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Patrons mourn Moby's closure

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A changing economic tide has washed away 15 years of vibrant life for Moby's Marine Pub. The pub closes midnight Monday so the new owners can focus on marina and retail development potential at the site.

Long-time marina resident, Moby's music coordinator and pub patron Charles Wilton takes a philosophical approach to the sudden closure of Moby's.

"I went through this whole thing with, 'Don't be angry at the rich. They're special needs people,'" he said.

Wilton laments the passing of the community-gathering place after developers Jerry Parks and Bonny O'Connor, who also own the Hastings House and have interests in the Rainbow Grove subdivision, purchased Salt Spring Marina in partnership with the Seattle Yacht Club on Thursday with a plan to close the adjoining pub.

"I thought we could boycott the Hastings House but that doesn't get us anywhere because nobody from here ever goes to the Hastings House," Wilton laughed.

But he's dismayed the pub will close due to unsatisfactory profit margins.

"The thing about bottom line is it's the bottom. 'Folks, we've reached the bottom.' It's not very pretty. It doesn't have anything to do with kids and families and places for people to gather and sing songs," he said. "What does it profit us to gain the whole world and lose our own soul?"

Wilton ran a weekly open-stage event at Moby's for the past 12 and a half years and he will host their last open stage tonight (Wednesday).

As new owner of the SS Marina, Parks remembers feeling a sense of loss when the Harbour House remodeled its pub back in the 1990s.

"We used to go dancing there and then all of a sud-

MOBY'S CLOSURE A2



OH CANADA: Kaye Young is happy to be a Canadian on July 1 as she wears an umbrella hat and participates in Canada Day activities on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Marina proposal gets first reading

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Plans to develop a portion of Ganges Harbour between Rotary Park and Park Drive overcame a major hurdle when revised bylaw 404 received first reading at a Local Trust Committee meeting last Thursday.

Proposed changes address rezoning numerous lots along the waterfront, allow for infilling of the harbour

and will complete the infamous boardwalk.

"In a perfect world, we'd like to spend another six months to a year reviewing the development of the waterfront," said chair of the Islands Trust David Essig. "As it is, reality has raised its head and we have to move forward with this."

Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a version of the bylaw recommended by

the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

An APC report published in May suggests a compromise allowing both development and preservation to proceed in tune.

"We found that the benefit of this project to the community could not even be measured in terms of dollar," it reads.

"We consider the necessary infill of the harbour as

acceptable and not environment threatening, to the contrary, the now rather disorganized portion of the waterfront would get cleaned up."

More than a dozen members of the public, many of who addressed trustees before their decision, reacted with disbelief.

They believe the completed boardwalk and protected

MARINA PLAN A3

Vacation rentals: 'trial by fire approach'

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

The adoption of Temporary Use Permits for vacation rentals moved one step closer to becoming a permanent reality after trustees voted unanimously in favour of developing a bylaw allowing short-term single family

dwelling rental permits.

"This is not the most comfortable way I want to move forward with vacation rentals but I am willing to go through this route just to see how it works," said trustee Kimberly Lineger at last week's Local Trust Committee meeting. "By moving

forward with this, we may be able to iron out some of the crinkles and measure whether this is a good idea or not."

According to a staff report prepared by Regional Planning Manager John Gauld, recommendations include issuing a maximum of 100

permits that could remain valid for up to two years.

Applicants would be required to pay a partially refundable \$1,000 application fee and meet a set of 12 criteria set by the Islands Trust.

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Moby's will shift to marina focus

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

New owners of Moby's Marine Pub and Salt Spring Marina dream of improving service for boaters in local waters.

"We approach the whole island from a boater's perspective," said SS Marina Ltd. co-owner Bonny O'Connor.

Her partner Jerry Parks has been coming to Ganges as a boater since he was 14, she said.

"We've watched the town grow up and feel like we have a history in it as well as everyone else," O'Connor said.

The docks are currently in very poor shape and need to be upgraded, she said. "We would like to improve the docks so we can take some more modern boats with a little deeper draft."

O'Connor also described a growing "siltation problem" that makes it difficult to serve boats close to shore and she hopes to deal with the nearby reef that damages several vessels each year.

"When we do put a better breakwater in there, we'll make it so it maintains itself instead of creating more of a problem."

Parks noted that the Seattle Yacht Club, as a minor partner in the marina purchase, will have access to 800 feet of the 3,200-linear-foot marina dock.

"Their lease currently ends in May 2007 at Ganges Marina and they would like to have the docks rebuilt by that time."

The remainder of the dock will be available for transient and permanent moorage, he said.

The upland area of 1.06 acres is currently zoned for 20 accommodation units, a manager's residence and the pub.

"We want to have more retail there. So we're going to go for a development permit that will allow the businesses that are there now plus maybe a couple of others, depending on how much square footage we can get to be there."

He also discussed potential use of time-share units.

Prior to the purchase, they conducted soil tests and found no evidence of First Nation remains or environmental contaminants, Parks noted.

Leases for area businesses like the Ganges Glass Emporium, Rogue Café and Harbour's End Marine will continue, O'Connor said.

New owners transferred

ownership of the pub licence and may open another eatery at the Moby's location sometime in the future, she said.

"It won't be a marine-style pub the way it was — but some sort of bistro or pub. My thought is that we also need to service the children who come in to the marina."

For the time being, Sheena Bull would like to move her fitness centre into the building that currently houses Moby's pub. But she will need to get a temporary-use permit, O'Connor said.

"She would take the entire pub area and renovate it to her needs."

Future redevelopment of the property would involve completely new buildings, O'Connor noted.

"We aim to make it blend in with the community and be an asset."

MOBY'S CLOSES

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den, we showed up one day and it was gone," Parks said. "I loved that old Harbour House pub but it had to go."

He noted the similar loss of the Vesuvius Inn and substantial changes at the Fulford Inn.

"The reason for all this is that those old pubs don't make any money and people can't support them. A new way to having a pub has to be found."

The pub closure is just a component of the property sale, he said.

"We are buying the assets, not the business."

Parks doesn't believe anyone could make the pub work financially.

"We did offer the pub on a lease basis to one of the current owners, and they said they could not lease it because they couldn't afford to do it because the pub loses a lot of money every year."

Park also objected to comments that the pub has been taken over by American business interests since he and O'Connor are landed immigrants (Seattle Yacht Club has a 25 per cent partnership in the marina purchase).

"We weren't born in Canada but there's a lot of people on Salt Spring who weren't born in Canada, and we have the same rights as any-

one else who lives on Salt Spring."

He was surprised to hear that protestors had flown a U.S. flag over the pub on Monday. And his partner O'Connor noted that they have even received hate mail.

"Some people think the pub is a community centre and should be respected as such. But it's not a community centre, it's a business and it's not a very successful business, from the standpoint of maintaining itself, which was why it was up for sale," O'Connor said.

She believes the new marina will still provide a service to the community with long-term moorage and year-round revenue that does not require parking.

"It's a win-win for Salt Spring, [boaters] come in to spend the money, they don't use the roads, they don't add to the parking problem in the village and they go away."

As a founding partner of Moby's, Barry Edwards sees a discrepancy between business viability and profitability.

"Does it always have to be about the profits? To me a viable business stands on its feet and keeps employing people year round."

Edwards noted that pub

businesses have had smaller profit margins in the last few years but Moby's met every payroll cheque and paid all of its suppliers.

He also argued that the marina is not a massive money maker as depicted by Parks and O'Connor.

"The estate of our deceased partner Dick Durante had no wish to continue with the running of the business and we the operating partners weren't in a position to buy them out."

Edwards believed the new owners intended to run the business as it is, and he was shocked to learn otherwise.

"I'm trying to get a handle on the human element. It can't be all about business. As it turns out, the human element isn't so palatable — especially to the staff who are going to lose their jobs and the community that's going to lose its living room."

He feels a sense of loss for the approximately 35 staff members who will be displaced by the pub closure.

"I've watched them grow with us and have children and get mortgages. They've become part of the fabric of the community as well."

He believes that islanders are responding to the pub closure because Moby's had

an inclusive agenda.

"We've always catered to every faction of the community. It didn't matter if they pulled in with a packsack or a Mercedes, they were always welcome."

Tom Messer worked at Moby's for the past five years as a bartender, server and janitor.

He feels empathy for the many patrons who have come to think of Moby's as an integral part of their community.

"This is like having a bulldozer come and take the living room out of your house."

It's been exhausting providing support for clientele as rumours circulated about the impending purchase, he said.


"You see everything from people who shed a tear in their beer to people who decide they are going to camp in the parking lot and [make it so] nobody is going to go anywhere."

And he's been comforted by support for his family now that he will be out of a job.

"There might be 12,000 of us on this rock but the community comes together at times. I feel all sorts of island vibe going on right now."

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SCHOOL'S OUT: Fernwood Elementary School teacher Susan Lee is ready to head into the summer months as schools closed for holidays last Wednesday. Photo by Tracy Stibbards

Diver presumed drowned

Following an exhaustive three-hour rescue effort in Sansum Narrows, Coast Guard Marine Controller Steve Church said the search for a missing diver was being called off and the diver presumed drowned.

"The search is coming to an end," Church said in an interview from the Victoria-based Rescue Coordination Centre at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. "The surface has been completely covered and the strong current is making the underwater search very difficult."

Church said Coast Guard rescue boats arrived on the scene at 12:30 p.m. following reports that a recreational diver had gone missing near Burial Islet in Sansum Narrows.

The Coast Guard and RCMP officials could not identify the victim and were unaware of where he or she was from, but said the Duncan RCMP had taken over the investigation and that the diver was diving with a dive charter company.

He said seven military div-

ers based in Esquimalt were on routine training exercise in Brentwood Bay when the incident happened and were quick to arrive at the scene of the accident.

The Penac hovercraft from Sea Island in Richmond also arrived on site with five divers to aid in the rescue effort.

Eyewitness Tamar Griggs, who witnessed the entire operation from her Salt Spring home south of Bold Bluff Point, said she had never seen anything like this in the Narrows before.

"This is an unbelievable rescue effort," said Tamar Griggs in a telephone interview. "I'm not sure what it is but it looks serious and it looks big."

Traffic in the air, she said, included a rescue helicopter and a Salt Spring Air float plane that had been chartered by a Vancouver Island-based television news crew.

Griggs said the hovercraft and CCGS John P. Tully left the scene at 3 p.m. after conducting what she estimated to be a three-hour search.



