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LAKE LADIES: Enjoying a refreshing dip in Cusheen Lake Monday amid blistering hot temperatures are, from left, Stevie Robinson, Alanda Nay, Carlee Wallace and Jen Walls.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bateman Centre launched at Royal Roads

Plan meets with island artist's philosophy

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

After decades of educating people about the natural world through his paintings, celebrated Salt Spring artist and environmentalist Robert Bateman is stretching a larger canvas that will see his life's work illuminate a

new Art and Environmental Education Centre at Royal Roads University (RRU) in Colwood.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful thing that this is going to happen," said Bateman during a Driftwood interview after RRU announced plans on Friday to open a centre featuring his work.

"I couldn't imagine a better institution to be associated with because of its sustainability, environmental and international emphasis;

all those things are dear to my heart," Bateman said.

The \$10-million centre, set to open in 2010, will house an extensive collection of art and archival material, including photography by Bateman and his wife, Birgit Freybe Bateman, along with the Canadian Centre for Environmental Education.

"Because I was a teacher for 20 years, I've wanted to share thoughts and ideas ever since I've been showing myself as an artist," Bateman said.

His first show in 1967, which focussed on the natural and human heritage of Fulton County, Ontario, helped forge his ecological philosophy, he said.

"In the next 10 years, half of what I painted was bulldozed and I started developing this thesis that we are living in a disappearing world. If you like to say, 'goodbye,' you should be very, very happy because we are making more things extinct in this period of the world's his-

tory than has ever happened before and, I maintain, will ever happen again."

A trip around the world with Bristol Foster in the 1950s helped to cement his belief that natural and human heritage is threatened on a global scale.

"All we'll have left is what I call, 'the instant pudding world,' which is slick and smooth and sweet and very, very quick and convenient.

BATEMAN A2

Respectful Relationships needs community support to survive

An acclaimed violence prevention program for youth needs financial support in order to continue in the Gulf Islands School District in September.

"Teachers, parents, principals, school board administrators, local RCMP, community members and especially students all believe in the Respectful Relationships program on violence prevention that has been delivered in our local schools for the past six years," said Leslie DeAthe, who chairs the SWOVA board that initiated

the locally created program. "We can't do it without you. Your contribution will help us continue to deliver this valuable program to our local youth."

The Respectful Relationships program teaches youth aged 12 to 17 the essential skills to prevent violence within relationships. Its workshops include creating awareness around dating violence, systemic violence, bullying, racism, homophobia, self-esteem, influence of the media, peer pressure, sexual harassment, dealing

with anger and skill-building to develop and maintain healthy and safe relationships of all kinds.

Youth who have been through the local program say the material "should be offered to everyone in every school," reports DeAthe.

The Respectful Relationships program has just finished its sixth year in School District 64. Substantial financial support from the governments of B.C. and Canada helped develop, refine and deliver the violence preven-

SUPPORT NEEDED A2

June 28 marks Day in the Life photo shoot

Salt Spring will have more than its usual share of photographers capturing island scenes today.

Wednesday, June 28 is the third annual Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island photo shoot, undertaken by the Gulf Islands Driftwood. Nine photographers are taking pictures over a 24-hour period, with more than 100 selected for publication on July 26.

Photographers are Driftwood staff members Derrick Lundy, Mitchell Sherrin, Sean McIntyre and Peter McCully, plus professional shooters Shari Macdonald, John Denniston, John Cameron and Seth Berkowitz, and Gulf Islands Secondary School student Jess Wilson.

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Sun Eagle bush fire doused; ban in effect

A dramatic weekend brush fire along Sun Eagle Drive on the island's north end is being touted as a taste of things to come as hotter temperatures turn up the forest fire threat.

"Conditions are drastically drying out," said Salt Spring assistant fire chief Arjuna George. "This was definitely

a sign of what the summer could look like if these summer conditions persist."

