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Weather

It's going to be sunny and hot this week with temperatures up to 28 C (today) Wednesday. A few clouds are in the forecast for Thursday and Friday. Overnight lows to 13 C.

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FOOT LOOSE: Nicole Pal, centre, celebrates her 12th birthday with a swim at Cusheon Lake on Monday. She is joined here by friends Kirstie Girard, left, and Logan McLeod.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Firefighters douse brush fires

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

A south island brush fire threatened nearby homes early Tuesday morning as it burned in a residential area off Stewart Road.

Just before 6 a.m., Ganges Coast Guard personnel saw a column of smoke from their vantage point on the water, which they reported to the fire department.

Soon after, Marcus Gasper, a home owner in the area, called to report a half-acre brush fire burning on Sarah Way.

Gasper was on his way to Fulford Harbour to catch the

6:20 a.m. sailing to Victoria where he works.

"I saw the smoke and first I thought it was fog coming out of the valley," he said.

When he realized it was a fire, he drove back home and dialled 911.

"I drove back to the fire and woke up our neighbours and waited for the fire department. They were there pretty quickly.

"The fire started a little bit up the hill, not right by the road. We live about 250 to 300 metres away. There's two houses right next to it, maybe 20 metres away. The whole neighbourhood

is very dry and it was very windy. We were lucky."

Gasper said it was interesting to watch the fire department put out the blaze, which burned in a 40- to 50-metre circle.

"They circled the fire and positioned their trucks around it. From the perimeter to the inside is how they extinguished the fire."

Bruno Gonzalez was woken up by Gasper's knock at the door of his new home.

"We were sleeping. The fire was close to my house and definitely on my lot," said Gonzalez, who moved to the island from France with

his family two months ago.

"The wind was blowing. If Marcus hadn't been so quick to make a good decision, it could've been worse. The house could've burned. We've just moved here permanently and the house isn't finished yet. We didn't intend to make the news so quickly."

Gonzalez said that he is very grateful to everybody who helped in the situation.

"The firemen were very efficient. We knew fires were a hazard here. It makes us very aware that we have to double-check everything, especially in the summer."

Captain Jamie Holmes said the cause of the blaze is under investigation, although he noted that it was possibly due to a cigarette.

Holmes added that street signs up Sarah Way and Becky Way keep going missing.

"It makes it difficult to pinpoint where fires are without street signs. It's an ongoing problem," he said.

Two days before, the fire department responded to another brush fire burning at St. Mary Lake. Children swimming nearby reported the fire late Sunday afternoon.

Updated incorporation study requested for SSI

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

A group of Salt Spring residents is requesting an updated study on incorporation for the island, following a meeting with MLA Murray Coell on Friday.

Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) met with Coell, who is the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services (MCAWS) and responsible for local government affairs, to see what action is needed

to get MCAWS support for a study and referendum.

"Everyone on the group is for incorporation and very knowledgeable about the effects that not being incorporated have had on the island," said group representative Susan Russell, who is a local Parks and Recreation Commission member.

She said Coell informed them the planning process would commence once a letter of request was received

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Clean Air concert sells out

Tickets for the September 17 Clean Air benefit concert featuring legendary Canadian performers Randy Bachman, Tal Bachman, Neil Young and the Bare-naked Ladies sold out early last week, a few days after they went on sale.

The concert, which will be held in the 2,300-seat Cowichan Community Centre arena, is a fundraiser hosted by the Crofton Airshed Citizens Group (CACG) to raise money for an independent study of emissions from the NorskeCanada mill in Crofton.

"The first tickets to go were the \$100 ones, and the last tickets to go were the \$250 ones," said Tracy Hamilton of the

Cowichan Community Centre.

Calls to buy tickets came from people all over North America, including Whitehorse, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, Oregon, Washington, Connecticut and California, she said.

CACG spokesperson Michael Ableman said the concert is about more than just the music.

"The concert has a purpose of raising awareness about the shortfalls of government and shortfalls of the industry. It is helping us raise funds for an intelligent and independent study establishing what are the impacts of that facility," he said.

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Crofton mill sub-groups tackle tasks

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

The first multi-stakeholder meeting held by Norske-Canada representatives of the Crofton pulp mill on July 13 resulted in the creation of two subcommittees that will report back to the larger forum.

The first subcommittee aims to revise the terms of reference for an ongoing community advisory forum, while the second will help with the upcoming peer review of the mill's emissions study.

Three members from each of six sectors were present at the forum, representing politicians, immediate neighbours, the Crofton Airshed Citizens Group (CACG), employees, the business community and area First

Nations.

"Overall, I think the meeting was very constructive," said Don McKendrick, vice president of operations for Norske's Crofton division. "I'm very much interested in forming an ongoing community advisory forum to provide us with another vehicle to communicate activities and plans."

Michael Ableman, a CACG member and Salt Spring resident who was not present at the meeting, said that people were not satisfied with how the forum process was designed by Norske.

"I'm cautiously hopeful that if the process can be taken over by the committee and if it evolves as they recommend, we might be able to make some progress. Our group is also beginning

discussions with the union to try to establish some common ground."

Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman, a member of the sub-group focussed on the peer review, said the main change is that environmental and health risks need to be made more explicit. "My understanding was that there should be a health sector represented at the forum on an ongoing basis," he said.

"They want the peer review done by early September, so our subcommittee has to come up with a recommendation to the forum as soon as we can. The forum will then make the final recommendations."

Holman suggested hiring two firms. CACG could use Vancouver-based RWDI,

paid for through their fundraising efforts, and the subcommittee could recommend another firm for Norske to retain.

"That would be a way to bring the airshed group into the tent. Maybe we'd get around the concerns that Norske controls the process. My understanding is that the only reason we're doing this is because of the concerns the airshed group raised. They deserve a lot of credit."

The company should make a commitment to the community to reduce environmental and health risks, and perhaps CACG can help Norske find cost-effective means to achieve the task, Holman said.

The next community advisory forum will take place in September.

Morningside "squeeze" continues

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

A poorly parked vehicle inconvenienced Fulford area drivers Thursday afternoon, creating a tight squeeze on Morningside Road.

Patterson's Store owner Bruce Patterson said cars were parked along one side of a narrow part of the road, and an elderly lady parked on the opposite side.

"She left a clearance of 76 inches, so only cars less than 76 inches across could get through," he said.

A courier who had driven up the hill was unable to get out because his vehicle couldn't fit through the narrow space, Patterson said.

"A number of residents on

Morningside couldn't get up or down the road. This is kind of an extreme situation, but almost daily at some point, the road is goosenecked so any larger vehicle couldn't get up Morningside. It's been an ongoing situation in the last couple years. It seems to be getting worse."

It is common to see 30 to 40 vehicles parked up there, he said.

"The major concern is that if you get a bush fire or house fire or medical situation, the emergency vehicles couldn't get through."

Const. Martin Beardsmore said that parking problems are a low priority for Salt Spring RCMP, unless they create a hazard.

"We are the least policed area in the province. We have the least number of police officers per car," he said.

If a vehicle is hazardous or blocking traffic, the RCMP will send a tow truck, and the cost will be charged to the car owner. If inconvenienced residents call for tow trucks, they will be responsible for the payment, Beardsmore explained.

"Sometimes the nature of the way people park prevents a tow truck from being able to remove a vehicle. When people are parked bumper to bumper, you can't just get a huge crane to come in to remove it," he said.

"The problem inherent with parking in Fulford is

that there's no quick fix. Provincial statutes are all we have to work with on Salt Spring."

The provincial statutes require RCMP to give a parking ticket to the vehicle owner, not just leave it on the windshield.

Officers would have to look up information via the licence plate, track down the owner and then find out who was driving at the time of the violation.

"It could take days to address a single vehicle," Beardsmore said.

"It comes down to an urgency basis. If emergency vehicles can't get through, we will tow at the owner's expense."

INCORPORATION: Referendum in 2005?

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from Salt Spring's elected officials.

Russell explained it was assumed that support from all three locally elected officials — Islands Trust trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger, and regional director Gary Holman — would be needed before MCAWS would approve study funding or a referendum.

However, notes from the meeting state that: "The ministry would seriously consider starting the process upon receipt of a letter signed by two of the three representatives or if a town hall meeting demonstrated significant support for the idea on Salt Spring."

Lineger and Booth are in favour of the request.

Russell said Holman, who spoke out strongly against incorporation during the 2002 referendum debate, has not yet decided his position on the matter.

According to meeting notes, Coell also told ISG that "it would be unusual to restructure in the face of opposition from current elected officials" and to revisit the issue within five years of the last referendum.

Seventy per cent of Salt Spring voters rejected the incorporation option in a June 22, 2002 referendum.

Coell told the group that the 2002 incorporation study could be updated within the next year, and a referendum possibly held in conjunction

with local government elections in November 2005.

"We're saying we'll update the study and have the vote at the same time, so of course it will be a great election issue, and both things will get the awareness they deserve, and hopefully the voter turnout," said Russell.

The ISG group released its "mission statement" Tuesday. It is:

- "to campaign for a referendum on incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a municipality, to liaise with local elected, provincial government officials and organized groups in an effort to educate islanders on the positive benefits of self-government, and;

- "to gather, study and publish information regard-

ing the benefits of self-government and, in the event of a referendum, to lead local support and educate islanders in an effective campaign."

Other group members are Wayne Fraser, Peter Lake, Eric Booth, Doug Mitchell, Peter McCully, Karin Weber and Norbert Schlenker.

Fraser and Lake served on the Salt Spring Island Local Government Restructure Committee that met for three years prior to the 2002 referendum.

That committee was formed to head the study, and did so in cooperation with local government expert Tom Reid of Vancouver-based Sussex Consultants, but did not campaign in favour of a "yes" vote.



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Flames blaze in park contrary to ban

Despite a long-standing fire ban across Salt Spring and countless warnings from the fire department, open fires continue to burn across the island.

During his regular nighttime park patrol, Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser discovered an abandoned fire in Mouat Park on Thursday at 1 a.m.

"I smelled it before I saw it," he said. "I called the RCMP and when we got there, the fire was aban-

doned and the luggage of the person camping out was left behind."

Along with the two RCMP officers in attendance, Brunnwieser stomped out the lingering flames.

"We did the so-called fire dance because we didn't have any water," he said.

Anyone caught lighting fires could be fined up to \$5,000, Brunnwieser warned.

"My biggest concern is fire hazards in the park. I don't want to see this island go up in flames. It's so close

to Ganges, and it's so hot and dry that it could spread very quickly."

People caught in any CRD park after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. could also be charged under the Trespass Act, he added. Off-limits areas include Drummond Park, Centennial Park, Mouat Park and Portlock Park, plus the Mill Farm, Mount Bruce and Burgoyne Bay valley.

"No one's allowed in the park at night except park maintenance people. People are not allowed to camp in parks. And no fires are

allowed anywhere on the island," he said.

Anyone who sees or smells a fire should contact the fire department right away, he advised.

Brunnwieser added that he regularly picks up abandoned luggage and camping gear from the parks at night. To claim missing articles, contact the PARC office at 537-4448.

In the past week, the Salt Spring Fire Department received four calls for beach fires and burning complaints.

