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A group of 100 Mormon "pilgrims" takes a four-day trek back in time. Page B13.

Weather

Summer is here to stay — at least for the next week. Mainly sunny right through the weekend with highs up to 26 C today (Wednesday) and overnight lows to 10 C Friday.

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Fuel surcharge boosts ferry travel costs

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Sailing to and from the island just got more costly following B.C. Ferry Services' decision to implement a fuel surcharge on all routes this week.

"What can you do when it comes to the price of fuel?" asked Bruce Patterson, a Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee member. "Everyone who drives a car or owns a furnace has probably realized the past year has been trying."

The surcharge, he said, was largely due to forces beyond the control of any one person and reflects larger economic issues.

Fares on major routes between Vancouver Island and the mainland increased four per cent while fares on all other routes went up six per cent.

Under the new rates, the one-way trip from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen now costs passengers an extra 35 cents and adds \$1.35 for under-height vehicles.

A return trip to Vancouver Island will set passengers back 30 cents and cost a further 80 cents per vehicle.

The fuel surcharge appears separately on the ticket and will likely be in effect for the next three years or until the price of oil sinks back under \$50 a barrel.

The increase is B.C. Ferries' attempt to produce an additional \$25 million in revenue.

"This is less than what we applied for but the commissioner has been set up as a watchdog and we must abide by his decision," said B.C. Ferries communications manager Deborah Marshall.

While B.C. Ferries initially sought an eight per cent increase on its major routes and a 13 per cent increase on others, the ferries commission decided the burden of energy costs should be shared by the company and its users.

"These are difficult times for transportation companies but the company cannot expect to pass along to its customers its entire increase in fuel costs," the commission declared.

The British Columbia Ferry Commission was established under the province's Coastal Ferry Act of 2003 in order to regulate fares and service levels on routes served by B.C. Ferries. In spite of the fuel surcharge, the commission's report stated plans for an already-approved November rate increase remain a possibility.

Each year, B.C. Ferries is permitted to increase fares 2.8 per cent on major routes and 4.4 per cent on remaining routes.

Since B.C. Ferries applied for the increase in early June, the commission considered more than 70 letters and telephone calls from members of the public about the fuel surcharge.

Twins celebrate 80 great years

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Vic Sampson thought he was on his way to a baseball game, so you can imagine his surprise when he found more than 50 people, including his twin brother from Courtenay, hiding out in his back yard to wish him a happy birthday.

"They never tell me anything," he said in a birthday interview on the deck of his

Fernwood Road home, "but it still feels pretty nice to have all these folks here."

Vic and Cliff Sampson enjoyed a Saturday afternoon sitting in the sun, relishing well wishes from family and friends who took time to celebrate the twins' 80th birthday, even though the event may not have been a total surprise for all.

As soon as the invitation arrived in Cliff Sampson's



FRESH BEANS: Chelsea Sherbut holds a basket of organic beans from Duck Creek Farm as the weekly Tuesday afternoon farmers' market opens in the United Church Meadow.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

mailbox in Courtenay several weeks ago, he knew something was being cooked up for the big day.

"I can never maintain the surprise," said his wife Donna Sampson. "Even though the invitation was addressed to me, my husband manages to worm everything out of me."

The brothers agreed the island has seen a lot of

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Today's the day

This is the week to save "the day" in the Gulf Islands Driftwood.

The second annual Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island supplement runs in this issue, featuring a collection of photographs taken on the island within a 24-hour period on June 29.

Select images are also part of the Photo Synthesis exhibit now on display at ArtSpring.

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Vancouver Island in a sea of its own

Forget about booking a trip to that far-flung exotic destination, it turns out a top-ranked island destination is only a 25-minute ferry ride away.

According to Travel and Leisure magazine subscribers, Vancouver Island is the best island getaway in North America and the sixth best island destination in the world.

The "meeting place of the sea and sky," as the magazine calls the island, finished ahead of Mount Desert Island, Maine, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and the neighbouring San Juan Islands.

On a global scale, Vancouver Island placed just behind Australia's Great Barrier Reef Islands.

Bali, Santorini, Maui and Kauai rounded out the top five.

"Whenever you think of tourist destinations, hot tropical destinations generally come to mind," said Cathy Mailhot, Duncan-Cowichan Valley Tourist Information Centre manager. "This survey helps us realize there are a whole bunch of people who really enjoy the topography, geography and climate of this area."

Last year, Vancouver Island placed third among North American Islands but failed to place among the world's top 10.

The highbrow magazine dedicated to everything glitzy and glamorous in the world of travel said Vancouver Island offered a balance of creature comforts and adventure tourism.

The findings were conducted between January and March. Readers were asked to rank destinations based on criteria, including natural attractions, activities and sights, restaurants, people and value.

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Trashy parks soil island reputation

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

At first glance, working in one of Salt Spring's many parks seems like a great way to enjoy the summer, but garbage littering island green spaces has left volunteer caretaker Lawrie Neish smelling foul.

"It's kind of depressing," he said after collecting two grocery bags of garbage at Peace Park Friday morning. "We have a reputation as a neat little island and this makes it appear more like a trash heap."

Neish said the collection of wrappers, bottles, coffee cups and bags is becoming a usual sight when he shows up to do the rounds on his trusty old lawnmower twice a week at the green space across the road from ArtSpring.

"My record at this park is 45 cans," he said. "They were even nice enough to leave a box behind so I could pack everything out."

Though he remains light hearted, Neish said a glass bottle and a lawn mower could be a dangerous combination, especially when children are about.

A quick glance around the park reveals the problem's potential cause — a lack of garbage cans.

When asked whether installing a few receptacles nearby could wrap up the issue, Neish shook his head, saying it has already been tried numerous times.

"If we put garbage cans in the park, then we'll have a whole other problem," he said.

Neish explained the prospect of an empty waste-bin is all too tempting for residents intent on saving a couple of dollars and a trip to the transfer station.

More often than not, the cans end up overflowing with bags of islanders' household garbage.

Martin Milner represents half of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) maintenance squad. He said the garbage issue started well before he took on the job 10 years ago.

"We've always had a problem with this," he said. "All we can do is pick it up."

Bylaws preventing household garbage disposal do exist, but are rarely enforced.

"Who's going to be there to



MESSY PROBLEM: Lawrie Neish is left picking up the garbage at Peace Park in Ganges.
Photo by Sean McIntyre

enforce it?" he asked. "There are only two of us and we can't be standing beside the garbage cans all day. People just have to be responsible for their own trash."

Milner said higher park use during the summer months means more trash being left behind.

Trash bags left beside dumpsters and stuffed down portable toilets were commonplace in parks across the island, he added.

"The lake accesses are getting a lot of household garbage," he said. "People should really be taking their garbage out of the area but since we installed toilets we have to include the garbage cans."

He suggested the solution is for both park visitors and island residents to take more responsibility for their trash.

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SAMPSON TWINS

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changes since they turned up, but despite the passing of time and some gray hair, Cliff and Vic have managed to hold on to their parents' original piece of land.

Vic said money saved up from years of fishing and logging helped build the home where he now lives with his daughter, son-in-law and three-year-old granddaughter.

"I'd go out fishing for a bit and whenever I'd come back I'd build a bit more on the house," he said.

Vic spent years logging, clearing, tilling, planting and reaping the rewards of the four-acre parcel left to him by his parents.

When his wife passed away shortly after the birth of their sixth child, Vic became both mother and father to his young family, said relative Eve Horsburgh, who came from Victoria to celebrate.

"They are family people," she said. "They are so family orientated and they share their lives together and with everyone."

Today, the house is finally complete, the next generation bounces on a nearby trampoline and a row of mature apple trees lines the long driveway, already heavily laden with fruit in the late-July sunshine.

It's a picture of paradise, accomplished by years of hard work and overcoming obstacles, including the time Vic and five brothers spent overseas during the Second World War.



BIRTHDAY BOYS: Twins Vic and Cliff Sampson celebrate 80 years with a glass of bubbly. Photo by Sean McIntyre

Vic has learned much in his 80 years and takes pride in passing down the lessons he has learned.

"Nobody's told me what to do, so I let them do what they want," he said. "That's the only way they can learn, by experience."

Being five minutes younger than his brother, Cliff joked he was too young too fight and the search for work eventually took him to Oregon where he started a ranch.

Despite the distance and time spent apart, Cliff always tried to return home whenever he got the chance.

It's a habit he maintains to this day, thinking nothing of making a quick one-day journey to Salt Spring and

back. "I've got lots of memories here," he said. "I've got lots of friends in Courtenay, but it's always nice to come back."

The two men are living history filled with information about the island's past.

"In the old days we used to have everything we needed," recalled Cliff. "When the tide was out we got clams and when the tide was in we went out fishing; everything was there."

He said everything he, Vic and their 11 siblings ate was grown right there on their land.

"Driving into town all the time just wasn't a choice we had," he said.

