."

Green rounds from alders, maples or arbutus are also useful for turnings. And students can use construction lumber of any dimension, he said.

Howard cautioned that nails are dangerous, so he requests no demolition material.

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Howard

Islanders get their Wheels in Motion for June 12 event

Islanders are challenged to roll out in support of spinal cord research as part of a local Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion fundraiser event scheduled for Sunday, June 13.

"We're still looking for people to become involved," said local event organizer Gerry Price.

He's put together a Salt Spring component to the nationwide event after some 10,000 Canadians participated in the first Wheels in Motion fundraiser last year.

"This is the first time for the event here on the island," said Price.

And he is challenging local businesses and community groups to form teams to collect pledges and wheel, bike, skate, run or walk around one of two local courses during the Sea Capers weekend.

"We're getting down to the final wire."

The local Wheels in Motion committee could also use more volunteers for registration and marshalling, he said.

Half the money collected for Wheels in Motion will go toward spinal cord research while the other half stays in the community to assist island facilities, Price said.

"It's good to have an initiative that can help other local organizations."

For example, locally collected money could be used to provide access equipment for a new swimming pool or rehabilitation equipment

at Lady Minto Hospital, he said.

"As a disabled person, I can see how people get left out."

But Price is also well aware of the capabilities of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation to bring awareness and fundraising infrastructure to assist the effort.

"He's good at achieving goals."

In 1985, Canadian hero Rick Hansen wheeled 40,000 kilometres through 34 countries over two years to raise \$26 million and help improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries (SCI).

Price noted that some 40,000 Canadians live with SCI, health care costs range from \$1.25 million to \$25 million over a lifetime, and that 90 per cent of current spinal cord knowledge has been collected in the last 10 years.

The local Wheels in Motion committee has planned two event courses. One eight-kilometre course loops from Centennial Park around Seaview Road, Jackson Road, Rainbow Road and Booth Canal Road over to Atkins Road and back along Rainbow to the start point.

A 0.8 kilometre course covers a loop around Seaview, Jackson and McPhillips.

Following completion of the local Wheels in Motion event at Centennial Park, there will be entertainment,

prizes and a salmon barbeque, Price said.

As an added perk for recruiting teams, all captains who collect 10 or more members will also be entered in a draw to win tickets for anywhere Air Canada flies.

For more information, check the Rick Hansen website (www.rickhansen.com) or call Gerry Price (537-5304).

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First Nations spiritual and cultural concerns make for a 'novel case' at environmental board hearing

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

The Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) described a Walker Hook hearing as "a novel case" because its members are faced not only with complex environmental issues, but must also consider the spiritual and cultural concerns of the Coast Salish community.

On May 18, the meeting room at Victoria's Grand Pacific Hotel was full to capacity with members of the public, including three chiefs and many First Nations representatives.

Lawyer Renee Racette requested on behalf of the Penelakut First Nations Elders that the EAB reverse its waste management permit approval granted to Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. She said Walker Hook, or "Syuhe'mun" in Coast Salish, is a place of cultural, spiritual and environmental significance.

As a Coast Salish burial ground, Racette said hatchery waste defiles the resting place of ancestors buried on the site.

"Coast Salish people have an inherent ancestral connection to this land that isn't shared by the general public. Coast Salish people revere this place as sacred land. Ancestors have become part of the site."

On behalf of the elders, she appealed to the board to "save this sacred ground from industrial waste." She said any imbalance to the land's chemical composition may affect the preservation of remains.

Racette said elders feel the "build first, consult later" process was insufficient.

"It is morally offensive and this action would never be permitted on a non-native burial site. I think the ministry made a mistake."

She said Coast Salish people have occupied the site for

thousands of years, although the continuity was interrupted after colonization due to residential schools. She said people ceased to have knowledge from their grandparents, and those who had knowledge died with it to protect the gravesite.

"Family discussions show they knew this site was special but didn't know how. Just because it wasn't used daily doesn't mean it hasn't been part of the culture for the past thousands of years."

She said elders are also concerned with contamination of First Nations animal and plant resources, believing the waste compromises harvesting rights.

Board members questioned why the First Nations people didn't know Walker Hook was a burial site until the bones were unearthed. They asked why elders didn't think proper consultation took place and wondered whether cultural

integrity should be elevated to a higher right than other aboriginal rights like hunting and fishing.

Racette told them the elders were not fully informed of the extent of remains found on the site.

In response, lawyer Dennis Doyle, speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection's regional waste manager, said consultation was done properly.

"I have every sympathy for the plight of these people, but the ministry did all they could. I would submit the manager fulfilled his obligations. There simply is no consultation issue."

Sablefin Hatcheries lawyer Rory Lambert told board members that aboriginal rights are collective and must be applied communally, not individually.

Board chair Alan Andison pointed out that three chiefs as well as representatives from every band in the

region attended Tuesday's portion of the hearing in a communal show of support.

In response, Lambert said, "That's an unusual way to show support. What is the nature of their support as they sit in the back row? We've been robbed of the opportunity to find out."

Lambert also questioned Myrus James' status in the community.

"I am not convinced that Mr. James is an elder. He said that he is 'an elder to his children.' His status as an elder is up in the air to me."

In response, Racette said James, who chairs the Penelakut Elders' Committee, was being humble by not giving himself the title.

"You don't hold yourself up as an elder," she said. "You are referred to as an elder by other community members."

In opposition to elders' testimonies, Lambert said remains of a medicine

woman were not found on the site.

"They have taken liberties with their evidence. They find it necessary to augment their claim by making statements that are not correct."

He said First Nations people have not used the land in modern times.

"We recognize their culture has been disrupted, but if it was significant, it would have been maintained as part of their oral tradition."

The board questioned whether the introduction of effluent to burial ground infringes spiritual rights.

"Discharge flows through contained six-inch pipes, not through the graveyard uncontained," said Lambert. "The degree of harm is zero. The impact of the effluent on the site is non-existent."

Concluding the closing arguments, Andison said, "This panel has quite a task before it."

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Police busy dealing with drunks

Salt Spring RCMP were kept busy with many alcohol-related offences over the long weekend.

Several people spent time in jail for being drunk in public and were retained in custody until they became sober. Two men were arrested for being drunk in Centennial Park on Sunday, one at 1:35 p.m. and the other at 6:20 p.m.

Two more men were arrested on Sunday for being drunk in public. One was a visitor arrested at 1:20 a.m.

The other was a local resident arrested at 7 p.m.

One male youth was also arrested for being drunk in public on May 21 at 6 p.m.

Liquor tickets were issued this weekend to two male visitors for drinking alcohol while walking along Beaver Point Road.

RCMP issued three 24-hour driving suspensions between early Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

• Several motor vehicle accidents also occurred over

the weekend. One rollover early Saturday morning is still under investigation. The driver, who was alone in the vehicle, suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

On Sunday afternoon, there was an accident on Lower Ganges and Corbett roads. A vehicle stopped to turn and when the vehicle behind attempted to brake, it skidded and rear-ended the turning vehicle, whose occupants received minor injuries.

On Saturday at about 2 p.m., there was an accident on Lower Ganges at Purvis Lane. Two vehicles were stopped at the intersection waiting to merge into traffic. The first vehicle started to pull out and then stopped due to a lack of room. The other vehicle rear-ended it. No injuries were reported.

• Salt Spring RCMP are still in possession of a kayak found floating in Booth Canal in March. If anyone has lost a kayak, call the office and provide a description.

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Photo by Jennifer McFee

Helmet drive nets \$3,500

Salt Spring Island firefighters raised about \$3,500 for local charities on Saturday at their annual helmet drive, thanks to the public's generosity.

Captain Jamie Holmes said the fire department always appreciates the support from the community, as well as from off-island visitors.

"Every year we get an excellent response," he said. "Everyone always seems willing to donate to firefighting causes."

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., about half the department took part in canvassing efforts around town at Ganges, in the Fulford area and at the soccer fields.

Firefighters association treasurer Fiona Foster said money raised last year went to Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital.

"More or less any charity looking for some funds can come and ask us," she said. "Wheels in Motion is trying to raise some money. We're really interested in donating some funds."

Treaty progress examined by passionate speaker

Insight into the treaty process is expected when Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) communications director Shana Robinson speaks on Thursday, May 27.

After 10 years of negotiation, the process is reaching the conclusion of an agreement-in-principle, although some contentious issues must still be resolved.

Organized by Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and

Reconciliation (SSIJAR), the event takes place at the high school multi-purpose room at 7 p.m.

"Shana is a powerful speaker with passionate conviction, and we expect a fascinating insight into the workings of the treaty process," states a press release from SSIJAR.

Some members of SSIJAR participated in last Thursday's Title and Rights Alliance rally at the legislature

Stewart debate haunts relationship between PARC and Holman

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Bill Curtin is taking issue with regional director Gary Holman over the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board deferring a decision on a Stewart Road land swap issue.

At its April 19 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) recommended two small bits of land on either side of a hairpin corner by Peter Arnell Park be swapped with the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), as MOT had requested.

MOT intends to re-engineer the corner and pave the remainder of Stewart Road, but it first needs the land owned by PARC via the CRD.

At Holman's request May 12, the CRD Board agreed to defer PARC's recommendation until a public meeting for MOT to detail its Stewart Road plans could be organized by Holman.

"The [PARC] commission agreed, but Gary didn't because he wanted to hold another meeting. He wants everyone to like him no matter what," Curtin told the Driftwood last week.

But Holman said all parties to an earlier joint CRD-Islands Trust coordinating meeting — including PARC and MOT reps — agreed to hold the meeting in conjunction with PARC's May 31 meeting. PARC then changed its mind.

"We all agreed to it," said Holman. "So the commission just goes away [from that joint meeting] and puts it on the April 19 agenda and

sends it to the [CRD] board anyway."

But Curtin feels another public meeting is pointless. People currently opposed to the paving of Stewart Road, which they view as increasing traffic through the Cusheon Lake watershed, won't change their view, and MOT will pave the road regardless of public opposition, he said.

"[The residents] are never going to be happy no matter what happens," he said. "The same people are going to show up."

Holman said Curtin's anger is "a tempest in a teapot."

The Stewart Road situation is awkward because no local government body on Salt Spring has jurisdiction over roads.

"I am less convinced than others that paving the rest of Stewart Road is going to improve road safety," Holman said. "I think it could negatively affect it. But my position at the board is going to be guided by the public feedback at the meeting and the position our elected trustees take."

"None of us has jurisdiction over highways, least of all the commission. So on this particular issue I'm willing to be guided by the public at large and stakeholder groups and our elected officials."

Curtin said a regional director has not withheld support for a PARC recommendation to the CRD board since Dietrich Luth held the post in the mid-1990s and was in conflict with PARC.

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OPINION

Best of the worst

School trustees opted for the slightly-less bitter of two distasteful choices when they approved the four-day school week at a May 19 meeting.

Few people will wholeheartedly embrace such a radical change, but the alternative would have been worse.

We wonder, as school trustee Charles Hingston pointed out, how the four-day debate would have unfolded if the board first proposed cutting art, cafeteria, calculus, band, choir, leadership, peer tutors, counselling, dance, distributed learning, drama, middle years exploratories, parts of all support services and boosting class sizes further. It could well have led to the doorstep of the four-day week.

People repeatedly question the financial numbers presented by the board as if they couldn't possibly be true, or as if they're fudged to favour the four-day option. But most members of the board have lived daily with the district's budget challenges for years, as has its secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold. They can easily see the allotment of each .2 of a staffperson in each school.

Most of these same people have already pulled the district out of the glue in the past and, along with all other members of a broad educational team, have managed to maintain and enhance a rather amazing school district. These people are neither incompetent nor unconcerned.

Where the board did perhaps falter was in not making it clearer sooner that the four-day option was likely, rather than publicly describing it as a "red herring" to downplay parents' concerns.

It's an easy thing for leaders of any kind to do — to defer messy discussions by saying they are premature before a decision has been made. But there should be some way to get down to the nitty-gritty dissection of an issue well in advance of that point.

Because it is true, as some parents suggested, that more time may have resulted in other solutions, including the possibility of pre-election provincial funding, or at least a head-start on ways to adapt to the new set-up.

Work should continue in that vein, along with political lobbying to remedy an untenable situation in this school district.



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Beauty and wonder can save 30-year-old Islands Trust

By JEAN GELWICKS

In the 1980s I saw a sweet little movie titled *By Wonder We Are Saved*. There were no words, just 10 minutes of one stunning photograph after another depicting some wondrous aspect of nature.

I liked the movie but it was the title that stayed with me. It expressed what I had always felt: if you love something because it is awe-inspiring with its beauty, complexities and mystery, then you must do whatever you can to save it.

I spent 30 years as a teacher, taking students into the wilderness, committed to this philosophy. "By wonder we are saved."

It was "wonder" that created the Islands Trust. The Islands Trust was formed because 30 years ago the government of the time saw the Gulf Islands as a rare beauty and an ecologically special place.

They realized that large-scale land development was rampant

VIEW POINT

in the Gulf Islands. Land speculators were making fortunes by subdividing rural acreages or view sites into city-sized lots. On North Pender Island, \$50 down could buy you one of 1,263 new lots at Magic Lake Estates.

Realizing what the future of the Gulf Islands could look like, the Island Trust was formed with the "preserve and protect" mandate.

Thirty years later and on our own island we have developers and owners building in Garry oak meadows, spoiling wetlands, quarrying in residential neighbourhoods and ruining ecologically and archeologically beautiful and sensitive areas.

We have a new industry at

Walker Hook, on which no environmental impact study was done. Not by the owner, the Province or the local Trust.

We have the largest development in the history of the Gulf Islands going on at Channel Ridge and the owners did the only environmental study that was done on this project. There was no group whose responsibility it was to make sure this report was adequate or accurate and that any recommendations in the report were followed.

We have the mandate to "preserve and protect" the environmental aspects of our island and yet there is no process to have any environmental scrutiny done on projects of this magnitude.

What can we do to help remedy this problem? Eight years ago our OCP stated that an environmental advisory committee should be created. This group could be asked to provide advice about

land use matters when there is an application for development permits.

If this committee had been in place, they would have been the "preserve and protect eyes" that would have looked at these projects and made recommendations to the trustees.

There has also been talk of a scientist registry. This registry would be a list of academically qualified people on the island who would give of their expertise when called upon.

This is a good idea, but these generous and qualified people would only get to look at projects if they were asked to do so by the Trustees. They would not be a standing committee that would automatically look at projects.

I believe we first need an environmental advisory panel, backed up by a scientific registry, that the environmental advisory committee, Islands Trust planners and

trustees could all draw upon when specific expertise is needed.

Our trustees have always laboured hard on our behalf, but they often lack sufficient funds, staff and the power to do the job effectively. They need more support from the provincial government.

The Islands Trust is a child of the Province. The Trust was not created for the lucky few who live here but for all the people of the Province. It is now 30 years since the Islands Trust was formed and it is time for a review — a thorough review done by the provincial government, past and present Islands Trust trustees, residents and other B.C. citizens.

Dostoevsky wrote, "Beauty will save the world." Nature will inspire us but we still need to do the work and be persistent. Our islands are worth it.

The writer is an active SSI Conservancy member.

Is the brutal truth a dangerous game?

By ANTHONY WESTALL

Robert Fenske believes that a "dangerous game is being played on our island." He finds it personally, "disturbing and frightening . . . to read of "police abuse, brutality, and even assault" taking place in our community. (May 19 Driftwood, Page 8.)

It is not the abuse of police powers, however, that offends him. It's reading about it! His only other regret seems to be that an officer's name is being "dragged through the public mud" by our local sensational press.

Although apparently passionate in his defence of the officer, he has the discretion not to raise the questions of guilt or innocence.

IN RESPONSE

Without shame, Fenske warns us that this "dangerous game" of reporting can only lead to potential disaster if some officer should fail to "take the correct action" for fear of public scrutiny and accountability.

Finally, Fenske supports this assertion with a single example of an officer having been killed in Ontario through his own misjudgment.

Are we supposed to deduce that this tragedy could have been prevented had the officer not feared the impending

wrath of the fifth estate?

The only discernable logic to Fenske's argument is that he wants cases of alleged police criminality to either be kept secret or only minimally reported.