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MARINA PLAN

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green spaces come at too high a price and said the proposal to infill sections of the harbour violate the Islands Trust's Official Community Plan.

According to the draft bylaw, lots near the intersection of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads will be zoned to allow 1,533 sq. (16,000 sq. feet) metres of retail space on the ground floor of a three-storey structure. The remaining two storeys would contain up to 10 commercial accommodation units.

Despite concessions made by the applicant — B & B Ganges Marina — opponents of the plan claim the existing project will forever change the harbour's beauty and ecology.

"This project has no value except for the developer," said Island Farmers Institutes' Andrea Collins. "This marina will cater to the tourist crowd and it isn't being built to serve the community in any way."

In addition to providing a green light for a major development on the waterfront, Collins said, the decision would set a dangerous precedent causing irreversible damage on the islands' shorelines and natural heritage.

Collins said opposition to

the project includes well-known and respected groups including the Island Farmers Institute, the Salt Spring Neighbourhood Coalition, the Salt Spring Conservancy, the Capital Regional District and Parks and Recreation Commission.

B & B Ganges Marina representative Robyn Kelln said he spent years addressing opponents' concerns and believed the trustees' decision represents a triumph of the democratic process.

He said he has gone through all proper channels and indicated opponents were missing an opportunity to work alongside developers in order create a win-win situation for everyone.

Trustee Kimberly Linerger assured the public that giving the draft bylaw first reading did not mean any plans were final.

"The decision we have made ensures that the debate may proceed within a recognized framework," she said. "This is not necessarily the route I want to go ahead with for the harbour, but at least this will get things rolling."

In order to become law, the bylaw requires two more readings and may undergo changes during those sessions.

A public hearing is sched-

uled for September and Linerger urged members of the community to make their intentions known.

"I want new information and some questions answered so I can make a decision on behalf of the 9,000 or so people who aren't here at this meeting today," she said.

As it is, she added, this is a wonderful opportunity to save up to 350 metres (800 ft.) of shoreline along Lower Ganges Road.

"If this goes ahead, it will be a major step towards ensuring public access to large parcels of waterfront on Ganges Harbour," she said. "What I'm trying to weigh is whether to allow some fill for the completion of the boardwalk and the preservation of some green space."

For his part, trustee Eric Booth recognized the complexity of the issue and urged people with new information to bring it forward, though he said it was unlikely there was anything he had not heard during the years of deliberation.

"I'm hearing the same concerns expressed over and over again," he said. "I can't imagine that new information will come forward that I haven't heard already."

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More Norton Road style projects needed in light of crisis — trustee

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Local Trust Committee members voted 2-1 in favour of rezoning agricultural land on Norton Road to make way for a 26-unit affordable housing development.

According to trustee Eric Booth, the decision marked a step in the direction the community will need to take if it is serious about confronting a lack of housing on the island.

"We will be having to look at this kind of density all over Ganges because of our housing problem," he said at a Local Trust Committee meeting held Thursday, June 30. "The 26 units are not out of character with what the Trust has set out to do."

Trustee Kimberly Linerger opposed giving first reading to draft bylaws 406 and 407, saying they were inconsistent with the Islands Trust's position against a proposal to upgrade power lines in the area without further consultation.

"We cannot proceed on this issue without knowing

what will happen with the power lines," she said. "It is a contradiction to oppose BCTC and favour the Norton Road project."

The British Columbia Transmission Corporation seeks to upgrade lines along an existing right-of-way located in the vicinity of the Norton Road project.

Health issues and concerns over property values have prompted area residents and members of the Islands Trust to voice opposition to the proposed upgrade.

Opposition peaked when 300 vocal residents packed ArtSpring to denounce the plan in June.

Linerger said a proposal more in keeping with the Official Community Plan would be to allow construction of 14 units on the property.

Linerger said proceeding with the project is premature in light of a decision earlier this year to adopt the Community Vision program.

Valued at \$10,000, Community Vision is aimed at mapping different areas of

the island in order to better determine how land on the island ought to be used.

"I just don't think desperation should make us jump an entire planning process that we have been working towards since we've been elected," she said.

Linerger added Norton Road was exactly the kind of project Community Visions was designed to help address.

In response, trustee Booth said the application for affordable housing on Norton Road had been well investigated and was likely to follow any recommendation the Community Visions project may have to offer.

"I would lay down money that this would come out as one of the appropriate places for such a project," he said.

While the current proposal is a scaled down version of the applicant's initial plan, inserted into the draft bylaw 407 was a clause that will allow developers to construct two-family affordable housing dwelling units.

"We are happy with the deletions, but two-family dwelling units are an opportunity that we do not want to put by the wayside," said project planner Tom O'Connor.

O'Connor added any potential ill effects from the BCTC project would be negligible since the right-of-way does not cross over the Norton Road property.

Before the draft bylaws are scheduled for second reading, trustees agreed a public hearing on the subject be scheduled.

According to Islands Trust staff recommendations, final approval of the bylaws should require the applicant address matters including a landscaped buffer adjacent to agricultural lands south of the property, creation of a public walkway between Norton Road and Brinkworthy mobile home park, and adoption of measures to protect adjacent properties from drainage issues arising from the new development.

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VACATION RENTALS

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Information concerning the size and location of the property and professional certification attesting to an ability to meet established sewage and water requirements will be among the items applicants will need to provide.

TUPs would not be issued to any properties located on land designated as an ecological reserve or watershed area under the Official Community Plan, and attempts to minimize over-concentration of vacation rental units would be taken.

A key feature of the TUPs is that they are temporary and will expire after a two-year period.

Because issuing permits rest with the Islands Trust, it becomes easier to control the number of permits issued

and the number of criteria required for a permit, said Trustee Linerger.

Issuing permits for a longer period of time, Linerger said, would jeopardize the long-term ability of the Trust to closely monitor where and to whom permits are issued.

Though the plan may seem well thought out on paper, Salt Spring resident Joanne Elizabeth said, any decision remained premature in light of the proposal's far-reaching consequences.

That trustees admit the plan is a work in progress only serves to stress the need for further study, she said.

Instead of moving ahead without all the facts, Elizabeth said, trustees should spend more time developing a comprehensive tourist strategy that would address

the infrastructure capabilities of the island.

"Of course we are not saying that tourism should not be allowed," she said. "All we are asking for is that proper procedure be taken to ensure that the tourism industry can be controlled."

In a presentation during the meeting's town hall session, Elizabeth outlined several key areas the TUP system neglects to address.

Vagueness of language, inadequate bylaw enforcement and a lack of data showing existing rentals are some concerns Elizabeth feels should be addressed by a tourism management plan.

"If we have a plan that addresses the effects of tourism, we can create the type of environment that would be in keeping with the kind of tourist development we want for the island," she said. Establishing criteria before hand and ensuring the Trust has the ability to defend its bylaws right from the start are the best ways to ensure people will not be tempted to violate the rules down the road.

The 100 units each zoned to accommodate 5.5 occupants would provide space for 550 visitors, a figure representing roughly 12 per cent of the 6,175 visitor accommodations provided on the island.

As a result of the decision, Islands Trust staff members have been requested to finalize a draft bylaw for first reading and prepare draft application forms along with written procedures respecting the proposed bylaws.

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FOR THE RECORD

An item in last week's Looking Back section should have specified that lands donated by Gavin C. Mout, which became Mout Park, had belonged to David McAfee, and were conveyed to the community via trustee Mout after McAfee's death.



RELAXING IN THE PARK: This Aroma Crystal Therapy fairie takes some time out during the Saturday market in Centennial Park to read a book.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lee Road properties see land assessments drop

While property values keep climbing on Salt Spring, some Lee Road area landowners have successfully appealed their property assessments due to the presence of a transfer station in their neighbourhood.

Lee Road resident Tom Pickett has even declared he will not pay the Capital Regional District and Islands Trust portion of his 2005 property tax bill because of what he calls "industrial encroachment" from Laurie Hedger's long-standing operation next door.

Pickett said he realizes he will be subject to penalties for not paying the entire bill.

"In the meantime, I hope to embarrass them all severely," he said. "Perhaps something will actually happen."

Capital Assessment Office appraiser Doug Burkinshaw confirmed Pickett's location reduced the assessed land value of his 3.36 acres from \$194,000 to \$88,000, with his farm status cutting that figure to \$44,000.

On the other side of the fence, Harry Warner was also granted a reduction.

Burkinshaw wrote "the adjustment to the land component of your property assessment to take into consideration the proximity of the property to the industrial activity on the adjoining property was -18 per cent or -\$46,300 for the 2005 assessment roll and -12 per cent or -\$20,100 for the 2004 and 2003 assessment rolls. Prior to 2003 there was no adjustment for the industrial nuisance."

Pickett said three other property owners also appealed.

"We did have some

amount taken off our taxes," said Delaine Faulkner. "I did write to the assessment authority and say there is no way this improves the amount of enjoyment we get out of our land."

Pickett argues that both the CRD, which licensed the Salt Spring transfer station through its Bylaw 2810 in January of 2004, and the Islands Trust, which controls land use, have not done the right thing over the years.

Despite the facility meeting all CRD licence requirements, and determinations that garbage handling could occur there as a legal non-conforming use through the Islands Trust, Pickett has kept the pressure on to try to get rid of the operation or receive some compensation.

He launched a small claims court action against the Islands Trust a few years ago, and last year made a similar claim against the CRD.

CRD director Gary Holman said the reduced property assessments will obviously result in lower taxes for Pickett and the others, which will compensate them for the industrial activity in their neighbourhood.

He stressed the Hedger operation meets all requirements of Bylaw 2810, while noting that is not the case with the Salt Spring Garbage Blackburn Road transfer station, which was licensed through the same CRD bylaw.

CRD solid waste division staff confirmed as of June 17 that the Blackburn Road operation had still not met all conditions of its licence,

including having a complete leachate management plan.

Holman wonders what the impact on Lee Road assessments would be if the CRD was not regulating the transfer station site.

"If the land use is legal, then I don't see the CRD having any choice but to regulate it as best we can. If we pulled the licence, it would not be regulated — then what?"

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Secure trail pursued

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Pressure to ensure the beach can be used for recreational purposes rather than a tenting spot has fallen to Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), which is now navigating through the required bureaucratic channels.

So far the Capital Regional District has authorized an application to the Ministry of Transportation and Land and Water B.C. "for tenures sufficient to permit the extension of Drummond Park and the development of public recreational trail corridor . . .," noted a report.

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Christina Walls is getting set to take Salt Spring to Toronto for the Miss World Canada contest from July 13-17.