The fire broke out after sparks from a legal burn pile were blown into dry grass at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. In order to extinguish the blaze before it spread any further, 33 firefighters employing several vehicles tapped into water

from a neighbourhood swimming pool.

George said the B.C. Forest Service dispatched a helicopter and two planes from Cobble Hill in case the fire placed homes or nearby forest land in jeopardy. The fire was out and cleaned up by 6 p.m.

He credited the neighbour's keen eye and quick

response for preventing an all-out interface fire from spreading out of control.

Islanders should be aware that a total backyard burning ban is now in effect. Campfires and incinerators are only allowed through a permitting process. Contact the Salt Spring Fire Department for further details.

BATEMAN

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It's all put together by some corporations and all you need is your credit card and you can buy your life. You'll be able to go anywhere in the world and it will be exactly the same as where you just left because it's perfect instant pudding."

Bateman's philanthropy and dedication to environmental initiatives such as the new education centre at RRU are a natural extension of his beliefs.

"Here we have a whole institution at Royal Roads that's dedicated to the same thing."

Other universities in Ontario, San Diego and various other U.S. cities had also expressed interest in housing the Bateman collection, but RRU offered several unparalleled advantages. Along with a complementary philosophical base, RRU could house his entire collection of prints and it's convenient

for him to visit, if the need arises.

Inclusion of prints, along with original works, is an imperative for Bateman, and new "giclee" printing technology ensures optimal quality at full size for reproductions.

"Since I've got over 600 reproductions and original prints, as well as originals, it's a wonderful opportunity to put these on for people to go and visit."

He also appreciates the natural beauty of RRU located at the Hatley Park National Historic Site.

And the new Bateman Centre might encourage other people to visit the university campus. Additionally, the RRU home for



Bateman

Bateman's work will help maintain the collection in perpetuity, he said.

"I'm 76 years old now and, while it's one thing to have it sit in my kid's basement, it's very flattering to think it might be of some use and interest to complete strangers through the years."

In addition to endowing the centre with art and archival material, Bateman will help raise capital and operating funds for the centre — for example, through a series of art and prints celebrating the university's campus.

"They tell me that one of the exciting things for them is that they hope it will become a tourist attraction, which would also be good all around."

RRU Foundation executive director Dan Spinner believes the Bateman Centre will be a "tremendous catalyst" for environmental work at the university.

"He's pretty plugged in,

and he's been working the environmental movement for many years; and that is part of leveraging his celebrity [status] and fame to a good cause. And that's always been what he's wanted to do."

Spinner described 11-year-old RRU as a "well-kept secret" with 3,000 students that provides one of the largest graduate programs in the country (along with several diverse undergraduate programs).

Sustainability and commitment to the environment are written right into the RRU set of core values, Spinner noted.

"It's a different kind of place and one that apparently the Batemans feel aligned with and we feel very privileged to be working with them."

Prior to the Bateman Centre opening in 2010, his work can be sampled on his website (www.robertbateman.ca).

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tion program on Salt Spring, and in recent years to expand into several other communities around B.C. However, that funding expired at the end of this school year.

The Canadian Women's Foundation (CWF) recently gave the program partial funding for the next three years.

"R+R was chosen to be linked with three other violence prevention programs coast to coast to work together toward a national policy of school-based violence prevention education, and we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the CWF for its generous funding of nearly

half our local annual costs over the next three years," said DeAthe.

But in order to keep the multi award-winning program in local schools, strong community support is needed.

"Salt Spring has had the Respectful Relationships program for six years, with the government footing the bill. Now R+R needs the community to contribute financially in order to keep the program alive and to invest in the future of our greatest resource — our youth," said Ahava Shira, the program's co-ordinator in SD 64.

Over the next two months the R+R team will embark on a local campaign to raise enough supplementary funds to be able to deliver the program locally to all 500 students each year for the next three years.

Here's how the team is suggesting individuals can help:

- Sponsor one student for one year — \$100;
- Sponsor one student for three years — \$300;
- Sponsor an entire classroom for a year — \$3,000.