And why should police not be held publicly accountable for their alleged offences, in the same manner as teachers are, for example?

Fenske replies, "It is often a difficult job at best and a life-threatening job at worst."

Further he laments, "I can only imagine how difficult it must be for those members (RCMP) to do their difficult jobs."

Given that Fenske is the son of an RCMP officer, I find this last remark quite

questionable and disingenuous.

And Mr. Fenske, if you honestly want "difficult," try teaching, and as for "life-threatening," try teaching in any inner city!

And please, spare us from the usual bellyaching swan song about how the police are the guardians of our "safe, secure and peaceful" lives and we need to protect them from our vicious media and police review boards.

Prick up your ears, Mr. Fenske, and listen to the daily influx of news about genuinely "dangerous" abuses of power and authority.

Ultimately, it is only a free and unfettered press, not a government, nor a constabulary, nor a police detachment,

which we can truly trust to inform us about, and thus protect us from, bureaucratic excess, arrogance, cowardice and misjudgment.

Finally, Mr. Fenske, please remember, a free press, the guardian of your liberty, works courageously within the law, not above it, serving the interests of the greater community!

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The writer is a retired teacher.

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How do you help out in your community?*



Chris Healy

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Don Cunningham

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Uncle Fuzzy

I try to help those that can't help themselves.



Lynn Lundy

I just retired. I'm still feeling my way around.



Carolyn Berdanier

I sing in the church choir; contribute to the church and try to stay out of trouble.

Letters to the Editor

Thousand cuts

This letter is written in response to the school board's disappointing short-sightedness and recent vote to implement the four-day school week this September; in response to the board's deep inability to listen to the majority of seriously concerned and upset parents and workers who have overwhelmingly spoken out against the four-day school week; and in response to the board's poorly thought out, researched and badly written paper — especially the strategies in 12 Considerations Of Concerns Raised At The Public Consultation Meetings And Through Submissions.

We want to inform the board members that as parents and workers we are angry and are preparing for September; gathering a coalition for action and information. Your concessions will encourage a destructive cycle in the Gulf Islands that

reaches beyond the schools. Less students, lost wages, unjust reliance on corporate funding, families continuing to move off-island.

Within two days of hearing of the vote for the four-day week, at least 10 children have been registered with private schools or are being withdrawn from school this September.

The board has opened a Pandora's Box of enrolment problems, a major concern they have ignored in their report.

The government is killing the education system. It is death by a thousand cuts. And our board, backed into a corner, has not fought back.

The four-day school week will provide a great opportunity for the birth of new independent religious schools, invigorate private schools, expand home-schooling and herald the measured demise of public education as we have known it.

It is time for all the people of Salt Spring to wake up. More cuts are coming next

year. What more damage will take place? It is time for some real creative thinking. If you are a parent and are concerned about this new schedule or are taking your child out of the public school system, let the board know. Let the government know.

The time to speak up and act is now, not later. Save our schools in September.

MONA FERTIG and PETER HAASE, Ganges

Slow down

Re: last week's Salt Spring Says:

On April 28, I was involved in a motor vehicle accident in which my vehicle was rear-ended by a young man who was driving much too fast and was not paying attention.

The pain and discomfort I am enduring is frustrating, as I have lots to do for myself and others.

I find the responses to last week's Driftwood question regarding speeding drivers and the remark "Kids have

nothing to do" a poor excuse for "gunning it around." It is a simple case of lack of respect and consideration for others.

Speeding endangers the drivers and others. Instead of saying there is nothing to do, why not ask, "Is there something we can do for you?" Helping others would make these young people feel good and give them "something to do."

We need every one of our kids. So, I am asking them to PLEASE SLOW DOWN and DRIVE CAREFULLY.

RITA DODS, Salt Spring

Both sides

With regards to the letter of May 19th written by Muzz Wyatt, who states that it is one of her duties to attend to scheduling for Greenwoods and that she is "a little more familiar with the HEU and BCNU contracts than Mr. Vincent."

Muzz then "examines the case of the housekeeper" and outlines the number

of rooms, etc. that have to be cleaned, along with the nursing station, down to the handrails throughout the building.

When Greenwoods first opened it was a personal care operation but even then this work was done by a team of two — not one individual housekeeper!

Surely now that Greenwoods has more patients with dementia or physical health needs, this work is not done by only one individual as her letter implies.

I had never read Mr. Vincent's column until he wrote on this issue and I also look forward to his explanation regarding how he came to the \$449.96 figure.

As an interested reader, I just want the true facts and I feel that it is good to have both sides of an issue factually stated so that the reader may come to his/her own conclusion.

MARGARET MAE JOHNSTON, Stark Road

Help out

We're disappointed to read that the Canada Day Fireworks were being threatened by a lack of funding.

Canada Day is our favourite holiday in the summer, when we celebrate our culture and pride in the country we call home.

On a recent trip to Vancouver, we were shocked to see at the front of Canada Place a large STARBUCKS sign.

We called the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office and spoke with Perry. Fortunately, they are not too far away from having enough donations to cover the cost. We helped support them and we are hoping other local businesses will help out too.

If not, we might be celebrating this three days later in July, eh?

TIM & JOHN, Island Star Video

MORE LETTERS A10

University path leads to debt, not decent jobs

Last month I celebrated paying off my student loan, a financial albatross that I have been living with for a long, long time.

My B.A. degree was the worst investment I ever made. It never got me a job, never paid off in a big corporate office and most certainly won't allow me to retire at 55.

For all you fresh high school graduates out there, here's a piece of advice. If you are going to university to get a job, give your head a shake.

Looking for a white-collar job? Let's take teaching. As any teacher lucky enough to still have a job will attest, it's a tough racket. Birth rates in Canada are barely keeping up with death rates, meaning declining enrolments for the foreseeable future. School districts are scratching around to stay within budget, thus the four-day school week.

And it's not just the teaching profession. Nurses are fleeing south, lured by generous incen-

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

BY PETER VINCENT



tives offered by private hospitals unencumbered by such nuisances as universal health care.

Need more proof? Look around. The morning ferries off-loading onto Salt Spring are full of tradesmen's vans.

The "blue collar trades" are where the jobs are . . . where the money is. Dave Abley, owner of Salt Spring Island Electric, starts an apprentice electrician at \$12 an hour, a wage that quickly ramps up to \$30 an hour over the ensuing four years.

An emerging B.A. will graduate with a debt of at least \$40,000 when you factor in living expenses, with little or no work experience. Unless mom or dad has a family business, she will likely have to take on a McJob at one of the fine retailers at the mall.

The electrician will be pulling in over \$50,000 per year, will have a four-year head start on saving for a house, and will likely be taking three weeks annual vacation in an exotic, sandy locale.

If you don't find the blue-collar route as sexy as, say, accounting, and feel you are destined for greater stuff, getting into university today can be a daunting task. Hordes of high school grads just like you are competing for a finite number of openings. It is no longer your God-given right to end up with a university seat because you managed to squeak through high school.

But let's say you get in and finish a Bachelor of Science degree with a high enough grade average to put you in, say, dental school. Four years of post-graduate work later you will emerge with a gargantuan debt load (likely \$100,000) and a dental probe. Borrow another quarter of a million dollars for dental equipment and set up an office, or work under an established dentist at the same rate as the above-men-

tioned electrician and start chipping away at that student loan. It's no wonder the medical profession has one of the highest suicide rates in Canada.

You think a B.A. will buy you job security? The halcyon days of working for one company for 25 years is a thing of the past. Most can expect three 10-year careers, adapting to the vicissitudes of the job market. Much of the recent labour unrest is a result of large public and private corporations unable to meet financial obligations negotiated through collective agreement five, 10, 15 years ago. Air Canada was circling the drain until an 11th-hour agreement with a handful of unions acquiesced to a 16 per cent pay cut — and the company is still not entirely out of the woods.

Moral implications aside, the economy has forced many to accept wage cutbacks or a golden parachute. Job security? No such thing.

But don't get me wrong. Personally, I am grateful for my B.A. It afforded me time to sort myself

out. But there was a moment of clarity in my third year when I realized I didn't have the discipline or the requisite IQ to compete with other erstwhile grad students. And so I collected my B.A. and bailed out.

I can now tell the difference between a Renoir and a Rembrandt . . . which makes for great conversation in the Employment Insurance line. If I had to do it over again I would have learned a trade, and left my cultural education to night school and PBS.

Think hard before taking the plunge. Ask yourself if you really have the academic arsenal, or are you considering it only because you don't know what else to do. There are plenty of alternatives that will provide you with a decent paycheque.

No matter what your mom says, the last thing she wants to see is her son, back at home, living in their basement, clutching a B.A. degree, asking for a couple of bucks to buy a coffee.

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More letters

Beyond wage cuts

Reading Peter Vincent's May 12 column, I wonder whether he's tried to support a family on less than \$20 an hour (before taxes) during the last five years.

Government does not provide enough affordable housing or childcare facilities and, to add insult to injury, public schools are deteriorating. (Remember the Curriculum 2000 idea — students should learn at their own pace? For this concept to work we need

smaller classes, more staff, more funding.)

Poor diets are on the increase due to time and financial restraints, a trend which will further burden our health-care system. Mounting stresses on families trying to make ends meet and finding quality time for each other results in growing dysfunction, adding to social and welfare bills.

Mr. Vincent reminds us that the Liberals had been elected to clean up the previous government's mismanagement and fix economic woes. Working folks did not dream up fast ferries, decide on obscene severance packages for upper management and/or politicians, give out scandalous contracts or create questionable new positions for party cronies, just to name a few things. I don't remember massive privatization schemes and sell-outs being part of Campbell's election platform nor do I recall him talking about major tax breaks for the rich and richer to enhance B.C.'s economy.

The near general strike should have alarmed this government. Instead they have been taking credit for the superb leadership in avoiding a potential eco-

nomie disaster.

Had Mr. Vincent taken a minute to talk to the strikers/protesters, he might have learned that this is a much more complex issue, that the social fabric is being undermined and eroded by this government's actions. I recommend checking out www.socialjustice.org or one-world.ca. It might help to gain a broader perspective and he might come to feel some solidarity after all.

VERA ROBINSON,
Langs Road

Water use

I have been reading these letters for some time now about vacation rentals using too much water.

But it is the B&B that uses the water. Think about it. In a B&B, linens and sheets are washed daily. Every morning breakfast is served and likely the dishwasher is used. In a vacation rental, the people might go to town for breakfast and other meals, and don't likely use the washer and dryer at all, and certainly not every day.

So why don't we ask B&Bs to either convert to vacation rentals, or require a three-day minimum stay so they can help us conserve our

precious water? How about it, B&Bs: Stop washing the linens and sheets daily! Stop serving breakfast!

DAVE DUCKWORTH,
Vesuvius

Vote

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JEAN OWEN,
Salt Spring/Bellingham

SSI SPCA pride: A step to regaining fiscal autonomy via Salt Spring Dollars

CURRENCY CORNER



by Jim Scott

The mailer that went out to all the southern Gulf Islands on behalf of the regional SPCA in February was a great success according to the staff and community advisory committee for the Salt Spring Branch which serves all the islands.

The distributed information was highly successful in generating interest and offers of help from across the islands. The mailer served to inform island residents not only about the work of the local SPCA in providing animal protection activities throughout the islands but also about the financial difficulties of the branch.

It takes \$100,000 annually to operate the Salt Spring Island SPCA. In the past, Salt Spring residents donated half that money with the balance coming from Lottery funds. But that changed in 2002. The new government decreed only the BC SPCA head office could apply for Lottery funds and the amount allocated was capped. As a consequence, the BC head office decreed that donated monies would be transferred from the local branches' accounts to the head office account on the mainland. Head office took over paying all major accounts for the local branches.

Here on Salt Spring, some of the donations were given in Salt Spring Dollars (\$\$). I suggest, let's make all our cash donations in \$\$\$. Then \$\$\$ will be spent with local business at the discretion of the local staff for the accounts over which the local branch still has control. Those \$\$\$ remaining can be deposited to the SPCA's bank account for transfer in Canadian funds to the mainland.

Other ways to help are to volunteer, donate in kind as does McColl's Shell who fuel and maintain the SPCA van for free, or purchase gift certificates from Foxglove or either of the two vet clinics.

The Salt Spring SPCA thanks all who help in various ways.

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to the pushy, rude, omnipresent sales staff at a certain store in Ganges. As someone who recently moved to the island, now I know where NOT to shop. Thank you. A Newbie Salt Springer.

Rants to stores selling "flats" of annuals with only 36 plants (6X6 plants),

whereas in previous years a "flat" was 48 plants. Do you think we won't notice a reduction of 12 plants? There has not been a corresponding 25 per cent price drop. JM

Rants to the person saying the speed limit varies from 40 to 60 km/h. I think you need to get out your drivers' ed book and look it up. They are suggested speed limits. And who said he/she was catching the ferry? He/she was telling the ferry traffic to speed up, and not wanting to go 50 km all the way into town. WB

ROSES

Roses to Dana and the gymnastics folks who helped with the floor cleaning at Fulford Hall. Your reward — a shiny, newly-varnished floor.

A big hedgerow of wild Nootka roses to Kim Benson, Linda Adams and "Garry" Holman for establishing the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption (NAPTE). Now landowners who wish to keep their land in a natural state can receive a 65 per cent tax exemption by covenanting their land with

the Islands Trust Fund. Present and future generations of fauna, flora and humans thank you for your tireless work on this brilliant and innovative vision. NR

Soft white roses to drivers who obey the speed limits and drive slowly enough to avoid hitting deer and their new fawns. JM

Roses that smell heavenly to David Parnum, who always helps his friends. Thanks David!

One thousand lollipops and roses to Christine Alexander for all your patience on May 17 and 18. My apologies again. From you know who!

Roses to all those people on the island who use the annual accommodations group information distribution service. Most of the funds collected will be used for the AGSSI scholarship fund for GISS. Thanks!

Roses to the hardworking, handsome guys that helped me put up the windscreens at Portlock Park. Much appreciated — you never let me down. Thanks. PL

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AROUND THE ISLAND: The sun sets on the horizon as sailboats circumnavigate Salt Spring in last week-end's Round Salt Spring Race. See story and more photos on Page A20. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

'Excellent people' made skatepark happen

By **BRENDA BRAZIER**

In the summer of 2000, Bruce Ruddell and family took a road-trip down through California.

While Barb was busy with professional seminars and workshops, Adam and Bruce checked out the local skateboard parks. Bruce came home from that trip with a niggling question — why didn't Salt Spring have a skatepark?

The existing set-up at Kanaka Road had sufficed very well for years, thanks to the efforts of the older kids and the high school wood-shop teachers.

But let's face it . . . wooden boxes and ramps in this climate can't compete with a proper concrete facility. Most communities smaller than ours had them. It was time to figure this out. By January 2001, the Salt Spring Skatepark Society was formed.

Lots has happened in the years since; there's been triumph and disappointment, holdups and letdowns, rewards and accomplishment. At times it has felt like that old format of two steps forward, one step back. Nonetheless, a forward motion was maintained, however slow.

This was due to the patience and perseverance of us old people who wouldn't let it go; a few minutes of watching the skaters, bikers and bladers making the best of this old road and its tired boxes was enough to renew determination when things looked bleak.

Add to that the generosity of the community organizations and individuals that have given their unconditional support.

Thinking back over the past three and a half years

IN DEPTH

we are reminded of the heartwarming and positive events that have kept us buoyed. Here are a few milestones of our Society:

- Our first vote of confidence came from PARC. They literally launched us out of the starting gate not only with considerable financial contribution, but with invaluable counsel that continues today. Former commissioner Bryan Adderley and current operations manager Dave Gibbon both gave their own time whenever asked.

- One October day in 2002, Mel Sumner from the Crime Prevention Association simply walked up to society board member Caron Carson and handed her a cheque for \$500, because he too knows the value of showing our kids we value them.

- An open discussion was held in December 2002 at GISS regarding the future of this road. School District 64 superintendent Wendy Herbert has faithfully attended many of our meetings, expertly directed about 60 islanders into small diverse groups to discuss solutions. Anyone there that evening will remember the positive energy she created and the unanimous conclusion that a real skatepark would have many benefits.