Tickets issued at road checks

An RCMP road check set up near the bottom of Ganges Hill early Saturday morning turned up one impaired driver.

An 18-year-old Salt Spring male was stopped while driving a scooter with a passenger the wrong way up a one-way street. He was given a breathalyzer test, which led to detainment for impaired driving. Charges are pending.

Four 24-hour driving suspensions were issued at the same road check, as well as two violation tickets for driving without a licence.

A second road check set up early Sunday morning resulted in four violation tickets for driving without a licence, one ticket for riding a motorcycle without a helmet and seven tickets for failure to wear a seatbelt.

In other RCMP news:
• Throughout the week, 13 tickets were issued to people found drinking or pos-

sessing alcohol in or around Centennial Park. The tickets were given to eight adult males, two adult females, two male youths and one female youth.

• On July 26 at 1:57 p.m., an intoxicated elderly Salt Spring man was arrested for being drunk in a public place after some boaters observed that he appeared to have difficulties in an area under the boardwalk near Ganges Marina. He was detained until sober.

• At 2:53 a.m. on July 24, a Salt Spring youth was observed by police wandering down Fulford-Ganges Road. The youth was arrested for being drunk in a public place and was returned to his home.

• RCMP assisted with two complaints of fires being lit at Mouat Park on July 22. The fires were promptly extinguished.

• Over the weekend, RCMP attended several noise complaints.

FOR THE RECORD

George Washington University students worked directly with Community Economic Development (CED) Project staff, not the Chamber of Commerce as noted in a story last week, to develop marketing tactics for the Simply Salt Spring brand. The Simply Salt Spring logo is a CED initiative and the CED is funded by Human Resources Development Canada, and co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Community Services Society.

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New draft of composting bylaw exempts Salt Spring operations

Following seven years of processes and discussions, the Capital Regional District (CRD) has unveiled its new draft bylaw aimed at regulating major composting operations.

A previous draft, introduced last year, came under fire from representatives of the Salt Spring agricultural community, who rely on composting for their farming operations.

"The most important thing is that Island Natural Growers and the District A Farmers Institute made very strong recommendations and delegations to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee in Victoria on three or four different occasions and over a period of several months the committee has appreciated and deleted all the negative impact sections that would affect organic growers and local economy-scale farmers," said John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm on Salt Spring.

"In the bylaw's first-proposed form we were faced with the prospect of expensive permits for normal farm operations."

Although composting is

covered by several existing provincial regulations under the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR), the CRD bylaw will supplement the existing rules in order to encourage environmentally sound composting facilities, address the issues of neighbours and reduce the amount of organic matter going to the Hartland Road landfill in Saanich.

As explained in a CRD staff report, the draft bylaw does not address agricultural waste composting, backyard composting, topsoil producers handling straw/sawdust/animal manure mixes or soil conditioners, or the composting of general organic matter which originates at the site of the composting operation.

Salt Spring's regional director Gary Holman agrees the draft bylaw — which has gone out for further public consultation — changed considerably since it was introduced last year.

"They backed off considerably," said Holman. "What was being recommended to them by our local solid waste advisory group was setting

exemptions that didn't capture any existing activity. The CRD went further than that — they just exempted them entirely.

"The catch is that they have apparently the ability to capture people in the licensing and regulatory regime if there are complaints about their composting activities, so they can bring them under the aegis of the bylaw, which is I think is a very good approach. Unless there is a problem, virtually any composting activity I can think of on Salt Spring is exempted."

Islanders, including John Wilcox, Elizabeth White, Denis Hoddinott and Jim Proctor, among others on the Island Natural Growers group, were involved earlier in the process with a delegation from the District A Farmers Institute based on Vancouver Island participating on behalf of the wider region.

The proposed bylaw specifies that composting of restricted organic matter, which includes food waste, sludge, septage, animal and fish wastes and contaminated fibres will only be con-

ducted in a closed, in-vessel facility.

General organic matter, which includes yard and garden waste, food waste and biosolids, may be composted outdoors but the process must be confined to an impermeable surface.

The CRD regulation would require that composting of both general and restricted organic matter be conducted in a licensed facility as well as dealing with issues related to inspection, enforcement, storage and abandonment of materials.

Only those operations that compost "troublesome" organic wastes such as biosolids, sewage sludge, animal carcasses or fish wastes will require licensing according to the staff report.

The composting bylaw is one piece of the CRD Waste Diversion Strategy aimed towards a 50 per cent solid waste diversion from the Hartland landfill.

According to the CRD Solid Waste Division annual report, a final consultative and review process is underway with the expectation that the bylaw will be adopted in 2004/2005.

Local Trust Committee meets today

Island residents will no doubt be out in force this week for important community meetings.

Today (Wednesday), the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meets at Lions Hall for a regular meeting at 3 p.m.

The agenda includes the Ganges Marina redevelopment proposal, proposed bylaw changes about short-term vacation rentals and a Trincomali Heights amenity zoning proposal.

NEWS BRIEFS

At 2 p.m., the group creating a Cusheon Lake watershed management plan welcomes public input at Lions Hall as a draft plan is discussed.

Then on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Salt Spring Island Water Council meets, with water experts Mike Larmour and Asit Mazumder, along with a Capital Regional District (CRD) staff report on the CRD stormwater quality program and its pertinence to Salt Spring.

Hunger strike

One islander resorted to hunger-striking last week to point out Salt Spring's need

for affordable housing.

Viki Vukmirovic, who knows first-hand the difficulties of finding secure shelter on the island, said she believes the Islands Trust is moving too slowly to address the housing crisis.

"Everybody passes the buck," she said. "I do this for many people who are silent in their agonies," she added.

Rest stop plan

Freedom camper David Shebib suggests islanders come together to create a "rest-stop" washroom facility in Fulford Harbour near the Freedom Camp.

"It would answer the whole problem that people are complaining about," he said, noting that concerns about where Freedom Camp dwellers' waste ends up have been voiced.

Tickets introduced

Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser will be given more ammunition once a Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) operational bylaw amendment is passed by the CRD.

At its Monday night meeting, PARC endorsed a bylaw change that will make it possible for CRD bylaw enforcement officers to write tickets to individuals breaking PARC bylaws.

PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon noted that Brunnwieser has recently been asked to deal with "removal of people camping in parks, issues with uncontrolled dogs in parks and other matters" but that verbal warnings or costly court action were the only two options for dealing with violations.

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On these busy sailings, walk-on passengers will

not be allowed to transfer directly from one ship to the next. Instead, they must head from the arriving ferry to the terminal's ticket booth to get a boarding pass for the next available sailing.

Policies outlined in the schedule brochure state that throughfare tickets do not guarantee connecting ferry service, nor do they include priority loading.

"There is no change in our policy. It's really something we need to pay attention to on busy weekends in order to make sure we don't exceed our maximum passenger count," said communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

"During the week, we can sometimes allow customers to go from one deck to another."

In other ferry news, the company has embarked upon a pilot project with Sointula residents to provide website updates tracking the position of local ferry MV Quadra

Queen II.

Members of the Malcolm Island Volunteer Radio Club created the website, which is linked to an onboard GPS transporter B.C. Ferries

installed at the suggestion of the Tri-Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

"I think the community is very pleased with it," Nussbaum said.



TOMATO MAN: Dale Fewings weighs tomatoes for sale at the Tuesday farmers' market in the United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue. Many local farmers are selling their produce at the venue each week. Photos by Derrick Lundy

Hedger garbage service remains open

Laurie's Recycling and Waste Services is still open for business at its Ganges site, following a little work on the short Park Drive access road.

"We've smoothed out the existing access going up to those lots," said Laurie Hedger Friday.

Hedger was alarmed last Tuesday when fenceposts were erected between properties owned by Cathay Western Properties (not

related to Ganges Village Market) and his landlord Allen Cunningham.

People wanting to drop off their garbage can drive right up to the truck, he stressed.

"The fenceposts are still up but we are going to keep going the way we are going, for the time being anyway."

Hedger said he has been "blown away" by support from his customers in the past week.

Tugboat left to burn on beach in Pat Bay

On Monday night, a 120-foot derelict tugboat abandoned on a beach in Patricia Bay went up in flames.

The Saanich Fire Department put the fire out, and it reignited Tuesday.

The fire department will let the boat burn, while watching over it.

In other coast guard news:

• At about 2 p.m. on July 25, the coast guard dealt with

an engine fire in a boat off Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island.

• On July 22 at noon, a 52-foot pleasure craft hit a rock at Piers Island near Swartz Bay.

The coast guard called for commercial assistance to tow the boat to a shipyard.

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Friday's water council meeting tackles agenda full of priorities

By MURRAY REISS

Special to the Driftwood
The Salt Spring Island Water Council was created early last year, as a joint Capital Regional District (CRD)-Islands Trust initiative, to facilitate the protection, conservation and better management of surface and ground water on Salt Spring.

Regulatory authority for water on the island is shared by local, regional and provincial agencies.

These include the CRD and the Islands Trust; local water districts; the provincial ministries of health, transportation, and land, water and air protection; and the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Local stewardship groups include the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Salmon Enhancement Society, the Water Preservation Society and the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee.

A number of academic researchers, businesses and individuals also have specific water-related interests and expertise.

The water council brings representatives from all of these groups together. By working as partners — iden-

tifying problems, sharing information, coordinating research, and supporting projects — they can work more effectively to protect and conserve the island's water resources.

Salt Spring's drinking water lakes need all the help they can get. Three of our four main drinking water lakes are ringed by roads, traffic, private homes and resorts.

We also use them for swimming and other forms of recreation. The resulting nutrient loading, stormwater and building site runoff, septic system failures, and accidental spills all contribute to the lakes' degradation.

Our lakes' problems — and the potential solutions — cannot be addressed in isolation from their watersheds.

One of the council's main priorities is to provide political, technical and financial support to the stewardship groups and agencies involved in watershed management planning for Cusheon and St. Mary lakes.

The water council is applying for a CRD grant-in-aid to help fund watershed management research in areas like the causes and

prevention of nutrient loading, a source of potentially toxic algae blooms.

Other water council priorities over the next year for drinking water lakes include:

- encouraging the CRD to implement its proposed septic monitoring and management program;

- working with the CRD, Islands Trust, and the Ministry of Transportation to encourage best management practices for road maintenance;

- working with the CRD's stormwater quality program to map stormwater flows into drinking water lakes.

Not everyone gets their drinking water from lakes. Many islanders are on wells, which have their own set of problems.

The council will be working with Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) and the Islands Trust to examine how NRCAN's groundwater mapping project can be used to better protect groundwater resources on Salt Spring.

Water conservation is another key priority for the water council. It will be reviewing the supply-demand study recently completed for the North Salt Spring Water-

works District; encouraging water districts to consider rate structure changes to promote increased water conservation; and supporting the proposed water reclamation project for the Ganges sewer treatment plant.

The council applauds the provincial decision just announced to require the use of low flush toilets for all new installations in the CRD in January, 2005.

The water council meets the last Friday of every second month, and its meetings are open to the public.

The next meeting is Friday, July 30 at the Lions Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include an update from CRD staff on the stormwater quality program, a presentation by Asit Mazumder from the University of Victoria on his research plans for Salt Spring drinking water lakes, and a presentation by Mike Larmour on the NSSWD water supply-demand study.