Parents of teens, in particular, are being asked to contribute whatever they can, and local businesses will be

approached as well.

"All of our youth deserve this kind of education," said R+R classroom facilitator Robert Birch. "Imagine how many of us would have benefitted from it when we were young. Let's do everything we can to keep Respectful Relationships a part of what our children learn at school."

You can reach the R+R team at 537-1336. Cheques can be made payable to: SWOVA/Respectful Relationships Program, 390 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R7.

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Water solution in school partnership

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

A groundbreaking ceremony at Fulford Community Elementary School on Monday marks a symbiotic new partnership between the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Gulf Islands School District.

In exchange for connection to the Fulford water system, the school will now house a new storage tank and treatment plant for the community.

CRD engineering coordinator Gary Hendren encapsulated benefits for both the school and local water district.

"It's kind of a win-win for both parties," said Hendren. "This is a good deal for Fulford School to get good water for their students and staff. From the water district, it's a good home for the water treatment plant and the reservoir itself."

Fulford Water District received a Canada B.C. Infrastructure grant of \$972,146 to upgrade its water system, with a total project cost estimated at \$1.46 million, after it joined the Capital Regional District in 2003.

"I'm just really happy that it's proceeding and that we're breaking ground," said Fulford Water District chair Bruce Patterson.

"We get a better water treatment system and we'll have a tank to maintain water pressure."

Both the school and the local water district had past problems that should be solved with a new arrangement, he said.

For the water district, it means a suitable site to locate its new plant and storage tank, Patterson said.

"We've been looking for a site for the water tank for 25 years."

Recently the district investigated a property at the Reginald Hill strata corporation, but that site proved to be too damaging to the environment and too costly for construction. A second investigated site proved even less desirable.

Meanwhile, the school district had expressed interest in hooking up to the Fulford Water District, but the \$250,000 connection fee was too steep, said school district facilities manager Dave Henshall.

The previous water supply at Fulford School was not ideal, Henshall said.



WATER PARTNERS: Fulford Elementary School kids and members of the Fulford Water District get together at a groundbreaking ceremony held Monday for a new Fulford water system.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

"We've drilled three wells on the Fulford site, two of which have basically dried up over time. We were faced with this ongoing water problem. You can keep on drilling wells, but they can keep on going dry."

Consequently, the recent offer accommodated school desires to improve its water supply.

"Never wanting to look a gift horse in the mouth, we said, 'Come on in.'"

Work on the reservoir and treatment plant will occur over the summer at the school so it won't inconvenience students or staff, he noted.

"[The treatment plant] is literally right in the back corner of the school property and the tank itself will be obstructed by the trees. It won't be an eyesore for anybody."

A prefabricated water-treatment plant using a dissolved-air flotation (DAF) system has already been completed (contracted for \$240,000) and is awaiting shipment to the island.

"This will be vastly improved from our previous situation," said Patterson.

The existing treatment plant, located off Reynolds Road, simply injects chlorine into the system based on flow, but chlorination needs time to react with water (which will now be provided with the reservoir), he said.

"It was a little bit hit and miss."

Additionally, the DAF system will use oxygen,

sand filtration and ultraviolet light to remove other contaminants from drinking water.

An 80,000-gallon bolted steel reservoir has also been prefabricated by Stanco Tanks Ltd. of Vancouver and awaits delivery (contracted at \$132,000).

With addition of the new tank, the water district will also gain better water pressure and fire hydrants, he said.

"This is the first stage of developing a fire hydrant system in the village."

A \$651,000 contract for installation of the water mains was awarded to Gossett Spencer Excavating Ltd. of Salt Spring. Raw water from Weston Lake will be pumped from the Tahouney Road intersection northwest along Sunnyside Drive to South Ridge Road.

While the project was originally slated for completion in March this year, the deadline has been extended to March 2008.