Their surroundings may

have changed, but the brothers' appetite remains as strong as ever, a fact many family members said is the reason behind their good health. Just across the yard, Rene Valcourt is tending the barbeque, a converted claw-foot bathtub that could probably double as a tool shed after it cools down.

Valcourt said he'd already been tending the pork loin, roast beef and four large salmon for several hours and was ready to sit through the afternoon to finish up the birthday feast.

"We probably have food for a hundred people here and we're going to need it," he said. "Those guys are really one of a kind."

Broken main saps morning water supply

Hundreds of islanders woke up to low water pressure or none at all last Wednesday after a water main broke before dawn.

"One lady I spoke to had a water problem from 4:30 in the morning, so the crew went out looking for it . . . but in that time it drained our tanks on Mobrae Avenue," said North Salt Spring Waterworks District manager Trevor Hutton.

The main was an old one, located near the Booth Canal-Lower Ganges Road S-curves,

that serviced a few customers and had not been replaced along with the main line.

"Once we found [the break] we could isolate it and our tanks quickly filled up again."

Residents from Brinkworthy through to parts of Vesuvius were affected, said Hutton, as well as Lady Minto Hospital.

"We got an emergency supply up to the hospital from the Maxwell system so they were out of water for a very short time."

Hutton thanked customers for their much-appreciated positive attitude during the short crisis.

In other water news, Hutton said St. Mary and Mount Maxwell lakes are currently higher than usual, although their levels are expected to drop quickly with hot weather having finally arrived.

"They are amazingly full. St. Mary had a good beaver dam again. I was there on Tuesday of last week and somebody had breached it and there was quite a strong

flow leaving the lake, but it is still pretty well up there. But probably with the hot weather now and increasing consumption and with the dam being breached it will probably drop fairly rapidly."

Islanders and visitors are reminded to practise water conservation more than usual at this time of year.

Crash ends youths' Monday joy ride

Salt Spring RCMP have made arrests and laid charges against youths allegedly involved in stealing a vehicle from the Vesuvius area on July 13.

The thieves' ride came to a short and abrupt halt when they nearly crashed into a residence along Vesuvius Bay Road. The driver and passengers ran away from the accident site.

RCMP could not provide more details since the investigation involved minors and is ongoing.

On July 22 at 11:30 a.m., Salt Spring RCMP dispatched an officer to investigate reports of an impaired

driver cruising the Fernwood area.

Shortly after arriving in the vicinity, police located and arrested the driver after he registered a blood alcohol level above .08.



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Telus labour dispute lands on island

In solidarity with employees across B.C. and in Alberta, Salt Spring's three Telus employees were still standing their ground on Lower Ganges Road as a dispute between the company and striking workers entered its sixth day Tuesday.

"So far we've had a lot of support from people on the island," said Gary Bywater from his position on the picket line. "There's been no negative response so far."

At 8:30 a.m., Bywater was prepared for another long hot day on the labour

dispute's front lines, but honking cars supporting the employees' position helped raise morale.

Telus workers are upset the company imposed a new contract without first consulting with union representatives and say they have been increasingly locked out of contract negotiations.

The new contract was the final straw in a long string of events reducing workers' benefits without prior consultation, said Bywater.

In the meantime, Telus has rehired managers to replace the 1,000 Telecommunications Workers' Union (TWU) members who walked off the job on July 21.

It is not believed the dispute will result in any serious disruption in service for Salt Spring Island customers, but workers agreed stable service all depends on how long the strike or, in their view, "the lockout" will last.

"During the summer, the system pretty much takes



IN SUPPORT: From left, Doug Wellington, and Gary and Sharon Bywater, join striking/locked-out Telus workers across B.C. and Alberta.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

care of itself," said retired Telus employee Doug Wellington who was on site to show his support. "If we have a big storm, service may get disrupted."

Wellington and Bywater were divided on exactly how long the strike could last, suggesting it could be anywhere from two weeks to six months.

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Group of islanders wants BC-STV back on agenda

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

Months after the spring's referendum on electoral reform, a small group of con-

cerned Salt Spring residents is busily trying to rekindle a move to make the people's voice heard once again.

"People are still loosely connected and looking forward to making some noise for democracy," said Brenda Guiled, an island-based artist and political columnist.

"We've got to not only start sowing the seeds, but also start watering them."

After an informal meeting, Guiled said the push is now on to make sure the BC-STV issue gets dealt with when Premier Gordon Campbell's Liberal government resumes sitting in September.

Guiled said the summer recess was unlikely to sway the 57 per cent of British Columbians who voted for BC-STV in May, but added the politicians may need a reminder.

"When the legislature sits down, the very first thing we need to do is push for a democratic solution," she said. "If nothing is done once the new session begins, then the chance will be lost and this will quietly slide into history."

Guiled said Premier Gordon Campbell still had the chance to stand up and make a lasting difference to the province's politics and beyond.

"He is now one of the leaders of electoral reform and the whole world is looking to him," she said.

Guiled recommended people write letters to MLAs to remind them that work remains to be done.

A proportional-styled electoral system that would see MLAs elected to office based on the popular vote, BC-STV did not obtain the required 60 per cent voter approval in a May referendum.

The BC-STV system was chosen after Citizens Assembly members spent nearly a year discussing the pros and cons of different electoral systems.

In a recent interview from his Sidney constituency office, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell said the public clearly indicated a desire for change and it was his mandate to follow the public's interests.

"It's pretty obvious that people want reform," he said.

"I'm a servant of the public and we will be looking for ways to bring it up."

Coell said he did not think the issue would be forgotten, adding the premier will most likely form an all-party committee to re-examine the issue and look at BC-STV in more detail.

"I don't see it at all dead," he said. "When you see that result it becomes clear further discussion is needed."

He said the Liberal Party's track record on electoral reform speaks for itself.

During the past term, free votes, fixed election dates and looking at alternative voting procedures were all initiated by the Liberal

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Environmental home panel assembled

As alternate ways to build and service homes take off on a thermal wind of environmental awareness, the Sustainable Home Building Forum is ready to harness the energy.

Set for Saturday, July 30 at Meaden Hall, at 7 p.m., the forum features seven guest speakers, including Paula Baker-LaPorte, author of *Prescriptions for a Healthy House: A Practical Guide for Architects, Builders & Homeowners*.

Baker-LaPorte, an architect and well-known healthy home writer and speaker in New Mexico, will be returning to her native Canada and is moving with her family to Salt Spring.

"It's unbelievable the houses she has built in New Mexico," said Karen Hudson, executive director of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, which is organizing the forum along with Sunday's Eco-Home Tour.

Baker-LaPorte was recently named one of the Top 10 "green architects" of 2005 by Natural Home and Garden magazine.

She will lead the evening with a 30-minute power point presentation.

Salt Spring's own dean of environmental building, Meror Krayenhoff, will also take the stage. Krayenhoff is an energetic promoter of healthy homes and his Terra Firma Builders company has earned numerous awards. It was recently nominated for more Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence awards from the Victoria branch of the Canadian Home Builders' Association.

Also on the panel are:

- Elizabeth White, an



BIG KIDS: Chris Scott (left) and Paul Way talk about the I-Kology construction playhouse behind them, which Scott built, while at the opening of the Salt Spring Island Woodworkers Guild's Touch Wood exhibit at ArtSpring. Scott developed the sustainable I-Kology system and his playhouse may now be seen at the Salt Spring Woodworks gallery on Churchill Road.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

energy and environmental housing consultant;

- Environmental architect Philip Van Horne;

- Chris Anderson, an electro-magnetic radiation expert;

- Nitya Harris, leader of the Solar Hot Water Project from the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association.

Homeowners Andrew Haigh, and Maxine and Steve Leichter will take questions from the floor, and Salt Spring's chief building inspector Dick Stubbs is the event chair.

Stubbs has been supportive of property owners wanting to build sustainable homes and in advocating for policies like mandatory low-

flush toilets in new construction, notes Hudson.

The Saturday night forum precedes Sunday's Eco-Home Tour, which features 13 island homes and properties with environmental features ranging from straw bale to cob and rammed earth construction to alternate grey water and rainwater catchment systems.

(See the Visitor feature in this issue for more details.)

Hudson observed that interest in the topic is burgeoning, along with experts in the field such as Baker-Laporte moving to the island.

Another of those is Chris Scott, developer of the I-

Kology building system that uses 30 per cent less lumber than traditional wood-frame construction and facilitates building of smaller homes by property owners themselves.

An example of the technology can be seen in the form of a playhouse now on display at Salt Spring Woodworks on Churchill Road. It was part of the Touch Wood exhibit at ArtSpring last week.

Scott has also just published a new book called *I-kology: Practical Ideas for a Sustainable World*.

For more information about the Saturday night forum, call the conservancy office at 538-0318.

War resisters special guests at Hiroshima Day

Salt Springers can commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombing and devastation of Hiroshima in a remembrance ceremony taking place on Saturday, August 6 in Peace Park across from ArtSpring.