Walls was one of two winners of the event in Victoria May 29, and chose Miss Salt Spring as the name use at the national contest.

People can find out about the event, vote for Walls in "fast-track" competitions online and contribute to cancer research, which is a big part of the event.

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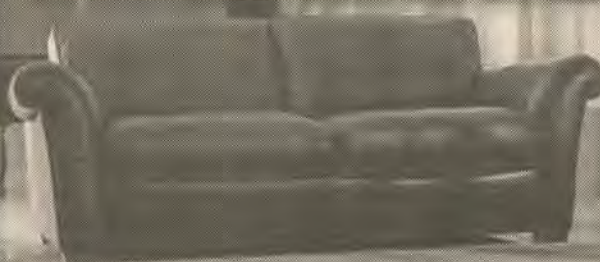
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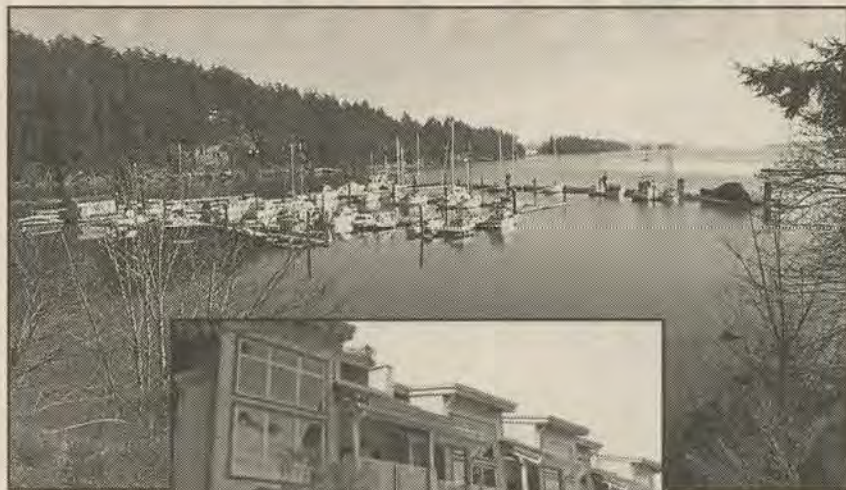
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Island taps funds for water upgrades

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Flush with cash from infrastructure grants, Beddis and Fulford water districts are piped into engineering contracts and ready to open floodgates on upgrades to their treatment systems.

"We've been working on this now for about 10 years," said Fulford Harbour Water District (FHWD) committee chair Bruce Patterson. "It's nice to see tangible results."

Two infrastructure grants totaling \$1,479,000 awarded in March 2004 will see new water-treatment plants and storage reservoirs installed at both FHWD and Beddis Water District (BWD).

"It will solve a multitude of problems for us," Patterson said.

Currently, the Fulford water district has only a primitive chlorination treatment system and it doesn't have a storage tank, he said.

"Ultimately, we tend to over chlorinate to make sure

the water is drinkable."

A storage tank ensures proper contact time for chlorination and provides increased capacity to help reduce water restrictions for the approximately 100 FHWD customers who draw water from Weston Lake, he said.

Additions of new ultra-violet and dissolved-air filtration treatment systems from a \$972,000 grant and a \$573,000 local bylaw should also help provide higher quality water with less chlorination, he said.

"It's a tremendous improvement," Patterson said.

The provincial government is showing interest in local systems as a model for other small water districts, he said.

"We should be getting a much superior quality of water and hopefully, we will no longer carry the effervescence of chlorine."

FHWD is currently assembling components and

approved an engineering contract with Bullock Bauer Associates Ltd. (\$116,399), which should be completed by the end of August to meet a target project completion date of March 2006.

"It looks like everything is on track and it's a go," Patterson said.

The Fulford water district hopes to install the \$342,000 filtration system on Reginald Hill.

The FHWD project also includes new water mains and pumping equipment.

"In some areas, Beddis and Fulford have similar projects," he noted.

Through collaboration with the Capital Regional District (CRD), the two districts are trying to combine purchasing power for items such as engineering consulting and filtration systems, he said.

"We would probably find this quite a difficult project to do on our own," said BWD committee chair Fraser Hope.

Beddis water district became a CRD utility through a referendum in 2003 after a previous attempt failed to hand over the water service and approve borrowing in 2002.

Along with the \$506,894 infrastructure grant, BWD will raise up to \$325,000 with a local bylaw and applied \$50,000 from a capital reserve fund toward the project.

"Our part is to make sure water is the highest quality as possible for a reasonable amount of money," Hope said.

And BWD approved a \$109,633 engineering contract with Bullock Bauer Associates Ltd.

While BWD is improving their treatment system for the approximately 140 customers who take water from Cusheon Lake, Hope wants to remind islanders to take care of all island lakes.

"We have to be vigilant to keep our water supply as pristine as possible."

Heart meds discussed

Heart medications will be the subject of a talk set for next Tuesday at Meadowbrook.

Salt Spring's Dr. Bob Crossland is preparing to discuss the effects of heart medications — both on the body and how it interacts with other drugs.

Everyone is invited to the event, which is part of ongoing Community Wellness programming. The talk begins at 10:30 a.m., and will be followed by a question and answer period.

Further questions should be directed to Sharon Glover, wellness program coordinator, at 537-4607.

School people honoured

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston was recognized for 24 years of service at a recent school board meeting, while Judith Boël (also of Salt Spring), May McKenzie of Mayne, Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray, Saturna trustee Susanne Middleditch and Pender trustee Russ Searle were each recognized for nine years on the school board.

A "whack of retirees" were also announced, including teachers: Pat Beitel, Joy Brownsword, John Callas, Deborah Miller, Jim Prendergast, Arleen Sadler, Bill Underwood, Alison Vida, Kathy Weisner and principal Bob Brownsword. The school district also said farewell to support staff members Patie Bardon, Kelly Blackwood, Shirley Gaunt and Ian Ross.

PHONE BOOK CORRECTION

Please note that contact information for Murray Coell, MLA in the government listings of the Lions Club Salt Spring phone book is incorrect -

**The correct contact information is
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Car-sharing group beckons

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Imagine never having to pay for gas again.

The dream could become a reality if enough islanders show interest in a Victoria car-sharing group proposal to make a vehicle available at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal.

"We're looking for people who may be interested in accessing a car at Swartz Bay and may be interested in saving money in the process," said Susan Belford, publicity and marketing director of the Victoria Car Sharing Co-operative (VCSC).

By spreading out the costs of purchasing, insuring, fuelling and maintaining a vehicle, car-sharing organizations make driving more affordable.

Members pay a \$400 refundable membership deposit and are charged a

monthly fee, depending on distance and time a vehicle is used.

VCSC offers a number of plans geared towards different drivers with an average cost of \$2-per-hour and 37 cents per kilometre in addition to an \$8 administration fee. Belford said the co-operative approach represents a considerable savings in an era of skyrocketing fuel prices and increasing ferry fares.

When members need a car, they simply book it ahead of time, Belford explained. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Placing a car at Swartz Bay would be economical for Gulf Islanders making short day trips into Sidney, Saanich or Victoria, but would not suit people needing to drive on a daily basis.

"This is good for people who need to travel into town for particular reasons like going to the doctor or run-

ning errands," she said. "Most of our users take the cars out for short periods of time, usually less than a day."

The VCSC, which recently signed up its 100th member, has seven vehicles located in downtown Victoria, James Bay, Fairfield, Fernwood, Oak Bay and the University of Victoria.

In addition to saving money, VCSC members insist car sharing is a great way to help the environment by reducing the number of cars on the road.

More information is available at www.victoria-carshare.ca or by leaving a voice-mail message at (250) 995-0265.



MISSING MAN: Salt Spring RCMP are asking islanders if they have any information about the above man, Bernard or Bernie King. He lived on Salt Spring from 1998-99, possibly on a boat, before heading to Nova Scotia where he was reported missing. He may have been an artist or wood carver, and had an English accent. Phone Const. Lindsay Ellis at 537-5555 if you have heard from this individual since 1999 or have any information that could result in his being found.

Weekend marred by vandalism, canoe theft

The Canada Day long-weekend kept police busy dealing with complaints of erratic drivers, uninsured vehicles, and isolated reports of vandalism.

At 11:45 Saturday evening, police responded to a hit and run incident on Seaview Avenue between ArtSpring and Embe Bakery.

Major body damage to a parked vehicle was reported and it is believed a passing driver caught his or her vehicle in the driver's side taillight area.

Later that night at 1 a.m., police received reports that post boxes and a fence had been damaged in the Walk-

911 FILE

er's Hook Area.

Members of the local RCMP are asking residents to remain on the lookout for an 18-foot yellow fiberglass canoe that disappeared from Bader's Beach sometime between June 17 and July 3.

Police do not believe the events are connected and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have information regarding any of these incidents is requested to contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.

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SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on **Proposed Bylaw No. 89 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2005"**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **1:30 pm, July 21st, 2005 at the Saturna Island Community Hall, East Point Road, Saturna Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Bylaw No. 89 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2005"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 89 is to amend the Sign Regulations by adding Community Services to the zones permitted to have two signs per use.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing **July 6, 2005.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing July 6, 2005 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Saturna Island / Bylaws / Proposed

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2005;** and
2. after **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2005,** to the Trust committee at the Public Hearing at **1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2005.**

Those persons who chose to make their written submissions by email prior to the time and date above provided ought to require confirmation of receipt on their email and in any event the risk that an email is not received lies with the sender. Email submissions should be sent to ghamblin@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Written submissions made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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OPINION



C-38 makes us proud

Everyone knows Americans have the North American monopoly on patriotic fervour, and that's probably just as well.

But Canadians had good reason to be proud last week when Bill C-38 confirming same-sex marriage as a cross-country legal right was passed by Parliament.

The Liberals' tenuous hold on power means federal political affairs are infused with more than their usual share of shenanigans these days, so it's hard to remove cynicism from any judgement of their actions. However, public opposition to the bill from some organized religious groups is such that supporting the bill could hardly be considered a sure-fire boost to Liberal popularity — or to any party, for that matter.

Striding ahead with the controversial legislation now was clearly the just and right thing to do. It's a legal and human right that should be extended to all individuals who choose to exercise it. Meanwhile, Bill C-38 confirms religious freedoms are protected.