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The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee is appointed by local governments to advise BC Ferries on local ferry issues. The committee also advises the Company periodically on broader policy and service issues.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Route 9 Schedule
- Fulford Master Plan

Minutes of committee meetings are available on BC Ferries' website at www.bcferries.com. The following persons may be contacted as members of your ferry advisory committee: Chair, Bob Jones, Gary Holman, Janice Harkley, Bryan Denton, Lorne Bunyan, Bruce Patterson, Harold Swierenga and George Ehring.

For more information, contact one of the committee members (above) or Betsy Terpsma, Community Relations Manager (604) 948-3580 or by email: betsy.terpsma@bcferries.com.

New principal hired at GISS

Speaking from his office at Mackenzie Secondary in the Prince George School District only days after receiving the top job at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), principal Mike Bell said he looks forward to his new life in the south, even though it will likely mean fewer "snow days."

"The [GISS] school itself reminds me of the kind of place people only envision things to be," he said enthusiastically.

"The space is very welcoming and allows people to explore and learn. My first impression was: wow, this is a high school?"

Bell was selected from nine applicants after school trustees and parent representatives spent the better part of last week looking over resumes and conducting interviews with applicants from across the province.

He will replace Nancy Macdonald on August 1.

Gulf Islands School Board chair May McKenzie said the hiring process proved extremely competitive, but added that Bell's 30 years of experience as both a teacher and school administrator in a wide range of schools made him stand out.

"Although the quality of applicants makes choosing

more difficult," she said, "it is definitely a good place to be."

While Bell acknowledged a four-day school week will take some getting used to, he looks forward to working in a system that has managed to preserve instructional time and maintain programs amidst funding cutbacks.

With a background in linguistics and the humanities, Bell said he is particularly fond of GISS' exceptional fine arts, theatre and international student programs.

After spending time earlier in his career as a principal watching over 1,700 students at Prince George Second-

ary, Bell said, he has come to appreciate the vibrancy of student life often found in smaller high schools such as Mackenzie and GISS.

"Both schools are very rural and tend to have a very collaborative culture," he said.

"Everybody tends to be very supportive."

Three of Bell's five children attend high school in the Okanagan and it remains to be seen whether he will be able to find a home large enough for everyone to join him on Salt Spring.

"If anybody has an affordable place to rent, let me know," he said.

Priority boarding system established to help patients travelling via ferries

Local physicians, B.C. Ferries staff and members of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSI-FAC) have worked together to develop a new priority boarding system for customers with special medical needs.

According to B.C. Ferries, this assured-loading service is designed for travellers returning to Salt Spring who experience distress or discomfort as a result of a medical procedure.

"I'm sure it will be appreciated by someone at least once a week," said SSIFAC member Bryan Denton.

"They've had the stress and emotional and physical discomfort of whatever treat-

ment they've been through. To add on top of that a two or three-hour ferry wait will not happen anymore."

He credits islander Isabelle Richardson for initiating the new service after she was stuck waiting in a ferry line-up for over two hours with discomfort following medical treatment in Victoria.

"She went around to several doctor's offices to find out if there were other people who were in the same boat as she was."

Denton then worked with Dr. Jan Malherbe and Dr. Paula Ryan to create a program that wouldn't create administrative problems for B.C. Ferries or lend itself to

abuse, he said.

"These are not going to be handed out like biscuits. These are only going to be handed out where the doctor anticipates that the patient will be under considerable discomfort as a result of treatment in Victoria," Denton said.

Consequently, customers participating in the program must have written authorization from their doctor on Salt Spring Island.

Customers travelling as part of the normal Travel Assistance Program (TAP) for non-emergency medical care will not receive priority boarding, he noted.

Island doctors anticipate that it will only affect one to

two per cent of their patients, Denton said.

"But those people who are affected, it means a lot to them."

In order to be eligible for the assured loading for special medical reasons from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring, patients need a driver, a TAP form and a note written on a prescription pad or a letter from a physician on Salt Spring Island each time they travel.

For additional information on TAP, contact Medical Services Plan at 1-800-661-2668.