Activities begin at 5 p.m., with music, dedications, children's activities, keynote speakers and a giant peace symbol laden with flowers.

Keynote speakers this year will be U.S. War Resisters Joshua and Brandi Key, from Guthrie, Oklahoma. Key enlisted in the U.S. Army in early 2002, but after serving eight months in Ramadi and Fallujah, Key states, "I did

not want to return to Iraq. I did not want to participate in this war based on lies. I did not want to kill any Iraqi civilians."

On leave from service in Iraq, Key went AWOL, going "underground" with Brandi and their four children.

When they learned of the War Resisters Support Campaign, they moved to Toronto in March 2005.

This summer the Keys are telling their story across Canada to drum up national support for war resisters.

In the late 1960s, 50,000 resisters found refuge in Canada during the Vietnam War and the War Resisters'

Support Campaign is looking for public support to insist the Canadian government allow the modern-day resisters to remain.

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paign, see www.resisters.ca.

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Bear tips offered as sightings continue

By SEAN MCINTYRE and GAIL SJUBERG Staff Writers

The sight of vacationers on Salt Spring may be a common sight during the warm summer months, but islanders have recently glimpsed a different sort of visitor.

John Carson saw a healthy full-grown bear on his Furness Road property on two occasions Saturday afternoon.

"I was standing on my back porch and I saw him cut across my hay field. I immediately called Carron, my wife, and she came out and we saw him coming through a fence, and then he beetled across the hay field out of sight. Later on we went over and took a hair sample off the fence."

An hour and a half later while out haying, the Carsons saw the bear underneath a walnut tree on another part of the property and later found a bedding site and scat in their orchard area.

"His coat looked really beautiful. To me he looked like a healthy specimen," said John Carson, who has seen bears elsewhere in the past. "You could see when he was trundling the shiver of his whole body, as if it was a well-fed animal."

But Sky Valley resident Sol Sevi was less impressed

with the bear he saw at an uncomfortably close distance on July 14.

"When you're close enough to see its nose, things start to get pretty scary," said Sevi in a telephone interview following the sighting of a black bear rumbling past his home.

"So far nobody's been hurt, but are they going to wait until it's too late before something is done about this?"

Sevi was taken by surprise when a bear emerged from the forest bordering his property and passed within 20 metres (65 feet) of where he was standing.

He reported finding some bear droppings in his garden and was upset no action was being taken to ensure the safety of area residents.

While the bear was rumored to have "vanished" from the island's south-end about a month ago, recent sightings have led animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser to believe the bear has elected to become a full-time resident.

Since the spring, Brunnwieser has received calls from eyewitnesses living within the triangle formed by Fulford Hall, Blackburn Golf Course and the mouth of Cusheon Creek.

Though people should

take precautions and use common sense around the bear, he said hunters likely pose the greatest danger.

"Not only is hunting the bear illegal and punishable by a two-year jail term and a hefty fine, but an injured bear can be very dangerous," he said.

According to Brunnwieser, a bear may only be shot if it is found to pose a direct threat to one's personal safety or livestock.

A relatively high concentration of people on the island means run-ins with the bear may be hard to avoid, according to Jo-Ann Lewichan, a coordinator at Bear Aware.

The Kamloops-based organization dealing with bear encounters receives reports of bears entering built-up regions in all corners of the province and Lewichan said each case is ruled by the same principle.

"Bears need to eat, especially at this time of year," she said. "Bears are driven by their stomach."

She said the best way to ensure a bear does not become accustomed to visiting certain homes is by taking away anything the bear may find good to eat.

Keeping garbage indoors, cleaning the barbecue grill on a regular basis, and cov-

ering all compost areas are a few steps residents can take to reduce the potential for attracting bears to their property.

"Even though they eat so much garbage, they never really get full because most of what they eat isn't very good for them," she said.

Garbage bears are known to eat anything from glass bottles to plastic bags.

Lewichan compared the tantalizing prospect of an unguarded garbage can to the lure of a quick and easy meal at a fast food restaurant.

"It may not be good for you but it's hard to ignore, especially when they've been known to smell things more than a kilometre away," she said.

Campers should leave any smelly items, including toothpaste and deodorant, in the trunk of their car or tied up in a tree.

Despite potential dangers, Lewichan said remaining calm and slowly backing away are the best things to do in the event of an encounter.

"There's a fine line between trying to get the bear out of your yard and making it really mad," she said. "The best bet is to remain inside the house, make loud noises and keep a wide berth."

Community stewardship nominees named

Seventeen individuals and groups have been nominated for the fourth annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

"The awards program is a great opportunity to honour dedicated individuals and groups who have donated countless hours to the stewardship of the islands in the Trust Area," said Islands Trust chair David Essig.

Individual nominations include Hilary Brown of Hornby Island for seven decades of volunteerism, Dave and Florence Davidson of Pender Island for the dedication of the Roesland property on Pender Island as a park, Katherine Dunster of Bowen Island for conservation work and promotion of the Slow Islands movement, Darlene Gage

of Hornby Island for work acquiring the Thatch Restaurant and Pub for community use, Christa Grace-Warrick of Pender Island for work with the Island Tides newspaper, Leigh-Ann Millman of Gabriola Island for work preserving a 160-acre nature reserve, Maureen Moore of Salt Spring for protecting freshwater lake ecosystems, Sylvia Pincott

of Pender Island for public education work to preserve biodiversity, Newell Smith of Pender Island for mapping micro-ecological zones, Robert Weeden of Salt Spring for promoting protection of the natural environment and activities supporting sustainable community life, and Nicholas and Naomi Wilde-Van Ginkles of Pender Island for work sensitizing the community to the environmental impact of chemicals.

Group nominations include the Denman Conservancy Association's annual house and garden tour fundraising event, Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation purchase of Hornby Island Resort for community benefit, Hornby Water Stewardship Project water testing and education to protect water quality and the Mayne Island Japanese Gardens volunteers' creation of a memorial garden to honour Japanese families of Mayne Island.

Four awards in total will be given in 2005 with two for individuals and two for organizations. Winners will be selected by the Islands Trust during its quarterly meeting on Keats Island in September.

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Alton rainwater system ready to flow

By MARY FOWLES
Driftwood Contributor

The Islands Trust Fund has installed a rainwater harvesting demonstration site at the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve and is offering free tours to anyone interested in learning more about catching, filtering and storing rainwater.

"Harvesting rainwater is one tool that can be used for people dealing with water quality and quantity problems," said Kate Leslie, an environmental educator and the local contractor for the project.

The tour will explain how the rainwater system works including all the components used to catch, move, filter, store and treat rainwater for drinking water, household needs and garden use.

"Inspiration for the project came because the original water supply of the Alton Reserve — a nearby creek — was not providing enough for the four-person family resident caretakers and the heritage garden," said Lisa Dunn, manager of the Islands Trust Fund.

"We needed a solution," said Dunn, "and rainwater is proven good-quality water. A spin-off of the project is an opportunity for educating the public."

The Gulf Islands are witnessing increasing salt-water intrusion into wells, a growing number of abandoned wells, and measurable declines in water quality over the summer months, says the Islands Trust Fund. Most climate change models predict the trend is here to stay as south-western British Columbia can expect warmer, wetter, stormier winters and hotter, drier summers prone to drought and likely to result in lower water tables.

"We are getting the most water in the winter months and yet our demand for water is greatest in the summer when the population increases," said Leslie. "That's why we should store winter rain, most of which is just lost to the ocean."

But in her earnest promotion of rainwater catchment, Leslie does not want people to ignore the bigger picture: increased land clearing means that less and less rainwater is able to seep underground into natural reservoirs, causing much of our drinking water to run off into the ocean.

"It's a given that the more development that happens on the island, the more problems we are going to see with water quality and quantity," she said.

Dunn said some residents of Salt Spring have expressed concern that rain-



RAINDROP CATCHER: Kate Leslie, who heads up the Islands Trust Fund's rainwater harvesting demonstration project on the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve property, is ready to offer tours on Saturdays through the summer.

Photo by Mary Fowles

water harvesting could be used as an excuse to increase development and density on the island that were previously off limits due to water shortages.

"Our intentions in promoting rainwater catchment are not about new houses, but for existing residents," she stresses. "This is a solution for locals who live here now and not about attracting new residents."

"This is a classic situation on the West Coast," said Bob Burgess, head of Rainwater Connection on Thetis Island, and designer of the Alton house system. "Land

use authorities decided they could restrict development because of water shortages. Instead of just saying 'Sorry, no more development' they used water as an excuse. But anyone on a zoned existing lot has the right to develop."

With the Capital Regional District's *Household Guide to Water Efficiency* ready at her fingertips, Leslie emphasized that conservation is key: "Canadians are second only to Americans in the amount of water individual residents use, averaging out at about 120,000 L (26,400 gallons) per year."

The Alton house system

only supplies 60 percent of the residents' water needs, she said, and at this point works best as a supplementary water supply.

"But if water consumption were to decrease in the future, a system like this one could potentially supply 100 per cent of what is needed."