The main agenda item at the September 24 meeting will be a presentation by NRCAN on its groundwater mapping project.

For more information, contact me at mreiss@saltspring.com.

English novel marks first university-credit course for Community Education Society

Salt Spring's Society for Community Education (SSSCE) and the British Columbia Open University (BCOU) will be offering a university course on "The 20th Century English Novel" on Salt Spring this coming September.

Building on last spring's success, the novel course is but one of many the SSSCE will be making available this fall.

The English novel offering, however, will be the only course that will allow students to study on Salt Spring while working toward a degree from the BCOU.

A fully accredited university, BCOU differs from others only in that most of its offerings are "distance education" courses. BCOU also allows its degree

completion candidates to "ladder" or build upon college diplomas and university courses completed elsewhere. Each case is individually considered but, on average, a student with a two-year college diploma is half way toward earning a BCOU degree.

"The 20th Century English Novel" course will be taught by Hetty Clews, an instructor who has taught English literature at the university level for many years.

Potential students are additional degree candidates or individuals just interested in reading, discussing and completing assignments on novels by D. H. Lawrence, James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, William Golding, Iris Murdoch and John Fowles.

The course is also one of the five that Salt Spring residents who already have received a degree, be that a few years or a few decades ago, would require to earn the BCOU's new post-Bachelor's Certificate in Liberal Studies.

The cost of the course — including tuition, texts, and fees — will be \$450 or, for those age 65 or over, \$300. Classes will be offered in the early evening starting middle to late September and interested students must register and pay all fees by the end of August.

Those interested in taking this course or learning more about the society's degree-completion program through the BCOU should call Stanley Shapiro at 653-4788 or e-mail to shapiro@saltspring.com.

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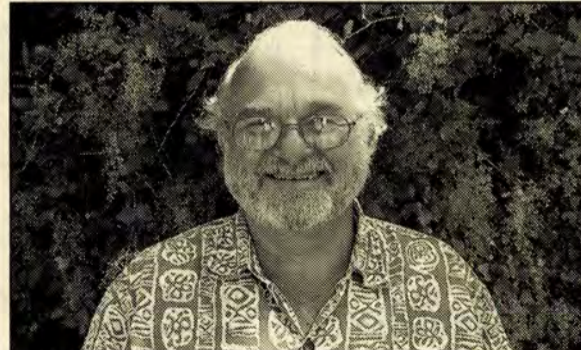
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CAMP CREATIVE: Emilaea Wood-Wolf and Leyla Cobanli are hard at work drawing at the Creative Kids Daycamp, which runs all week at the Community Gospel Chapel. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Cougar spotted in Channel Ridge

A cougar sighted in the Channel Ridge area last Wednesday could be anywhere on Salt Spring, said Capital Regional District animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser Monday. "They travel all over the island. We have so many young deer on the island, so there's plenty of food around. Usually that's the main food supply for cougars. As long as there's food here, [the cougar] will be here."

Brunnwieser gets two to three calls per day about deer hit by cars, so he said it's good to have a cougar to help control the population. The animal control officer suggests that Salt Spring residents supervise children playing outdoors and keep an eye on cats. He said to contact Animal Control at 537-9414 if any small pets go missing. "Go for walks in groups and take a dog along. Cougars don't like dogs too much. Unless it is a little chihuahua, then it will be breakfast," Brunnwieser joked.

"If you do run across a cougar, be noisy and make yourself tall. Don't run. As soon as you start running, you become the prey and it triggers the cougar's hunting instinct."

"People are always afraid of what they don't know about. Find out all about them and learn to live with them."

"The skipper of the fishboat realized at the last second and pulled it in reverse. It hit him really hard on the side of the boat. It scratched all along the side and tipped it almost completely over. The ferry kept on going."

The ferry eventually stopped and went back towards the fishing boat to make sure everything was okay, Taylor said.

"Once the ferry found out the fishboat wasn't going to sink, it just kept going on to Salt Spring. The skipper was mad. He was really mad. The fishboat kept trying to come over to the ferry."

"It was really freaky. I used to be a commercial fisherman, so it really hit home for me."

Taylor said there were no onboard announcements to alert passengers about the situation.

"Nobody said anything at all. It was so strange," he said.

B.C. Ferries communications officer Steven Nussbaum said the ferry slowed to one knot for a crash stop, and the fishing boat touched the forward port quarter of the ship.

"There were no injuries, and no damage was reported on either vessel. All reports to regulatory agencies were filed," he said.

As per procedures, Nussbaum said the company will conduct an investigation into the matter.

Collision surprises ferry riders

A July 15 collision between a 30-foot crab-fishing boat and the Bowen Queen resulted in no injuries, but it surprised B.C. Ferries passengers.

The collision took place at about 2:45 p.m., just after the Bowen Queen left Berth 2 at Tsawwassen terminal on a direct sailing to Salt Spring's Long Harbour. Local resident Rob Taylor was onboard the ferry with his 10-year-old son Adrian, who first noticed the fishing boat crossing in front of the larger vessel.

"There was an older wooden fishboat headed right across the bow of the ferry. The captain didn't honk or didn't slow down at all," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee

BC Ferries has an ongoing public consultation program directed at ensuring that our service meets the needs of the communities and the customers we serve. Ferry Advisory Committees are an integral part of our program and actively represent the communities served by BC Ferries.

The mandate of these Committees is to share information between BC Ferries' management and representatives of local communities on the day-to-day operations of specific routes, planned improvements to terminals, and broader policy issues, such as the tariff, and corporate strategic plans.

The Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee is made up of twelve members comprising three from each of Galiano Island, Mayne Island, Saturna Island, and North Pender Island and South Pender Island (as one island) and has an opening for one new member representing the Pender Islands. Members are appointed for a three year term and may be re-appointed for a further term.

The Capital Regional District and the Islands Trust have agreed to assist BC Ferries in appointing members to the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee.

There is no remuneration paid for service on the Ferry Advisory Committee. However, BC Ferries pays approved expenses incurred by members participating on the Committee.

Interested citizens, groups and organizations are requested to express their interest in writing by August 31, 2004.

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No more ferry sprinting

Longtime islanders can easily cite B.C. Ferries decisions that have left them shaking their heads in disbelief.

Crafting schedules that make it possible for Gulf Islanders to reliably reach Tsawwassen via Swartz Bay without unduly long waits in Swartz Bay, for example, has proven a consistent conundrum.

Making those tenuous connections to mainland ferries and back again as a foot passenger on weekends, has just become even more challenging with B.C. Ferry Services Inc.'s (BCFSI's) insistence on enforcing existing throughfare policies at the terminal. That means the terminal will no longer be a practice ground for sprinters running at top speed from the deck of one ferry to another when the ships are docked only a few hundred feet from each other.

In plain English, that means people will be spending more weekend time at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal because they will have missed their connecting sailings to the mainland and the islands.

Having a throughfare voucher in hand and showing it to the crew member to prove full payment is no longer enough. Travellers must now pass their body through a ticket booth and get a boarding pass in the process.

BCFSI says the policy must be enforced to ensure ferries do not exceed their passenger carrying capacity limits. The only way to know how many people will be on a boat, they say, is if the people go through a ticketing booth.

The change has added more uncertainty to a process already fraught with ways to go off the rails.

When combined with another BCFSI change for Gulf Islanders — a new telephone reservation system which keeps people on hold for several minutes listening to commercials for food outlets and messages to “shop till you dock” — it's hard to not draw an unfortunate conclusion.

BCFSI appears to want to give us more of what we don't need — time and places to spend our money — and less of what we do need: opportunities to get from one destination to another as affordably and quickly as possible with our sanity intact.

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You might dial 911 but can they ever find you?

By KEN LEE
and TED HINDS

Pat O'Neill's letter in last week's Driftwood titled “Display Numbers” came at a perfect time!

At the last two meetings of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board there has been discussion about standard reflective driveway numbers for our island.

Anyone who has driven around the Saanich or North Cowichan areas recently will have noticed that most houses now have a distinctive white plastic pillar with a reflective house number on both sides, installed where their driveways meet the road. To see an example of this on Salt Spring,

VIEW POINT

drive by the Community Gospel Church where volunteer firefighter and Pastor Rev. Chris Cormack has installed one.

The initiative in Cowichan and Saanich was a municipal response to a request from their ambulance, police and fire departments. These first responders, like our own, were wasting valuable and often critical minutes of time when responding to 911 calls, particularly at night.

Municipalities that have recommended the installation of reflective house numbers have had a more than 80 per cent response from residents. Presumably those who were not interested were pretty certain that they would never be dialing 911 in a real emergency situation. A paramedic friend from Vancouver Island told us he had been a first responder for 23 years. For him, this meant helping save lives for 22 years, and searching for driveways for one year!

Now our Salt Spring emergency measures team is discussing the need for reflective house numbers throughout the island

with Capital Regional District director Gary Holman.

A rough count indicates that at least 4,000 driveways are in need of this type of visibility, not only in darkness but also where there may be smoke. Firefighters who went to assist in Kelowna last summer found that locating driveways and houses along unfamiliar roads was a major problem.

Driving across Ontario recently it was observed that most areas, both rural and suburban, that have 911 service, had reflective signs at the end of driveways consisting of a metal post to which a coloured plate with reflective numbers on both sides was attached.

We have explored the possibility of fabricating these signs locally and have discovered that it is possible to manufacture a “Made on Salt Spring,” five-by-eight-inch, coloured metal plate with four-inch, white, vinyl reflective numbers on each side and mounted on a steel stake for a very reasonable price.

Any interested entrepreneur or service club on the island who might consider making and installing something similar to order is invited to contact us.

The writers are trustees on the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board.

Fire hall cell antenna plan will meet continued resistance

By CHRIS ANDERSON

Telus hopes to irradiate Ganges with a microwave cell antenna in the fire hall, and they and the fire trustees wonder why so many of our citizens and local businesses will never approve this plan.

We have shown the Salt Spring Fire Protection District Board how the “safety standards” used to justify the installation offer no protection at all from long-term, low-level exposure to cell transmitter radiation.

Telus and the fire board, so far, dismiss the science-based concerns of our informed citizens.

The massive rollout of new wireless technologies has brought with it many unforeseen consequences. Increasing reports worldwide state the worst human suffering occurs within a several-hundred-metre radius.

Picture in your mind what is within that distance of the

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fire station clock tower!

The increase in adverse health effects reports was what prompted the 2003 Parents Advisory Council of B.C. to enact a resolution banning cellular equipment on and near all B.C. schools.

Members of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) are actively concerned about documented adverse effects on firefighters from cell antennae on fire halls.

A resolution being voted on this August states, “unless RF radiation is proven safe and harmless, cellular antennae should not be placed on or near fire stations.”

Having researched the field for many years, we are concerned that, con-

trary to industry and government claims of safety, there are thousands of studies showing that such emissions cause adverse health effects.

Reports also indicate that nearby cell antennas have negative economic impacts. Local property and business devaluation often occurs in the two to 40 per cent range. Also we have never seen a “base station” installed where signal and service (and therefore radiation) has not been increased by the company.