- Cpl. Dave Voller of the Salt Spring RCMP successfully applied on our behalf for a grant from the RCMP in Ottawa and presented us last year with a cheque for \$5,000. He sees every day how much this park is needed.

- Because of the generosity of Windsor Plywood, it was possible to replace and restore the wooden apparatus when it succumbed to the weather. Micah Booy, Tristan Scarfo, Adrian Kaiser, Ryan Fogarty and others have often given their time and skills to this.

- The Salt Spring Foundation and the GISS wood-working program have also continued to give support with funds; many a box has been made in Mr. Watkin's class.

- Always a staunch supporter, Jack Rosen of Island Escapades organized a dance at the Core Inn last year, raising both awareness and dollars.

- The considerable talents of Micah Booy have greatly contributed to the ultimate design and construction of this park.

- Most recently has been our new partnership with the Lions Club of Salt Spring. Gayle Meek brilliantly suggested our project as one the Lions should consider, and as a result we were invited to make a presentation. Armed

with our new video produced by videographer and veteran skater Ryan Fogarty, we apparently made a good impression!

The rest is history. The Lions remind us that their mission is "to serve," and serve they did, with \$100,000 and a commitment to help us get this project done.

We are set to build this park because of these excellent people. Although we have enough now for a professionally designed concrete park, our vision is for more than that.

We see the Kanaka Road area completely transformed into an integrated youth park landscaped and green, with connecting paths to the adjoining playgrounds and wheelchair accessible thoroughfare. We see viewing areas with benches, so passersby can sit for a bit to watch the amazing feats that skateboarding offers.

We see a lot of active kids, happy and proud.

The writer is a Salt Spring Skatepark Society executive member.

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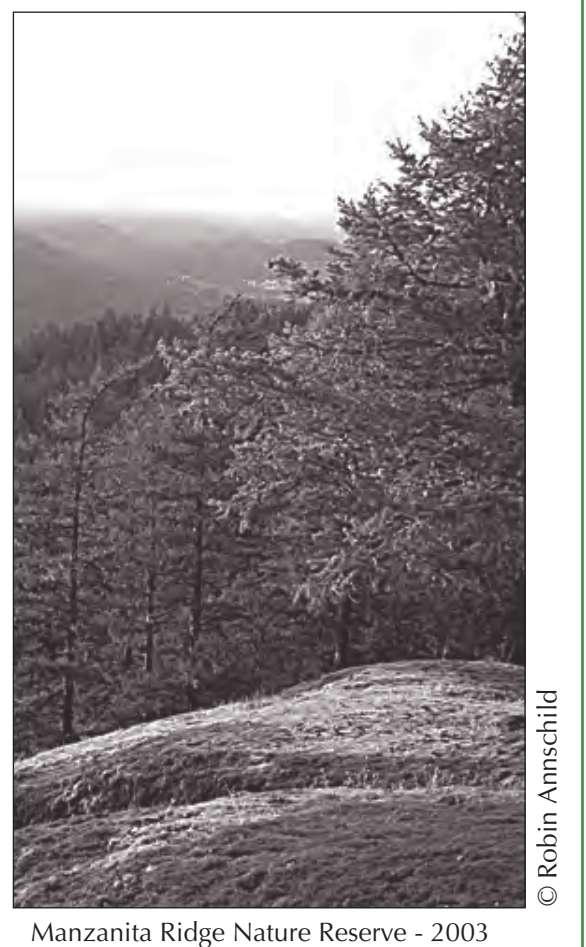
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Favourite people: My boys, Aliah, Noah and Jacob.
Favourite read: The new Salt Spring book.
Best thing about SSI: Our community, friends and family.
Worst thing about SSI: The regulations that don't allow low impact housing.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: Wherever my lovely wife Haidee is.

DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

More letters

Don't get tangled

As someone who works on forest tent caterpillar populations, the May 19 article by Jennifer McFee on western tent caterpillar in the Gulf Islands caught my eye. The article correctly suggests that there is really not a lot that can be done to control these periodic pests with the possible exception of removing egg masses in winter or removing early tents in spring from a few cherished trees. The rate of caterpillar and moth dispersal from adjacent trees and properties will swamp any control measures. The collapse of tent caterpillar populations will ultimately occur within a few years by the action of several agents, including a tent caterpillar-specific viral disease and parasitism by a fly, *Tachinomyia similis* (not a wasp as suggested in the article)

which lays white eggs on the head of the caterpillar. The article also suggested the use of Tanglefoot as a "sticky" barrier preventing caterpillars from crawling up trees; a virtually useless strategy for tent caterpillar. Whereas this works very well for insects like the flightless winter moth whose females can't fly and must climb trees to lay eggs, tent caterpillar females fly very well, and the caterpillars themselves can readily drop from other trees onto the Tanglefooted trees. The only benefit of Tanglefoot in the control of tent caterpillars is to those who would try and sell it as a control measure.
JENS ROLAND,
 Edmonton
Shame
 B.C. Ferries employee Brenda Anderson and her supporters deserve commendation for the marvellous mural in one of the washrooms on the MV Skeena

Queen. Hopefully she won't be too discouraged by the fact that it has been defaced. Someone should be ashamed.
KEITH SKETCHLEY,
 Victoria
Hall well-being
 I attended the Mahon Hall birthday party scheduled to draw in buyers and donors during ArtCraft's occupation of our hall. There were very few there. We wondered if fire insurance covers the use of candles for lighting. We laughed at the corner sign advertising parking above the ArtCraft sign at the busy Saturday market. We ask the community why we would give funds to our hall, which, although noted in the OCP as perhaps our most important heritage building, is being privatized and altered to suit two interest groups. Until the true ownership of Mahon Hall is established it would not be wise to invest \$500,000 in her well-being. I am working with the Victoria agency which will offer grants for heritage projects and the community would like to meet at a town hall meeting in Mahon Hall in mid-September to make our views quite clear.
ANNE HUMPHRIES,
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BURGERS ON WHEELS: Ken Barnes and Tina Kempling "wear" a skateboard as the Salt Spring Lions Club sells burgers to raise skatepark funds. Above, from left are: Adam Ruddell, Kevin Brazier and Danny Chamblin.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Grants given to land trust

Two grants will help a Salt Spring-based group create a province-wide tool for land trust organizations.

The Land Trust Alliance of B.C. received \$20,000 from the Vancouver Foundation and \$5,000 from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. for creation of Best Practices — Guidelines and Template Documents for Land Trust Practices in British Columbia.

As LTA executive director Sheila Harrington explains in a press release, "As the need for protection of features on private lands increases in B.C., there is substantial demand for template documents and policies."

Those include conservation covenants, memorandum of agreements on land management and stewardship responsibilities between various bodies, monitoring reports and acquisition procedures. The LTA office has been located on Salt Spring since its inception in 1997.

The group's mission is "to help steward, protect and restore our natural and cultural heritage for all time."

The LTC has 68 members, including 30 active land trusts working in communities throughout B.C.

Salt Spring members are the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society and the Friends of Salt Spring Parks.

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Report pushes Cats for Long Harbour

A new ferry report recommends returning the "fast cats" under an independent contractor to provide service between the Gulf Islands and the mainland.

"What we're trying to do is look from an objective stance," said Comox-based Transportation 2000 spokesman Brendan Read.

"We've decided to wade in the waters here because the points that we've been making have not been heard before."

Among other recommendations, the Transportation 2000 report suggests a meeting with Washington Marine Group to see about putting the three Pacificats back into use around the region.

"If we can make them workable in a reasonable amount of time for a reasonable price at a high level of reliability, they could supplement the older ferries that are being used on the Gulf Islands runs and the Comox-Powell River runs," Read said.

Built for \$450 million in the late 1990s, the province sold the Pacificat ferries for \$50 million in a 2003 auction after a well-publicized scandal about their unsuitability for Vancouver Island-mainland use.

However, the aging ferries left behind to serve smaller runs on the islands will not be replaced for at least two more years, Read said.

"They are fast becoming life expired. Let's at least take a look at the Pacificats and let's see if putting them onto these runs could be doable."

Currently, service for the Gulf Islands and Powell-River routes is provided by the Queen of Nanaimo (built in 1964), the Queen of Burnaby (1965) and the Queen of Tsawwassen (1960).

"The Queen of Tsawwassen is one of the two original B.C. Ferries that were built in 1960 for the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay service," Read noted.

Coastal ferry privatization should also be re-examined, he said, and the Vesuvius-

Crofton route returned to the pre-1985 state of being administered by the transportation ministry.

The Transport 2000 report also suggests better cooperation between ferries, private buses and public transit services.

Transport 2000 is a non-partisan national transportation advocacy group, Read said.

"We've been very active on VIA Rail issues, the E&N on Vancouver Island and in ferry issues in Atlantic Canada."

The Transport 2000 report will be sent to coastal communities and MLAs in the region.



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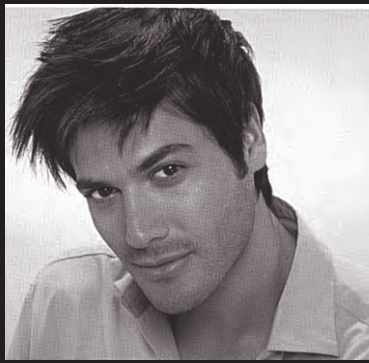
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The Salt Spring Fire Department had a busy week responding to 12 bush fires and burning complaints.

"As of Sunday, there will be no more burning," said chief Dave Enfield. "We're shutting it down entirely."

There was also a house fire last Wednesday night.

A nest built on an outside light caught fire from the bulb's heat.

On Sunday night, a fifth-wheel trailer caught fire.

Damages were minor because a neighbour saw flames and extinguished them with a garden hose.



COLOUR COORDINATED: With hair to match the flowers, Teal Morris peeks through a Centennial Park market floral arrangement by Raj Kreisler.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Shellfish harvesting nixed by red tide

The entire Strait of Georgia has been closed to shellfish harvesting due to high levels of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) or "red tide."

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has advised the public to not harvest bivalve shellfish in waters between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

"Currently, the biological conditions that support PSP blooms are prevalent throughout the area," states a Fisheries press release.

People should always check whether an area is open before harvesting bivalve shellfish, which include oysters, mussels, clams and scallops.

PSP is caused by naturally occurring algae or plankton. Warmer water and increased levels of sunlight can create conditions that support algal "blooms" in which the amount of the algae in the water increases dramatically. As bivalve shellfish feed on this algae, they accumulate and concentrate the toxins.

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10 Years Naturally party features non-stop activity

One of Salt Spring's largest non-profit groups celebrates a proud decade of activity this weekend with a slide show by Robert Bateman, garden tours and hikes, fundraising auctions, feasting and music.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy was founded 10 years ago by Maureen Milburn, Fiona Flook, Ailsa Pearce, Nancy Braithwaite, Mallory Pred, Heather Martin and Ann Richardson, who realized an on-island conservation organization was needed to ensure land preservation opportunities could be successfully pursued.

Founders will be honoured at the May 29 part of the event called 10 Years Naturally, which takes place at Meaden Hall.

The conservancy now has 500 members, holds five covenants protecting 890 acres of the island, has been a major financial contributor to the purchase of 2,600 more acres and established the Manzanita Ridge and Andreas Vogt nature reserves.

Thousands of islanders have also been educated on best stewardship practices through regular conservancy workshops and presentations.

Demand for conservancy activity and education shows no signs of letting up, said the group's executive director Karen Hudson last week.

"In the last nine months to a year, Lions Hall isn't big enough [to hold event crowds]," she said.

More than 100 individuals consistently turn out to stewardship workshops.

"People are very interested in stewardship and I'm guessing that it's because people are seeing the changes on the island happening at a dramatic rate and so they're motivated to do something about it."

Hudson is pleased to always see new faces at conservancy events and to meet eager potential volunteers.

Partnerships of all kinds continue to be important for

"People are very interested in stewardship. . . . they're motivated to do something about it." — Karen Hudson

the conservancy.

Local businesses are among groups wanting to contribute, as was the case when Salt Spring Books recently donated \$2,000 in sale proceeds from the coffee-table book of Salt Spring images by island photographers Osman Phillips, Howard Fry and Michael Levy.

The schedule for 10 Years Naturally at Meaden Hall on Saturday is:

- Silent auction bidding, 1-4 p.m.
- Food, 4:30-6:30
- Presentations, 6:30
- Bateman's Making Pleasing Places slide show, 7:00
- Live auction with Arvid Chalmers, 8:30, followed by music from Synergy.

On Sunday, the Tour of Pleasing Places is a self-guided stewardship tour

from 10 a.m. to noon that includes the Spindrift Resort property, the Henderson and Lake gardens recently featured in Canadian Gardening magazine, the Dorworths' home with a waterfall, and the property of Susan Evans and Ted Harrison.

"They've all done these amazing things with their properties," said Hudson.

Then from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, hikes to the Mill Farm and Mount Maxwell watershed take place.

Cost is \$25 for Saturday evening, \$15 for Sunday's tours or \$30 for both.

Tickets are available from Salt Spring Books, but since they're limited, people are advised to snag them as soon as possible.

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Babies 'teach' Roots of Empathy

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

When Arnie and Julia Hengstler brought their nine-month-old son Jameson through the door of Martin Thorn's classroom on Friday, smiles spread across the faces of the waiting Grade 6 and 7 students.

Prompted by his parents, the blue-eyed baby boy waved at the Salt Spring Island Middle School class while they sang a song in French to welcome their special guest.

Jameson has been making monthly visits to Thorn's class since September as part of the Roots of Empathy Program (ROE), a non-profit initiative to teach three-to-14-year-olds about human development and emotional well-being. The program aims to foster empathy, thereby reducing aggression and bullying in schools.

Founded in 2000 by Toronto teacher Mary Gordon, ROE reaches elementary and middle schools across Canada, including about 350 in B.C. Three Salt Spring classrooms, two at SIMS and one at Phoenix, implemented the program last fall. One classroom on Mayne Island is also participating this year for the first time.

Thorn said the program universalizes many of the issues middle school students face.



BABY'S BUDDIES: Grade 6 and 7 students at Salt Spring Island Middle School welcome nine-month-old Jameson Hengstler to their classroom on Friday as part of the Roots of Empathy program.

Photo by Jennifer McFee

ages students to apply what they learn from the baby's visits to other parts of their lives.

"They learn about non-verbal communication by watching Jameson's facial expressions and body movements. And then that gets broadened out so the kids can be aware of these things in people around them."

During last week's visit, students learned about parent-child communication during feeding times.

Jameson and his mom sat on a bright green blanket in the middle of the classroom surrounded by a half-circle of attentive students. The kids clapped as Jameson popped Cheerios into his mouth and laughed as he spit out a spoonful of pureed broccoli into his dad's hand. They seemed eager to learn about his favourite foods.

"Does he like sushi?" one student asked.

Mauro said it's a challenge to find families to bring their babies to monthly classroom visits.

"We're hoping to get some more parents for next year," she said. "It is a really good thing for the family. The kids really adopt the baby. It's a neat way to bring the community and school together."

Judi Wilson is the ROE facilitator for Mayne Island school's kindergarten-Grade 3 classroom, which baby Felix has visited since November.

Wilson says, "Through the use of stories, classroom discussion, writing, drawing and the monthly baby visits, students have the opportunity to learn the language they need to express how they feel and to make better decisions on how they will treat others."

The Troubadour Centre on Mayne Island and the Ministry of Early Childhood Development brought the program to the Gulf Islands School District.

More information is available online at www.rootsofempathy.org.

"It turns lions into lambs," he said. "It provides us with a vocabulary to talk about things as they happen."

"We get to know a little bit more about what our parents went through," said Grade 7 student Cecelia Fraser.

Students focus on a different theme each month for classes before and after the baby's visit, such as emotional literacy, violence prevention and infant safety. This month, they learned how babies are greeted in different cultures.

Trained volunteer Christine Mauro said ROE encour-

Seminar aids growth

A one-day seminar set for Salt Spring promises to reveal the secrets of living in the moment and "dramatically accelerate" personal growth.

Led by Ron Wypkema, director of The Clarity Institute and creator of The Now Process, the seminar runs this Saturday from 9:30 to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Anata at 537-4076.

According to press material, Secrets of Living in the Moment is a "life changing experience — truly mind-blowing."