Rainwater harvesting has become commonplace in many communities around the world.

"In parts of Bermuda, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Germany it is mandatory in order to get a house permit," said Burgess.

Tours run most Saturdays at 661 Isabella Point Road from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. until October. Information is also provided at the Saturday market and the Alton house will be featured in the Eco Home Tour on Sunday, July 31.

For more information, call Kate Leslie at 653-0031 or see www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca.



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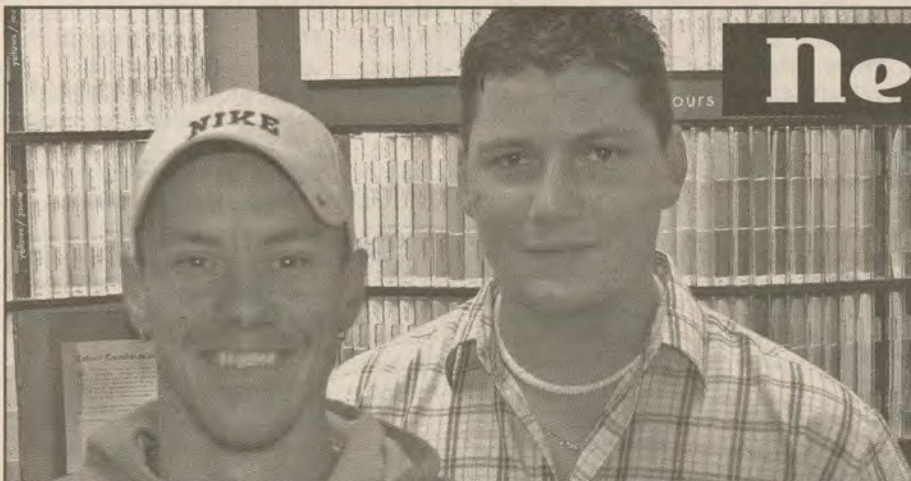
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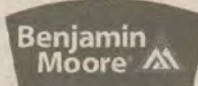
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But prominent among new island residents with unknown asset levels are people who could hardly be accused of not having the public good in the forefront of their minds.

A number are passionate about sustainability and environmental home building and servicing and are contributing to an exciting new industry which has recently taken hold.

Some of them will be highly visible this weekend at the Sustainable Home Building Forum and Eco-Home Tour, organized by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy with help from the One-Tonne Challenge.

Paula Baker-Laporte is co-author of the healthy home "bible" called Prescriptions for a Healthy House and is speaking at the Saturday night forum.

Christopher Scott is promoting an alternate building technology, which would need legislative change to be accepted in B.C., plus use of small personalized vehicles to replace cars.

Mark Starik and Margery Moore are establishing a sustainability institute on the island, with family connections already here and after two summer study visits by Starik's George Washington University students.

These new residents and property owners are plugging into an existing local milieu that suits their philosophies and professions, and the result is both positive and invigorating for Salt Spring as a whole.

As the Eco-Home Tour and building forum will illuminate, environmentally sensitive ways of building and using energy and water are blossoming on the island.

Salt Spring is populated by numerous creative, far-thinking, community-minded individuals, some with plumper bank accounts than others — and that has always been the case. They may not be the same people who were here 20 years ago, but resident turn-over occurs everywhere. Without devaluing the long-term or pioneer presence in our community or any others, new blood should be welcomed first and judged later.



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Islanders aim to scuttle BCTC overhead line plan

By JACKIE TRUSCOTT

You may remember that on June 4 a well-attended community meeting was held at ArtSpring where B.C. Transmission Corporation (BCTC) presented some alternatives to its proposed new overhead 230-kV transmission line from the mainland to Vancouver Island.

At that meeting, in response to heated opposition, BCTC agreed to take the community's request for an HVDC Light alternative to higher management.

On July 18 a meeting was held at BCTC offices in downtown Vancouver. This was attended by BCTC's project managers together with CRD director Gary Holman, Kimberly Lineger of the Islands Trust, two members of IRAHVOL (Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines) and one other Salt Spring resident together with representatives of ABB, the manufacturers of HVDC Light technology, Sea Breeze Power Corp. and one

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member of TRAHVOL (Tsawwassen Residents Against High Voltage Lines). IRAHVOL and Sea Breeze requests to bring independent engineers to the meeting were denied, as was attendance by a representative from the Corporation of Delta.

Despite IRAHVOL's attempts to broaden the agenda, the only items discussed were the two HVDC Light options, which were presented at the June 4 meeting. ABB gave a very informative presentation on the many technical and environmental advantages of HVDC Light, but after hearing BCTC's responses to questions raised, it was apparent that BCTC is not interested in changing its plans despite concerns of the affected communities.

Unlike the AC cables now in

place, which can leak toxic oil into the marine environment and need ugly overhead transmission lines, HVDC Light is a dry-insulated cable which has no electromagnetic fields and is designed to be direct-buried rather than encased in concrete. ABB were unable to effectively challenge BCTC's high-cost comparisons for HVDC Light because detailed construction estimates had not been provided in time.

IRAHVOL and ABB continue to believe that if all costs are fairly analyzed and system benefits fully evaluated, HVDC Light is a viable alternative which could be routed around the islands via submarine cable instead of using the 50-year-old right of way through the middle of Galiano, Parker and Salt Spring islands.

However, on July 7 BCTC made formal application to the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of the estimated \$245-million Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project

(VITRP). The new lines would have about 600-MW capacity to supply Vancouver Island, yet Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands have a peak load of only 60 MW.

IRAHVOL proposes to intervene with the BCUC to prevent this project being bullied through the islands and to attempt to delay the project until a full assessment of its need, technology and routing has been completed. BCTC has repeatedly warned that there could be a crisis on Vancouver Island as early as 2008 but this is misleading at best.

Sea Breeze Power Corp. is an independent transmission company which plans to install a 550-MW HVDC Light interconnector between Victoria and Port Angeles.

If all approvals are received this winter, as anticipated, the project will be completed by the fall of 2007. This would be a full year ahead of the BCTC proposal and would be able to take up any shortfall in capacity to Vancouver

Island in the event that either one of the two 1,300-MW 500-kV northern lines should go down during the coldest period of the winter, when peak demand is highest.

After the failed GSX gas pipeline proposal and the cancellation of the Duke Point proposal it is apparent that neither B.C. Hydro nor BCTC currently have a well-thought-out, long-term plan for Vancouver Island's energy future.

It is now time for B.C. Hydro and BCTC to reassess all solutions, including green power-generating options on Vancouver Island, power resources from independent producers and power reduction strategies before they lose all credibility.

If you wish to know more about IRAHVOL or the VITRP, check the IRAHVOL website at www.irahvol.org or phone Enid or Barb Turner at 537-9153.

The writer is an IRAHVOL member.

Ganges Marina project would clean up the harbour

By TOM NAVRATIL

Recently we saw a barrage of letters to the editor opposing the B&B Ganges Marina development proposal. It was not hard to tell that at least most of them came from the same group of folks, but they sure seemed intent on appearing as strong public opposition against the project.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion and even to broadcast it around. But what is truly disturbing is that the letters, ranging from negative to slanderous of the project, trustees and the APC members (I sit on the commission myself) quote over and over again partial or significantly incorrect facts.

Most of the letters quote

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the harbour fill as "destroying marine life" and "setting a dangerous precedent." There is no study that I know of indicating negative influence of this fill on the marine life in that arguably unclean corner of the harbour, but common sense dictates that there will be no significant loss of marine life.

The fill is no precedent whatsoever as this is the last recognized area of the harbour considered for fill by the OCP. In fact, a permit was issued in the past but not used, and only a part

of the designated area was filled to date, in front of The Fishery.

And what about Centennial Park and Grace Point Square? Are we not fortunate to enjoy these premises that would not exist without fill?

Furthermore, the development of the marina does not actually require the fill, the improvements will stand on pilings; the need for fill is a bureaucratic requirement without which the area cannot be acquired and rezoned.

The other phrase we see in the letters is the "imagine a three-storey commercial" building! Well guess what, it is a three-storey building from the ocean side,

but only a one-storey building from the street level. It is well designed to fit the west coast character and it will have retail/commercial units along the ground levels, off Lower Ganges Road, as well as from the seawalk level, i.e. coffee shops, restaurant, local art, and who knows, maybe even a pub (only my wishful thinking, not proposed by the applicant)!

The "horrible developer" will also complete the boardwalk along the properties (all three lots) and Lot 1 and 2 will become a park, about 500 feet of shoreline, in perpetuity!

The developer agrees to maintain that section of the boardwalk, also in perpe-

tuity. And if that was not enough, the project will also provide a sidewalk along Lower Ganges Road, public washrooms and approximately 40 parking spots. The entire waterfront section will be accessible to public, similar to the existing boardwalk stretching from the Coast Guard base to the Rotary Park.