In addition, Industry Canada encourages “co-location,” meaning that if we allow one cell transmitter in the fire station, other companies would certainly follow. Today's “small relay antenna” is tomorrow's multi-antenna cellular network.

It is federal government policy to have companies consult with communities

“as widely as possible” before installing transmitters.

It is astounding, and unacceptable, that Telus and the fire board made this antenna deal during the distraction of a federal election, at a routine board meeting, with no public notification, and contrary to Industry Canada protocol.

Telus leans heavily on Canada's so-called safety standards (Safety Code 6) claiming that emissions from the proposed antenna would be well within these limits.

These pretend safety limits are based exclusively on radiation levels severe enough to cause heating of body tissue, as the only admitted mechanism of harm!

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sion levels thousands of times lower than those that cause tissue heating.

Telus claims that Industry standards are “... one of the most stringent in the world.”

In fact, Canada has the second least protective radiation standards in the world! We have the illusion of protection — not the reality.

It's a pretty ridiculous situation that a small group of people who know nothing about the subject have the power to allow biased industry and their dangerous product right into the heart of our town.

We are asking our fire trustees to consider that, if Telus cannot provide watertight proof that a cell antenna at such close range is safe, risking harm to our firefighters and our children would be a horrible mistake.

People slated for irradiation by this “possible cause of cancer in humans” (US EPA classification), have the right to determine if this installation happens.

The writer is a member of Island Residents Opposed to Cell-Phone Antennae.

Your letters are welcome

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

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What's the best book you've read so far this summer?*



Claire Macsymbic

Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold.



Judith Cartwright

I love reading and I haven't had a chance to read a single book so far this summer.



Tony Garcia

It's called When Character Was King by Peggy Noonan. It's a biography of president Ronald Reagan. It's a good book to help people really understand what he stood for and how much he did for the country.



Annemarie Van Bodegraven

Flirting With Pete by Barbara Delinsky.



Minzie Anderson

Sue Monk Kidd's The Secret Life of Bees. It's a novel and a wonderful story. It's a book that every mother and daughter should read.

Letters to the Editor

Cell shock

I applaud the Driftwood for balancing out the debate on the cell-phone antenna issue.

The July 21 article by Pat Burkette was fair and the letter from Susan Foster Ambrose provided a needed counterpoint to the previous article featuring the Telus spokesman.

I was shocked, however, to read that the fire trustees confirmed their decision to allow an antenna downtown, regardless of the very strong evidence that it will be harmful.

These men are explicitly entrusted with our safety and are breaking that trust. We saw how public outrage over the dismissal of firefighters Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge had zero impact on these elected representatives. They arrogantly do what they want to do and hope the issue will "blow over." All we can do with this lot is wait for the next election.

But I hope this won't blow over. I hope every time you look up to see the time, or drive or walk in front of the fire station, you will remember Ambrose's letter. In it, this recipient of the Hero's Award for Protecting the Health and Safety of Firefighters shows proven effects

of memory loss, severe headaches, depression, vertigo and other symptoms. Before it's too late, I hope you will act to stop this antenna.

Let's talk to Telus in terms that they'll understand. Cancel your Telus service today (Sprint has a promo on right now — for residential service and long distance). Then let Telus know you've done it, and why. E-mail Telus representative Richard Carlson at richard.carlson@uniserve.com.

Tell IROCA too, so they can keep track of the profits Telus will lose (canderson@uniserve.com). Hitting Telus where they will listen is the best tactic for defeating this. The trustees won't listen, so make Telus listen.

CHRISTINA SCHLATTNER,
Salt Spring

Walking talk

It was with great sadness that I read the letter from M. Hames in the July 14 Driftwood.

I respect him tremendously and love him dearly. He is one of the very few living Canadians who can say that they have their art in the National Gallery.

My hope is that readers don't focus on the sour grapes tone of his letter but rather hear that behind it he cares very deeply for the

environment and loves our island.

I would like to address the points that he brings up.

As far as judging people as hypocrites, my response is that we're all hypocrites. Anyone who believes otherwise is a liar and a hypocrite. What's important is doing the best one can and going in the right direction.

Regarding the burning plywood mentioned in the letter, I want to take full responsibility for that, and I made that decision after consulting with the recycling centre and the provincial environment ministry.

Regarding the lakefront camping spot that was created, I would venture that few other lakefront owners have preserved as much of a shore as the Bachmans. Creating a spot to pitch a tent was my idea and I believe nearly inconsequential from an environmental point of view.

People with money will spend it. The important thing is what they spend it on.

They may spend it investing in Manulife (who funded the clearcutting of Salt Spring a few years ago).

They may spend it unknowingly supporting the American military through investment.

They may spend it build-

ing a large house made from toxic materials that our descendants will have to deal with. They may spend it investing in a mutual fund that invests in Norske Canada. I applaud the Bachman decisions to invest their time and money in environmental issues.

As the builder of their rammed earth house, they never once asked me to compromise the environment to save money. I did the best I could and have huge respect for their commitment to line up their lives with their values. I know of very few people who are willing to walk the talk like they do.

When people have the courage to stand up for their values and rise up above the radar there will surely be some who take shots at them. If we are to give the future a chance environmentally, then people like the Bachmans and Robert Bateman need to feel our support, not our disillusionment. I am so grateful for their leadership.

MEROR KRAYENHOFF,
Salt Spring

Misguided

I don't mind if the NIMBYs of Salt Spring Island deprive themselves of the benefits of modern communications. That is their choice for their life (or death

if help is delayed by lack of communications).

But they have no right to deprive others.

Cellular phones have become very useful for people in distress, including to back up police and other public safety networks that do fail. Signal coverage on Salt Spring is so deficient that some people get better signals from U.S. carriers in the San Juan Islands than from their Canadian provider.

Based on superstition, coincidence and supposition rather than verified facts and proven cause-effect relationships, Salt Spring's misguided activists are using government force to deprive others of capabilities that help their lives. Shame!

If the NIMBYs are correct, they should be demanding that all cellular phones be banned because the signal level experienced by phone users from their own phone, and by people near them, will be greater than that from the high antenna location. (Since signal diminishes with the square of distance, even though the cellular site's transmitter is more powerful than a phone's, the signal strength will be lower because of the much greater distance from transmitter to

person.)

On another topic, I wonder if there is more to the story in the July 21 Driftwood about the fence blocking access to the garbage service.

Several months ago, employees of the service told me that they had planned to put gravel on top of the recently placed dirt but held off due pending redevelopment of the shopping centre. (There has been a redevelopment notice signboard at the other end of the centre for at least as long — why is there no progress on that? Might the land that the garbage service is on be a good addition to the shopping centre property?)

As well, it seems rather late to put a fence up to keep the paved parking clean — that should have been done months ago in rainy season, now it need not be done until the end of next September just before the rains come.

A separate driveway is being built to access the garbage service — what they should have had anyway, as it will keep their traffic out of the crowded shopping centre lot with its long one-way sections.

KEITH SKETCHLEY,
Saanich, B.C.

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Ghana project aims to educate one woman at a time

Educated women, in general, have fewer children. This is true worldwide.

Education empowers them in many ways, from learning how and where to get information to standing up for their rights to apply it.

The spin-off benefits of smaller families are huge, because demographics determine to a large degree how human societies run.

Young men aged 15 to 29 are, in particular, a force to be reckoned with.

Big families lead to big cohorts of these fellows. Where there's not enough land, employment, young women, etc. for them, they get busy making opportunities, often with dreadful results.

Witness the Taliban, which simply means "students" — too many young men at loose ends in an

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BY BRENDA GUILLED



area that can't support them.

Witness Rwanda, which had the world's highest birthrate for years before the genocide.

Whenever there are too many young men for a country's carrying capacity and social needs, trouble erupts, from neighbourhood skirmishes to all-out war.

The traditional way of solving this problem has been military: sign 'em up and periodically bleed the troops. It works in a Band-aid way, but doesn't address the root cause or provide a cure.

The solution has nothing to do with the young men, who are a wonderful resource when they

make up to about 15 per cent of a population (see Mesquida & Weiner's seminal 1996 research).

The answer lies in limiting their numbers, which means giving women control over reproduction. Educate them, and they'll take care of the rest.

Most educated women don't know or care about demographics, but the result is smaller family sizes, whatever their reasons for having fewer kids.

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sales job required. They just need the money to get to school and stay there.

Educated women then beget more educated women, creating, as Marlyn Horsdal of Salt Spring writes, "an upward spiral effect throughout society."

She's found a fabulous way to use her power of one, then adding one more and one more, to help six girls, so far, in Ghana stay in school, girls who'd have to quit if they didn't receive financial help.

They need a mere \$350 (Cdn) for each year's full tuition, room and board.

Marlyn served with CUSO in Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city, in 1964, when only 29 per cent of girls went to high school. When she returned in 1996, she was "disappointed to see that the proportion of girls hadn't increased."

As her 60th birthday approached

in 2002, she asked that all gifts be donations to an "Educating Girls in Africa" fund.

She, her mother-in-law Maggie Schubart, and sister Elsa Fraser set up an account by that name at Island Savings Credit Union in Ganges.

Through "a whole bunch of people giving \$20 to \$100," the account now has about \$13,000. When it reaches \$15K, she'll seek matching funds from appropriate foundations to create an endowment that "will never run out, so we'll never have to drop a student half-way through her schooling."

She writes, "If you would like to contribute — hurray — you could make out a cheque to that account and send it to her at 111 Reynolds Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1Y2.

Thank you very much!"

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No safety

I was at the July 19 fire trustees meeting where the trustees confirmed their decision to allow a cell-phone antenna on the fire station clock tower in downtown Ganges.

During the whole discussion, the representative for Telus did not even actually say the antenna is safe. Not once did Rick Carlson from Telus make a clear statement

such as, "We can show it's safe" or "We can prove it's safe."

Why not? I believe this is a crucial point. Mr. Carlson never made any statement about Telus proving safety because he knows they can't! To make such a statement would then leave the company looking very bad indeed, and wide open to lawsuits.

On the other hand, the trustees were presented with a list of dozens of scientific papers that demonstrate dangerous effects. (And we can show them hundreds more.) Mike Schubart also had a couriered letter from Susan Foster Ambrose, which the Driftwood printed last week. He had not even read it, although he had opened it to see what it was. You'd think they'd be interested in what she had to say, since she was given the "Hero Award" by the San Diego fire department for her work in exposing the dangers of cell antennae.

In light of all the evidence of harm, several members of the community requested the trustees act on the side of caution — to not install the antenna unless safety was proven. (And really, how can there be any other humanly decent choice?)

Knowing that the fire department in Vancouver is commissioning an independent study, our fire trustees chose not to wait for the results. Knowing that there is a great deal of independent scientific evidence of danger, they chose to go ahead and allow Telus to install an antenna. Knowing that children are up to 10 times more sensitive to harm, they chose to ignore the wishes of the British Columbia Parents Advisory Council, who recommend these antennae not be installed anywhere near schools. How can it be worth taking such a clearly demonstrated risk with the health and lives of your children for

one kilometre of improved cell phone coverage?

You'll soon be seeing notices about the public hearing (held in accordance with recommendations by Industry Canada and the federal government). Invited speakers will include scientists, community members, Telus and the fire trustees.