By introducing the Mem-

ory Freedom Method, the seminar promises to help participants experience freedom from the hold of old memories; dissolve negative emotions attached to these memories; enhance the ability to live in the moment; and open up to inner silence.

Press material says participants will be given the key to freedom from the past and the secret to letting go of anxiety about the future.

Tuition is \$149 each and \$99 for family members.

Wypkema holds three university degrees and works as a "personal breakthrough coach" in the U.S. and Canada.

He has conducted workshops and training since 1987, all with a focus of presenting the power of living in the present.

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BRIDGE TRICKS

On May 10, George Laundry and Joan Conlan came in first, followed by John Jefferson and Brent Vickers. Third were Jill Evans and Blanche Poborsa.

On May 17, Ima Krayenhoff and Patricia MacFarlane were first, then came Laundry and Conlan, half a point ahead of Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt.

Local wines win medals

Garry Oaks Winery came home with gold, silver and bronze medals from four wines entered in the Northwest Wine Summit at Mount Hood, Oregon.

The Salt Spring winery's 2003 Pinot Gris won a gold medal at the premier regional wine event involving more than 800 wines from Oregon, Washington State and British Columbia.

"This is only our second vintage of this wine. Last year it took a silver, and the gold now sets a very high standard for the future," said Elaine Kozak, co-owner and winemaker. A new Garry Oaks red wine named Fetish also won a silver medal at the competition. Fetish is described as "a big, Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet and Merlot grapes that was aged for 14 months in French and American barrels."

The 2002 Pinot Noir (Blackhills Vineyard) and 2002 Labyrinth both won bronze medals.

Web experts lead June 8 workshop

A "non-technical audience" will benefit from a free website development workshop set for June 8 on Salt Spring.

Be a Master of Your Own Domain: Building and Maintaining a Website is the name of workshop being offered by John Suk of Borealis Networks, and Tris Hussey from Larix Consulting through the Community Economic Development (CED) Project office.

It runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lions Hall.

"This workshop will give an overview of the process from starting up your website to maintaining it to adding extra features and growing with your business. However, this workshop is not intended only for those who are starting the process. Current website owners will learn about working with service providers and web professionals, maintenance strategies, hosting issues and how to measure the amount of traffic coming to their website," explains a CED press release.

Suk has worked with technology since pursuing a graphic design career 17 years ago. With the advent of the Web, he has focused

on website hosting, web applications development, and information technology consulting with Salt Spring-

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Hussey has been developing websites for close to a decade.

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ARTSPRING FUNDRAISER: Home and garden tour volunteers, from left, Ruth Hopping, Juanita Russell and Karin Weber, were at ArtSpring last Saturday handing out maps for the annual tour of island houses and gardens.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Trail, nature club schedule slated

There will be a slide show on hiking the Gulf Islands by Charles Kahn at the May 27 social evening, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church. This will be followed by a presentation on the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve by Carolyn Stewart of Parks Canada.

Before the social, from 5:30 to 7:30, people can meet Hiking the Gulf Islands author Kahn.

The annual Strawberry Festival takes place June 8 at Drummond Park starting at noon. Remember to bring a bowl and spoon.

This year's fall trip will be to Strathcona Lodge near Campbell River from September 7-9. Deposit cheque of \$70 is due by the end of May and can be passed on to Ron Hall at the May 27 social or be left with the Cobbler's Box. Balance of \$137 is due by July 27.

Walkers

June 1: Diana and Rino Floritto take us through Maracaibo Estates out to the Nose Point area on this moderately challenging walk. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10 a.m. and wait at the Maracaibo entrance gates for everyone to arrive before proceeding to their parking

lot by Long Harbour.

June 8: On Strawberry Festival day, Ron Hall will lead our group along Burgoyne Bay on a moderate walk beside the water. Meet at ArtSpring and carpool at 10 or rendezvous at the triangle corner off Fulford-Ganges Road and Burgoyne Road at 10:15 a.m. We will be finished by 11:45 in order to drive down to Drummond Park for the annual Strawberry Festival at noon. Bring your bowl and spoon!

Hikers

June 1: Off-island, Bill Harrington will lead us across the water to Stoney Hill and carpool to leave Portlock Park at 9:40 for the Vesuvius ferry at 10 a.m.

June 8: Join us for a short brisk hike, over Reginald Hill, ahead of the Strawberry Festival at Drummond Park. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:40 to meet up with sou-

thenders at the Reginald Hill gate at 10.

June 15: Join Martyn Day for a ramble around Maracaibo. Carpool to leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

Summertime: Those interested in continuing to hike throughout the summer can meet at ArtSpring on Tuesdays at 9:45. The group will select a leader and hike for that day.

Ramblers

June 1: Any Ramblers not going to the Courtenay gardens trip can meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to walk in Moutat Park. No leader needed.

June 8: Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to the Burgoyne triangle at 10:15 for a walk down Burgoyne Road, then on to Drummond Park for the Strawberry Festival. Don't forget your bowl and spoon!

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Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

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The principal sources of PARC revenue are four distinct tax requisitions. The \$165,830 requisition for Community Parks provides funds for the development and maintenance of trails, Mouat Park, Rotary Park, Drummond Park, Centennial Park and the Market in the Park. The smallest requisition is \$85,220 for Community Recreation to fund the Shelby Pool operation and the summer Day Camp. The largest requisition of \$325,000 for Parkland and Recreation includes expenses for Portlock Park, Fulford Ball Park and general administration. PARC also derives revenue from two other sources. A tax requisition of \$140,000 provides for interest and principal payments on the debt incurred to pay for the property on Rainbow Road intended for the proposed recreation centre. Additional sources of revenue totalling \$206,598 were derived mainly from fees for swimming, day camp and Market in the Park. Finally funds can accumulate in a parkland acquisition fund from cash-in-lieu payments as a result of residential subdivision development meeting park dedication requirements.

In 2003, PARC continued to emphasize intensive cost control measures and carefully targeted investments in community facilities and new or replacement equipment. The main priority was to limit financial risk and liability. With the assistance of the Capital Regional District, we identified areas where we needed to restrict our activities or improve facilities. For example, we must not make improvements to beaches located on highway accesses in order to avoid liability. Shelby Pool must be replaced soon as it is far beyond its 'best before' date. Children's playgrounds need improvements and playing fields need features such as bleachers, backstops and playing surface improvements. Ongoing work is being undertaken in the identified areas.

2003 BUDGET INFORMATION

Description	Amount
Community Parks	
TOTAL REVENUE	217,242
Expenses	
Mouat Park	5,615
Rotary Park	6,619
Drummond Park	2,191
Market in the Park	48,893
Trails	4,325
Maintenance (General)	33,475
Administration, General, Misc.	76,636
Salaries and Wages	33,230
Capital and Replacement Fund	5,140
TOTAL EXPENSES	216,124

Community Recreation	
TOTAL REVENUE	150,333
Expenses	
Shelby Pool operation	84,480
Camp Colossal	24,959
Administration	27,309
TOTAL EXPENSES	136,748

Parkland and Recreation	
TOTAL REVENUE	415,073
Expenses	
Portlock Park	43,125
Fulford Ballpark	15,405
Salaries and Wages	40,985
Capital and Replacement Funds	148,378
Administration	74,288
Miscellaneous	11,998
TOTAL EXPENSES	415,073

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It's good to take a break every year and examine where we are, what has been accomplished and most importantly, what needs to be accomplished. Our annual report to the community provides that opportunity.

I am amazed at the energy and stamina my fellow commission members have for this volunteer work. PARC affects the lives of every one of us who live here.

Centennial Park, the Market, The Peace Park, Mouat Park, Portlock Park, Rotary Park with its stunning view of the Cudmore Gap, Ganges Linear Park which connects the Boardwalk (dead ended as it is) with ArtSpring, Mouat Park, Duck Creek Park, the School District Lands, the growing neighbourhood surrounding the Hospital/Greenwoods and back to the Harbour again.

There are trails in every neighbourhood, Beddis Beach, all the dangerous lake accesses, sports fields of all kinds including soccer, hard and softball, football. There are the tennis courts, multi courts, Shelby Pool and the list goes on.

PARC has had countless meetings with other branches of government and the business community in securing proper park land dedications and contributions to Salt Spring Island. We have liaised with School District #64, an amazing number of community groups and committees, and delegations from the population. The commissioners have all attended the three-day annual retreat and various commissioners have attended conferences, courses, or seminars.

PARC directs and works with our very small, energetic, dedicated and most professional staff. Our own committee meetings are all open to the public as are all of the regular monthly Commission meetings. We invite input and take direction from the public, our community.

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Bill Curtin

MARKET IN THE PARK

The 2003 Saturday Market was one of the busiest on record operating for thirty Saturdays between April 5 and October 25. It enjoyed a season of exceptionally good weather and busy tourist traffic. Market Coordinator, Matthew Coleman managed to juggle an average of 139 vendors into place each Market day. The busiest Saturday accommodated 159 vendors who arrived early in the morning, set up their stalls, and sold food, jewelry, clothing, soap, pottery, crafts, and farm produce to delighted crowds of visitors and islanders alike.

Minzie Anderson, the new assistant coordinator, was an enthusiastic and a welcome addition to the Market.

In 2003 we did some electrical upgrades in order to provide power to additional vendors. We are now at capacity for this amenity.

'Vendor Guidelines', a Market manual for both seasoned and new participants in the Saturday Market was commissioned in 2003.

It will help ensure the popularity of the Market will continue to operate true to its philosophy of 'Make it, Bake it, Grow it'.



Market in full swing

ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW

Salt Spring Island is a Rural District. Therefore, a Capital Regional District Commission undertakes the functions of a Municipal Park Board. On Salt Spring, PARC, the Parks and Recreation Commission fulfills this function.

PARC consists of 11 Commissioners including ten volunteer Commissioners and the elected CRD Director, currently Gary Holman. The service term of Commissioners varies from 1 to 3 years in order to have an overlap of experience. PARC vacancies are advertised locally, inviting applications for volunteers to serve on the Commission. Applicants are interviewed by a nomination committee which consists of representatives of community organizations or public bodies such as the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Market Advisory Group, Senior Citizens Association, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, and

others interested in participating. The nomination committee selects from the candidates who have applied to serve on the Commission and makes a recommendation to the CRD. The intent of this procedure is to obtain as wide a representation of community interests as possible.

The mandate of the Commission is to create recreational opportunities for the public through the planning, development, provision and operation of recreational facilities, programs and activities. This includes parks, trails, athletic fields and amenities for local sports associations, aquatic facilities, and other recreational opportunities as authorised by the taxpayer. Grants in aid are also made to specific applicants if they meet certain criteria for public recreation.

The Market in the Park is also an important function administered by PARC since it occurs on public

park property. The Commission receives the advice on policy from the Market Advisory Group. This group is made up of representatives of the various associations using the market.

The Commission is supported by administration and maintenance staff based in the offices at Portlock Park. Administration includes preparation of data for Commission meetings, coordination with the Islands Trust on park dedications for subdivisions, dealing with public enquiries, and many other matters related to the PARC function under CRD rules and policy. Maintenance includes repair and upkeep of trails, playing fields, equipment and structures. PARC staff is supervised by an experienced part time Manager. PARC and the public are fortunate in having long term and dedicated people on staff without whom the Commission's job would be made a great deal harder.

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SETTING SAIL: Sailboats fill Ganges Harbour Saturday morning as they prepare for the start of the annual Round Salt Spring Race. Some 126 boats took part in the event, but many didn't finish the race due to lack of wind.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Light-wind sailing race redefines 'fun'

By **JENNIFER MCFEE**
Staff Writer

A record number of sailboats took part in the 30th annual Round Salt Spring Race last weekend, but almost half couldn't make it to the finish line due to a lack of wind.

The Salt Spring Sailing Club event, which ran from 10 a.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday, brought 126 boats from all over the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, Vancouver and Washington.

"This is record entry," said the sailing club's racing fleet captain David Wood. "There were six more boats than ever before and about 30 more than usual."

Despite the high number of participants, only 68 boats finished the course.

"The wind was very light for most of the day," said Wood. "None of the boats without spinnakers finished. There was not enough wind to push them along. There was really no wind after about 8 at night. That's really where skill and concentration come in."



LOOKING FOR LUCK: The crew of the Valkyr, from Vancouver, bids farewell as the sailors head out with high hopes at the start of the Round Salt Spring Race Saturday morning.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Wood said the race took much longer than usual due to a lack of wind.

"Usually the first boats are in by 7 p.m. Saturday. This year, the first boat was in at 11 Saturday night."

Eric Jespersen of the Royal

Vancouver Yacht Club placed first in his boat Frenzy with an elapsed time of 11 hours, 22 minutes, 30 seconds. Wood said Jespersen came in 14 minutes after the first boat finished, but he won due to a handicap based on the type of boat he sailed.

"It's an old design called Six Metre from the '30s, a very traditional, old-fashioned-looking sailboat."

Reigh North of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club placed second in his boat Absolute Kaos. Third place went to Alex Fox in Evolution from Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club.

Salt Spring Island sailors fared well in the race. Stuart Farson in JJ Flash placed first out of local sailors and fifth overall.

"He'd only just got the boat," said Wood. "It's brand new to him. He did a remarkable job to finish so well."

Local sailor Kevin Vine said the race was long and arduous.

"It's much easier in retrospect to say it was fun. It was funny because as I said goodbye to my crew, we all acknowledged that we'd had fun, but we agreed that we'd now need to redefine fun."

Vine said the end of the race was the best part.

"It was thrilling at the finish when, after we'd been sailing in dead calm conditions, a light wind picked up and about 50 boats all came in together."

The event wrapped up with a lamb barbecue and awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon at the sailing club.

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Pony Club tops region

Salt Spring Island Pony Club A-team members are off to a B.C. zone competition next month following a first-place win in regional championships.

Sonja Kornelsen, Carlie Reynolds-Woods, Karen Slavkov, Samantha Charlton and Kaitlin Fraser placed first, competing against six other regional teams in Comox on May 8. The girls are now practising and fundraising to attend the B.C. zone competition on June 13 at Panorama Ridge in Surrey.

"The team is fortunate to have coaches Wendy Charlton, who has competed at the national level of PPG, and Holly Slavkov, who has competed internationally," said

club parent Violet Reynolds.

Earlier in the month, the club hosted its first local Prince Phillip Games (PPG) competition, with the two participating teams tied in placing. Younger team members were Olivia Kornelsen riding Blaze, Brenna McIntyre riding Black Beauty and Nima McDuff on Flicker, competing against older members Katy Curtis on Sonny, Marina Holding on Dusty and Dakota Van Hullebush on Play to Win.

Curtis received a ribbon for sportsmanship, McDuff and Van Hullebush received ribbons for horsemanship, and most improved rider was awarded to Holding.

Kornelsen and McIntyre

received ribbons for vaulting, a skill used in helping members mount their ponies.

Prince Phillip Games are relays on horseback that help develop the riders' skills and confidence.

One game played this year was the milking race. The mounted rider carried an empty feed bag to a silhouette of a cow, dismounted and left the feed bag for the cow, picked up an empty milk jug, then remounted and carried the milk jug to the other end of the arena where they dropped it into a large bucket. They then picked up another empty feed bag and rode back to the start, passing the feed bag to the next rider on the team.



FOOD FOR SPORT: Members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls volleyball team raise funds by selling goodies at the Challenge Cup soccer tournament concession. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Soloist takes double's weekend disc tourney

A Californian came into his own to set a new record during the weekly disc golf doubles match on Sunday.

Landed immigrant and local disc golf association president Scott Chapman won the doubles competition with a 41 (13 under par) when he was forced to play solo. Asked for the key to his success, Chapman replied, "I hate to lose."

His win may have set a California-style record for the new improved course at Mouat Park.

Chapman wrestled Sunday's victory away from a series of wins by Ted "Collection Plate" Hickford, who placed third in the tourney

(45) with his young partner Sean (last name not reported).

Jason Dyke and junior disc golf sensation Braeden Simmonds placed second with a 44.

Some nine holes were modified earlier in the month to add greater complexity to the course.

"The new course has rave reviews and very few dissenting opinions," Chapman said.

He asks disc golfers to take note of new out-of-bounds areas marked by orange string.