This should be valued in an extraordinary fashion, considering the recent purchase and closure of the Moby's Pub complex that, according to what is known to date, is lost to Salt Spring-ers forever. So, before writing another negative opposing letter with regard to the B&B Ganges Marina Development (cleverly mentioning

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy and the Farmers Institute as backers), please think again.

I beg you, put whatever personal beef you may have aside, look at the facts objectively and think of the community as a whole.

The project is well thought out; it will literally "clean up" that part of the harbour, it will greatly benefit the community and the town, enhancing pedestrian activity while providing us with enjoyable amenities and additional prime oceanfront park!

The writer is a member of the Advisory Planning Commission and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How are you reacting to the London bombings?*



Gary MacLellan

It's a terrible thing and I wasn't expecting it. I remember being in London and it's pretty amazing that people can still manage to sneak by all the security measures.



Caffyn Kelley

I try to keep informed on world issues but I like to remain focussed on local issues that I can change.



Pat Reid

You're never prepared for something like this, but it's not entirely surprising given what happened on 9-11. Terrorism is the new reality and it doesn't just happen in the Middle East anymore.



Ryan Fitzsimmons

Canada's foreign policy is so much more positive than the U.S.'s and I don't think it affects that many people here. I'm mostly concerned with local issues like fresh watersheds and wise land-use policies.



John Pankhurst

I appreciate Blair's reaction of getting together with the churches in search of a peaceful solution.

Letters to the Editor

Hold line

Nice articles in the July 13 Driftwood from trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger. I thank them for calling it the way it is.

I find it amazing and unfair the criticism the trustees and staff are subject to if they fail to subscribe and "kowtow" to all the demands of the few vocal apostles who attend all the LTC meetings.

Even after the trustees give them every opportunity to speak, write and attend the LTC meetings, hog the stage, take a selfish, overextended use of time allocated in a delegation, repeat themselves and preach to their clapping gallery — that is not enough!

Then the trustees are subjected to cheap and cowardly attacks by the weak back benchers who lash out in letters to the editor with invented mistruths or more criticism.

If that's not enough, the "lynch mob" then resorts to further attacks of misconduct on their failing to hear them and discrimination.

I admire Kimberly and

Eric's position to hold the line and remain open to the positions of all citizens of Salt Spring.

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Island terror

One evening last week I had the unpleasant task of informing a couple of summer visitors that just before their return from eating out, their fairly new vehicle had been kicked in by a handful of Salt Spring's vagrant vandals. I saw them do it, but was just that much too late to stop them.

The next morning's newspaper brought more news from London, Iraq and Egypt of substantially greater acts of vandalism — more often referred to as "terrorism" — resulting in much more serious damage. We hear from all these places that, given the stealth of the miscreants, no one in these countries can feel really safe. Underground riders in London cannot but be aware that at any instant they may be blown apart.

Viewing the damage to the visitors' car and remember-

ing my own vehicle parked in another corner of the same lot, I suddenly wondered if I should leave it there in future — or, in fact, anywhere except my own driveway. And even then . . .

Call it what you will, but when we begin to think like that, the vandals — the "terrors" ("a very annoying, unmanageable person; nuisance; pest") — have won.

I realized, standing on Salt Spring Island, that I was thinking like a Londoner, an Iraqi. Bashing in a car fender is nothing compared to blowing up a bus, but the difference is largely one of degree; the resulting mindset is frighteningly similar.

The police came smartly to the scene; later a security guard echoed their thoughts: there's not a whole lot we can do; they hit, they run, they're gone, the damage is done.

Have we, then, a Salt Spring brand of "terrorism"?

(In fact, the police did nab two of the culprits later that night.)

RICHARD MOSES,
Salt Spring

Zero-sum

Anne Humphries wrote a letter last week complaining about redevelopment plans for Ganges Marina and about island development in general.

I agree with most of her feelings about changes on the island. However, she should not have attacked the Advisory Planning Commission as a bunch of destructive pro-development people. Indeed, there is one real estate agent on the APC (a nice guy), while others include an artist, book-keeper, social worker, architect, engineer operating a B&B, etc.

I am a biologist on my second term with the APC. When it comes to judging protection of aquatic habitats, I have been a professional in that very field for 52 years. I have been called for advice on five continents, generally on the side of the angels.

Anyone wishing to check my qualifications could do so by going to the library and looking in Canadian Who's Who. I might add that I have put in a lot of volun-

teer time trying to protect island waters; last year it totalled 4.1 person-months.

Concerning damage to the aquatic habitat by the proposed filling of shoreline, my judgement is that it is a "zero-sum" situation — no net loss and no net gain of ecological assets.

Granted there is a small loss of surface area of water, but one must consider that, regardless of whether there is any redevelopment, that whole section of water is inside a dense complex of docks. Such an area at the extreme end of a harbour is simply not going to be a hotbed of waterbird feeding and fish spawning and seal basking, unless we close down the village and send the people away.

There has been an ecological appraisal and I made it as part of APC deliberations. People who are attacking the proposal because of the aquatic habitat apparently have not bothered to take a good look at the area as it is now, or else they are not qualified ecologists. There is already a shoreline of artificial boulders, similar to

what would be present after development. The immediate bottom is not conducive to a productive mix of organisms.

There are many important natural habitats on Salt Spring Island that need defence and deserve loud public outcries for protection, but this little bit of harbour is not one of them. Please, will the environmental activists focus their attention on the important and difficult problems, rather than indulging in knee-jerk crusades.

Concerning social values of the redevelopment, my judgement is only that of an ordinary citizen, but a couple of things are worth noting. The proposed building would extend one storey above road level, like the present building. The side benefits would include departure of that floating apartment house and dedication for public use of a green area along the road, with a sidewalk.

JOHN B. SPRAGUE,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A12

Ecosystem health: The future for the Gulf Islands?

By **DAVID RAPPORT** and
LUISA MAFFI

Most people associate "health" with personal health, but how many of us think of health in terms of the "big picture" — that is the health of the ecosystems on which our lives depend?

Conventional approaches to the environment tend to be piecemeal, focussing on one issue at a time: diminishing biodiversity, loss of forest cover, loss of marine fisheries, desertification, pollution, and so forth. These are certainly signs of environmental trouble. However, we seldom pause to ask ourselves: what does this mean for the well-functioning of river, lake, forest, or marine ecosystems as a whole?

Countries all around the world are experiencing declining vitality of their ecosystems.

And, unfortunately, the Gulf Islands are no exception. We see an ever-growing list of rare and endangered species, a continued depletion of old-growth forests, a continued decline in our West Coast fisheries, and persisting concerns about water quality, particularly in lakes and harbours, as

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well as concerns about wells running dry in summer. Moreover, we are beginning to recognize that declines in the health of our ecosystems have direct human health consequences.

We have long known that exposures to toxic substances in air and water can induce disease, but we are now beginning to also realize that ecological imbalances create better habitats for human pathogens — many of which are insect-borne or water-borne. Further, ecological imbalances contribute to a reduction in local food supplies, encouraging a shift in diets to foods rich in carbohydrates — and thus bringing about increasing risk of obesity, heart disease, and late-onset diabetes.

The good news is that ecosystem pathologies are wholly preventable. To do this, we need to become more sensitive to signs of ecosystem pathology and make the crucial link between our own activities and the poten-

tial for placing additional stress on ecosystems. Signs of ecosystem pathology include: loss of soil nutrients; nutrient-enriched waters; increases in invasive species (broom and the like); declines in native fauna and flora, etc. Some ecosystems have gone beyond pathology: they have collapsed from human abuse and have not recovered (the cases of Easter Island, the Aral Sea, and the Mesopotamian Wetlands are among the best known).

Many of the links between such signs of ecosystem pathology and human activities are well understood. It has been known for decades, for example, that excessive sewage outflow and run-off of agricultural fertilizers, whether to lakes or harbours, leads to high concentration of nutrients in the water, often the precursor to toxic algal blooms. Along with pollution from marinas and boating activity, these stresses also contribute to contamination of shellfish.

We also know that our water bodies are sensitive to what happens on land. Extensive shoreline restructuring, infilling of harbours and upland deforestation all con-

tribute to reducing the vitality of our estuaries, bays, harbours, lakes and streams.

Of course, this is an area of immense complexity, and thus there will always remain elements of uncertainty. Here is where the "precautionary principle" comes to the fore. This principle states in simple terms: play safe, not sorry. What does this mean in everyday life on the islands? It means that we need to take a hard look at the basic sources of stress on our island ecosystems and recognize that each of these stresses is adding to an already existing stress burden, and might eventually become the "straw that breaks the camel's back." We need to move from a mind-frame that considers only the impact of one development at a time, to a mind-frame that looks at the cumulative impact of human activities on ecosystem health.

Consider the case of Ganges Harbour, for example, where significant infilling has occurred over time. Conventional wisdom would have it that "a little more won't hurt." However, from an ecohealth perspective, if the harbour already

exhibits signs of pathology, then additional stress will likely make matters much worse.