Whatever you believe right now, please attend so you can be fully informed on this critical matter.

MICHAEL LINEHAN,
Salt Spring

Green bashing

Tom Wright, in his July 14 letter, commented on a Peter Robinson letter published the week before that the combined NDP and Green Party votes could theoretically have elected either the first Green Party MP in Canadian history or another NDP MP.

Despite all the good intentions, it is unlikely the Green Party and the NDP will ever come to any agreement in regards to some sort of "coalition" for electoral purposes. This idea has already been taken up with the NDP Leaders at both federal and provincial levels. The answer has been the same: "fold your tent and come home."

Greens simply do not feel at home in the Union dominated NDP, which is democratic in name only.

As for Green Party policy, our current leader Jim Harris had nothing to do with it. Green Party policy is co-created by a very long process of consensus where any member can put forward policy or comments on any proposed policy. It is the only truly democratic policy development of any federal party.

In regard to "taxation," Green policy is to "shift" taxes from "good" things to "bad" things. For example, the Green Party is the only federal party to suggest increasing excise taxes on fossil fuels by 10 cents per litre. In order to reduce fuel consumption, higher prices are necessary to give the consumer the correct information. Half of the increase

in excise tax is to be used to reduce income taxes on the lowest income earners, a tax cut that most NDPers could support, I assume.

Strangely, both Conservative and NDP policy is to subsidize fuel prices. This is both economically and environmentally un-sustainable. Subsidized fuel would lead to greater consumption, greater pollution, less public transit, higher health costs and higher income taxes to pay for it all.

We probably have the best chance right here to elect the first Green MLA in Canada. That would transform politics in B.C., something the NDP wants to avoid at all costs. Expect more Green bashing as we get closer to the May provincial election.

BARON FOWLER,
Epron Road,
Former GPC campaign manager, Saanich-Gulf Islands

Promote change

I attended the Mary Hawkins Library AGM in 2003. I went because I had been asked to join the board (which I declined because of other commitments) and also because I was curious.

I have worked in health science libraries for many years but not in public libraries. And the Mary Hawkins library is unique, in more ways than one.

I was one of several people who posed some questions to the board. My concern, reported in the March 26 Driftwood, concerned professionalism and the direction the library appears to be taking. I did not have the opportunity to raise another more important issue and I would like to do so now.

The library should think about redefining its role within a broader community context. If the library can anticipate and support the community's educational, social and cultural missions, it can serve a wider segment of the community. While building larger quarters is worthwhile as far as it goes, the library also needs the tools and resources to

become a vital force in the community. In my opinion, the community deserves more than it is getting now and should demand better.

A public or community library can assume one of two roles: passive/custodial, or active/dynamic. The former model is outmoded and outdated, but is the model presently represented by the Mary Hawkins library.

A passive or custodial model is one in which the library houses, organizes and lends books and other materials to members of the community, with conditions imposed such as overdue fines and a limit on the number of books borrowed. It sits back and waits for people to borrow materials, and then puts them back on the shelves when they are returned.

A more dynamic model of library service is one in which the library sees itself as an agent for social change. It sponsors and/or provides community outreach programs, such as literacy programs. It promotes community values by sponsoring cultural events such as art exhibits, film showings or poetry readings. It supports current concerns of the community at large such as safety, environmental and health care by acquiring and promoting materials that actively support initiatives in these areas.

The library has the potential to become a more energetic and active force in the community. To realize this potential, the library needs a vision that encompasses and promotes change in the community. New organizational structures that facilitate a responsiveness to change may help, with a greater focus on external dimensions of service.

In my view, it is time for the Mary Hawkins library to change from a traditional, passive approach to service to one of innovation and inclusion.

JUDY LEVINE,
Isabella Point Road

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Islanders work for peace sleeping beside 'the elephant'

By SHEILA REID

When atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 59 years ago, the world was ushered into a new era.

Humanity knew that it had acquired the power to kill not only "the enemy" but to destroy most of life on earth. These bombs had unprecedented killing power.

"In the early stages of the [Hiroshima] explosion, temperatures of tens of millions of degrees were produced and the light emitted was roughly 10 times the brightness of the sun. Surveys disclosed that severe radiation injury occurred to all exposed persons within a radius of one kilometre."

According to U.S. estimates, 60,000 to 70,000 people were killed immediately and they were considered the fortunate ones by the more than 140,000 men, women and children who were seriously injured.

"The survivors waited for death as emergency services were minimal."

It seems that the U.S. government tried to diminish the

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horror of what it had done. The bombs were referred to as "little boy" and "fat man" and President Truman assured his people that the Hiroshima bomb was dropped on a military base in order to minimize the killing of civilians. But, as we all know, such was not the case.

Individuals and governments still try to convince us that "our" weapons of mass destruction are justified, as are "our" wars, jihads, etc. But deep down we all know that the nuclear age presents all of humanity with a frightening, but also a rather wonderful choice: we can pursue the path of violence or we can work to resolve our differences nonviolently.

Organizers of Hiroshima Day commemorations on Salt Spring choose the latter option. And we are not alone. Indeed, the survivors of those first nuclear bombings have gone on to promote peace in a variety of ways.

On the memorial cenotaph

in the Hiroshima Peace Park you will find the prayer: "Let all souls rest in peace, for we shall not repeat the evil."

In the Nagasaki Peace Declaration they say: "The citizens of Nagasaki wish that they be the last ones to suffer from the damage and tragedy caused by an atomic bombing and nuclear weapons." Can we afford to ignore these voices?

Visitors to the Peace Memorial Park see brightly colored paper cranes everywhere. They are folded as a wish for peace in many countries around the world. Approximately 10 million cranes are offered each year before this Children's Peace Monument, also known as the Tower of a Thousand Cranes.

Efforts for peace coming out of Hiroshima do not stop with the Peace Park.

"Mayors for Peace" is an organization launched by a Hiroshima mayor which is supported in 611 cities around the world.

Unfortunately, while millions are working for peace, the U.S. government, the

world's most powerful — in military might, at least — is not, and therein lies our Canadian dilemma.

As Pierre Trudeau once observed: "We are sleeping beside the elephant!"

At the same time as the U.S. denounces others for having "weapons of mass destruction," it continues to research ways to make nuclear weapons more useable in ordinary warfare. The Bush administration's FY 2004 nuclear warhead research budget request exceeds the spending level of the peak of the cold war years and it is abrogating treaties which have, arguably, protected us over the previous decades.

The question of Canada's participation in the North American Missile Defence system is coming up imminently. This same system was formerly known as the "Star Wars Plan." Although the U.S. administration

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Remarkable

For your information, Salt Spring is about to be visited by a rather remarkable woman from New Zealand.

She is known all over the world as Wintergreen. Besides her own academic degrees, I understand she holds an honorary degree from the United Nations.

Presently living in New Zealand, she has established there a charitable trust with the sole purpose of making childbirth easier for women.

The trust puts out books, videos and leaflets for that purpose.

My friends in New Zealand tell me her methods are most effective.

If anyone wishes to meet and talk with her, she will be here for about five days starting on July 31 and can be contacted through me at 537-5238.

ART MORTON,
Park Drive

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refers to it as a defence system, many consider it to be the first stage of a system that will later involve space-based offensive weapons.

Whatever the truth, one immediate fear is that it could spark an arms race between the United States and other nuclear powers or rogue nations. The price tag on it is estimated to be hundreds of billions.

Canadians, in an Ipsos-Reid poll of March this year, rejected our participation in this "missile shield" by a margin of seven to three. Since Paul Martin did not campaign on the issue, he has no mandate to implicate Canada in the scheme, but it is technically possible for him to do so.

Most observers agree that such an unpopular move would amount to political suicide for him at this point, but others fear he might try anyway. We need to remind him

of our decisions on this issue.

To this end, Maggie Schubarth is drafting letters to Martin and others. She'll bring them to our Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day commemoration on August 9 at the Peace Park in Ganges so anyone who wishes will have the opportunity to add their voice to this renewed appeal to keep Canada out of "Star Wars."

Working for peace through creating the sustainable society of the future is the most important work for peace that we can do but at the same time we need to convince our neighbour that peace will come through international understanding and respect for other people's rights, not through the continued use of force!

The writer is a member of the Hiroshima Day events committee.

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My reasons are several: for one thing, golf is too expensive. Secondly, I have little inclination to dress up like a pimp.

And third, I've got much better ways of spending a sunny summer afternoon than humping around a manicured lawn trying to push a ball into a hole with a stick.

Besides, golf is too . . . stuffy. There's the polyester-heavy dress code, for starters.

Then there's that fake-jock locker room banter to endure and all the correct procedures to observe when you're out on the course.

The score cards, the dinky gloves, the dorky shoes — it's all way too much like Boy Scouts.

Mind you, that may be changing.

That would seem to be the lesson to be learned from the first annual Shoreditch Urban Open Tournament held recently in England.

You read it right — "urban." At the Shoreditch Open, the players (there were 64 of them) swatted golf balls through the streets of a chi chi section of London.

Naturally, certain . . . adjustments have to be made to play golf downtown.

The Shoreditch Open organizers persuaded the City Fathers to temporarily close off several streets to traffic. The mechanics of the

game changed too. Urban golf balls are cotton-stuffed leather orbs. They travel only about half as fast and half as far as your Spalding Three-dot, but there's no chance of them shattering a window.

Newspaper kiosks, storm drains, lampposts and fire hydrants substitute for the usual water hazards, sand traps and rough.

The Shoreditch Open didn't throw the entire rulebook out the window. Players were required to use regulation clubs.

Any shot that landed on "private property" was ruled out of bounds.

Any player who hit a telephone wire with his drive had to replay the shot without penalty.

The object of Urban Golf? To have fun — which makes it pretty much the polar opposite of traditional golf. The winner was a duffer who answers to "Tuna" and came in at 19 over par.

Shoreditch organizer Jeremy Feakes explains his motivation: "I didn't like all the rules and attitude involved with proper golf, but I like Urban Golf because it's all about being playful."

John Dean would no doubt agree. Dean's the publisher of a brand new magazine called Golf Punk.

"It's the golf magazine for the rest of us," he explains.

The magazine is dedicated to turning the traditional game inside out.

Looks like the game of

golf is changing faster than Randy White's political fortunes — and on more fronts than one.

There was a tiny item on the sports pages last week about David Morris. Mister Morris is a professional British golfer who's been accused of cheating.

The man's crime? Seeing.

David Morris is the reigning world blind golf champion. His detractors are suggesting that he's not blind at all.

The amazing part of this story to me is not the possible peccadilloes of David Morris, champion blind golfer.

It's that there exists such a thing as a Blind Golf Championship.

Blind golf???? Who knew?

Not me — and not my pal Eddie either, apparently. Eddie tromped into a Chicago clubhouse recently and discovered Stevie Wonder sitting on a bench, his white cane on one side of him and a bag of golf clubs on the other.

"You a member here, Stevie?"

"Oh, yeah," replies Stevie, "I try to get in at least 18 holes a week."

"Oh," says Eddie. "So what's your, um, handicap?"

"Actually, I'm a scratch golfer," says Stevie.