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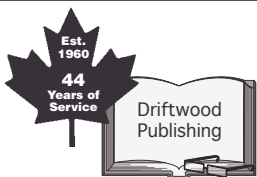
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Overtime stymies GISS girls who take third

A golden goal denied the Scorpions a top berth at the Islands Soccer Championships in Victoria Friday but the senior girls squad from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) still collected third place.

GISS entered the consolation final after taking the top-seeded north island team, Ballenas, to a 1-1 tie through regulation time in the semi-finals.

Jill Foley tallied the lone island goal against Ballenas. But Ballenas scored the game winner in overtime off a free kick on a questionable hand-ball call just outside the 18-yard line, said GISS assistant coach Steven Severn.

The Scorpions executed a fine finish for a 2-1 win over Woodlands in the battle for third place Friday afternoon. Nicola Temmel stung Woodlands with the game

winner as the clock showed only 1:20 remaining, Severn said.

"Nicola took a rifle from 30 yards and put it right over the keeper."

Woodlands held a 1-0 lead for much of the game until Avery Brown scored the tying goal by deking three defenders to put the ball top corner, he said.

The quarter-final Thursday saw the Scorpions beat

tourney hosts St. Michael's University (SMU) by 3-2.

Brown and Britta Rustad scored early in the game to give a 2-0 lead but SMU responded with a goal to keep the islanders on their toes.

"It was pretty intense," Severn said.

Scorpions' Brown scored a third goal before SMU could collect their second of the match. Mira Mackey tended

net for the islanders during the tourney.

The top two teams from the islands, Lambrick Park and Ballenas, will compete at the provincials in Terrace on June 5-6. But there is still a chance GISS could find themselves at the provincial finals, Severn said.

Ballenas is struggling to muster a full team, and if they are not able to go, GISS will attend in their place.

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Island karate katas collect awards

Eleven members of the Salt Spring Karate Club returned with an outstanding 11 medals or awards from a kata and sparring tournament in Sidney Saturday.

Competitors from as far away as Campbell River, Nanaimo, Sooke, Victoria and Vancouver attended the

Jimmy Mac Karate for Life Tournament.

"The sportsmanship, energy, high level of competition and overall respect was fantastic," said Salt Spring Karate Club sensei (teacher) Pat Byron.

Blue belt Tara Brown did a beautifully focussed kata (demonstration of karate techniques) to win first place in her division.

Black-belt sensei Randolph Parker ended the day with a first place in kata and a second place in sparring, and sensei Monica

Byron outclassed some very stiff competition to win third place in black-belt kata.

Leslie Wiens won first in yellow belt kata and green belt Chris Denbigh took two fourth-place medals in sparring and kata.

Nine-year-old islander Kiera Ceysens won a third place trophy for her kata.

She said, "This competition was so great, I have never won a trophy before in my life."

Karl and Nick Slakov competed in sparring and

Karl's lung punches won him a second-place trophy.

Olivia Hackett was fast with her feet and hands and took second place in her sparring division.

Leslie and Tammy Colgan entered in the yellow belt kata division and Tammy walked away with a second-place trophy.

The local karate club also sent five black-belt judges — Parker, Pat Byron, Monica Byron, Dick Stubbs and Chris Barclay — to help adjudicate at the tournament.

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Stars score 13 in loss to Duncan

Salt Spring's Island Stars softball team played hard against a strong Duncan team at Portlock Park last Tuesday but fell by a 17-13 score.

The girls' runs came in various guises, from Devon Craig RBIs in the first and

second innings, to Emily Rothwell and Katie Villadsen stealing home in the second.

Rosalie Baldwinson's double brought in two runners in the second, plus the fifth runner in the bottom of the fourth and final inning. Missy Caron and Megan

Robinson also demonstrated their sliding skills at home plate.

In defensive action, Baldwinson at shortstop and later pitcher Craig threw the ball to Margo Milton on first base to get two runners out in the second inning.


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Above, the beer garden crowd cheers during FC's final game shoot-out; at left, is Chris Jason Jr. decked out in soccer gear; while below, Harrison Jason goes for the ball.



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Photos on the left side of the page from top to bottom are: FC's Jordan Haenen fighting for the ball; FC team captain Chris Jason holds the cup with Colin Walde; FC coach Navid Niazi claps for his team; and Salt Spring Div. 5 player Zoltan Kodaly (right) slides in for the ball.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Above, father and son Hamish and Colin Walde get matching soccer "dos", while at left, FC's Harrison Jason is determined to get to the ball.

CHALLENGE CUP WEEKEND: Soccer players out in force

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valuable player (MVP) for the tourney.

The MVP trophy was one of two given to islanders during the tournament after Sue King of the Salt Spring Dragons also received the award.

Some 32 teams with over 400 players in five divisions attended the event. Three of the island's four soccer teams made it to semi-final matches in their divisions.

Salt Spring FC won their first game against the Delta Rangers by 4-0.

"We were up by four at the half and just totally controlled the game after that . . . We counted 12 opportunities [in the second half]," said Marr.

FC picked up a 1-0 win over Bays United, another 1-0 win over Surrey United Sunday and they won the semi-final by 2-1 in a rematch against Surrey.

"We expected a harder game from them." Lobbans was lucky to

weather a storm of attacks in the first 20 minutes of their final against FC, said Marr.

"They were strong competition."

The tourney win marked Salt Spring's fifth consecutive reign with the Eric Springford Trophy in the 19-year history of the local event.

"It just keeps getting bigger and better," said referee and founding organizer Malcolm Legg.

King crowned MVP of fiery Dragons

Salt Spring Dragons women's captain Sue King was named MVP of the women's recreation division after her team came within inches of heading to the finals.

"We lost a heartbreaker in the semi-final," said coach Chad Little.

The Dragons suffered a 2-1 semi-final loss to Oceanside after beating the team

earlier in the tourney.

"We scored a late goal but it was called back on a questionable call," Little said.

The islanders were undefeated in round-robin play and won their first game of the tourney against Oceanside 2-1 on another late goal, he said.

The Dragons went on to tie the Juan de Fuca over-35 team 1-1 Saturday and then tied the Courtenay Celtics 2-2.

After two months of training the Dragons for the event, Little was pleased with how the local women performed.

King, who normally coaches the team while she plays, was surprised to collect the MVP award.

"It was great having Chad around to coach . . . I just got to play and I love that."

She believes the Dragons played their best games of the season at the tournament.

"It was such an awesome experience for our team."

Little commended goalkeepers Tami Benoit and Gail Bryn-Jones for their great work during the event.

"They shared the duties and played excellent in net."

Little also praised Val Cunningham: "She normally plays defence but I had her in a more offensive role and she was key in our attacks throughout the weekend."

Gorge Over-30 went on to beat Oceanside 5-2 in the final.

Reserves just shy of shootout win

Salt Spring's Division-5 Reserves were also knocked out of the tournament semi-final when they came up short in a shootout against a Division-2 Vancouver team.

"We tied 0-0 and they beat us by one goal in the shootout and our keeper actually had his hand on that ball and it just kept rolling into the net," said Reserves coach

manager Mike Brown.

Salt Spring had two consecutive ties with Signmaster, a Div.-2 team from Vancouver.

"They went on to win the cup. So we feel pretty good that we went on against those guys. We were right there, almost on the cusp of the cup."

Signmaster beat the Castaways in another 0-0 shootout win to earn the Captain Drummond Challenge Cup.

"That tells me where we stand, between Div. 3 and Div. 2," Brown said.

The Reserves lost their first two games of the tournament by 1-0 scores in the last five minutes of each game, Brown said.

Colin McDougall scored the islanders' lone goal of the tournament against Signmaster in a 1-1 third game.

Old Boys organizers give up wins

The Salt Spring Old Boys

might have organized a successful tourney but they didn't have the weekend they planned for, said coach Fraser Hope.

"We came out on the short end of every game we played," Hope said.

The islanders took a 3-1 loss to Juan de Fuca, a 3-1 loss to the Haney Old Boys of Vancouver and a 4-0 loss to the Victoria Athletics.

A consolation semi-final saw the islanders lose a player to a red card for a handball in the penalty area in the first five minutes.

They gave a valiant effort against Poco Covercrete but fell 3-2. Antonio Alonso and Mike McCormick scored tallies in the islanders' last game.

"We may have suffered a little from trying to be helpful."

Lakehill Frolic beat Haney 3-0 in the final. The Athletics beat Poco 1-0 in the consolation final.

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GARDEN MUSIC: Fernwood Elementary students, staff, parents and community volunteers celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Let's Grow For It garden program at the school gym Friday. Seen here are recorder players from Ms. Holmes' Grade 2/3 class. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

Woodley photos in portrait exhibit

Barbara Woodley's black-and-white portrait photograph of Salt Spring family matriarch Kimiko Murakami has been selected for the McMichael Gallery of Ontario's exhibit called Identities: Canadian Portraits.

Renowned for its extensive collection of works by the Group of Seven, the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg, Ontario is raising its profile with the celebration of portraiture that runs through June.

According to a press release, the co-curators of Identities have amassed over 100 portraits in almost every media — painting, drawing, print-making, photography, sculpture and video art.

"Murakami's portrait, as well as two others by Woodley, opera icon Maureen Forrester and Cowboy Junkies singer Margo Timmins, will rub frames with works of fellow Canadian artists Karsh, Mapplethorpe, Christopher Pratt, Group of Seven, Michael Snow, Stephen Waddell and more."

Half the works in the Identities exhibit are on loan from Queens Park, Osgoode Hall, the City of Toronto and private collections and include portraits rarely displayed for the public.

Woodley's works are on loan from the National Archives of Canada where 70 of her portraits, including Kim Campbell, Joni Mitchell and Adrienne Clarkson, hang as part of the archive's permanent collection.

Woodley went to school on Salt Spring and now lives on the island with her family. She earned national acclaim with her coffee-table book called Portraits: Canadian Women in Focus published by Doubleday Canada in 1992.

Islanders urged to help spin fantastic fibre fest

More heads and hands are needed to propel the third annual Natural Fibre Festival into an island-wide affair.

And it's not just fashion show volunteers that are in demand. Susan Berlin, a festival organizing committee member, envisions all of Salt Spring transformed for the July 22-25 event, and encourages local businesses to get on board.

She'd like to see Salt Spring storefronts decorated in fibre festival themes and restaurants creating or renaming menu items for the weekend to acknowledge the connection.

She looks to the LaConnor Tulip Festival in Washington State for inspiration, where every store, restaurant and highway stand exhibits

something tulip-related. "We're willing to help and give advice and articles," said Berlin.

The festival was created as a way to promote natural fibres made from the fleece of heritage breeds and, as a result, the farmers who maintain the species.

"It's a way of bringing back the breeds and protecting the whole world of natural fibre."

This year activities include adult workshops from July 22 to July 24, and three sessions for kids on July 25.

Saturday's displays and sales will be of special interest to fabric fanatics, while Sunday's events are aimed at the general public as well. Those include exotic-breed animal visits, the sheep-to-shawl and

back-to-back (sweater) competitions, live music, food and demonstrations.

The fashion show with entries from Canadian designers runs Saturday evening at ArtSpring. Individuals are needed to help with the staging of this popular festival feature.

People are invited to donate heritage fabrics for a special display, and financial support in any form is also welcomed.

Sponsors will be acknowledged on the festival website and in print advertising.

Anyone wanting more information about how to help can contact Berlin at 537-1346.

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Women of Note at season's first M&M

Entering into its ninth summer program, the recital series Music and Munch has a fabulous line-up of musical guests set to perform every Wednesday from June through August.

Ranging from solo artists to ensembles both instrumental and vocal, audiences will be entertained by old friends and new in a satisfying musical menu.

Salt Spring women's choir Women of Note, a long-time friend of Music and Munch, starts off the season on Wednesday, June 2, with a wonderfully eclectic program.

Now in its 11th year, this intimate 12-member choral

ensemble has remained committed to singing at peace and environmental events in the community.

Recent performances include Mary's Matin' eve, the Peace Rally at Centennial Park and Peace Works Festival. A highlight was singing at International Women's Day in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo.

The group's program consists of favourite songs, some new and some from earlier performances, including two sharply contrasted madrigals, The Silver Swan by Orlando Gibbons and Kikkehiki by Johann Hermann Schein, the charming and timeless

Linden Lea by Vaughan Williams and Sure on This Shining Night, a gem of a piece by Samuel Barber.

Breaths by Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock and May the Road Rise to Meet You by David Hamilton are two particular favourites of the choir.

Also on the program is Linda Quinn's new three-part setting of former island resident Michael Dragland's Peace is Like the Wind, a poem he wrote when he was an 11-year-old student at Fulford school.

The group recently recorded this song and it will be on the CD collection of peace songs by local musicians,

which is part of a curriculum project for schools developed by Jan Slakov.

New to the repertoire are several songs from the Libana collection, the highly regarded women's choir from Maine.

Music and Munch organizers say they are "delighted to offer all recitals in the wonderful ambiance and superb acoustics of All Saints' church."

The lunch which follows, provided by Anglican Caterers, is optional.

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Beattie releases melody-driven CD

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Up-and-coming Salt Spring musician Julia Beattie recently released her first CD of mesmerizing melodies and is already working on a second.

The Orchid Room, which is also the name of the local band she plays with, features Beattie on vocals and flute.

The half-hour album is interspersed with a mixture of music, including bass and drum beats, flamenco and acoustic guitar, trumpet, keyboards and Italian clapping rhythms.

The singer-songwriter described her music as acoustic-based "introspective electronica" with jazz, folk, funk and soul influences.

"I'm pretty melody driven," said

Beattie. "I tend to get the music down and then I'll figure the words out later. The music triggers whatever words and feelings I'm trying to express."

Beattie was born just outside of Manchester, England, and moved with her parents to New Zealand, Australia, Italy and Spain. As an adult, she spent time living in South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

"That gave me eyes for the world," she said. "I have a lot of atmosphere memories."

Beattie said she always used to sing along with music as a child, but didn't begin singing on her own until she was an adult.

"I was very, very shy as a kid, but I always wanted to be out there on the

stage singing. I remember singing my guts out with the Grease album when I was about eight."

Beattie has lived on Salt Spring for the past year, although she spent time here on and off for several years while getting an anthropology degree from the University of Victoria.

Beattie has been performing at open mike nights at Moby's and will be playing songs from her album at the Tree House on May 26 and June 14 with Stacy Burke.

Suzanne Little will accompany the musicians for a July 7 show.

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In America pulls out requisite tears and cheers

Jim Sheridan's *In America* is a magic — though perhaps overly serendipitous — tale of Irish immigrants who sneak into the U.S. (from Canada, of course) to establish a new life.

The parents and their two young daughters face not only the stress of living with the unforgiving emotional and physical demands of New York City; but also the grief of having once lost a two-year-old boy to a tragic accident.

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At the beginning of *In America*, we get the feeling that anything could happen, that an awful unforeseen event could come at any time.

Every small victory for the family is a revelation. There are some extremely tense scenes, particularly one in which the father fights to provide air conditioning for the apartment, and another where he lays the rent money on the

line to win a toy at the fair.

But as the film continues, Sheridan takes a major risk by attempting to infuse the film with a sense of serendipity. He almost pulls it off. Perhaps it was too personal of a project (the film is dedicated to his late little brother), but it seems as if he is trying too hard to build a cathartic, positive ending.

Now, I'm not averse to happy endings, but they have to be built upon at least a semblance of reality. *In America*, while emotionally powerful, has little intellectual credibility because it doesn't really answer many of the questions it raises.

I watched the first half of the film almost in a trance, completely taken by the courageous family and its struggles. But as the film moved into its second half, with all of its "magic" and mystical revelations, I became increasingly disconnected. By the time it was over, the two had balanced out and it was a matter of "ho hum."

It's too bad, because *In America* had the potential to be one of my favourite films of recent years. It is, however, definitely worth seeing, especially if you're looking for an emotional tug-of-war with all the requisite tears and cheers.