Just like many of us go for regular check-ups on the state of our personal health, it should become a habit to do regular check-ups for the health of ecosystems. In the wider interest of safeguarding the health of island ecosystems, we need to establish some new ground rules for what is acceptable. After all, ecosystem health is fundamental for our own health and well-being.

In the end, if the environment continues to degrade, everybody loses: ecosystem functions are compromised, esthetic and recreational values are lost and so are economic opportunities, and human health risks increase. Shouldn't it make perfect sense to put ecosystem health care first?

David Rapport is a professor in the faculty of medicine at The University of Western Ontario, where he co-founded the EcoHealth program. Luisa Maffi is co-founder and president of Terralingua, an international NGO. They reside on Salt Spring Island.



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Filling void

Yes, I was sad to see Moby's close last Monday. I call it 7/11 (July 11).

But I was equally as sad to see no mention of the Fulford Inn in the Driftwood's recent front-page story.

After videoing the last Wednesday Night Live! at Moby's on July 6, I went the next day to play at the Fulford Inn's open stage, which is every Thursday in Fulford.

Yes! The Fulford Inn: locally owned for years, no plans for a condo project or yacht club. Already the entire bottom floor is a waterfront pub, is set up for entertainment, has a brick fireplace that burns real logs, is a watering spot and community gathering place for Salt Spring locals, has a "true living room feeling" with a heated solarium and smoking area separate, has wing nights, prawn nights, pizza nights, pool table, closed circuit Keno, traditional pub fare, live entertainment, friendly efficient staff and a proprietor who knows what people want from years of being there, and improving it as an inn.

I'll be playing there again this Thursday. For those who

may have forgotten, it is a less than 15-minute drive due south of Ganges.

STEPHEN GLANVILLE, Salt Spring

More kitchens

If one looks for reasons why we have any kind of affordable housing shortage, one need look no further than our own official community plan and a tiny little one-liner that reads "Thou shalt not have two kitchens in a dwelling."

Think about the ramifications this one little innocuous rule has brought upon us. Number one, no granny suites for a boomer generation fast needing solutions to housing their aging parents; second, no affordable one-bedroom suites for single people or couples; third, look at the way a whole segment of our community, characterized lately as the so-called "workers," are being asked to live in what is essentially dormitory-like accommodations like Dean Road. (July 20 Driftwood article.) Finally, look at the collectives of tent people and those claiming public crown lands as their own because they have nowhere else to go. All this perceived shortage and ineq-

uity because of one stupid draconian rule.

I've argued in the past that the trustees had too much power, referring to Section A.9.1 of volume 1 the community plan, wherein it states in part . . . This plan can be amended by the Trust committee at its own initiative!

Now I would suggest to our trustees Kimberly Linenger and Eric Booth, that they have a little look at personally amending our plan. Delete the multiple kitchen restriction on island dwellings and allow the natural order to return to our community. Let individual home owners themselves meet the needs of affordable housing. It solves the problem of financing new accommodations and more importantly spreads the solution comfortably throughout the community rather than creating stigmatized enclaves where people of meager means are forced into low-income housing districts.

It is a huge mistake to allow this to happen on an island with so much diversity and wealth.

PAUL MARCANO, Salt Spring

Save big

Islanders can save mucho grande by shopping at the Superstore in Duncan. I always knew this but decided to do some actual research. Here's what I found:

I bought groceries for a family of four and priced the exact same items on island, buying/pricing the cheapest brand as much as possible.

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An extra factor to consider is that it took more than five hours to shop and buy gas and it only takes two hours on island.

In principal, we would much prefer to support island business and we'll continue to support island business for immediate perishables. However, we know where we'll be shopping at least every other week. Perhaps we can get on-island businesses to lower their prices.

MYRANDA O'BYRNE, Salt Spring

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Stop theft

I hate to be writing this letter. I hoped it was just an isolated incident when someone took my flowers without paying.

But it has now happened over several weeks that either no money, or just pocket change is there instead of the \$3, or two for \$5 that I ask.

These people wouldn't expect to get their groceries without paying, or a coffee for 63 cents instead of the \$3 or \$4 required.

If it was just for myself I'd probably quit putting flowers out, but this is my charity money to help prevent and cure blindness in some of the world's poorest places. CBMI, the charity I support, does more cataract operations than any other agency worldwide; it provides antibiotics to cure painful eye infections which, if untreated, cause blindness, and CBMI trains and enables local people to provide health care.

They are the only eye care service in southern Sudan and they are also working in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Name: **AMBER QUIRING**
 537/538/653: 537
 Occupation(s): Retail goddess.
 Hobbies: Any outdoor activity that I can find time for.
 Home finished/unfinished: Ask me in another 10 years.
 Favourite people: Owen, Gary and my wonderful family.
 Favourite read: Currently reading the "classics" with my boy (Dr. Seuss, Roald Dahl etc.).
 Best thing about SSI: The warm, friendly people that live here.
 Worst thing about SSI: That it's not situated in the South Seas.
 Best place to kiss on SSI?: Everywhere.



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NANCY WIGEN,
 Fernwood

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Roses to whomever mowed and cleaned up the Sue Mouat Trail opposite Foxglove. It is very much appreciated.

Rainbows of roses to the ever-lovin' folks of Copper Kettle who support so many of us in so many ways; and to our wonderful community members for their generous donations.

Beautiful pond lilies to my wonderful co-workers who keep me afloat when the water gets choppy. SUS

Armsfuls of roses, red and so true/thank-you Cathy Cronin — because of you,

we're not blue. She came bearing tools in the night very dark/to repair broken windows at our Legion in the park. A sincere thank-you from everyone at Branch 92 Legion.

Fragrant roses to Sazjo, Thea, Kenn, Lore, Marc, Robert, Calyx, Glory, Geoff and Annika, and to all our family and friends for your love and support in helping me honour Boca Dog's life and journey onwards. Deep, heartfelt, tail wags and gratitude. K

Roses and sincere thanks to Alan Dennis and Ken Adthead for all the help and advice during the water outage. The residents of Brinkworthy certainly appreciate your kindness. DH

Dozens of roses to the pharmacy staff at the downtown Pharmasave. They came to my rescue with needed medication and made my stay on Salt Spring Island a continued pleasure. JO (from NY)

Freedom is a choice. If you can bring tents, tarps, sleeping bags, men's clothes and cash donations to Copper Kettle, phone them at 537-5863. Thanks to all who have supported Copper Kettle and the Village.

Native roses to David Borrowman for the wonderful eco-home photograph that appeared in last week's Driftwood, and on posters all over the island. SSI Conservancy

A whole bouquet of roses to Randy Dolliver for his help with my truck last week. L

MORE LETTERS

Moby's missed

It is with great sadness that I watched the doors of Moby's close for the last time.

My thoughts go back to the construction of the building. My brother Mickey (pre Salt Spring Coffee Company) cut all the timbers for the building from trees here on Salt Spring. He called me up and asked if I could provide logs for the poles, which are an integral part of the design. These logs came from the forest at Mansell Farm and were delivered to the site on a big trailer towed behind a farm tractor.

I remember too the first annual celebration at Moby's where I barbecued lamb, also from Mansell Farm. There were contributions from many people in this community that along with the owners and staff made Moby's the great place it was.

The many nights of fine entertainment will remain special memories and above all the night I met my wife on the dance floor! Barry was never far away, keeping an eye on things and making sure everything was ship shape.

Before old Dick (Durante) passed away there was always fun and laughter to be heard from wherever he was in the building, particularly when he was playing crib with a group of friends.

Thanks to Jamie and the kitchen crew for all the lunches and dinners. The fresh bread and great salads that came with your wonderful creations will definitely be missed! Thanks to the serving staff, for the great service. I don't know how you did it sometimes when things were so busy you could hardly move between the tables and there was a line up on the stairs with people waiting to get in.

There are far too many tales to be told here in this letter about fun times at Moby's, but Mickey, his wife Robbyn, my wife Amanda, some special friends from off island and I were fortunate enough to be present when Valdy and the South End Gang played their "farewell to Moby's" gig. It was a very memorable evening with dinner, drinks and dance. Thanks, guys for a great performance!

Every community needs a Moby's marine pub. You have served visitors from far and wide and those of us here all the year round with a unique friendly service that will be very hard to recreate.

I do not know how you will be replaced; I do know you will be missed.
ROSS MCLEOD,
Salt Spring

Sound travels

Does anyone know exactly where the annoying sound of dirt bikes is coming from, somewhere east or south of Cusheon Lake?


Do we have to put up with it all summer? Can noise-by-law enforcement deal with this? Sea-do's on the water; dirt bikes on land — same vexation to the spirit.
MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

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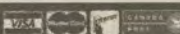
In a small glass jar with a cover, combine 1 garlic clove minced, 1/4 teaspoon paprika, salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste, 1/4 teaspoon sugar, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 2 tablespoons olive oil, shake thoroughly.