In some ways it could be viewed merely as a housekeeping bill, with court cases in eight provinces and one territory mainly resulting in legal marriages in those jurisdictions, and more expected in future. In that regard, the government risked some measure of ridicule if it turned back at this point or delayed the inevitable, especially since the issue is more appropriately under its purview.

Momentum to extend equal marriage rights to same-sex couples is undeniable, even if many people are still not comfortable with the practice or are vehemently opposed for religious reasons.

The fact that our courts have agreed so readily since the Kevin Bourassa and Joe Varnell challenge and marriage a mere five years ago is a sign that this issue was ripe for resolution.

Prejudice and fear directed towards people of different races, genders and beliefs will sadly always exist to some degree throughout the world.

While Bill C-38 won't change that fact, Canada's leadership on the same-sex marriage issue was something to celebrate last week, along with the nation's 138th birthday.

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Priceless local organic produce is best deal around

By HARRY BURTON

The cost of a pound of locally grown organic garlic — \$6, the cost of an acre of farmland on Salt Spring — over \$50,000, the availability of farmland on Salt Spring — nil, the wages of many local farmers — from \$5 to \$10 per hour.

But having the tastiest, freshest, most diverse, best quality local organic farm produce available in Canada — PRICELESS.

I could not help but respond to Sid Filkow's recent rant about "Farmer Andy." While neither humorous nor educational, the article does, however, point out some basic misconceptions about local agriculture. Sid's underlying message is that local food is too expensive. Well Sid, a little advice: The one thing

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not to go cheap on is your food. Buy a cheap shovel or cheap carpet, but not cheap food. You only have one body and one life. Food is your main support system. Sid, I think you are worth it.

First an old adage. Don't criticize farmers with your mouth full.

Secondly, I agree that local organic food is more expensive, but in life, you get what you pay for. Fresh, tasty, local organic produce is one of the most proactive contributions you make towards your good health.

Cheap food is generally mass produced with herbicides and pesticides. The

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) assures us that 98 per cent of the conventionally produced food has agricultural residues less than the maximum limit. Very convincing, but look at it another way. For one week every year (two per cent of the year), all food you eat would have residues over the maximum limits. A conventionally raised apple can have up to 15 sprays applied to it, starting almost at blossom stage. Do you not think that perhaps cheap food might have contributed in some way to the epidemic of cancers and other illnesses we are seeing in young people on Salt Spring?

I choose to eat organic and my best guarantee of avoiding CJD from mad cow disease is to only eat locally grown meat, for which I am

willing to pay a good price. I am worth it.

Local growers offer great organic produce from varieties selected primarily for taste. Not only does organic produce consistently score higher in independent taste tests but it also has higher levels of beneficial compounds. Local organic farmers are also protecting your water and air quality, yet with the present system of accounting used in society, this very valuable factor is not even considered.

Do you see many young people flocking to farming? I see a few great ones, but they are dedicated and have taken a vow of poverty. Without the next generation of farmers, your food supply will come from multinationals that don't care one bit about you or your health.

Their concern is maximizing profits.

Stats Canada showed that from 1997 to 2003, food prices rose 13.8 per cent, yet the price increase received by farmers was only 2.1 per cent. During that period, the percentage of disposable income spent on food went down from 12.7 per cent to 10.6 per cent. Canada enjoys one of the lowest cost food baskets in the world.

We live in a paradise called Salt Spring Island, where we have the best growing climate in Canada, with some type of garden produce available virtually every month of the year.

If you want to preserve farmland on Salt Spring, then the most effective method is to buy local produce directly from the farmer. As the song says — you don't

really know what you've got 'til it's gone.

One nearly extinct entity in Canada is the small farm.

Very few farmers are stashing money away in a bank account. The money they earn is all spent back into the local economy. I am prepared to pay up to 20 per cent extra locally for anything, since I realize that money spent locally creates local benefits which makes the local purchase much cheaper in the long run. We must look at more than the simple cost of an item.

So perhaps price is not the best criterion to use when selecting food. Life is too short and you only get one chance at it.

The writer owns Appleluscious Organic Orchards.

A more natural vision for the waterfront

By BOB WEEDEN

Salt Spring Island isn't wild, and may never be wild again. Neither is it Manhattan, and one of them is enough. Our island is a place where nature gives its share in a partnership, and where people delight in the beauty and fertility of nature.

Land use issues are not matters of simple balance — so many acres to nature, so many different acres for human purpose.

Solomon proved the silliness of that choice. The challenge of land use is creative integration.

Nowhere is that integration more important than in Ganges village, and in the village success is most vital where land and sea meet — our waterfront.

B and B Ganges Marina has pro-

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center of our front yard. In the conservancy's opinion, the project in its present form is not a good balance.

By itself it moves us too far toward pure commerce and smothers too much vital tideland with fill.

It also is a precedent, opening the way for other increments of commercialization until boaters will have to check their charts to tell whether they sailed up False Creek by mistake.

A visitor looking at this proposal would think we were so eager to

ward a few metres just so we don't have to wait so long for them to land.

We have a different vision.

We see a harbour that is alive — where a girl on a moored boat, dreaming into the water, will see iridescent jellyfish pulse by, pastel sea anemones like flowers on every piling, and the shadows of fish passing like half-formed ideas. A place where sea lettuce is lush in the sun-warmed shallows, giving millions of creatures a wave-tossed salad every day. Where gulls never lack for clams to drop on shoreline rocks and flat-roofed shops. Where clean blue mussels on intertidal rocks make your mouth water.

We see a stroller-friendly water-

dodge a salesperson to reach the water, and where from a non-commercialized seawalk you can look seaward to the fascination of boats and bouys, ducks and dories; and landward toward the whole village rising into the woodlands surrounding the bay.

We think history already has given us the best balance we'll ever have between filled and natural shorelines.

We urge our trustees to look for a better integration of nature and human life than this proposal offers.

Take your time.

Your decision will be there for all our great grandchildren to see.

The writer is a member of the

Your letters are welcome

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What will you do this summer?*



Kaimon Grasky

Just skateboard and swim all summer long. That's all I've got planned and that's all I want to do.



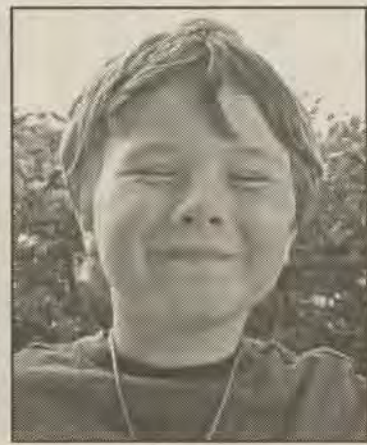
Breeshey Roskums-Hieter

I'm going to Maine with my friends and family.



Brenna Koskela

I'll spend it swimming and looking forward to grade two.



Ellis Paul Hofmann

Just kicking back, relaxing, swimming at Shelby Pool and not really worrying about next year.



Thomas Wolff

I just want to have fun camping and going to Whistler.

Letters to the Editor

Prevailing values

I read with interest your new magazine Aqua. I found the articles well written and the photos topnotch.

However, Aqua's emphasis on costly, high-end accommodations, galleries, restaurants, and activities dismayed and alarmed me. Many Salt Springers have worried that the island(s) would one day become an exclusive enclave for the wealthy. Aqua seems to suggest that this day has already arrived.

I don't believe that there is anything inherently wrong with a local magazine that caters to folks with large amounts of disposable income, such as the ones on the cover who took six years to build a 6,000-square-foot house on 65 acres of prime view land.

But it seems to me that a magazine that purports to depict "Gulf Islands Living" ought also to include activities and services that are less costly, which are more representative of other segments of the community, and which reflect different

values. I would have thought that the Driftwood would be a bit more attuned to these issues, and I am disappointed that you are not.

My wife and I did not move to Salt Spring to live in a wealthy Aqualand where money and what it can buy are the predominant values — quite the opposite.

I don't honestly believe that Salt Spring has reached that point, but I am afraid that a magazine like Aqua will only help to hasten the day when such values do indeed prevail.

By the way, I really liked the interview with the Geezers.

DOUG DUNLAP,
Sun Eagle Drive

Billions

The June 22 statement in a letter attributed to Garth Hendren about the federal government's long-term debt being reduced to \$600 million is surely cause for celebration.

The figure I have, however, is \$501.5 billion (with a "b") as of February 18, 2005. The interest on this amount accounts for 19.2

cents for every dollar of government revenue.

BOB NICHOLSON,
Salt Spring

All thrilled

The inspiration for the large window in the new operating room at Lady Minto Hospital was a gift from Mother Earth, but the creation of the glass was a gift from a Salt Spring artist.

Valla Eiriksson, of Avanti Glass Studios, used leaves from the large maple tree outside the window as a motif for the beautiful acid etchings. She donated her time and talent in the creation of a truly unique and marvellous "island" phenomenon.

The surgical patients and staff of Lady Minto are thrilled with her generosity and kindness.

DONA MACKIE,
OR Nurse Supervisor

Participation

At the LTC meeting on Thursday one of our trustees made a statement about the responsibility of representing the 90 per cent of the

community who don't come to meetings.

All too often I have heard individuals say that they either do not attend meetings or speak out because they believe that "no one listens" or, if they do speak up at meetings, they are received in a dismissive or disrespectful manner.

Certainly it is open to members of the public to approach the trustees in person or in writing (but not advisory groups), or to speak at the town hall or other public sessions.

The real problem, however, is that there is often no demonstrable evidence that the opinions, ideas and concerns expressed are seriously considered (or maybe even used?) in the trustee's decision making process.

Insofar as this is true, or perceived to be true, it is a great loss and disservice to both the Trust and to the community.

Our residents both individually and collectively are the source of a great and diverse well of knowledge and expertise.

To draw from these valu-

able resources with the respect and consideration they deserve would not only create an inviting atmosphere for greater public participation but would ensure that decisions made truly reflect the will of the whole community.

JOANNE ELIZABETH
Woodland Drive

Find funding

I've been fretting ever since I read in a recent Driftwood that the program teaching respectful relationships in our schools had run out of funds.

What could be more important for our children to learn than treating others in a civilized way, understanding what lies behind the behavior of others and responding constructively? This is a skill that prepares the student for a harmonious adulthood.

The ultimate result could be greater community cooperation.

Let's do whatever is necessary to keep that program.

MAGGIE SCHUBART
Salt Spring

Canada Day appreciation

I would like to thank the Car Collectors' Organization for coming to Salt Spring and displaying their cars.

It was enjoyable to stroll amongst these beautiful cars and chat with neighbors and visitors — sharing nostalgic stories or just exchanging car fantasies.