"I only play for money. Thousand bucks a hole, minimum."

By this time, Eddie's rubbing his hands together (A blind guy! A thousand dollars a hole!)

"Ahhhh, Stevie," he says, "any chance you'd play a round with me?"

"Sure," says Stevie. "Just pick a night."



QUILT COLOUR: Madalene Jory's colourful blouse blends well with an Elna Gravelle quilt called Montana Cartwheel. The quilt was part of a display at the Salt Spring Natural Fibre Festival. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Wonderful

Last Friday Ron Max and Mark Perry gave a tribute to Virginia Newman — to me!

Many people came to watch the video they had created out of my life: Raging Grannies, musicians, actors, friends from the over 30 years spent on Salt Spring and, of course, my daughter Sue and granddaughter Patrice who keep me going!

Thanks again to all. I couldn't go to sleep afterwards; went home and played music and looked at pictures.

I hadn't realized what a wonderful life I've had!
VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Quebec Drive

Opposed

Last week's article on the four-day school week suggests that many CUPE members in Boundary School District are happy with the four-day school week.

That suggestion is not correct. In Boundary, as with most school districts where the four-day experiment has been put in place, controversy is the operative word. While some CUPE members may be in a financial position to see their wages reduced by 20 per cent and still have the money to provide for the extra tutoring and day care required, most do not.

In Boundary, as in other communities, CUPE members opposed the four-day school week because it was introduced not for its educational value but to save money as a result of underfunding from the province.

In that community and others that have gone to the reduced school week, all kinds of services have been reduced and the overall quality of school life is diminished — along with students' overall academic standings.

Overall, CUPE members are expressing outrage and joining parents in opposition to the four-day school week in Boundary, Terrace, Kitwanga and now the Gulf Islands.

BARRY O'NEILL,
President, CUPE B.C.
Vancouver

Fantasticks

It was the summer of '89 when I had the pleasure of playing Luisa in the Active P.A.S.S. production of The Fantasticks.

What a treasure of a show, I discovered, through the pleasure of working with April Curtis, Lynda Jensen, Malindi Curtis, Dan Miller, James Wilkinson, Ralph Miller, Ron Brunette, Michael Curtis, Brien Foerster, Chris Kodaly, Tone Prosk and Liz Martin.

It was when Off Centre

Stage, the gallery and theatre venue, was located where the Lady Minto Thrift Shop is now. What a fun time we had there. At the time it was the longest running musical on Salt Spring! My daughter Lauren was eight, and was very concerned about a kiss between James and I.

"My Dad's gonna beat you up if you do that again!" she told James.

If you've never seen the show, it's a charmer and is being presented by Quintessence Musical Theatre Project, directed by David Adams and Andy Toth, with musical direction by Scott Knight and choreography by Dana Kosalko-Harris. And guess who's playing the girl, Luisa? Lauren Bowler, that's who.

The Fantasticks is the world's longest-running musical and has only recently been made into a movie, starring Joel Grey. With a libretto by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, including the hit song Try to Remember, the show has been playing non-stop since it started in 1960.

The Fantasticks is at the Waterfront Theatre in Vancouver on Granville Island, and runs until July 31.

SUE NEWMAN,
Salt Spring

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 Hobbies: Floating on my air mattress.
 Home finished/unfinished: Finished.
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 Favourite read: The Sun Also Rises — Hemingway.
 Best thing about SSI: The doughboys at the market.
 Worst thing about SSI: Parking.
 Best place to kiss on SSI?: If only I were so lucky . . .

DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

Letters

Hearty note

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon, Vancouver Island, Powell River and Gulf Islands area office would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the school community of Gulf Islands for their generous support of the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs.

Hats off to:
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 Because of you, we have enjoyed a very successful year, allowing us to continue to fund vital cardiovascular research as well as important health promotion, patient support and advocacy programs.

We look forward to promoting healthy and active hearts within Gulf Island schools, as we lead the way to greater understanding of the root causes of heart disease and stroke.

Heartfelt thanks!
P.J. HALLIDAY,
 School program coordinator, Vancouver Island/Powell River Area, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon

Manson

I wish to send my condolences to the entire Toynbee family on the passing of Manson Toynbee.

He was a person who led a colourful life and will be missed by many.

A toast to the life of Manson. Cheers!
JAMES FALCON,
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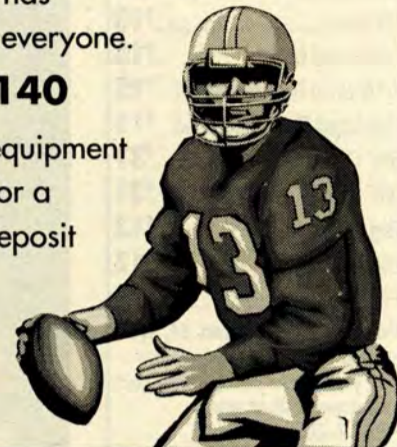
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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to people who let their dogs zoom at top speed around the tiny Cusheon Lake beach access, running into people and rolling merrily in others' towels, blankets and clothing. I may have a washing machine, as suggested by one of the dog owners, but that doesn't make Cusheon Lake an appropriate spot for exercising dogs. Gail Sjuberg

ROSES

A big bouquet of budding roses to the skate park crew, committee and users. You have preserved a pathway for pedestrians, wheelchairs, baby buggies and bicycles. You've been courteous, considerate and kind to us whenever we walk alongside or through the park. You are awesome! F & G N

Big bunches of fragrant roses to the person who turned in my keys, and the staff at CIBC and Curves who tracked down the owner. CE

Roses to the lady hitchhiker whom we gave a short ride to. We enjoyed the butter-scotch ripple ice cream you left in the car by mistake. You were going to Maliview. If you get in touch with us we will buy you more. Lynne Raymond.

Roses for the beautiful

ceremony for the installation of Bishop Richard Gagnon, new Roman Catholic bishop of Victoria and all the Gulf Islands. RD

Bouquets of beautiful roses to all my neighbours who had to listen to my dog bark for two hours while I was out. I really did leave her inside but she escaped through the cat door and couldn't get back in. I am so sorry! CE

A warm thank-you to Harlan's Chocolates for supporting our local SPCA with a fundraiser from sales of their delicious homemade Italian gelato.

Roses and maybe a cool brew to Peter Vincent for his honest observations in the Driftwood that Salt Spring Island perhaps isn't quite the perfect paradise on earth claimed by pious SSI patriots. DB-J

A lovely pair of red roses to Tom Hoff and Ron Aird of the Houseboat store on Herford Avenue for their very kind and generous donation of a variety of household items from their shop to the United Church's Itty Bitty Bazaar.

Bouquets of roses to each member of Music Makers and Music and Munch of the Anglican Parish. In a Sunny Salt Spring Garden and the indoor floral display were absolutely delightful. You made my heart sing. Thank you. JW

Thank you to Skin Sensations and Studio 103 Hair Design for volunteering creative talents and time to the fibre fest fashion show. It was sincerely appreciated. KS

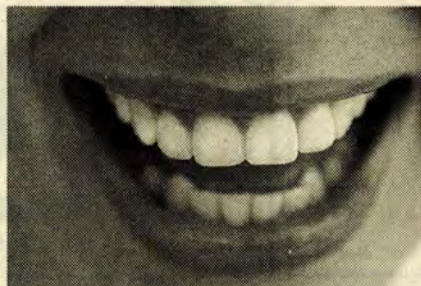
To Johane for an uplifting body and soul massage. DH.

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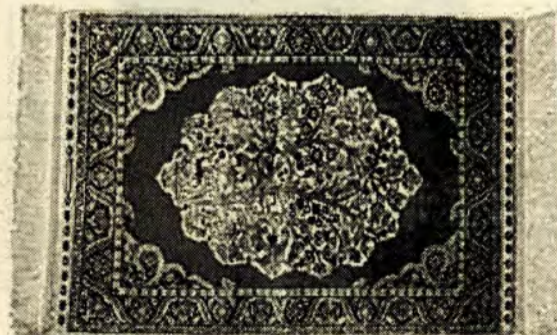
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Fundraising mail merges peace with politics

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Cherie Geauvreau encourages islanders to ponder peace, politics and poverty through a unique fundrais-

ing project she initiated last week.

The Salt Spring resident invites people to participate by dropping a minimum \$2 donation into a copper kettle

that sits on a small table she sets up around town. Next to the kettle is a basket full of handwoven reed peace symbols made by Geauvreau.

At the centre of the display is a white woolen hat filled with the names of Canada's 308 members of parliament written on strips of paper.

Donors choose a name from the hat and address an envelope to the politician. Inside the envelope, participants insert a peace symbol along with a personalized message promoting peaceful parliamentary activity. They can opt for one of three messages pre-written by Geauvreau, or they may decide to write their own tidings.

"So far we've got over 75 members of parliament receiving peace messages and peace symbols through the mail," Geauvreau said Friday, her third day promoting the project. "I just sent the first batch off. I take them down to Fulford where they still hand-stamp."

Even visitors from America and Australia sent the messages "with pleasure," she said.

She has woven 3,000 peace symbols, and will weave more if necessary.

"It's meditative. I like doing it. I think about the meaning of peace while I do it. Peace needs a framework to stand on. There isn't anyone I talk to that doesn't want peace."

Forming opinions about Fulford's peace camp distracts people from real issues on the island, she added.

"When a community focusses on having an opinion about that, it ends up polarizing people, and it averts our gaze from the true problems in our community."

All funds raised by the project will be split between Peace Works! and Copper Kettle Community Partnership, two local non-profit organizations Geauvreau is involved with. Peace Works! aims to counteract war and

violence through positive activities like music, art or poetry, with an annual festival in October.

Copper Kettle is a grassroots initiative that strives to find solutions to poverty, hunger, homelessness and isolation issues on Salt Spring.

Geauvreau got the idea for the project when a community member donated thousands of empty envelopes to the Copper Kettle.

"I thought, 'What am I going to do with those?' Send them to Ottawa," she said.

Geauvreau will be set up Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Market in the Meadow next to the United Church. She can also be found on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. outside GVM and Saturday mornings in the Market in the Park.

For more information about Peace Works!, contact Geauvreau at 537-1027. To learn more about Copper Kettle, call 537-5863.

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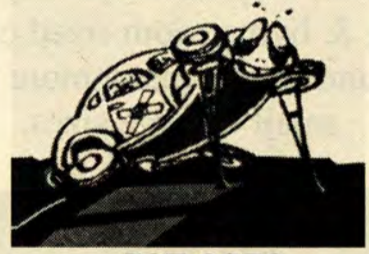
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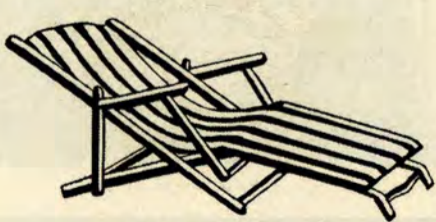
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Salt Spring artist Faulkner designs Fulford postmark

The distinctive view from Fulford Harbour is being commemorated in a locally designed postmark, which will be stamped onto outgoing mail leaving the Fulford post office.