Pour the dressing over the zucchini mixture, toss to coat. Place 2 cups mixed baby salad greens on a serving dish & top with mixture & add a peeled and sliced ripe avocado for a finishing touch. Compliment with Ganges Village Market foccacia bread, baked fresh daily, Enjoy!

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I also give thanks that our transient and not-so-transient guests may always feel welcome, appreciated and a part of this lovely, colourful community.

I must also give thanks that our lovely campers may never, never take personally any attempts of intimidation offered at any times by a handful of ungrateful, selfish and righteous brats.

CHRISTIAN PAUL-TATONETTI,
Fulford Harbour

Broken faith

In last week's Driftwood an advertisement from a lobby group was published which quoted out of context a part of a letter from me. Further, the ad misidentified and misquoted a PARC commission member.

In order to set the record straight, it was commissioner Carol Dodd, finance committee chair, who responded to the question of a hypothetical gift to expand the pool project and she said, "What we are presenting to you tonight is phase one of the Rainbow Road Recreation Project — a multi-purpose tank with associated change rooms and other required amenities. If monies come from the community for any addition to this, it will not be built in phase one but we will consider it as phase two."

The Tuesday, July 5 letter from me to Ssplash president Darlene Steele containing the out-of-context quote follows:

"Thank you for your letter of July 3, 2005. PARC advised the community at the public meeting of June 9, 2005 the details of the first phase of the pool project and made it very clear that no additional water bodies were included. The so-called "leisure pool" is not designed or defined and will not be included in the first phase.

"At the commission meeting on June 27, 2005, PARC accepted the architect's phase-1 design and authorized completion of the working drawings and the tendering process. No changes or adjustments to that plan are possible or will be considered at this late date.

"While petitions may be a legitimate means of expression for a group of people and can serve to highlight an issue, they are not a valid or reliable public decision-making tool and have no legal status. They certainly could never replace a referendum. Your energy and money are better directed towards the

reality of what is currently happening, namely phase-1 of a very good and relevant community pool.

"There is no money for what you propose. It would cost taxpayers of an average assessment another \$150 each per year forever. This on top of the costs they are already committed to for the phase 1 pool. A future phase 2 referendum would be required to spend such a sum.

"On a personal note, as a member of Ssplash and a contributor to many of your efforts to date, I resent what I see as your breaking faith with me and my community in not making the funds donated available for the pool. That is what they were given for."

BILL CURTIN,
PARC Chair

Unbelievable

This was an appropriate title for the recent Ssplash ad in the Driftwood.

Isn't it time that Ssplash started to support the pool project they so desperately seem to want rather than constantly sniping at PARC over their wish list?

Isn't it time they simply applied their significant funds to support a basic pool on the island — wasn't that the point of the years of fund raising? Isn't it time Ssplash brought their fund raising to a close and gave some other cause the opportunity of going after a finite source of funds in the community? Enough is enough.

Isn't it time they stopped these pointless ads at a cost of over \$200 per week and applied this money to the pool? I think that many of those in the community who donated money to Ssplash

may be concerned over this use of their donations.

Unbelievable says it very well.

BEN GOODMAN,
Salt Spring

Four Rs

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebut.

I thank regional director Gary Holman for responding to my rather punchy letter to the editor published earlier this year. When I read his response I felt almost sheepish except for the fact that rather than being an uninformed lowly employee, I actually was responding to the first draft of the so-called independent, unbiased assessment commissioned by SSISWAC (Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee).

The first point I would like to make is that it came via the CRD; there goes the unbiased part. The other thing which got my back up is that instead of comparing the recycle depot with other like operations and providing a cost analysis, the document asked for a selected group of private companies to submit tenders. These tenders were to include Blue Box materials only, using the existing depot site. Blue Box materials consist of just

some of the materials we deal with. They also were to submit proposals for curbside pick-up. The document then stated that the CRD would choose between them. As far as curbside pickup goes, the SSISWAC voted it down weeks ago, deeming it unfeasible for the island. Why was it even included?

Apples will always be apples and oranges will always be oranges no matter how much you pay consulting firms. The CRD is a bureaucracy with an urban mandate and, like most bureaucracies, not a lot of accountability.

As far as the meeting mentioned, after reading the assessment I didn't see the point. My impression is the CRD wants to privatize. It is the way they have been going, with Port Renfrew being an example.

They have made a democratic gesture by forming the committee but I feel they had really never intended to respect any recommendations from it. With my letter I had hoped to make the community aware that the organization they created and benefit from was under threat. I also think that people behave better in the light of day.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on

Proposed Bylaw No. 140 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, 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 **1:00 pm, Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at the Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne 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. 140 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2005"

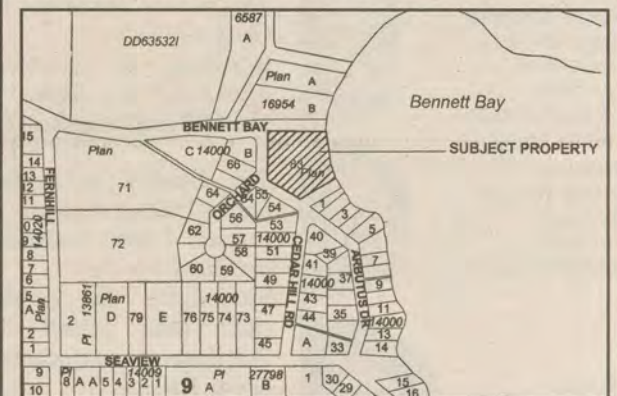
In general terms the purpose of Bylaw No. 140 is to include the following definition in the Land Use Bylaw:

"Tourist Accommodation" means the commercial provision of temporary accommodation to any member of the travelling public.

Bylaw 140 also proposes to include a reference in the Commercial Accommodation (C2) Zone to length of stay specific to the Mayne Inn site as follows:

9.10.3 The tourist accommodation use permitted by 9.10.1(1) on the land legally described as Lot 83, Plan 14000, Section 9, Cowichan District, Mayne Island (Mayne Inn) as it relates to "Temporary" means the commercial provision of accommodation to any member of the travelling public for a time period not exceeding 45 days in any twelve-month period, not more than 30 of which may be consecutive.

Lot 83, Plan 14000, Section 9, Cowichan District, Mayne Island (Mayne Inn) is shown below:



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 20, 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 Mayne Island commencing July 20, 2005 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Mayne 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., **Tuesday, August 2, 2005;**
2. after 4:30 p.m., **Tuesday, August 2, 2005,** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 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 HYPERLINK "mailto:gghamblin@islandstrust.bc.ca" gghamblin@islandstrust.bc.ca

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws 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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Parking - essential to a well-functioning Community

Over the past year the Chamber of Commerce joined with the Islands Trust, CRD and BC Ferries in conducting a commercial Parking Study for both Ganges and Fulford Harbour. The study is now complete and copies of the report are available at the Chamber office or from any of the other study sponsors. While the report is very extensive the following is a brief summary of the key findings.

Present situation (in a nutshell)

There is a strong perception that the Island's current demand for parking has exceeded its capacity and that this situation will continue at an increasing frequency. However, the results of the study also indicate that there are promising alternatives for both villages.

Ganges

The primary alternatives for Ganges include: Incentives to encourage employees to park in satellites sites away from the core.

The creation of a Salt Spring Parking Authority to enforce 2-hour maximum parking restrictions. Reconfigure the parking areas from behind the Pharmasave to and including Sports Traders.

If these alternatives can be done together they will make a significant contribution to improving the parking situation in the Village. However, the most powerful overall strategy for Ganges is one that broadens the distribution of destinations. Any alternative that relocates a destination out of the core into peripheral areas has the effect of reducing demand for parking in the core while increasing the dynamics of the outlying area. When this action is combined with improvements to walkways, making the infrastructure more of a promenade, it is a very cost-effective way to

increase prime parking levels for the entire Village. The added bonus to this initiative is that it also provides an opportunity to shape the future development of Ganges in a very desirable fashion in order to enhance overall aesthetics, (not that it is not already beautiful!).

Fulford

For Fulford the primary alternatives include: Businesses to work with homeowners to provide employee parking in small clusters throughout the Village.

The creation of a Salt Spring Parking Authority to enforce 2-hour maximum parking restrictions.

Satellite parking sites along with construction of pedestrian walking paths to the Village.

It is especially important to consider the alternatives for Fulford in 'groups'. When several alternatives are implemented together, the overall improvement in parking will be very high. On the other hand, a fragmentary adoption of alternatives will not be sufficient to reach a level where the perception of accessibility and convenience becomes reasonable. Fulford's minimum threshold (of what is reasonable) is high because the alternatives need to overcome serious geographical constraints within the Village.




Summer students Kelly Kerr and Anna Hosie (with flag) welcome visitors to the Info Centre, operated by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Derek Lundy

Next steps

The study sponsors are currently putting together two parking task forces, (one for each Village) to review

the findings and, wherever possible, to advance the implementation of the many alternatives outlined in the report.



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Smooth sailing for young skippers

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Coping with recent hot weather has been a breeze for 16 students taking part in the current session of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's summer classes.