It was also great to have something going on in town on Canada Day.

Having half a street closed was not a hardship as some thought, but a small price to pay for this great display.

Also, thanks to Valdy for the festive sounds!

As for my shop, in another part of town, it made for a less than busy day, but it isn't always about "business" when you see a town just enjoying for enjoyments sake.

TOM HOFF
Hereford Ave.

MORE LETTERS A11

Welcome to those who create ever-changing watercolour

Fresh off another Canada Day brouhaha, with all the trimmings of self congratulatory back slapping accompanied by rousing choruses of "This Land is Your Land," I think it might be time to apply some of that world famous made-in-Canada egalitarianism to our own little island. But first, some introductions.

I want to welcome all the Americans that have moved to Salt Spring over the past five years. I want to welcome Teija and Peggy, who bought Barb's Buns, and have transformed it into a completely new experience, and also convinced world class chef Kevin Snooke to oversee the Glass Onion. I want to welcome Craig and Catherine, the new owners of Salt Spring Natureworks, who over the past few months have built the store into a major natural foods grocery store that could stand up to any of the major natural foods chains in the city.

And welcome marathoner Gary and his wife Cindy, who moved up from Santa Fe to look for a better lifestyle for their children.

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



And George and Susan, who came up here from the eastern United States, for the healthier environment. Welcome Tracy and Cheri, who moved north with their parents, and are busy building one of the more innovative houses I have ever seen.

And I would be remiss if I didn't welcome New Zealanders Michael and Leslie, research scientists with the international celebrity of David Suzuki, who are in the process of building an immense indoor horse-riding ring for the equestrian minded. And let's not forget Sam, original founder of Greens Plus, and Elvira, who exudes a radiance that alone should qualify her for sainthood. Both Graccis spend considerable time and money doing what they can to alleviate poverty in India.

And how about restaurateurs Richard and Shinobu, who have rescued a broken restaurant at the Fernwood Dock and turned it into Raven Street Market

Cafe, a great little family eatery. Oh, did you know Shinobu is a master Japanese calligrapher and plays a hell of a mean trumpet to boot?

Welcome Marius, originally from Poland, who has worked on the ferries nonstop, and has quietly salted away enough money to buy a house (no small feat on Salt Spring,) and is working on bringing his parents over here.

And everybody say hello to Ingrid, from Germany — master yoga teacher, classical violinist, and amazing artist — now holding down three jobs to stay on Salt Spring.

You want to talk artists? Say hello to South Africans Kathy and Deon, who are now having their innovative, original work shown world wide to huge critical reviews.

Welcome the Yun family, originally from Korea, who now own Harbour Food Market, whose dream is to open a Tae Kwon Do studio here on Salt Spring.

I could go on. How about Mickey and Robbyn, who have put Salt Spring on the world coffee map with Salt Spring Coffee Company. Oh, if you ever get an opportunity to see Robbyn in a dance performance, don't pass it up. And speaking of dance, welcome Jenny, who was the toast of modern dance in New York before moving to our island.

Enough. Salt Spring is a growing, intensely multi-talented, vibrant, organic creature, the parts of which are made up of all manner of races and nationalities. The closest thing we have to an "original Salt Springer" would be the Coastal Salish, who were relieved of their land by fast-talking traders from the Hudson Bay Company a few hundred years ago. The rest of us interlopers have been climbing on board ever since.

Every time someone steps off the ferry, this island changes.

And mostly for the good. But not always. When things start to go bad, Salt Spring has an amazing knack of righting herself. When Texada Logging began clear-cutting great swaths of Mount Tuam, people came out. Ex pats like Briton Andrea Collins and others marshaled a veritable army to successfully stop the carnage. Nina Raginsky? She has arguably done more to protect the wildlife habitat on Salt Spring than anyone, ever.

We may not always agree with the cause or the tactics, but it is all part of an ever-changing, brilliant watercolour. To those Luddites who grouse about the good old days, all I can say is welcome! You too are part of the watercolour. But when you start pointing to a nationality or a race as the source of your miserable existence, you are way outnumbered and doomed to extinction.

This Canada Day, The National Post reported that Wal Mart has begun selling miniature figurines of Sir John A MacDonal. All those Salt Springers who see the comic synchronicity can stay. The rest are dismissed.

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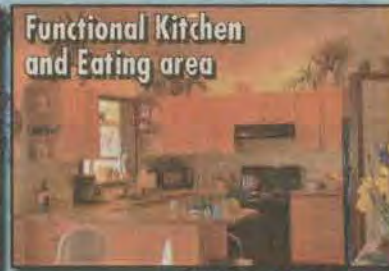
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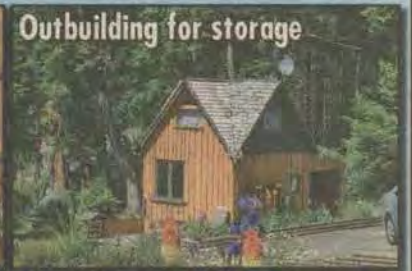
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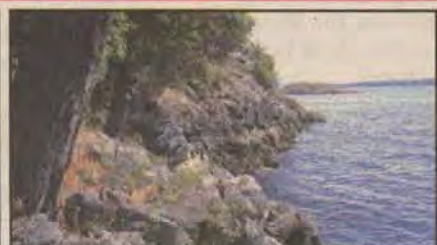
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CLASSICS: Canada Day celebrations on Salt Spring included a classic and antique car show, highlighting beautifully maintained and restored old vehicles in Ganges. Seen here, clockwise from top left are: Gordon and Gail Kent dressed in period costumes with their 1910 White; Ollie Hodges, colour-coordinated with her 1926 Essex; and Kim Dalton checking out a classic.
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Racers

I can identify three of the men in the pancake race photo from last week's Looking Back historical section in the paper.

Starting from the left in front is Darryl Georgeson. Third from the left is Phillip Hildred (my father) and fifth from the left in the striped shirt is Woody Fisher, an old family friend and founder of the Driftwood newspaper.

ROLF HILDRED,
Salt Spring

Curtains

Last call folks On behalf of myself, and the late Dick Durante, I would like to express our gratitude to the many performers, current and late (and too numerous to mention) who attended and supported the

open stage at Moby's every second Wednesday night for the past 12 years.

Billed as an amateur night (music by locals for locals) the purpose was always to express, not necessarily impress, although there were in fact many impressive performances.

On behalf of myself and all of the performers and patrons, a heartfelt thanks as well to all the Moby's staff who, along with Barry Edwards, put up with us, and served us so well for so long. And, as the song goes:

"I know I'll never ever lose affection for people and things that went before; yes I know I'll often stop and think about them, but in my life I've loved you more."

Curtain! Lights!
CHARLES WILTON
Salt Spring

Great day

Canada Day is over, and all around the island it was celebrated in many different ways. As a member of the Legion, I would like to say how fabulous it was to see children, parents, and older folk together enjoying the wonderful ways in which we as Canadians are so fortunate.

There were pipers, the S.S. Concert Band, the Backyard Band, the volunteer firefighters, the ambulance crew, mothers and fathers, children and grandparents, scouts and girl guides and the 4H (Sheep) Club, Legion members, and just plain ordinary people all rejoicing in the grandness of being Canadian. Thank you to those who organized such a great day!

ROSEMARY WYATT
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A13

"Wonderful Location"



I have lived on Salt Spring Island for 31 years and I don't want to leave the Island. I made the transition from a home on over 2 acres to a townhome and now to Heritage Place. There comes a time in life when we just have to scale down and I just didn't want to cook dinner for myself anymore!

I was interested in Heritage Place right from the first time I heard about it because of its wonderful location. I can walk down to the grocery store and drugstore from Heritage Place. I had to give up driving last year because of my eyesight so I feel very fortunate to be here at Heritage Place. I am grateful to my friends and family who have been so supportive and everyone at Heritage Place is so kind and helpful. My suite is lovely. Sandi Muller, the Resident Homemaker in Balsam House is wonderful. And, I am really enjoying the homestyle cooking! Now that Balsam House is furnished and Seniors can see a show suite, there will be lots of Seniors interested in moving in, for sure.

Fordene Kavanagh



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RANTS

May the fleas of a thousand camels infest the nether regions of the drunken idiot who decided the best way to celebrate Canada's 138th birthday was to scratch a word with their keys into the side of my Mom's car. Oh yeah, and may their arms be too short to scratch. With much sincerity. Molly Hosie

A full-sized, adult rant to the people who find it necessary to insult others while writing to the Driftwood. Not only are personal insults uncalled-for and below-the-belt; they are also a really lousy style of pseudo-argument, that show the writer has no real argument at all, or even has missed the point completely. Linda Mills

ROSES

Royal roses to Mitchell Sherrin for running the Salt

RANTS & ROSES

Spring Junior Chess Club on Friday mornings! See you in September for more Snakes and Slugs!?

Troughs full of roses to Malcolm and Harold Bond for their wonderful T.L.C., and for saving the lives of our baby alpacas! Also to Stephanie and Nora for handling our distress calls with so much compassion. Thanks to the patience of their clients who had to wait! We are so grateful! A.J.K and the Babes!

To all members of the Moby's crew, past and present for making sure we were all well fed, well watered and well entertained. You're leaving a big hole in the community, full of memories of good food, great music,

enormous generosity, and warm welcomes. We'll miss what you were, and wish you all well in what you become. M.W.&T.W.

A rose to all vendors in the Market in the Park and to the businesses of the island for their sense of community and commitment in supporting our Goods & Services Auction to raise money for a new food bank building. R & R

Roses to everyone who helped make possible the first purchase of land by the SSI Land Bank Society; dedicated to providing truly affordable housing, holding land for agriculture and eco-forestry. For more information on the Land Bank and our first community purchase call Andrew Lewis 653-4770 or Pat (Neddy) Harris 653-4573. Donations welcome.