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SEASIDE SYMPHONY: Sister Waters, left, and Sister Nelson create soothing sounds with flute and violin duets as they play some classical music in the Centennial Park bandstand. Music in the park was just one of the many activities on tap in Ganges last weekend.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Iraqi poet leads Mystic Journey

By **KATE LESLIE**
Special to the Driftwood
Iraqi poet Mohammed Ahmed is returning to Salt Spring on May 29 to share music at Beaver Point Hall in a Mystic Journey event.

The evening performance, which starts at 8 p.m., will include improvisational music by Ahmed and friends, sacred dance by a whirling dervish and readings of the spiritual poetry of Rumi and Hafiz.

Ahmed comes to Salt Spring with a "weight lifted off his shoulders" following a recent trip to the Middle East to see his family.

Although he had hoped to visit Iraq to be reunited with his family, Ahmed was advised that travel in the country was too dangerous.

Instead, he met his family in Syria at Damascus. His mother, daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren were among the many relatives who made the journey to see him. Ahmed spent 50 days with his loved ones catching up on events missed during years of exile.

Particularly moving was Ahmed's reunion with his

daughter. He recalls that at 7 a.m., on February 15, following 22 years of separation, the cab carrying his daughter pulled up to his hotel.

"I met my daughter. There are no words to describe, only tears, like babies meeting again . . . I cried, my daughter cried, the taxi driver cried."

Ahmed recollects that 10 to 15 minutes later he said: "Let's go to the house, we can cry more comfortably."

At first, the reunited family had some healing to undergo. They spoke about how their separation had happened, how they had survived the years. There was, said Ahmed, "some blaming, some anger."

There were stories that he had been "holding." Over the telephone or by letter, there were things he felt he couldn't safely say. He had not been able to tell his daughter about why he was forced to leave her and Iraq as a refugee. He hadn't been able to safely speak about the torture he had undergone in prison for speaking out against Saddam Hussein.

Together, father and

daughter "opened hearts to heal the wounds of the past," he said.

Ahmed sends "a message of thanks to the people of Salt Spring and elsewhere who prayed for this union, who supported with money, who volunteered for shows or who wrote words." He took their "regards to his family" and brings back the "love of family to Canada and the U.S."

He invites the community to join in a celebration of poetry and sacred space at Mystic Journey.

Tickets are \$12 and available at the door, at Acoustic Planet and Stuff & Nonsense or from Cherie Geauvreau at 537-1027.

Keough book honoured again

Antarctica has earned yet another honour.

The limited edition hand-crafted book of photography by Pat and Rosemarie Keough of Salt Spring has been granted the prestigious Cherry Kearton Medal and Award for "photography of the natural world" by the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) of Britain.

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Rosemarie Keough said Kearton (1871-1940) "was a British hero who was among the very first to photograph and film wildlife in remote and dangerous parts of the world."

Previous Kearton award winners include David Attenborough, Des and Jen Bartlet, and Alastair Fothergill.

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SINGER WITH SOUL: Stephanie Rhodes plays to a full house at The Local. The singer took the stage as she released a new CD Friday night.
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Stowel Lake Farm concert set

Some of the world's finest music is making its way to Salt Spring this summer in a series of unforgettable afternoon concerts in a unique venue.

Concerts in the Barn opens next Saturday, June 5, with Island String Quartet members performing works by Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven.

The quartets are "virtually the best each of these composers produced," said series organizer Ken Hicks, and they're being performed by masterful musicians from the Victoria Symphony Orchestra (VSO).

"They are a superb group," said Hicks. Quartet members are first violin Pablo Diemecke, second violin Kate Rhodes, Donna Robertson on viola, and cellist Lawrence Skaggs.

In addition to their work with the VSO, the four have played chamber music together for several years.

Victoria-area classical music aficionados "almost know these performers by sight," but

rarely see them in such an intimate setting. Skaggs will offer an introduction to each piece at the concerts.

The June 5 program, which begins at 2 p.m., consists of Mozart's Quartet in G Major, K 387; Haydn's Quartet in B-flat Major, Opus 50, No. 1; and the Quartet in F Major, Opus 18, No. 1 by Beethoven.

Hicks is also excited about the concert venue — in Lisa Lloyd's beautiful "barn" at Stowel Lake Farm on Reynolds Road.

"Not only will they hear some of the most glorious music, it's in a place that is idyllic," said Hicks.

Concert-goers are invited to come early, bring a picnic lunch or purchase available food and refreshments, and enjoy a stroll through the property's gardens.

Ticket cost is \$20 for individual concerts, or \$57 for the first three. A season pass for all six events is \$108.

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330 379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News		News	News	Magazine	Squares	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	News	:35 J.Leno		
244 358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News		Go! Mag.	'70s	'70s	Doc	K Queens	K Queens	Stargate: S-G1	Sp'rtPage	CH News			
243 321	CTVBC	Friends	Friends	CTV News at Five		News	eTalk	Access	American Idol III				News			
241 336	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News		ET	Train 48	'70s	'70s	Gilmore Girls (SF)	Blue Murder	News			
443 383	KCTS	Arthur	Cyberch.	Zoom	Business	News	Europe	American	Japan: Memoirs of a		Secret Empire		Gospel Bluegrass			
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445 354	KNOW	George	Babar	:15Art Att.	Kratts' C	CG Kids	Odysseys	ReachTop	Imprint	Bitter Harvest	Life & Death	Edge of Extinction	Canada: History			
242 359	CITY	Star Trek: DSN	Maury Povich Show		News		B.Date	5.Wheel	Star! at the Movies	The Bachelor	Star Trek	News	Speaker's			
14	554 523	BRAVO	3:30Detect	Bravo!	Cu'fu?	Four Days		:45 News	Law & Order	NYPD Blue	Malena Monica Bellucci.	:45 News				
441 506	HIST	JAG	Aftermath: War		Yesterday	Turning Points	JAG	Greatest Journeys	Aftermath: War	Yesterday						
436 560	TLC	In a Fix	What Not to Wear	Clean Sweep	Now Who's Boss?	What Not to Wear	Clean Sweep	Now Who's Boss?	In a Fix							
19	483 541	FAM	:15Recess	:40Possible	Proud F.	McGuire	All That	So Raven	Stevens	Radio F.	Boy MW	Mentors	Terms of Endearment	(1983) Shirley MacLaine.	SmartGuy	
450 520	A&E	American Justice	Cold Case Files	American Justice	City Confidential	Third Watch	Cold Case Files	American Justice	City Confidential							
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407 419	RSP	Baseball MLB	Anaheim Angels vs Toronto Blue Jays		Sportsnet News	Poker	..at the Sands									
23		KSTW	Ryan Seacrest	Frasier	Frasier	K Queens	K Queens	'70s	'70s	Enterprise (SF)	Cheating Death	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Becker	Becker	
24		KVOS	Ripley's	St.Smart	Ellen Degeneres	Dating	Elimidate	K Queens	Becker	Jury Duty (1995)	Pauly Shore.	W&Grace	J.Shoot	Dating	Cheers	
333 382	KCPQ	3rd Rock	J.Shoot	Dharma	Simpsons	King Hill	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	American Idol III		Q-13 News	Star Trek: Voyager			
511 390	NEWS	News: Canada Now	Canadian Ex.	The National/Mag.	Antiques Roadshow	Canadian Ex.	National	Business	Antiques Roadshow	Canadian Ex.						
332 381	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	The 39th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards	News	Letterm					
331 380	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	WifeKids	WifeKids	The Bachelor	Super Millionaire	News	:35 News		
438 394	VISION	Touched By Angel	Stakes	Sum.Wine	Noah's Ark	360 Vision	Neon Rider	Noah's Ark	360 Vision	Promised Land						

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

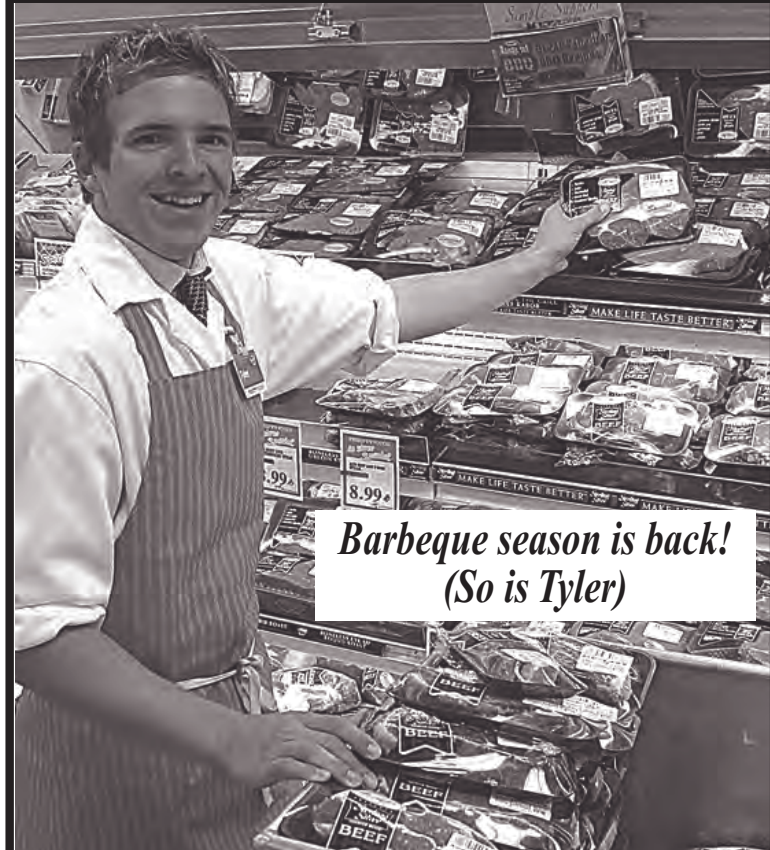
- 14** ★★ **Four Days (1999, Crime Story)**
When a petty thief is killed committing a robbery, his young son is introduced to crime. *Anne-Marie Cadieux, Lolita Davidovich (1h45)*
- 3** ★★ **City of Ghosts (2002, Thriller)**
A con man gets more than he bargained for when he travels to Cambodia for a scam. *Matt Dillon, James Caan (2h)*
- 24** ★ **Jury Duty (1995, Comedy)**
A poor man has it all when he gets jury duty and refuses to deliver a verdict. *Pauly Shore, Tia Carrere (2h)*
- 3** ★ **The Invitation (2003, Horror)**
A dinner party turns deadly when a host poisons his guests into revealing their fears. *Lance Henriksen, Christopher Shyer (1h30)*
- 19** ★★★★★ **Terms of Endearment (1983, Romance)**
A domineering mother spars with her troubled daughter until tragedy brings them together. *Shirley MacLaine, Jack Nicholson (2h30)*
- 14** ★★ **Malena (2000, Drama)**
In 1941 Sicily, a young boy is mesmerized by a beautiful widow who has many enemies. *Monica Bellucci, Giuseppe Sulfaro (1h45)*
- 3** **Bastards (2003, Drama)**
The story of a man who has lost his passion for life, and the woman who helps him. *Mort Ransen, Lisa Repo-Martell (2h)*
- 2** ★★★★★ **Changi (2001, Drama)**
60 years after WWII, 6 veterans reunite and bring up memories of their incarceration. *Stephen Curry, Leon Ford (1h15)*

THURSDAY, MAY 27

- 14** ★★ **Lady Chatterley (1992, Erotica)**
Lady Chatterley has an affair with a stable groomsmen after her husband is paralyzed. *Joely Richardson, Sean Bean (2h)*
- 3** **Strip Search (2004, Drama)**
People find themselves imprisoned for their thoughts in a society's pursuit of security. *Glenn Close, Maggie Gyllenhaal (1h15)*
- 6** **Family Sins (2004, Drama)**
A woman is accused of heinous crimes, including being the mastermind of a crime family. *Kirstie Alley, Deanna Milligan (2h)*
- 13** **23** ★★ **America's Sweethearts (2001, Romance)**
A feuding Hollywood couple are brought together during a press junket for a major film. *Julia Roberts, John Cusack (2h)*
- 23** ★★ **Hamburger Hill (1987, War)**
Members of an American Airborne Division fight the North Vietnamese over worthless land. *Anthony Barille, Michael Boatman (2h)*
- 23** ★ **Coyote Ugly (2000, Romance)**
A shy aspiring songwriter comes out of her shell while working at a popular bar. *Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia (2h)*
- 3** ★★★★★ **Changing Lanes (2002, Drama)**
A car accident triggers a fierce war of rage and revenge between two New Yorkers. *Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson (1h45)*
- 19** ★★★★★ **A League of Their Own (1992, Comedy)**
A women's baseball league is put together during the Second World War. *Geena Davis, Tom Hanks (2h)*
- 29** ★★ **Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958, Drama)**
An overworked police inspector deals with every type of person in one strenuous day. *Jack Hawkins, Dianne Foster (2h)*
- 14** **Titus (1999, Drama)**
A Roman general sets off a long chain of revenge involving the emperor's wife. *Sir Anthony Hopkins, Alan Cumming (3h)*
- 3** ★★ **Three and a Half (2002, Drama)**
Three Slovaks struggle to find happiness when they immigrate to a new land. *Kim Huffman, Matthew Ferguson (1h30)*
- 2** **The Assistant (1997, Drama)**
A desperate man's life changes after he participates in the robbery of a grocery store. *Armin Mueller-Stahl, Gil Berrows (2h5)*

FRIDAY, MAY 28

- 14** **Excellent Cadavers (1999, Drama)**
Two prosecutors risk their lives and careers to bring the Sicilian Mafia to justice. *Chazz Palminteri, F. Murray Abraham (2h)*
- 15** **Sharpe's Mission (1994, War)**
Sharpe is assigned the dangerous task of destroying an important enemy gunpowder supply. *Sean Bean, Hugh Fraser (2h)*



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600 621	MC	Various	Movie	Various	Movie	Movie	Movie	M	House of Fools/TU Jimm...	Various	M	Assassination...	Movie	Various	Various	
4	NewVI	7:00 New Day	CityLine		Various	DataC.	Earth: Final Conflict	All My Children	One Life to Live	Touched By Angel	Star Trek: Voyager					
330 379	KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show II	Martha Stewart	Ellen Degeneres	News	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions							
244 358	CH	Gold Trail	BodyHlth	Oprah Winfrey	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Ryan Seacrest	Travel M	Various	BodyHlth	Travel				
243 321	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM	Regis & Kelly	The View	Balance	Planet	Balance	Bold & B.	Gabereau	Gabereau	General Hospital	Dr. Phil				
241 336	GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street	Worldvision	Cross O.	MoneyW.	News	As the World Turns	Passions	Young & Restless						
443 383	KCTS	Various	DragonT	Caillou	Barney	Sesame Street	Read R.	Rogers	B.Lions	M. Yan	Stellino's	Various	O.House	Teletub.	Boohbah!	Various
101	SRC	7:00 Matin express	Le printemps... c'est tentant!	Émission couleur	L'Heure du Midi	Cinéma variées							Mon ange		Art Attack	
445 354	KNOW	Various	:45Timothy	Lit. Bear	Big Blue	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Boo!	:35 Dora
242 359	CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV	Cooks	Various	The Lost World	CityLine	Maury Povich Show	Various Movies							Media TV	Cooks
454 523	BRAVO	Various	Various	Law & Order	Various Movies		:45News	Various					2 Worlds	Videos	Various	
441 506	HIST	Greatest Journeys	JAG	Various Movies			Our Town	Yesterday	Ghost T.	Turning Points in Hist.	Greatest Journeys					
436 560	TLC	Various	DatingSt	Various	Makeover	Various	Proposal	Various	Wedding	Various	BabyStory	Not to Wear/TradingS	Not to Wear/WereOut	Not to Wear/Clean		
483 541	FAM	Gadget	Various	20 Pooh	:45 JoJo's	:10Stanley	:40 Henry	ChipDale	Various	:15Fillmore	Goof Trp	Various	Various	:10Houndz	:35 Mouse	Weekend
450 520	A&E	Cold Case/Murder W	Cold Case/ C.Confid..	Cold Case / A. Justice				Various		M	Cold Case Files	Cold Case/Murder W	Cold Case/ C.Confid..			
400 400	TSN	5:00 Tennis	Tennis/TH Golf					Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	TU Awards	PostGame	Interrupt	Off Rec
407 419	RSP	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Various	Various	Various
22		KSTW	700 Club	Ricki Lake	Rosean'	Rosean'	Cosby	Hughleys	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Various	Various	Various	Various	Home I.
24		KVOS	Wild Things	Paid	Paid	The People's Court	S.Susan	Murphy	FamFeud	Pyramid	I Spy	Montel Williams	Cagney & Lacey/ Paid			
333 382	KCPQ	6:00 News	Good Day Live	Sharon Osbourne	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Starting Over	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Politics	Various	Business				
511 390	NEWS	News	News	News	News	Your Call	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Business	
332 381	KIRO	The Early Show	Montel Williams	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	J.Brown	Justice					
331 380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest							
438 394	VISION	It's a New Day	Mass	Various	Jawani	Youngren	LifeToday	Various	Various	Various	Promised Land	Neon Rider				