For additional BC Ferries information, contact Swartz Bay Terminal at 250-655-6100.

Water and septic upgrades completed at Ruckle Park

Islanders and visitors are already reaping the benefits of a \$271,000 investment to water and septic systems at Ruckle Provincial Park.

Day use and campground facilities at the 486-hectare south-island park received a new water distribution and treatment system this spring after work started in October 2004.

"In the past, there were three independent wells with hand pumps on them," said B.C. Parks area supervisor Joe Benning.

Now, water from one well is pressurized and treated before it is pumped to six different stations throughout the campground.

As a result of the upgrades, park water will no longer need to be boiled, treated or

filtered prior to consumption.

"It's an improved treatment system. We aren't just shocking with chlorine, we're treating at the point of delivery with UV technology, which is state-of-the-art for water treatment."

In addition to improving service for campers and picnickers, the new water system will also improve fire protection capability at the park.

"There is a high volume line attached to each water station that would be tapped into in the case of an emergency," Benning said.

An additional project provided a septic system upgrade for one of the property's farmhouses.

Saanich North and the

Islands MLA Murray Coell celebrated the infrastructure upgrade with a press release earlier this month.

"I'm proud to announce that our government continues to provide financial support for the ongoing water and septic upgrades at Ruckle," said Coell. "Residents and visitors to Salt Spring Island will certainly benefit from the improved services."

In 2005, the province made a commitment to invest \$20 million in park capital improvements over three years.

To learn more about B.C. Parks or to make a reservation for the upcoming camping season, check out the website (www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks).



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Island non-profits left holding the line while pursuing cheaper phone rates

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

The president of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society is urging members from other non-profit organizations to pressure Telus Communications to implement a discount service rate for volunteer-based associations.

Under the current fee structure, charitable organizations must pay the full business rate for their landline connections. Seniors society president Bryan Dawson said that move places community-based organizations — who are only trying to do some good on a modest budget — at a disadvantage.

The Seniors Society currently pays roughly \$138 per month for its two landline connections, which is five per cent of the group's overall expenses.

Dawson said he feels the corporation is taking advantage of its monopoly on local

telephone service by charging such a high rate to non-profit organizations.

"What we object to is getting lumped in with businesses," he said. "We are not just doing this [protest campaign] for ourselves because we are not the only ones who are affected."

Dawson's repeated attempts to reach Telus representatives by mail failed and he is now trying to rally other community groups to speak up on the issue in hopes of raising greater awareness.

According to Telus' communications director Shawn Hill, the company has not implemented a third billing category because of difficulties separating legitimate non-profit organizations from other groups. Changing the company's pricing policy, he said, is just not practical from an implementation point of view.

"It's a matter of knowing which test to implement,"

said Hall, who added the corporation donates more than \$10 million to non-profit organizations across the country each year. "As an alternative, [Telus] made the choice to invest in specific projects."

According to Hall, telephone costs reflect the value of service and the costs of maintaining existing lines. Decreasing rates for non-profit groups, he added, would inevitably entail higher rates for other customers.

Groups on Salt Spring may apply for Telus grants by contacting the Vancouver head office or submitting an on-line application, though, Hall said, the company receives more than 50,000 requests annually.

In 2005, a decision by the the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) rejected a request from a group of Tsawwassen air cadets that Telus provide qualifying

non-profit societies with two lines at residential rates. During the court hearing, Telus lawyers argued that providing British Columbia and Alberta's 40,000 registered non-profit organizations with a 30 per cent discount on the business rate would cost the company an estimated \$17 million per year.

Dawson said he remains unconvinced a company that netted more than \$700 million in 2005 can fail to heed the call of non-profits. A special charity rate, he added, would further stand to improve the company's public profile.

"As it is, this is all about money," he said.

In the meantime, he urged members of other non-profit groups to write letters to pressure the company and consider other providers for their long distance services.

For more information on applying for Telus funding support, call Shawn Hall in Vancouver at 604-697-8176.