Spring Thunderbolts. The girls and the parents couldn't ask for better coaches. Can't wait till next season! D

A big bunch of roses to Franki, Norbert, John, Nora, Angie, Jocelyn, Frances, Mark and Paul for applying their gardening skills so vigorously at Artspring. What an improvement! J

A big bunch of cottage garden flower blooms to Mora and Pete who have worked so hard to preserve our public education. All will be realized in November. DB

Two bunches of fragrant summer flowers to Ganges Village Market and Island Savings for their understanding, patience and heartfelt care during my broken wing incident — hoping to return soon. R

A moving van full of roses for my dear friend, Douglas Wilkins. Also, an abundance of fragrant rose petals for Sharon Glover, Mike Lurin, Sue Savage and Henri Procter who paved my way here with support and love. Thank you with all my heart. H

Roses, roses, roses to the Salt Spring Volunteer Fire Department. On Monday, June 21, 2005 we witnessed the performance of a well-trained professional crew of fire fighters who, with the ultimate punctuality and teamwork, prevented our unfortunate workshop fire from spreading to our cottage- not to mention the forest and perhaps neighbouring structures. This crew of dedicated, hard working people is something we, as a community, should be proud of. They potentially risk their well-being every time that alarm rings. Our utmost gratitude and thanks to the whole crew, right up to the chief. S&RH

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BC in a Box

Local coffee shops and pubs and the credit union have often hosted local visual artists. But now we have a first — a clothes and footwear merchant hosting a prestigious show which is travelling all over the province.

"B.C. in a Box" showcases the work of B.C. Potters Guild members, in honour of the provincial organization's 50th birthday, and it is on display now at Mark's Work Wearhouse in Ganges.

When members of the local potters guild were searching for a venue for this show, which consists of 148 miniature pieces of pottery and clay sculpture, we realized the side windows of Mark's Work Wearhouse would be a perfect location. We were pleased that Heather and Brian Gooding immediately agreed to let us use these windows, for the whole month of July. They and their staff were very helpful and cooperative in helping us set up the show.

We held an "opening" on the deck in front of the windows on July 1, with a birthday cake and punch served, and many passers-by enjoyed it. Everyone marvelled at the diverse and imaginative pieces on display.

I personally have to smile when I read in various publications that this show travels from the Fran Willis Gallery in Victoria to Mark's Work Wearhouse on Salt Spring. What next— weaving on display in the hardware store? What a supportive community we have!

MERLE BOX
Thomas Road

Final push

I am writing this letter with a sense of pride regarding many of my fellow Salt Spring Islanders.

I have been working on a project dealing with a need that this island, as well as many other parts of our great country, have to deal with on a daily basis. I am speaking to the basic need of wholesome food to lead a better life. Our food bank has tried to supplement the need for some years now and, I might add, with amazing success. It has been well supported by the local businesses and kind-hearted people of our community.

I was one of those people who thought of the food bank as a crutch for the lazy and indolent. By statistics, the abuse of the food bank is three per cent. The people who are assisted by the food bank come from a large



DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

Name: **TAMAR GRIGGS**

537/538/653: 653

Occupation(s): Full-time mom, 20 years; self-employed managing Bold Bluff Retreat.

Hobbies: Photography, kayaking, hiking, bird watching, playing with my puppy, gumboot dancing.

Home finished/unfinished: Finished 65 years ago!

Favourite people: My island community, especially the people who are deeply connected to our unique home.

Favourite read: All Over Creation (Ruth Ozeki); Listening to the Whales (Alexandra Morton); The Kite Runner (Khaled Hosseini).

Best thing about SSI: Friendly, and generous community, and the natural habitats that still exist for future generations.

Worst thing about SSI: Fast-paced development; loss of diversity.

Best place to kiss on SSI?: Behind the wood pile!

cross section of our population — from the young people who cannot find low cost housing that their meager wages can support, as well as buy nutritious food, to the old age pensioners and single parents whose income falls short of the monthly requirements.

There is no pride in relying on the food bank for sustenance, but it is a fact of life at this time. The new building will provide an environment of discreetness to those who are in need.

This brings me to the project I mentioned earlier. Our Masonic Lodge took it upon ourselves to assist the Community Services Society by donating \$20,000 and raising the funds necessary to build a proper building on the same property to house the food bank only.

The present 250-square-foot space in the basement

is not large enough to allow enough food to be stored. We have raised \$63,000 out of the \$70,000 needed to build the building. I would like to appeal to the public to make a contribution, no matter how small, so that we may complete this project.

Cheques made to Salt Spring Community Society will get a tax receipt. Any questions can be answered by myself at 537-2975 or rsloan@telus.net

Help us make a difference in dignity for those who are in need.

RANDY SLOAN
Chairman, Food Bank Building Committee

Stop press

In a daring display of identity theft, news staff of the Triftwood stole the name of islander Cheryl Cohen on Fulford-Ganges

Road in late June under the guise of asking what she was going to do on Canada Day. Audaciously, the Triftwood then published a photograph of the bereft Salt Springer. Below, in bold type, was the newspaper's new name for her, "Cheryl Kohen."

When she opened her paper, the islander in question smiled. That, she said, means she has been on Salt Spring long enough to have recovered from a previous life in which she served two decades as an edgy newspaper journalist and would have been outraged. The new name is, perhaps, a poignant symbol of change.

CHERYL you-know-who, Salt Spring

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More letters**Taxes**

I am writing to my MLA regarding our ever-increasing land taxes here on Salt Spring and elsewhere in the province. It is reaching the point where lower income earners, young families, and seniors are being driven out of their homes due to a soaring real estate market and increasingly unmanageable property tax rates. If you believe that this is simply an inevitable result of living in a desirable climate zone, then think again.

California was facing a similar crisis in the 1970s, and many people were losing their homes because of skyrocketing land values and rapidly escalating land taxes. In 1978, Californians decided they had had enough of unpredictably rising tax bills, and voted in Proposition 13. This established a maximum tax rate of one per cent on the purchase price of all property in the state, with a maximum two per cent yearly increase (on the one per cent).

These changes have made it possible for retirees and others on limited incomes to remain in their communities instead of being taxed out of their homes.

Why should our government be reaping the benefit of the current real estate boom on the backs of homeowners who have no wish to cash in on today's overheated market? If they were passing some of this windfall on to taxpayers in the form of increased services, it might seem somewhat reasonable. Instead, we are being offered

cut-backs, roll-backs, and fare increases. Our medical system is badly underfunded, our Crown corporations are being privatized, and crown lands are being handed over to the highest bidder.

Imagine a community where tax rates are not based on what the new neighbours are willing to pay for the property next door. Local diversity could be preserved, and islanders might be able to plan on retiring amidst old friends and neighbours. We can't control the rising price of real estate, but it is possible to legislate a cap on land taxes, if we would all stop behaving like SSI sheep.

Please write to Murray Coell, MLA Suite F-2412 Beacon Ave. Sidney, V8L 1X4
**JANE STACK
Salt Spring**

Car show

I would just like to pass on our thanks for a job well done to the Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club, organizers of the Canada Day Show and Shine just held in Ganges on Salt Spring Island.

I came over with my 1960 Corvette from Victoria with quite a few other classic cars from the area. We all had a very enjoyable time from the quick ferry ride to Fulford Harbour to the quiet drive to downtown Ganges and the lovely show location in Centennial Park. After getting settled in our spot, we were treated to an ever-changing live musical selection from country to jazz to a pipe band, an orchestra

and even Valdy!

Just like it said on the notice: "Lots of Salt Spring entertainment, done the Salt Spring way".

We enjoyed a great breakfast at the Glass Onion, did some shopping at various shops and checked out all the other fine vehicles in attendance. And all on Canada Day! Where else can you do so many things within a few minutes of each other? The large crowd of young and old seemed very interested and appreciative of all the cars there and I have never seen so many people taking pictures.

I have attended many car shows with my Corvette over the last 15 years and I would rate this Salt Spring show as one of my favourites. I hope that this event continues on for many years and I will look forward to making it part of my Canada Day traditions.

**JIM SLOAN
and LINDA NELSON
Victoria BC**

Closing

Moby's will close at midnight on Monday, July 11.

Perhaps we were naïve, but never in our wildest dreams did we think when we put Moby's on the market more than two years ago, that we would be making such an announcement to staff and friends, customers, musicians, artists, suppliers, and more, everyone who made Moby's the 'living room of the island'.

It has been a very good run for the last 15 years. It is the people who make an enterprise like Moby's into the

institution it has become. We want to warmly thank all our staff, past and present, for your hard work, your good humour, and your community spirit in serving the people of Salt Spring Island, and their visitors from around the world.

We want to thank all those who have come to eat and imbibe at Moby's — whether you came to celebrate and dance, play a game of crib, or catch dinner with jazz, we treasured you all.

On Wednesday of last week the prospective purchasers, a consortium of the Seattle Yacht Club and the owners of Hastings House, removed the subjects from the offer to purchase Salt Spring Marina Ltd., locally known as Moby's and Salt Spring Marina. The keys to Moby's are scheduled to be handed over on July 14. We understand the Marina and Harbour's End will continue to operate as usual. In time we also understand that the uplands will be redeveloped and the Marina renovated. A portion of the slips will be dedicated as moorage for Seattle Yacht Club members, with the remainder being for public use.

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**JANE, DENISE, SHERRY
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SWEET SAX: Chris Lane of OKA helps the Australian band entertain park-goers with its electric folk sound. The band participated in Salt Spring's Live 8 Concert held in Centennial Park Saturday as part of the Make Poverty History campaign.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Live 8 concert gives islanders chance to fight world poverty

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Large crowds in Tokyo, London, Sydney and other world centres may have attracted large crowds, brand name acts and international headlines but the 250 people attending Salt Spring Island's very own Live 8 show ensured the island played its part in the worldwide campaign to end poverty in the developing world.

"This was a nice local take on an international event," said one of the event's organizers, Andrea Palframan. "It shows there is so much we can do right here."

Palframan and other members of Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID) have been actively campaigning to raise funds to build tree nurseries in Lesotho, a land locked country in the South of Africa decimated by years of war and the spread of AIDS.

Each nursery, Palframan said, helps heal the wounds of poverty by helping to reforest a devastated ecosystem while raising funds for AIDS orphans.

By growing seedlings that sell for a dollar each, the nurseries help school chil-

dren raise money needed to address the spiraling consequences of poverty.

She said the weekend event was a great way to gain more support for a local effort that has already made its presence felt through the successful construction of a tree nursery and community garden in the town of Lerbibe.

Initiated by Nelson Mandela earlier this year, the Make Poverty History campaign aims to eliminate the debt burden of impoverished nations, provide more adequate international aid and lobby for trade justice.

SOLID member Gary McNutt admitted these are lofty goals, but said making them a reality depends on the actions of people in small communities spread throughout the developed world.

"I think there is definitely an awareness of what is going on and we have to make the governments more accountable," he said.

Saturday's concert, featuring the well-received electric folk sounds of OKA, shed some light on the world's forgotten poor and is hoped to have inspired many to take an active role in lobbying for change.