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FRIDAY, MAY 28
7:00 PM
★★★ The Matrix Reloaded (2003, Sci-Fi) Rebels have 72 hours to save the last remaining human outpost and stop the machine army. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss (2h30)
8:00 PM
★★★ Someone Like You (2001, Romance) A talk-show talent scout writes a sexist column accusing all men of being cheaters. Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear (2h)
11:00 PM
★★★★★ Oliver! (1968, Musical) A young boy experiences many adventures as he is swept into a gang of thieves in London. Ron Moody, Shani Wallis (2h30)
★★★ Repli-Kate (2002, Comedy) A scientist clones a beautiful woman and teaches her to love beer and sporting events. Ali Landry, James Roday (2h)
★★★★★ Perry Mason Returns (1985, Mystery) A lawyer steps down from a judgeship to defend his one time secretary, Della Street. Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h)
9:00 PM
★★★ Deadly Arrangement (1998, Suspense) Detectives must protect an exotic dancer from the mob after she witnesses a murder. Michael Ironside, Currie Graham (2h)
★★★★★ Powder (1995, Fantasy) An albino genius with superhuman intelligence is introduced to society for the first time. Mary Steenburgen, Sean Patrick Flanery (1h50)
9:30 PM
★★★ Trapped (2002, Thriller) The parents of a kidnapped girl turn the tables on the kidnappers' foolproof plan. Charlize Theron, Courtney Love (1h45)
10:00 PM
★★★★★ The Miracle Worker (1962, Biography) A determined woman struggles to teach the blind, mute and deaf Helen Keller. Anne Bancroft, Patty Duke (2h)
★★★ Flesh Gordon (1974, Comedy) A moronic superhero tries to save the Earth from an evil alien emperor's sex ray. Suzanne Fields, John Hoyt (1h30)
★★★ Sharpe's Mission (1994, War) Sharpe is assigned the dangerous task of destroying an important enemy gunpowder supply. Sean Bean, Hugh Fraser (2h)
10:50 PM
★★★★★ Baby Boom (1987, Comedy) A young executive with everything suddenly inherits a baby girl from a distant relative. Diane Keaton, Harold Ramis (1h50)
11:30 PM
★★★★★ The Killers (1946, Crime Story) An insurance investigator is called in when a small town gas station attendant is killed. Ava Gardner, Burt Lancaster (2h)
★★★★★ Attache-moi (1989, Comédie) Un homme séquestre une femme dans l'espoir qu'elle développe des sentiments à son égard. Antonio Banderas, Victoria Abril (2h30)
★★★ Flesh Gordon Meets the Cosmic Cheerleaders (1993, Erotica) Flesh Gordon returns, this time to be kidnapped by a planet of lonely and desperate women. Vince Murdocco, Robyn Kelly (2h)
SATURDAY, MAY 29
6:00 PM
★★★★★ Malcolm X (1992, Docu-Drama) A black activist who became a political leader and championed his people's cause. Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett (4h)
7:00 PM
★★★ It Runs in the Family (1994, Comedy) Summer brings adventure to a family, including battles with a bully and with neighbours. Kieran Culkin, Charles Grodin (2h)
8:00 PM
★★★ To Be Announced (2h)
★★★★★ The Accused (1988, Drama) The victim of a gang rape becomes the target of controversy during her assailant's trial. Jodie Foster, Kelly McGillis (2h30)
★★★ Ali (2001, Biography) The life of boxing legend Muhammad Ali and his battles both inside and outside the ring. Will Smith, Mario Van Peebles (3h)
9:00 PM
★★★ 28 Days Later (2002, Horror) A virus that transforms humans into angry zombies kills all but a handful of survivors. Cillian Murphy, Naomie Harris (2h)
★★★ Babe: Pig in the City (1998, Family) Babe travels to the big city to help farmer Hoggett save the farm from bankruptcy. Magda Szubanski, James Cromwell (2h)
★★★★★ Crossing the Bridge (1992, Drama) Three Detroit teens are offered a fortune to transport drugs into the U.S. from Canada. Josh Charles, Jason Gedrick (1h45)
9:30 PM
★★★★★ Full Metal Jacket (1987, War) Chronicles the experiences of a small group of Marine volunteers during the Vietnam War. Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin (2h30)
10:00 PM
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11:00 PM
★★★ City of Ghosts (2002, Thriller) A con man gets more than he bargained for when he travels for Cambodia for a scam. Matt Dillon, James Caan (2h)
★★★★★ The Pelican Brief (1993, Action) A law student stumbles onto a conspiracy theory to assassinate two Supreme Court Justices. Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington (2h15)
SUNDAY, MAY 30
6:00 PM
★★★★★ Moulin Rouge! (2001, Musical) A popular courtesan seduces a skeptical young poet in 19th-century Montmartre, Paris. Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor (2h30)
★★★★★ Cry Freedom (1987, Biography) The friendship between black activist Steve Biko and white newspaper editor Donald Woods. Kevin Kline, Denzel Washington (3h30)
★★★ Under Siege (1992, Action) A former Navy SEAL and an ex-CIA operative fight for control of a powerful battleship. Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones (2h)
7:00 PM
★★★ Something The Lord Made (2004, Drama) Looks at the relationship between heart surgery pioneers Alfred Blalock and Vivien Thomas. Alan Rickman, Mos Def (2h)
8:00 PM
★★★ Sunshine (1999, Drama) Follows the fortune of a family of Hungarian Jews over the course of nearly 150 years. Ralph Fiennes, Rosemary Harris (2h)

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ArtCraft 2004 Showcase season debuts newcomers

Salt Spring Island residents and visitors can get a taste of local talent at Debut, an ArtCraft exhibition running until June 8 that showcases unique creations from Gulf Island artists new to the Mahon Hall gallery.

While the work of over 30 new artists is displayed throughout the store, six newcomers in particular will impress guests with their creative designs in various media showcased in the gallery.

Susan Paynter's colourful quilts depict West Coast scenes through a mixture of fabrics and materials.

Paula Swan's flower photography brightens the walls with stand-alone simplicity.

Several pieces of Lloyd Nicholson's original work are on display, including panelled screens, painted plinths and an India-themed ottoman.

"This summer, eight different showcases will be on display for two to three weeks at a time."

The showcase includes a beautiful handmade wooden table and chair crafted by Jesse Fisher.

Jeff Edwards' award-winning wood-turning works can also be viewed, including a bowl made from an arbutus burl that took a first place prize at a Calgary Stampede competition.

Jane MacKenzie displays a variety of her handwoven silk scarves brightly coloured with natural dyes.

The black walls and open space of the showcase

area make the artwork easy to view, both individually and as a collection.

Mahon Memorial Hall is celebrating its centennial birthday this year. In the past 100 years, it has served as an agricultural hall, a high school gymnasium, a dance studio and a theatre for school plays.

Since 1968, it has housed ArtCraft during the summer months, making it Salt Spring's first gallery.

This summer, eight different showcases will be on display for two to three weeks at a time.

Debut is the first show of the season, followed by Salt Spring Gardens from June 10 to 29; Quartet from July 1 to 13; Varied Vessels from July 15 to 27; Basketry Guild from July 29 to August 10; Between the Sea and the Sky: Potters Guild from August 12 to 24; For the Birds: The Beauty of Flight from August 26 to September 7; and Mahon Hall Anniversary Show from September 7 to 19.

ArtCraft is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED. May 26	THURS. May 27	FRI. May 28	SAT. May 29	SUN. May 30	MON. May 31	TUES. June 1
Live Entertainment Simply Organic. Free recital of popular organ music, followed by coffee & muffin. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Julia Beattie CD Release. With Stacy Burke. Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Slide Show & Book Launch. Charles Kahn's Hiking the Gulf Islands. United Church, 5:30 for book signing reception; 7:30 for slide show. Bedouin. Roots and reggae band from Toronto at Anise. 9 p.m. Norfolk Connection. Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Indigo & Brass. A cappella singers and brass quintet concert. Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Tom Hooper. Tree House Cafe. Daemon Baker. The Local.	Live Entertainment 10 Years Naturally. SSI Conservancy celebration. Meaden Hall. Silent auction, 1-4; presentations, 6:30; Robert Bateman slide show, 7; live auction, 8:30 p.m. Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Thom Adkins. The Local. Drop Radio. Anise. Mystic Journey. Performance, poetry, Sufi dancing. Beaver Pt. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Indigo & Brass. A cappella singers and brass quintet concert. Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Jeremy Fisher. Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Synergy. Tree House Cafe. Sweet Papa Lowdown. Sunday Dinner Jazz at Moby's, 8 p.m. Blues on the Bay. With Gene Grooms and Co. The Local, 2 p.m. Dinner With Sienna. Folk and jazz at Anise. Barley Bros. Fulford Inn, 6 p.m.	Live Entertainment Stack Sisters. Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Double Bill. GISS dance and drama department show. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Tom Hooper. Tree House Cafe.
Other Activities Neighbourhood Drop Inn. Wednesdays at Beaver Point Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at Lions Hall at 3 p.m. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. AGM at the Centre, 2 p.m. SS Garden Club. Tips for growing gardens the natural way with Linda Gilkeson. Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.	Other Activities SS Builders Guild. Harvey Goodman is guest speaker. CRD board room, 4-6 p.m. Interactive Open House. SS Physioworks, 3-6 p.m. Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. Presentation & input session with Parks Canada. At Trail & Nature Club meeting. United Church, 8 p.m. Pool Tournery. Thursday nights at the Vesuvius Inn. Treaty Process Talk. With Shana Robinson of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. GISS, 7 p.m.	Other Activities Open Mike Night. With Alison Dunn at Vesuvius Inn. Fernwood Fun Fair. Games, food, magic. Fernwood Elementary, 2:30-5 p.m. Meditation. Talk by renowned Advaita teacher Pamela Wilson. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7:30 p.m.	Other Activities Karaoke. Vesuvius Inn. Pool Survey Results. PARC meeting at Portlock portable, 1 p.m. Secrets of Living in the Moment. With Ron Wypkema. 9:30-5. Info: 537-4076. CFUW University Women's AGM. Speaker is Brenda McEachern on estate planning. United Church hall, 10 a.m.	Other Activities Conservancy Hikes. To Mount Maxwell and Mill Farm. 1-4 p.m. Info: 538-0318. Tour of Pleasing Places. SSI Conservancy self-guided property tour. 10 a.m.-noon. Info: 538-0318. Plant Sale & Clothing Swap. Tree Frog Daycare, 10 a.m. -2p.m. Sunday Market & Swap Meet. Sundays at 150 Leisure Lane, 10 a.m.-3p.m. Splash Marathon. Ssplash fundraising runs and walk. Fernwood Elementary, 11 a.m. Why Are We Getting Fatter? Seminar on the obesity epidemic. Lions Hall, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Info: Helani, 537-8978.	Other Activities AIDS Film Nights. Mondays at the SOLID office, 5-B Creekside, 6:30 p.m. Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society. Regular monthly meeting. Lions Hall, 1:30 p.m. Prenatal Classes. Health unit sessions begin at Lady Minto meeting room, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 538-4880.	Other Activities Healing Circle. For all healing practitioners. StarBooks, Tuesdays, 5:15 p.m. Hip Hop/Jazz Style Dance. Classes for teens and adults with Andrea Rabinovitch. GISS dance room, 5:30-6:30. Circle Dance Group. Tuesdays at the Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 538-1794. Welcome to Satsang. Ganges Yoga Studio. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

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Cable

SSTV Cable Channel 12 broadcasts this Saturday, May 29, with programming running continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m.

Affordable Housing — highlights of a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society. Islands Trust rep Eric Booth provides a brief overview to the island's housing crisis and Ellen Garvie presents information and examples of sustainable community housing projects and more.

Skateboarders — A video short produced by Ryan Fogarty to raise the awareness of skateboarding and to promote the Salt Spring Skatepark Society's dream of a park.

Exhibitions

Our World, My World, an interactive youth art show, runs at ArtSpring from May 27 to June 1. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 27 to 31 and from 10 to 3 on June 1.

ArtCraft runs daily at Mahon Hall, 10-5. Features the Debut Showcase of work by new-to-ArtCraft artists and craftspeople.

Studio Tour Group display of work is at the Visitor Information Centre. Exhibiting through May 29 are Dawn Morrell, Gary and Beth Cherneff and Antonio Alonso.

Susan Pratt and Tammy Hudgeon exhibit runs through May 31 at Pegasus Gallery.

Pat and Ken Bennett and Lea Maberley are featured at J. Mitchell Gallery through June 17.

Visual Dialogues — collaborative work by Judith Borbas and Marlene Smith runs in the ArtSpring lobby space through May.

Margie Korrisson shows My True Colour paintings during May at Moby's Pub.

John Jacques is the featured artist at Island Savings until July.

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A bit of a best kept secret, chefs Richard and Shinobu Verhagen have owned and operated the Raven Street Market Café since the spring in 2001. Open year round, everything from wild salmon, mussels, clams and prawns are prepared in the café's one of a kind wood burning oven - not to mention the island's best steak, and the occasional Neapolitan style pizza. "Beer Baked Cioppino", "Wasabi Infused BBQ Pork" and an "Herbed Lamb Paella" round out a lineup that also includes a wide variety of appetizers, light meals and toasted Ciabatta sandwiches.

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via the recently upgraded government wharf, and within a stone's throw of other destinations such as Wallace Island, Montague Harbour and Retreat Cove, Fernwood and Raven Street have proven a popular destination spot for both boaters and kayakers touring Trincomali Channel and the Gulf.