A few weeks ago, local artist Delaine Faulkner created an ink image that depicts a sailboat drifting across the harbour with Mount Maxwell's Baynes Peak gracing the background.

"It's quite an honour," she said.

The familiar Salt Spring scene has also been produced on postcards available at the Fulford postal outlet.

"The first day I brought these postcards here, a lady said, 'Oh, these are so great.' She bought two of them and I still have the two loonies," said Faulkner, who also does calligraphy and watercolour paintings.

Postmistress Catherine Trudell was inspired to ask Faulkner to design the postmark after seeing handmade postcards the artist often mails from the outlet.

Faulkner is part of a worldwide postcard exchange, and always makes sure that her outgoing creations are hand-stamped from Fulford.

"I like to say this is where I am. This is where I live," said the long-time island resident.



ART STAMP: Local artist Delaine Faulkner (left) and postmistress Catherine Trudell celebrate the scenic new postmark Faulkner recently designed for the Fulford post office.
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Shopping bags promote local producers

Salt Spring Island shoppers now have a fashionable way to carry their goods.

The new Simply Salt Spring canvas shopping bags are available for purchase at the Visitor Information Centre.

Sewn by local seamstress Donna Johnstone and silk-screened by local artist James Mackie, the bags are quickly flying off the shelf. Priced at just \$18, (Salt Spring Dollars preferred) the bags provide a way for consumers to show their support for buying locally.

Displaying the attractive Simply Salt Spring™ logo, the bags also provide a way to spread the word about the unique nature of products made on Salt Spring Island.

The Simply Salt Spring™



READY TO SHOP: Cheryl Laxton, CED Project supervisor, checks out the Thrifty Foods plant selection with her island-produced Simply Salt Spring canvas shopping bag.

Photo contributed

logo promotes locally made products and services to Salt Spring residents and off-island consumers. Besides

appearing on items of local manufacture, logos are displayed in the retail, grocery and hospitality sector outlets offering food or beverages grown or crafted on the island.

In the future, the logo will be seen off-island on labels of products that are shipped for sale.

It will also be visible online with the website www.simplysaltspring.com, connecting people to producers, retailers, artists and other businesses using the logo.

For more information, contact the CED Project office at 537-4219 or check out the website <http://www.simplysaltspring.com> or <http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/cedproject>.

PART-TIME CHIEF LIBRARIAN

Salt Spring Island Public Library Association

Applications are now being received for the position of part-time Chief Librarian.

The Chief Librarian works in concert with the Board and many volunteers of the Library to see that the day-to-day activities of the Library run smoothly.

A copy of the full job posting is available upon request or via the library's website: www.saltspringlibrary.com

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Native plants tracked at Saturday walk

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy will continue with its stewardship project this summer with a botanical walk in Ruckle Park on Saturday, July 31.

The walk will be geared to those who wish to learn more about native plants and grasses with conservancy biologist Robin Annschild leading the identification tour of plants of interest and native grasses.

People should meet at the Beaver Point Hall trailhead at 9 a.m.

The event is offered as part of the Salt Spring Conser-



NATURE IN FOCUS: The flora and fauna of Ruckle Park will be uncovered at a walk this Saturday hosted by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

vancy's Stewardship Project 04, which provides support for landholders in identifying and enhancing natural habitats on their land. It runs

until the end of 2004, and focusses on stewardship of species at risk and Garry oak meadow ecosystems.

Included in the project are

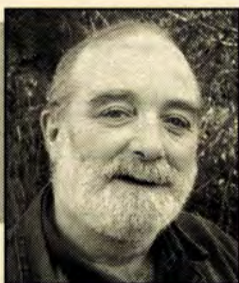
several educational events looking at some of Salt Spring's species at risk, such as butterflies and the sharp-tailed snake.

The project offers landholders the opportunity to invite an SSIC biologist to walk their land with them to answer stewardship questions and share information about the sensitive ecosystems found on their property.

If your property contains Garry oak meadows or species at risk and you would like to arrange for a visit by conservancy biologists, please contact the conservancy office at 538-0318 or by e-mail at ssiconservancy@saltspring.com.

Local currencies aren't small change

CURRENCY CORNER



by Jim Scott

The Local Currencies in the 21st Century conference brought together "a group of extraordinary people who are re-inventing money," said conference organizer Chris Lindstrom. The reinvention is taking place in the field of complimentary or local currencies that work at local and regional scales to build sustainable communities.

Eric Booth was animated when I spoke with him last week about the conference. Over 290 people from five continents attended the E. F. Schumacher Society sponsored conference. According to Eric, who represented the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation (SSIMF), the attendees were a diverse group, but they shared a common belief in restoring community self-reliance and bringing economic and social activities back to a more human scale.

A director of the SSIMF, Eric has tirelessly volunteered on behalf of our local currency for the past four years. The recognition accorded the SSIMF model of a local currency fully integrated with the national currency has reinvigorated his vision. Not satisfied with having helped develop an emerging global standard for local currencies, Eric sought insights into how to make Salt Spring Dollars (\$\$) more effective.

He pointed to two people he met at the conference whose ideas reinforced the SSIMF's vision that a local currency can be a tool for social justice, community development, and economic and environmental stability.

One was the conference keynote speaker, Margrit Kennedy. Kennedy, a German citizen, has over the last 15 years advocated monetary reform. Her keynote address stressed that "money can be made to serve rather than to rule, to be used - rather than profit-oriented - and to create abundance, stability, and sustainability." Eliminating interest, Kennedy believes, would alleviate pressure and put more wealth into the hands of local economies. The other, Per Almgren, designed the interest-free savings and loan system used by the JAK Bank in Sweden since 1973. Their ideas deserve further examination, Eric said.

More next week.

Animal emergency plan underway

Salt Spring's furry friends were the main focus of the last Farmers Institute meeting when speaker Chuck Hamilton discussed emer-

gency plans for island animals.

"If you have to have an emergency shelter for 500 people, you will probably have about 250 cats and dogs," said Farmers Institute president Chris Schmah.

Attendees at the meeting formed a committee to work on an emergency evacuation plan for the animal community. The first step will be to determine the location of all the livestock on the island. The committee will also research paths of escape.

"We've been given the

heads-up that a plan for animals doesn't exist on Salt Spring. We're going to take the lead on this," said Schmah.

"At the fall fair this year, we'll be collecting information. We want to know roughly where these animals are on the island."

Salt Spring's four-legged community will be in the spotlight at the fall fair on September 18 and 19 with livestock displays, a horse show and sheep dog demonstrations as part of the fun.

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MOUTHFUL: Sue King hams it up for the camera as she holds a magnifying glass against her teeth. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Chricton takes over medical practice

Dr. Karen Shklanka has decided to leave her medical practice, she announced last week.

"It is with much soul-searching and it will be difficult to say good-bye," she said. "After much consideration, however, I feel it is time to make a change, to slow down, work part-time as a physician and focus for a while on my interest in creative writing."

Shklanka has been writing poetry for some years and her work was recently published in a book entitled *Coming Home*, in collaboration with other local poets.

She has taken part in several poetry readings on Salt Spring and on Vancouver Island and has also recently

been accepted for the writing program at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Dr. Robert Chricton will take over her medical practice.

Chricton qualified in South Africa in 1991 and has worked in South Africa, the United Kingdom and, for the last six years, in rural Alberta as a family physician, emergency physician and anesthetist.

He is certified with the Acupuncture Foundation of Canada as well as the Canadian College of Family Physicians.

Chricton will replace Shklanka at the beginning of August while she is on vacation. She will continue working with him upon her return

until early September.

Priority for new patients will be given to people without a doctor on the island.

2nd life source writing course set

Writers of all kinds and people interested in personal growth can attend the second Life Source Writing workshop organized by Lynda Monk.

Following the first workshop held in June, Monk received several requests to hold another session.

Co-facilitated by Monk and Meredith Knox, social worker and certified yoga instructor, it runs Sunday, August 1 from 1-4 p.m. at

Ganges Yoga Studio.

"This next workshop will deepen the integration of movement, breath and writing," said Monk. "Participants will have the opportunity to explore their writer's voice by experiencing the relaxation response in the mind and body."

Life Source Writing is a process for new and experienced writers, explained Monk.

"The overall goal of the

workshop is to introduce writing as a practice, deepen self-awareness and experiment with creative expression from a grounded, centred and expanded place."

Monk is a registered social worker, facilitator and writer. (See her website at www.creativewellnessworks.com.)

Space is limited, so people should call Monk at 653-4085 or e-mail lynda@saltspring.com to register as soon as possible.

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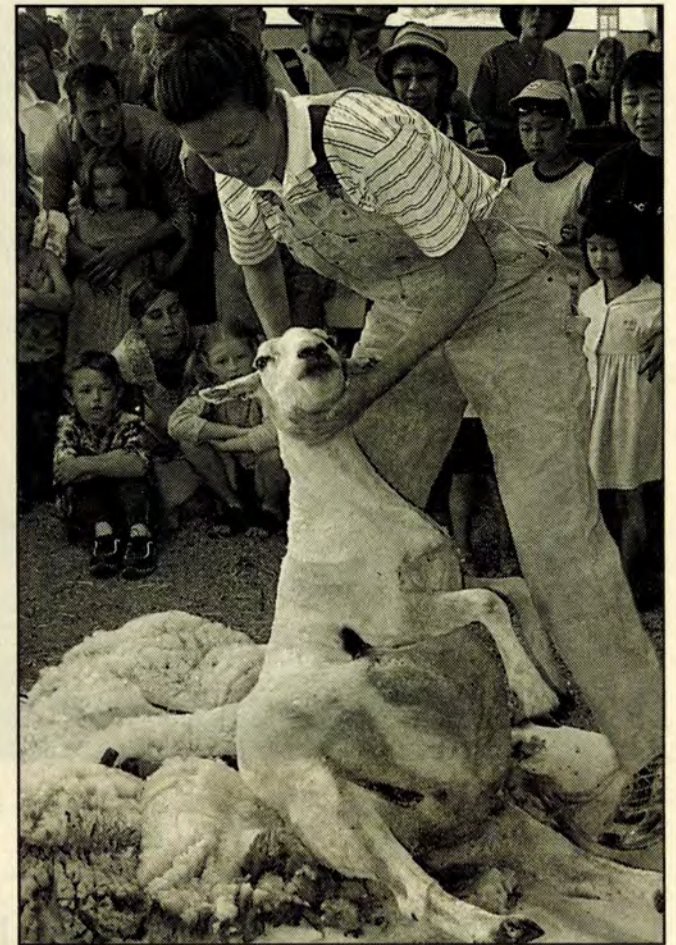
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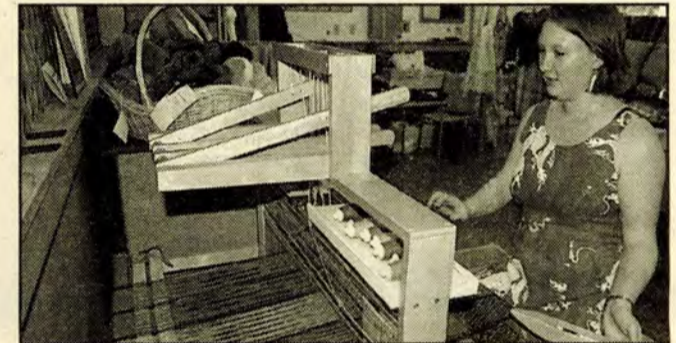
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WEAVING DEMO: Ckhy-amoj Townsend learns to handweave with wool from New Brunswick at the Fibre Festival Saturday afternoon.