"We got a very good response from the people and it is hoped the event will inspire people to get involved," he said.

McNutt urged people to remain active in the process of change even though music from the weekend's concerts had come to an end.

Writing letters to elected officials, attending rallies and supporting the efforts of grassroots organizations are a few of the steps anybody can take.

"I think the concerts were effective in order to get more people aware of the need to change," he said. "Governments only react to what people demand them to do."

Islanders interested in making poverty history can show their support by purchasing anti-poverty wristbands at the Saturday Market, Starbooks and Island Star Video for a suggested donation of two dollars.

More information about upcoming events and SOLID can be found at www.solid-saltspring.com.

More letters

What's left?

The June 29 article on the open house for the proposed Highbridge Village development was puzzling. At the June 27 meeting, Channel Ridge development coordinator David Ehrhardt said, "Once you've made the decision to lower the density, then it becomes possible to really work with the natural landscape."

What natural landscape? Has Mr. Ehrhardt seen the development site since it was clear-cut? The company he represents not only removed almost every tree last year, it applied the "scorched earth" method to prepare the development site.

Thanks to the vision of the developers, there are no pine trees, arbutus trees, garry oak trees, or cedar trees. There are no ferns, no salal or natural ponds left. There is no habitat for eagles, woodpeckers, crows, songbirds or hummingbirds. What is left after they removed the slash and rubble are a few forlorn rock outcroppings, some roughly graded roads leading to unobstructed views of Stuart Channel, the occasional stench from the Crofton Mill and the lingering smell of greed.

CHRIS HUNTER
Channel Ridge

Traffic

We are residents on Cusheon Lake Road. This road was designed as a rural lane, winding along the lake, with never a thought given to the possibility that such an incredible increase in traffic would take place.

As an everyday occurrence, cars, pickup trucks, vans and commercial vehicles use Cusheon Lake Road as a shortcut to destinations reached via Stewart Road, Beddis Road and even heading to Fulford Harbour.

Beddis Road is in such deplorable condition that many vehicles use Cusheon Lake Road even if it is shorter to use Beddis. No commercial vehicle driver would

think of using Beddis Road in its present condition.

There is no RCMP presence on Cusheon Lake Road to control speeding drivers. Many drivers seem to regard it as a challenge as to how fast they can negotiate the road. They seem to know that there is no penalty.

Lately, with the construction on Stewart Road, commercial vehicle traffic has increased during the day, to the point that a truck goes

by the house every couple of minutes.

The combination of the heavy truck traffic, the speeders, all the blind driveways, and the many users of the lake, is a recipe for disaster. When such a disaster happens, as it surely will, all official bodies that could help solve the problem will duck for cover as well.

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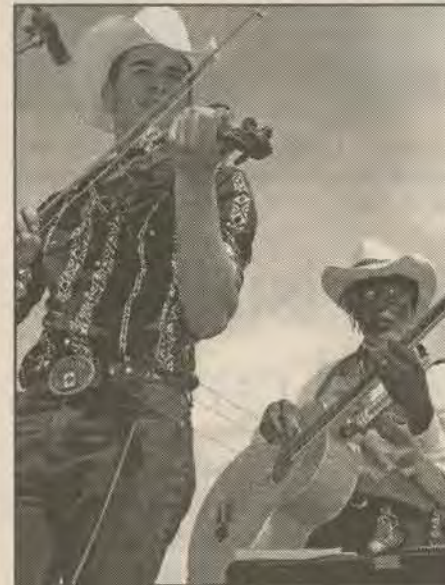
Salt Spring celebrated Canada Day in style with hours and hours of activities. Seen at left are a patriotic Jordan and Heidi Price, while below, Oban Stone, left, and Oscar Riley get some foot-stomping music happening in Ganges.



Above, members of the Legion Pipe Band lead the Canada Day cake parade, while below Tim McNinch throws horseshoes at the Legion's afternoon activities.



At left, Bradley, Samantha and Rebecca Worsley are all decked out in Canada Day garb, while below, a group of kids gets ready to dig into the Embe Bakery cake. Below right, Dawn Hage directs the Salt Spring Concert Band before a "full house" in Centennial Park.



Derrick Lundy photos



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TOP OF THE WORLD: A skater soars through the air as islanders enjoy a DNA skateboarding demonstration at the Kanaka Road skatepark Saturday.

Photo by Detrick Lundy

Salties out-pitched but not outdone

Stellar round robin play at a Canada Day long weekend tournament in Victoria's McDonald Park was not enough to carry the Salties through the playoffs, sending them instead on an early Salt Spring-bound ferry.

"We were all playing really well up to the beginning of the playoff and then we ran into the Victoria Rangers," said Blain Johnson in a telephone interview held after the tournament. "We just got knocked out by their phenomenal pitcher in back-to-back games."

If the Salties hit the wall in the playoffs, they managed to get a running start after finishing round robin play with a record of 3-1.

The Salties collected convincing victories against Bart's Pub (6-0), Esquimalt Electric (12-0) and Les Sam Construction of Port Alberni (13-1).

The team's only loss was a close 6-4 game against the

consistently dominant Victoria Junior A's.

"We ran really hard out there," said Johnson. "We played well, had a lot of fun and will do it all again next year."

In keeping with the weekend's festivities, Bob Akerman, Gord Akerman and Scott Bruebaker provided some extra fireworks by each raking in two homeruns.

The Salties will be in action again Thursday evening against the Sooke Midgets.

Their next home games will be in Fulford on Sunday, July 10 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Stingrays grab 41 best times

Salt Spring Stingrays made a splash in Nanaimo last weekend, picking up personal bests, medals and ribbons as they competed in one of Vancouver Island's biggest-ever swim meets.

Thirty-five Stingrays joined over 600 swimmers at the three-day meet, which included athletes from all over Vancouver Island as well as the lower mainland.

The meet was run in heats and finals, with the top six swimmers in each age division qualifying for finals once heats were finished. Allowed to compete in up to four events, island swimmers nailed a total of 41 best times (BTs), and qualified for over 30 finals.

Div. 2 swimmer Eryn Gix topped the BT challenge, nailing best times in three of four heats, and then doing it again in all four of her finals. Swimmer Emily Rothwell (Div. 5) grabbed BTs in all four of her heats, while Alex Crandall (Div.3), Emily Gix (Div.4) and Katie Villadsen (Div. 5) pulled off three best times out of four swims.

Several swimmers nabbed gold, silver and bronze for top-three finishes in finals, while fourth to sixth placers gleaned ribbons.

Two swimmers collected medals in all four of their swims: Sierra Lundy (Div.3) won gold in 50-metre breast (40.29), silver in 100-m individual medley (IM) (1:21.51), and bronze in 50-m fly (37.83) and 50-m back (39.45). Emily Gix took gold in 50-m breast (45.65), and bronze in 100-m IM (1:36.34), 100-m free (1:25.13) and 50-m free (36.68).

In Div. 5, Danica Lundy took gold in 200-m IM

(2:52.54), and silver in both 100-m fly (1:23.67) and 100-m back (1:19.33). She also took 5th in 50-m fly (36.30).

For the Div. 7 girls, Danielle Viozzi nabbed silver in 100-m fly (1:29.86), bronze in 50-m free (32.78) and 100-m back (1:25.21), and 4th in 100-m free (1:12.90).

Brendan Nickerson, Div. 6, won silver in 200-m IM (2:39.27) and 100-m back (1:13.53), and took 4th in 50-m fly (31.87) and 5th in 100-m free (1:03.52).

In Div. 3, Arlo Bryn Thorn won bronze in 50-m breast (48.12) and 4th in 50-m fly (42.04), while Div. 1 swimmer Connor Budd grabbed bronze in 50-m breast (1:01.45).

Olivia Budd (Div.5) picked up 4th in 50-m free (32.27); Victoria Budd (Div.6) took 5th in 100-m breast (1:33.90); Maggie Birch (Div.1) nailed 6th in 50-m breast; and in Div. 6, Amy Zacharias picked up a 6th for 100-m breast (1:33.97).

Coaches Kellie Rolston and Kris Isenor also swam finals in all of their Div. 8 events, with Rolston winning gold in everything, and Isenor picking up silver, bronze, 4th and 6th.

Swimming at their first competitive meets were: Brynna Kagawa-Visentin (Div. 1), and Div. 5ers Cayce Fedberg and Alli Ingram.

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After graduating from the Vancouver Island Professional School of Esthetics in Duncan, Trene Kaye recently opened Salt Spring's newest day spa, Milady Esthetics. Offering a wide variety of treatments for both women and men, the spa provides islanders with a new option for professional esthetic services. Milady Esthetics' services menu includes such favourites as manicures, pedicures and facials as well as other traditional spa services – waxing, back facials, and make up application. The spa also offers lash and eyebrow tinting and nail sculpting in acrylic, gel, and fiberglass.

Whether a client is used to a regular manicure or is going for a wax treatment for the first time, she will feel comfortable in this clean and pleasant spa. Situated in Trene's home in Vesuvius, Milady Esthetics has a relaxing, soothing ambiance. Trene prefers to work with people one on one and books enough time for everyone so that no one feels rushed. Trene loves working with people (she used to work at the lab in the hospital) and puts her clients at ease with her warm, friendly manner. She was born on Salt Spring and looks forward to working with islanders and visitors alike.

Trene follows strict guidelines at Milady Esthetics for cleanliness and sterility. She uses a bead sterilizer and hospital grade antiseptic. Fresh implements are always used for each client. All the implements used – file, buffer brush, Birch wood stick – get sent home with clients. It's like leaving the appointment with a goodie bag! Milady Esthetics uses and sells OPI nail products and Dr. Spiller facial products.

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READY TO GO: From left, Gordon English, Alan Wiggan, Steve Marleau, Bob McWhirter and Bob Food are ready for anything — especially the upcoming Hewitson Memorial golf tourney. Photo by Derrick Lundy

All golfers wanted for hospital tourney

Even people who have never swung a golf club can still enjoy an afternoon of golf and support a good cause at the same time at the 14th-annual Lady Minto Hospital Foundation charity golf tournament on Saturday, July 9.

"Texas Scramble" rules will prevail, meaning that novice and experienced golfers can all participate with an emphasis on fun.

For the third year in a row, the tournament is being co-sponsored by Mouat's Trading Company, which has made a generous pre-tournament donation and is entering a foursome in the event.

Once again, other local businesses are showing their support by sponsoring holes and donating prizes, including gift certificates to local restaurants, barbecue tools, plants and a cord of wood delivered to your home

(courtesy of the Walter Bay Preservation Society).