While landlubbers remain confined to the melting asphalt as temperatures soared near the 30-degree mark, the small group of would-be sailors and their school of small sailing vessels can be spotted during the students' weekday morning and afternoon sessions.

Vancouver's Diettcliff Ostrowski said he joined the course while spending time visiting his grandparents on the island.

"The course appealed to me and it feels great to be out on the water," he said.

Ostrowski is trying to master the spinnaker, a large forward sail, as part of his training for a Bronze Five certificate.

Courses offer students between the ages of eight and 18 a chance to get acquainted with the sport for the first time or to hone some of their advanced skills.

Instructor Andrea Bartle, a University of Victoria student who grew up on Salt Spring, said sailing opens a whole new perspective on island life while providing students with a chance to get outside and meet up with other youths in the area.

"There are no real challenges," she said. "Everybody who comes out has a really great time."



SETTING SAIL: Instructor Andrea Bartle shows students how it's done at the Salt Spring Sailing School.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

The two-week sessions are held throughout the summer months and are open to anyone with an interest in getting out on the water.

Veteran Salt Spring racers, and Gulf Islands Secondary School students, Nati Shergold and Amy Zacharias said beginners have nothing to fear and everything to gain by trying out the sport.

The duo is training for their Silver Six certificate and the girls hope to someday become instructors themselves.

"When I first started it felt

really dodgy, but after I got used to it, the whole thing turned out to be a lot of fun," said Zacharias.

"The instructors don't just send you out there with no experience. The teachers are always very friendly and helpful."

Shergold added being on the water, in the sun and with friends is a great way to spend the hot summer days.

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Barrett tops field

Joanna Barrett won the BCGA Zone 5 Women's Net Tournament held at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Thursday, with a low net score of 65.

Dora Reynolds placed second with a net 66.

Twelve of the 59 participants were from Salt Spring, with four of them finishing in the top 10 and seven in the top 16.

• High scores in medal play for the 18-hole women's group were low gross, Janet Butler, 98; runner up low gross, Grace Murchie, 102; low net, Thelma Champion, 65; runner-up low net, Marie Hopkins, 93; putt pot winner, Mona Coulter and Murchie, 28 each; KP winner, Marie Hopkins.

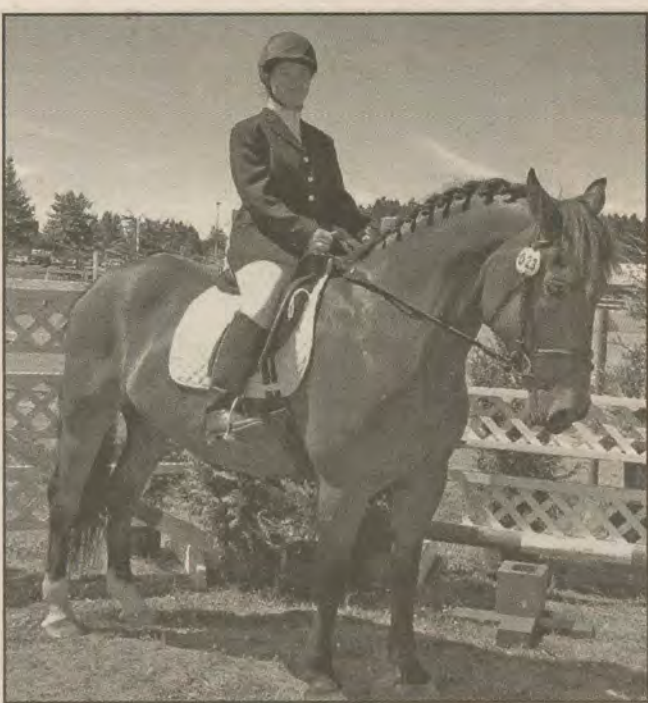
• Thirty-two teams made up of an Adam (man) and an Eve (woman) played a two-person team alternate

shot tournament on Saturday, July 23.

Gladys and John Campbell won the trophy with a net 63.5.

Other results were second place, Grace Murchie and Don McMahon (65); third, Anne and Jay MacAulay, 66.5; fourth, Linda and Mike Overholt, 67; fifth, Pearl Gray and Richard Weatherall, 67.5; sixth, Chris and Tom Locke, 67.5.

• Dods Cup results from July 16 were first, Don McMahon, 69; second, Keith Lavender, 74; third, tied with Troy Kaye and Melanie Iverson, 75. Iverson was KP on #2/11.



MEDAL WINNER: Susie McEwen, representing the Saltspring Therapeutic Riding Association, won a silver medal at the B. C. Disabled Games, held in Nanaimo on the weekend of July 14. *Photo contributed*

Swimmers vie for airband prize

A group of Salt Spring Stingrays survived "hell week" and made it to Campbell River last weekend for a little competitive swimming and a big airband contest.

Swimmers could compete in up to four events at the Campbell River meet, with the six top swimmers in heats qualifying for finals.

Sore hell-week muscles did not result in numerous best times (BTs), but a few Stingrays managed to swim personal bests in more than one event.

Topping the pack was Arlo Bryn-Thorn, who swam four heats and four finals at the meet, and picked up five BTs. Adriane Harkema swam BTs in all four of her heats, while Grace Morgan swam three BTs in six events.

The Salt Spring team did not pick up the most coveted prize at Campbell River — first or second in the annual airband contest — but swimmers staged an upbeat, sleekly choreographed version of Carwash, led by the comic antics of Brandon Shaw, who looked cute in a sleeveless dress.

Finalists at the Campbell River meet included:

Div. 1 — Connor Budd: 3rd 50-metre breast (59.60), 4th 100-m individual medley (IM) (2:02.63), 6th 100-m free. **Liam Sinclair:** 6th 50-m breast (1:25.51).

Div. 3 — Sierra Lundy: 1st 100-m IM (1:21.25), 50-m breast (40.53), 2nd 50-fly

(38.83), 50-m back (39.06).

Grace Morgan: 3rd 100-m IM (1:29.18), 50-m breast (46.49). **Arlo Bryn-Thorn:** 1st 50-m breast (47.51), 2nd 50-m fly (40.29); 3rd 100-m IM (1:31.95), 4th 50-m free (36.95).

Div. 4 — Mack Rankin: 2nd 100-m back (1:27.28), 5th 200-m IM (3:20.75).

Div. 5 — Olivia Budd: 3rd 100-m back (1:20.95), 4th 100-m free (1:13.23), 50-m free (31.86). **Danica Lundy:** 1st 200-m IM (2:51.41), 100-m breast (1:28.28), 2nd 50-m fly (35.64), 100-m back (1:19.83).

James Cameron: 5th 100-m breast (1:26.17), 50-m fly (35.01). **Brandon Shaw:** 4th 100-m back (1:37.19).

Div. 6 — Victoria Budd: 5th 100—m breast (1:31.31). **Brendan Nickerson:** 1st 100-m back (1:17.09), 2nd 50-m fly (31.74), 100-m fly (1:14.35), 100-m breast (1:24.66).

Div. 7 — Danielle Viozzi: 2nd 50-m free (32.30), 3rd 100-m back (1:25.89), 4th 50-m fly (39.08), 100-m free (1:12.50).

Swimming at their first meets ever were Brendan Elwell, Braiden Crouse and Kristy Cramer.

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RELAXED: Maddee Nash and Alexandra Kliaman enjoy the sun and water as they float on air mattresses at St. Mary Lake on a hot day last weekend.
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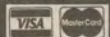
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**Scorpions boys grab
attention in Spokane**

Even with 109 other teams in their midst, Gulf Islands Secondary's senior boys basketball players are making their mark in Spokane.

The local squad is currently finding itself on the winning side of the tallies at an intense camp at Gonzaga University in Washington state.

"There's 110 teams at this camp and it's 97 degrees out and they start at 6:30 in the morning and they play until 10 at night," said Perry Ruehlen, wife of team coach Lyall Ruehlen.

GISS won two out of three one-minute games during the day on Sunday, which

put them on the winning side of the draw, and then they beat the Illinois Raiders 34-28 that evening.

Monday morning they topped a Woodenville, Oregon team 37-27.

Also on Monday, Grade 12 guard Yoni Marmorstein got eight out of 10 in the three-point shooting competition and passed on to the next round.

"All the other coaches are amazed at what a great bunch of guys they are and what a team they are," said Perry Ruehlen.

Only one other Vancouver Island team — Lambrick Park — is at the camp.

Riders head to Red Deer

Six competitors from the Pringle show barn head out this week for regional championships in Red Deer, Alberta, the high point of their show season.

Fresh from recent successes at the B.C. All Arabian Junior and Amateur Show in Langley where Jody Pringle and Patricia Lockie both brought home championship wins, the group hopes to add to the barn's list of achievements at regionals.

Participating riders are Pringle, Lockie, Sacha Kazakoff, Alexa Hardy, Sally Dodds and Sydnie Sinclair.

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