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ADVENTURE ON THE SEA: Young boaters Andrew Taylor and Mikaela Heydemann set out for a paddle around Ganges Harbour, but end up bailing out the boat first.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tennis champs emerge

The Salt Spring Tennis Association hosted the Presidents Cup men's and women's doubles tournaments on the weekend, with 16 paired entries playing each day.

Eugene Chung and Dave Rowse won the July 24 men's events, followed by finalists David Philpott and Allan Bruce.

In the July 25 women's competition, Sylvia Leedham and Doris St. Germaine were the winners, and Doreen Johnson and Pat Lazenby were finalists.

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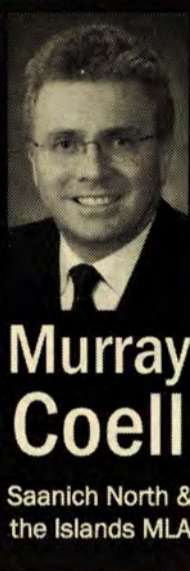
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Swimmers battle sore muscles at weekend meet

Just over 20 Salt Spring Stingrays swimmers dove from their training "hell week" into a competition in Campbell River last weekend, taking numerous top-six spot finishes but failing to pick up many best times (BTs).

The team's annual "hell week" — which included rigorous training in the pool combined with daily activities (such as a Mount Erskine hike on Monday and mini-triathlon Thursday) — left swimmers with worn-out muscles for the Campbell River meet.

Still, Stingray Jess Harkema swam four personal bests at the traditionally long meet — swimmers were at the outdoor pool 12 hours both Saturday and Sunday — while Arlo Bryn-Thorn, Liam Budd, Helena Bryn-McLeod and Amy Zacharias each nailed three BTs.

Several Stingrays took top six placements in heats, qualifying them for finals at the meet, in which athletes could compete in up to four events.

Salt Spring breaststrokes

and flyers ruled the pool, with the island team's traditional red suits and caps flooding the fly finals Saturday and breaststroke finals Sunday.

Div. 1 swimmer Connor Budd raced to a second-place finish in his breaststroke final, while in Div. 3, his brother Liam Budd won third in breast and fifth in fly.

Also in Div. 3, Sierra Lundy took first in her breast and fly finals; Grace Morgan placed sixth in both events, and Mack Rankin placed sixth in fly.

Div. 4 swimmer Danica Lundy out-touched a competitor to take first in breast and placed third in fly, while fellow Div. 4er Olivia Budd nailed sixth place in both events.

Swimming 100-m fly for the first time, Div. 5 swimmer Amy Zacharias placed 6th in that event, and then took sixth in breast as well. Fellow Div. 5ers Victoria Budd nailed third in breast, and Brendan Nickerson took second in breast and third in fly.

Many of the above swimmers also swam finals in other strokes, winning top-six placements in a total of 33 events.

Swimmers who didn't swim finals in breast or fly, but swam other finals included Danielle Viozzi, who swam to two thirds and a fourth-place finish, and Isaac Raddysh, who placed fourth in the 200-m individual medley.

BTs and top-six placements from the Campbell River meet were as follows:

Div. 1: Connor Budd, two 2nds, 6th, 2 BTs; Liam Sinclair, 1 BT.

Div. 3: Sierra Lundy, four 1sts; Grace Morgan, 2nd, two 6ths, 1 BT; Tilly Morgan, 1 BT; Nicole Pal, 1 BT; Arlo Bryn-Thorn, 3 BTs; Liam Budd, 3rd, 5th, 3 BTs; Evan Nickerson, 2 BTs; Mack Rankin, 3rd, 6th, 2 BTs.

Div. 4: Olivia Budd, two 6ths, 1 BT; Jess Harkema, 4 BTs; Danica Lundy, 1st, two 2nds, 3rd, 2 BTs; Callum Gunn, 1 BT.

Div. 5: Helena Bryn-McLeod, 3 BTs; Victoria Budd, 3rd, 5th; Amy Zacharias, 5th, two 6ths, 3 BTs; Brendan Nickerson, two 2nds, two 3rds; Isaac Raddysh, 4th, 1 BT.

Div. 6: Danielle Viozzi, two 3rds, 4th, 1 BT.

This week the Stingrays start a gradual slow-down in training as they prepare for regional championships, set for August 7-8 at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

Following court order judgment: Liquidation of Persian carpets by auction

The Supreme Court of British Columbia ordered a major B.C. retailer to pay its supplier. The B.C. retailer has fallen in arrears and, as a result, arbitrarily agreed to relinquish a larger portion of its assets for a series of liquidation auctions.

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Dennis Andrews grabs golf trophy

GOLF TEES

Dennis Andrews beat the heat and 10 other opponents in the 32nd annual Dods Cup Lefthanders Tournament held July 17.

Andrews' sizzling net 63 score earned him the Dods Cup Low Net trophy, presented by Rita Dods.

Ken Strike placed second with a net score of 69, while Femmy Schuurmans (one of the three ladies participating in the tournament) placed third with a net score of 73.



LEFTHANDERS: Players in the 32nd annual Dods Cup Lefthanders Tournament gather at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on July 17. Cup winner was Dennis Andrews. Photo contributed

In other golf news:
 • At the July 21 nine-hole ladies longest drive event, Shelagh Tulloch won both low gross (56) and low net (34).

Barb Davies and Margaret Rithaler were low gross runners-up, each scoring 58. Davies was also low net runner-up with a score of 36.

Ruthe Grant was the putt pot winner, and Liz Food tied with Davies for the longest drive.

• With a score of 95, Linda Overholt was the low gross winner at the July 20 18-hole ladies medal play event. Grace Murchie was the runner-up, scoring 101.

Kathy Darling won low net with a score of 65, followed by Thelma Champion, who scored 73.

KP winners were Linda Overholt for #2 and Mildred Mitchell for #11.

Bev Menzies was the putt pot winner.

• The business ladies also played on July 20, with Brett Savin as low gross winner.

Joanna Barrett won both low net and low putts.

Linda Joyce won closest to the pin on hole #2 and hole #11.

• Fred Lyhne was the low net winner with a score of 65 at the men's medal play event on July 22.

Bob Jones took second place, scoring net 65. Third place resulted in a four-way tie between Michael Wheaton, Gardy Webster, Ralph Quick and Bob Marshall, each scoring net 68.

Tim McBride won low gross with 74, followed by Larry Nelson with gross 81.

In the high handicap division 19 and over, John Campbell won closest to the pin (KP) on holes #2 and #11. Bruce Kirwin was the KP winner for #6 and #15.

In the low handicap division 0 to 18, Larry Davies won for KP #2 and #11, and Tim McBride won for #6 and #15.

Driftwood golfers and sponsors can jump aboard Sept. tourney

The second annual Driftwood Charity Challenge golf tournament will tee off on Sunday, September 12 this year.

Last year the charity event raised \$4,000 for youth soccer and baseball programs on Salt Spring.

Over 100 people enjoyed themselves in the nine-hole scramble tourney and at the dinner and awards presentations that followed.

This year proceeds will be awarded to Splash H2O, the organization raising money for the construction of an indoor swimming pool.

"The main reason why last year's tournament was so successful was the support we were given by our fellow businesses," said Driftwood publisher Tony Richards.

"Hole and contest sponsors generously provided the financial support and the prizes to make the tournament work. We hope we can count on their support again this year."

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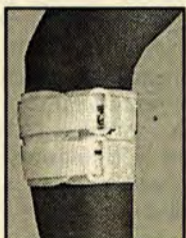
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Tandem cyclists enjoy island's simple luxuries

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A retired couple traveling by tandem bicycle has learned to slow down during their ride around the world.

"Life is as hard as you want to make it," said cyclist Art Cox. "I'm not going to say there aren't any hills in B.C., but for every uphill, there is a down."

Visiting Salt Spring from Collingwood, Ontario, Art and Lenore Cox didn't originally aim to circumnavigate the world on a tandem bicycle. But once their kids left home, someone made a generous offer on their house and Art decided to retire.

"When we sold the house, we did the typical thing. We bought a new truck and started shopping for a fifth wheel. We came very close to buying it," Art said.

But the Coxes felt some apprehension about life with a recreational vehicle after a visit to a trailer park.

"It seemed like everyone was rushing from park to park where they would open a beer and wait to die," Art said.

And they began to think about different options for their early retirement years.

"Half the trip is getting there. We've got lots of time, so we thought, 'Why not bicycle?'" he said.

Their tandem bicycle requires little maintenance, uses no fuel and it can fit in a backpack for trips on planes and trains, they noted.

"A bicycle we can fix, a car we can't," said Lenore.

Though they'd previously



WHEELIN' IT: Art and Lenore Cox take some time out as they cycle tandem around Salt Spring as part of an early retirement trip.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

sailed the Caribbean and travelled around Mexico, the Coxes hadn't been west of Saskatchewan, so they began to kick around ideas of a cycling trip to India and China.

"I'm a firm believer that

life is very short. If you want to do something, why wait?" said Art.

"We didn't want to get old and fat right away," said Lenore.

A tandem bicycle is an efficient form of transporta-

tion that allows the couple to chat more easily than on regular bicycles, he said.

"It feels like being in a canoe with someone. You feel them and you get used to it."

Still early in their trip after a June 1 launch from Vancouver, they've found that cycling has given them many advantages.

"You get to know yourself. You're not depending on a motor — it's you. It forces you to slow down."

One day they rode six kilometres without pedalling a stroke, Lenore said.

"Every day will be different. Some days we'll have a flat tire and some days will be all downhill," Art said.

Cycling provides a link with the surroundings that motorists don't experience, he said.

"On a bicycle, we see a lot more than people see in cars . . . You use all your senses. There's a purple flower along the roads out here, you can smell it as you ride up to it."

Cyclists can also eat whatever they want, he grinned.

"If you want to eat an ice cream, you're going to burn it off."

Living with few possessions at campgrounds has also helped them appreciate simple pleasures.

"Just to go have a shower is a luxury and you learn to appreciate that stuff."

And cycling has helped them forge a sense of team spirit.

"There's many times I don't think we can do it and

she puts the power to it. We will get off and walk sometimes, too. But on some hills she'll look up and say, 'We don't have far to go.' And we keep going."

They ended up visiting the hills of Salt Spring after a trip to see their son in Vic-

toria.

"He's away till August. We decided to do the whole island thing," said Lenore.

But they are just regular retired folk, Art said.

"We don't think we're athletic people. We just go one pedal at a time."

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Winning Fickles golf team posts par 36 at tournament

Precision golf was the order of the day when the Fickle Fingers league of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club played its July 7 four-man, best-ball scramble tournament.

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36 was posted by the winning team of John Lowther, Walt Swing, Bruce Kerwin and John Stewart.

Pinpoint accuracy was displayed by Ian Chisholm, who came closest to the pin on hole #2 and a booming shot by

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