If you're lucky or skillful enough to hit a hole-in-one on the designated hole, you could even win a trip for two to Hawaii from Uniglobe Travel.

The tournament begins at 2 p.m. and is followed by a buffet dinner and prize-giving. If you can't make it on Saturday, you can still participate — stop by the registration tent on Friday, July 8, make a donation and turn in your score card to be eligible for a prize.

Titled the "Hewitson Memorial," the tournament is named in memory of both Tash and Glenn Hewitson, who were long-time golf club members and strong supporters of the Hospital Foundation.

For pre-registration and more information, call the foundation office at 538-4845.

Stars rock at season's end

Island Star Video girls softball team went all out for their last two games of the season, with solid batting and defensive plays demonstrating how much they've grown through the year.

The Salt Spring team faced Langford Lightning in a double header that saw big hits from Devon Miles, Devon Craig, Andrea Sweetnam, Colleen Hillis and Erin Foster in the first game, plus some skilled base stealing.

Pitcher Craig had two strike outs, and Stars fielders Katy Haydon, Erin Foster and Colleen Hillis all caught fly balls.

In the second game, Megan Robinson and Carolyn Pomazjl caught fly balls, with one of Robinson's successful catches requiring a dive. All Stars players were involved in several smart outs in both games.

Hitting in the second match came from Robinson's double, and singles from Haydon, Craig and Rosalie Baldwinson.

The team thanked coach Fiona Foster and sponsors Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of Island Star Video for their support all year.

Joah Chlopan disc closes B.C. Open

A small contingent of island disc golfers earned kudos at the B.C. Open competition in Vancouver last weekend.

Joah Chlopan even took the advanced men's title with a score of 215 (five over par 210) after four rounds of grueling disc golf over Saturday and Sunday.

"He had one of the best scores from any division there," said fellow golfer Ted Hickford. "He's going to be

playing open pro at every event in the future."

Tanya Van Ginkle placed sixth (292) with advanced women.

Among the open masters, Scott Chapman placed eighth (243) and Hickford placed 10th (250).

Modified courses at Jericho Hill and Queen Elizabeth Park demanded long-distance throws from islanders used to short-range shots, Hickford said.

"I added up the footage and it was 25,062 feet. That's just under five miles. It was painful and a lot of it was uphill," he added.

While the longest hole at Mouat's Park is 80 metres (260 feet) and the average is 48 meters, the average hole at the B.C. Open was closer to 110 metres (360 feet).

"Some of the holes were outrageous. At Jericho, hole number 17 was 630 feet. And Queen Elizabeth was just worse," he laughed.

Players from all over B.C., Alberta and Washington State attended the event sponsored by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA).

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X 8:00 am	5:00 pm	8:30 am	5:30 pm
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Fresh Talk with Michael Contardi

Bright Farm - Organic Diversity at its Best

Bright Farm is one of Salt Spring's largest and most diverse organic farms, with 10 acres on Tripp Road and another 25 acres of arable land on Lees Hill. Charlie and Judi Eagle, with daughter Bree, have been farming the property since 1990, on what was once part of the 150 acre homestead of Jane and Thomas Mouat. They still occupy the historic 1890 Mouat farm house.

The farm has been certified organic with Island Organic Producers Association (IOPA) since 1992. The day of my interview, a farm inspector had just visited for their annual inspection. She checked the fields for crop diseases and crop rotation, inspected records, and examined seed packages and fertilizer labels to ensure that everything is organic. "As far as we know, this land has always been farmed organically. It's a rare thing to find", says Judi.

Bright Farm is one of the largest growers of garlic on the island, with over an acre under production. Portuguese Red, Spanish Roja, Korean Purple, and Chinese garlic varieties are cultivated. Tomatoes, nugget potatoes, green beans, summer squash, melons and bell peppers are the main crops, while broccoli, onions, carrots, beets, cucumbers, basil, winter squash and

leeks round off the mix.

The Eagles are also stewards of a sizeable heritage orchard, with some 300 varieties of apple, plum and pear trees. The collection was purchased by the Canadian Heritage Seed Program and planted at Bright Farm as a preservation orchard.

"We grow food we like to eat", says Charlie. Their passion for growing great food is evident as we share the first sweet cucumber of the season. YUM!

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Baseball players head to tourneys

Baseball season will stretch a little longer for a group of Salt Spring boys.

"We put together an all-star team," said Salt Spring minor baseball association president Gord Hollingsworth.

The Salt Spring group comprised of 11- and 12-year-old boys (with one 10 year old) will form one team to face off-island opponents after playing a season against each other divided into three teams.

"This year, we've been invited to 13 tournaments. We can't accept all of those — only because in July and August you start losing your team to camping and stuff like that."

But the islanders are definitely going to Nanaimo on July 9-10 for a 16-team tournament and are considering three other tourneys in Bell-ingham, Victoria and Campbell River.

"Our season is going to

continue but I don't know for how long."

The off-island tourneys offer a great opportunity for local teams to travel and face different competition, he said.

"We only have the three teams we play throughout the year. The extended year is great experience."

Hollingsworth expects tough competition at the upcoming event in Nanaimo.

"We had 172 kids enrolled from T-ball right through to girls softball. That was everybody. Nanaimo had 336 boys aged 11 and 12 alone. My point is — they picked five all-star teams and they've got some pretty good ball up there."

But Salt Spring fared well against good off-island teams last year and he hopes for a repeat.

"We have some great pitching, some great hitting and I look forward to putting up a great show."



ON THE BALL: Volleyball players make their annual sojourn to Salt Spring, setting up nets and pumping up the action at the Gulf Islands Secondary School fields.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Scorpions take road trip to Spokane

Senior boys basketball students from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) will hit the hoops as a team in Washington for the summer.

The Scorpions were invited to attend a team camp from July 24-28 at Gonzaga University near Spokane.

"The university invites

teams to go down with the coach," said GISS athletics director Lyall Ruehlen.

"They do evaluations, run you through skills and drills and different offences and defences."

Unlike other skills camps, Gonzaga places an emphasis on the whole team, Ruehlen said.

"You learn as a team, not as an individual."

Ruehlen, fellow coach Lee-Anne Gordon and 10 athletes plan to attend the camp.

"They will form the basis for next year's team."

Fundraising is now in the works, including upcoming car washes.

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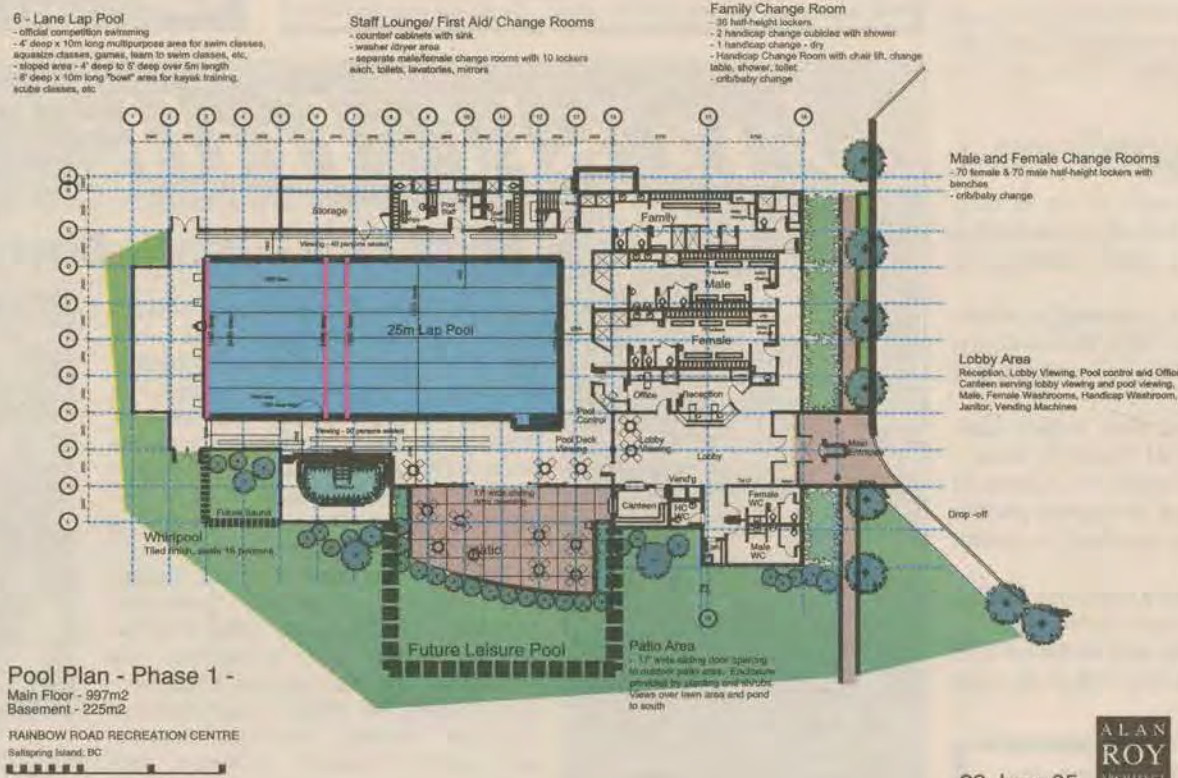


RAINBOW ROAD INDOOR POOL PROJECT

The Rainbow Road Recreation Centre project is a multistage undertaking that includes a new indoor community pool as the first element.

Initially a new 6-lane, 25 metre multi-purpose pool and a 16-person whirlpool will be built. Construction will begin in the fall of 2005.

A design team lead by the firm of Alan Roy, Architect, was hired in April 2005 to begin the design development process. The design concept sketches shown here are the result of considerable public input over the past several months.



Energy efficient technology and "green design" features such as heat pumps, low water-use plumbing, power-saving lighting and other such equipment will be included where possible. If not financially able to be included at present, provision may be made in order to add such technology.

Financial resources for the project are provided from borrowing authorized by Referendum 2004 (\$2,500,000), the Community Initiatives Grant from the Province of BC (\$1,900,000), funds from PARC's operating budget (approx. \$970,000), and contributions by community sponsors.



PARC has launched a fundraising/partnership program. We are currently developing a "catalogue" of features, amenities and equipment that community members can sponsor — from changeroom lockers, or a lift system to assist patrons into the pool, to portable spectator benches. All donors will receive a CRD letter for tax purposes, as well as 'name' recognition in the pool building.

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