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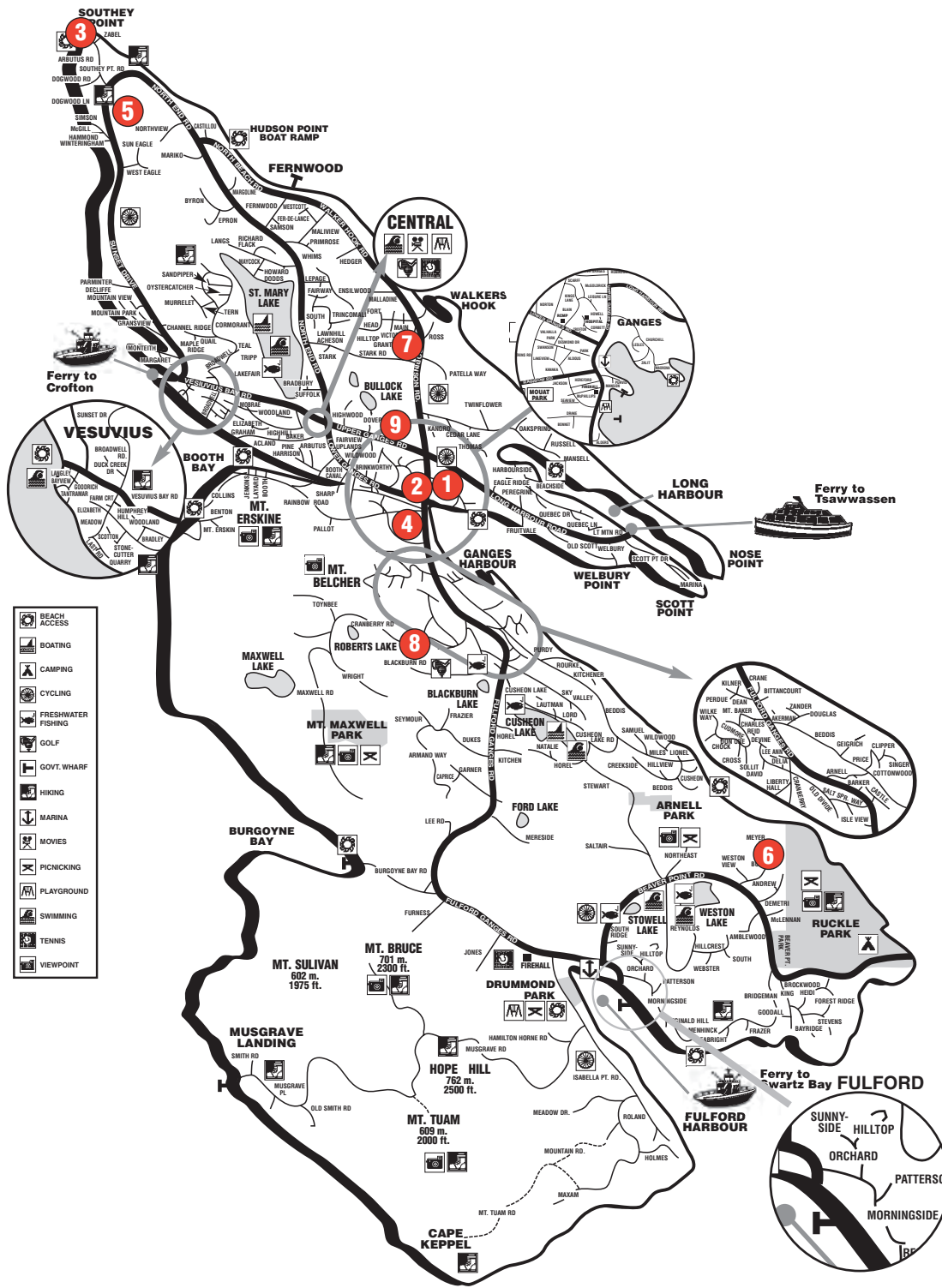
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23 ★ Excessive Force (1993, Action) A New York cop fights to save his life and clear his name when his partners are killed. Thomas Ian Griffith, James Earl Jones (2h)
24 ★★ Wall Street (1987, Drama) A stock broker gets drawn into illegal insider trading to advance his career and fortune. Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen (3h)
25 ★★ Charlie Tide (1995, Suspense) Nuclear submarine officers square off over a course of action that could cause atomic war. Gene Hackman, Denzel Washington (2h)
8:30 PM
14 ★★ One From the Heart (1982, Romance) A working-class couple find love in Las Vegas. Frederick Forrest, Teri Garr (2h)
9:00 PM
3 ★★ Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003, Action) Three detectives investigate the theft of a database from the Witness Protection Program. Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore (1h45)
4 ★★ What Planet Are You From? (2000, Comedy) An alien encounters many difficulties when he is sent to impregnate an Earth woman. Gary Shandling, Annette Bening (2h)
13 ★★ Spy Game (2001, Drama) A CIA agent works against time and the agency to help free a young agent from prison. Brad Pitt, Robert Redford (2h30)
14 ★★ Dead Poets Society (1989, Drama) An unorthodox English teacher at a prep school changes the lives of his students. Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard (2h10)
27 ★★ Tomorrow Never Dies (1998, Action) Agent 007 teams up with a woman to stop a crazed media baron from starting a war. Pierce Brosnan, Michelle Yeoh (2h30)
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10:45 PM
3 ★★ Confidence (2003, Crime Story) A swindler offers to repay a crime boss by pulling off the biggest con of his career. Edward Burns, Rachel Weisz (1h45)
11:25 PM
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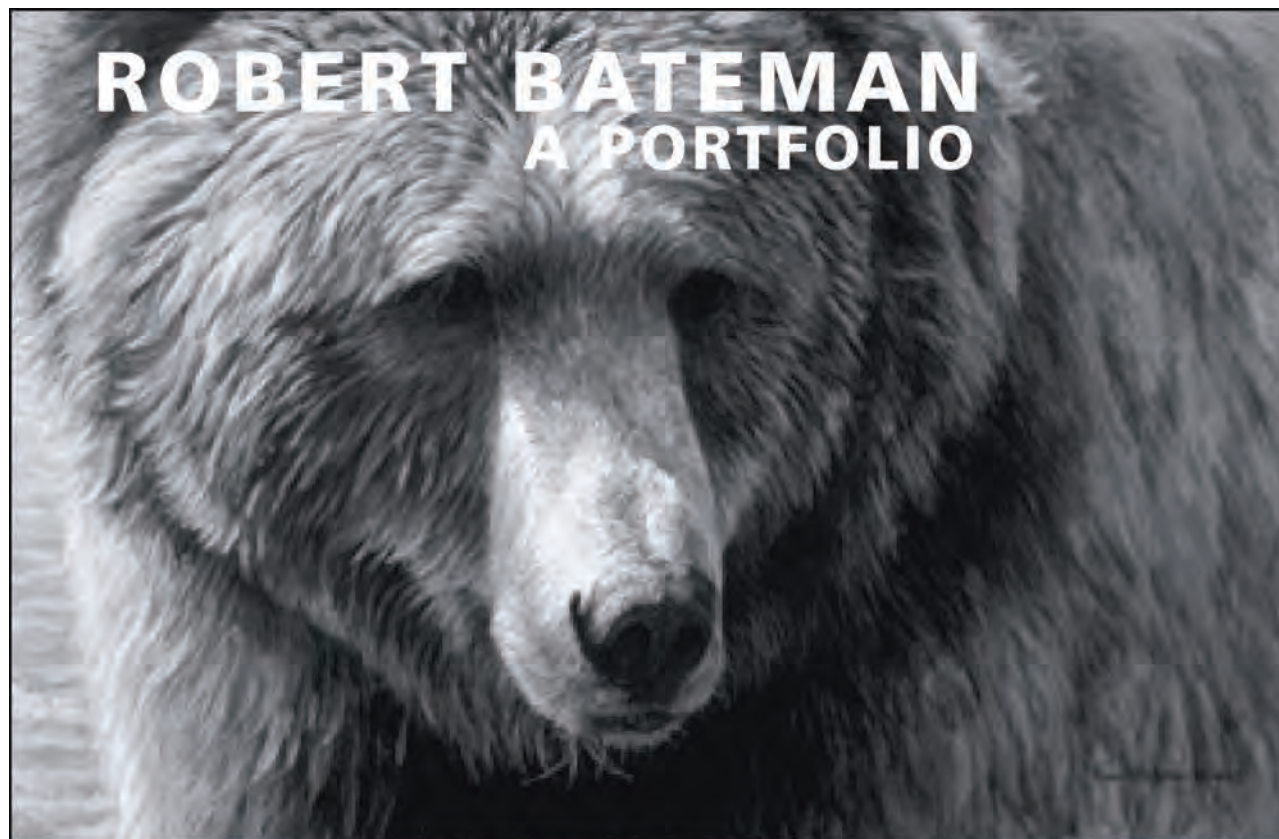
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MONDAY, MAY 31 6:00 PM
14 ★★ Skirts Ahoy! (1952, Romance) Three young women become WAVE officers in the hopes of finding handsome husbands. Esther Williams, Joan Evans (2h)
7:00 PM
20 Ike: Countdown to D-Day (2004, War) The story of the days leading up to the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe in WWII. Tom Selleck, Timothy Bottoms (2h)
8:00 PM
13 ★★ The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000, Comedy) A scientist detects traces of another man's DNA in his system when he finds a youth serum. Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson (2h)
23 ★★ The Courage to Love (2000, Drama) In the French Colony of Louisiana, a Creole woman is forbidden to teach and nurse slaves. Vanessa L. Williams, Gil Bellows (2h)
9:00 PM
19 ★★ 8 Seconds (1994, Biography) A rodeo champion experiences marriage problems after his many successes go to his head. Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin (2h)
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3 ★★ Boat Trip (2002, Comedy) Two straight men mistakenly end up on a romantic cruise for gay men. Cuba Gooding Jr., Horatio Sanz (2h)
14 ★★ Blow Dry (2001, Comedy) The glamorous and cutthroat national hair championships descends upon a small town. Alan Richardson, Rachel Griffiths (2h)
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This eclectic gathering of musicians adds to their varied musical menu much exotic flavouring, serving up a tantalizing platter of tidbits and a feast of world music.

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¡Viva! Venezuela with Eliana Cuevas

Friday, August 6 (8:00pm)

Disarming samba jazz and sexy, sultry salsa. Eliana Cuevas delivers the sounds of Venezuela in an evening of irresistibly beautiful music.

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(FAExtra: pre-concert chats at 6:50)

GISS show kicks off June events

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor

Launch into summer inspired by the wonderful creative works at ArtSpring as we continue our fifth anniversary celebrations.

• GISS drama and dance departments present **Double Bill**, a series of pieces from the senior acting class and intermediate dance class.

Works from the dancers include new choreography: hip hop, tap, African belly dance, Scottish dance and even a classical ballet pas de deux.

Comedic scenes from contemporary theatre by playwrights such as Neil Simon, Shirley Jackson and Denise Deegan will leave audience members smiling. June 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m. \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

• The **Parallel to Robert Bateman Show** (June 2-21) presents the remarkable range of visual arts that is created in our community. The artwork, which was selected by a jury and "peoples' choice," comes from the hugely successful Continuum Show held in April.

• Five years after officially opening ArtSpring, **Robert Bateman** returns to celebrate ArtSpring's fifth anniversary with a special exhibition of original works from June 4 to 20. Considering that this is Robert Bateman's only Canadian exhibition this year and that his last exhibition held on Vancouver Island drew 17,000 visitors in a 10-day period,

this is anticipated to be the most significant art display at ArtSpring and quite possibly on Salt Spring Island. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, but will not be open during performances. By donation.

• **Fiddleworks Year End Concert** promises to be a magical night of music showcasing the talented student musicians performing on fiddle, violin, cello, piano, trumpet, saxophone and flute. The award-winning students of Jaime Rokeby-Thomas and Carolyn Hatch will share the stage with students of Paul Verville, Ted Hickford and Dawn Hage. June 12, 7 p.m.

• **The Mishras**, the highly acclaimed father-son sitar duo from Varanasi, India, bring their classical north Indian ragas and folk music to ArtSpring on June 18, 8 p.m. Featuring renowned tabla player Marco Zonka from Seattle, these master musicians are also offering workshops. For information, contact Felicity at (206) 947-0436 or swaranjaliproductions@yahoo.ca.

• Descend into the **Secret World of Og**, an underground world where every hilarious aspect of life has been modelled on observations of children's games. You'll be more careful how you play after watching Phoenix Elementary and the District Learners present Pierre Berton's Secret World of Og, June 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and June 21 (matinee).

Interactive art on tap at youth show

The crafty creations of Salt Spring students will be showcased in Our World, My World, an interactive art show at ArtSpring from May 27 to June 1.

The creative works of 126 students from Fulford Elementary School, Salt Spring Elementary School and Salt Spring Island Middle School will be displayed in all three ArtSpring display spaces.

Local artist Johanna Hoskins put the show together using artwork made in the Artists in the Classroom program, as well as in after school classes.

"It's interactive in that people will be walking through a forest in the Bateman gallery made from recycled and found materials. The next part is a variety of self-portraits and self-expressions in a variety of mediums. Then the third area is based on colour."

Hoskins said visitors will have a chance to contribute to part of the show in the third gallery.

"There, along with artwork to see, people can join in and add their bit to a colour mural on the wall."

The show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 27 to 31 and from 10 to 3 on June 1.

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6 DEATHS

SCHURE: WILLIAM Cornelius - 1928 - 2004, passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on May 17th after a lengthy illness. Bill was born in Swan Plain, Saskatchewan, grew up in Manitoba & attended the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton where he graduated with a B.Sc. in forestry. He met & married Merle Costello, his wife of 47 years. They lived in Timmins, Ont., Heron Bay, Ont., Manitouwadge, Ont., St. Catharines, Ont., Thunder Bay, Ont. & then back to Timmins Ont. Bill & Merle retired to Salt Spring Island, BC in 1990 where Bill was happiest on the golf course & he was even responsible for building a golf course in Manitouwadge, Ont. He was at one time on the Board of Directors of SSI Golf & Country Club, a part time golf card "fixe" & actively involved in starting the Junior golf program on Salt Spring. Bill was also involved with the Seniors for Seniors as a driver. Survived by his wife Merle, daughter Joyce of Toronto/Hamilton, Ont., son Peter (Lynn) of Salt Spring Island, BC & much adored grandchildren Grace & Matthew. Bill was predeceased by brothers Peter (Mary) & Nestor (Lorraine). He is survived by 3 brothers in Manitoba, Don (Anne), Eugene (Doreen) & Ernest (Phyllis) & 2 sisters Harriet Veito (Larry) of Port Alberni, BC & Mary Duncan of Vancouver, BC. There will be no service at Bill's request. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

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8 CARD OF THANKS

THE ANNUAL HART Memorial Disc Golf Tournament was a great success. Many thanks to all the members of the Disc Golf community who donated time & energy to course changes, making trophies, finding sponsors and helping run the tournament. We are also very grateful to the following businesses for their generous donations of prizes: Cedar Mountain Studios, Slegg Lumber, Vesuvius Pub, Thunderbird Gallery, Island Star Video, Paul McGowan CD shop, Love My Kitchen, Harlan's Chocolates, Watermark Books, Salt Spring Books, SSI Roasting Company, Barb's Buns, Cafe El Zocalo, Moonflower Gifts, Island Escapades, B-Side Clothing.

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17 MARRIAGE



Angela Marie Kirk and J. Martin Jackson are pleased to announce their marriage. The wedding took place Saturday, May 15, 2004 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with President Dan Leavitt presiding. Friends and family were in attendance and a Wedding Breakfast was enjoyed afterward at the Hasting House on Salt Spring Island.

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.

SSI CONSERVANCY Presents: "Ten Years Naturally Celebration". Join us: May 29 - Making Pleasing Places slide show by Robert Bateman, Live and silent Auctions, music, food & fun. May 30 - Tours to Pleasing Places. Tickets available at Salt Spring Books. More info: 538-0318.

WATERCOLOUR classes. Waterfront studio, beginner July 12 - 16th, Intermediate to July 26 - 30th. Limited space. Call Libby 537-1952.

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FERNWOOD FUN Fair, Friday, May 28, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Games, great food and magic. Come and have some fun with us.

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SALT SPRING ROWING??? Join us for a meeting to discuss the future of rowing on Salt Spring. SIMS library, June 3, 7:30 p.m. Questions? Call Sarah at 537-4497.

BEDDIS & CUSHEON Lake Area Residents' Association AGM, Thurs. June 10. 7:30 pm at the United Church upper hall, Ganges. Parc's plans for Beddis Beach, Fire Dept. re: Fire Hazards. Newcomers welcome, come - win a rain barrel.

HIKING THE Gulf Islands book launch. Thursday, May 27, 5:00 to 9:30 United Church basement. Slide show, talk, Refreshments. Books.

20 COMING EVENTS

CHRISTIAN PAUL-TATORETTI will represent BC at the Regina 2004 inter-provincial Chant'Ouest singing competition. Live CBC 97.7 fm, June 11, 7 pm, wish me luck! mozartwisdom@hotmail.com.

SSPLASH INTO Action. Salt Spring Half marathon, 10K and Kids Fun Run Sunday, May 30, Fernwood School. Register at door, 9:30.

SALT SPRING Island Youth Soccer Association, Annual General Meeting. Monday, June 7, 2004. High School Multi-purpose Room, 7:00 p.m. Elections for new executive; nominations welcome. Get involved and help shape the future of Youth Soccer on Salt Spring.

GULF ISLANDS National Park Reserve: What would you like to see? Thursday, May 27, 8:00 to 9:30, United Church basement.

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- Presidents' Report
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1 LIONS GARAGE Sale: Friday & Saturday's only 10-12. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop offs accepted only on Friday & Sat morning. Please no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

2 MOVING SALE (multi-family) 193 Elizabeth Drive, Saturday & Sunday, May 29 & 30. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Household, garage, shed items, furniture, fridge, books, etc.

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4 6 HOUSEHOLDS-635 A Sunset Dr., Sat. May 29 only, 9 - 3, toys, tools, misc. household goods, no early birds!

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