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Alcohol a factor in Musgrave crash

Charges are pending against a Salt Spring male following a Musgrave Road head-on collision that sent both drivers and two passengers to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries just after 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

The driver faces charges of impaired driving causing bodily harm and driving with a blood alcohol content of over .08 after his 2004 Dodge

pick-up struck a 1992 Toyota SUV near Dubois Road.

In other RCMP news:
• Officers confiscated a nightstick, three knives, a steel rod and a sharpened metal plate from a gang of five youths congregated at Centennial Park last Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. Police were responding to complaints the youths were heading to the park for a fight, although

police arrived on scene before any violence took place.

• RCMP officers attended a pedestrian accident near Gasoline Alley after the male victim was struck by a car as he was inspecting damage to his vehicle caused moments before by a fender bender. He suffered a knee injury when the oncoming vehicle pinned him between two parked cars.

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Public meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 28 at ArtSpring, and on Thursday, June 29 at Fulford Hall. Both meetings run from 4 to 6 p.m., and everyone is invited.

After a short presentation highlighting the "values and vision" statements in our current OCP, you will have your chance to talk about your vision for our future on the island.

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Help needed to trap moths

Work continues this week to hang approximately 2,700 tents to trap male gypsy moths that may have hatched on the island this spring.

As of Monday June 26, 32 volunteers have worked for approximately 150 hours to hang over 800 traps. There are 1,900 more traps waiting to go up, and more volunteers are needed to get the job done by the July 15 deadline.

"It's essential to meet the Ministry of Forests deadline," said Leslie Wallace, who spearheaded the drive to stop the overhead spraying program.

"If we can't get enough volunteers out to get all the traps up on time, the island will probably be targeted for aerial spraying next year."

People interested in volunteering are urged to attend a training session with Ray Hatch at the Fulford Hall OAP Room on Tuesday, July 4 at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting more information about the training session should send their name and e-mail address to law@saltspring.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

This is the final phase in an alternative gypsy moth control program developed by the community as an alternative to overhead pesticide spraying which was scheduled to take place this spring.

The spraying would have resulted in the de-certification of organic growers in the area and killed rare butterfly species.

Forests ministry personnel accepted the alternate program and cancelled the overhead spraying on March 6, 2006.

All property owners in the ministry's "treatment" area agreed to having the traps placed on their properties.



SIGHTS ON SUMMER: Students at Salt Spring Elementary School show their enthusiasm Monday as the final day of classes approaches. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Washington students offer ideas for greener, cleaner island future

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

It's not often communities can tap into the pool of knowledge offered by a dozen enthusiastic and vibrant volunteer environmental consultants with visions of a more sustainable future, but that's what happened on Salt Spring last week as students from George Washington University offered some observations about where the island is headed.

Locally elected officials, business owners and conservationists assembled at the Harbour House Blue Room on Friday learned just how close the island is to getting a viable transit system or a grey-water reclamation project to water community fields and gardens along Rainbow Road.

Students also highlighted pioneering new island projects such as an eco-friendly spa and the "green accommodation" initiative, which encourages the use of environmentally friendly cleaning products and energy conservation at Salt Spring accommodations. Students researched topics for several weeks before travelling to Salt Spring from Washington, D.C. at their own

"There is an impression the typical person comes to an island to get away from it all, but I don't think that's true here on Salt Spring." Mark Starik

expense. Once here, they spent another 10 days conducting interviews, examining sites and putting theories into practice.

"It was very encouraging to see how many people were willing to use ideas like reclaimed water," said Erin Lehner, a young environmental engineer preparing to embark on an MBA. "There wasn't any kind of stigma at all."

Students travelled to Salt Spring under the guidance of Mark Starik, who is a Salt Spring resident, George Washington professor and co-founder of Salt Spring's Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) with his wife Margery Moore. As director of the Environmental and Social Sustainability Initiative (ESSI), Starik strives to educate his students on the merits of integrating sustainable environmental design with sound economic and social policy. An enthusiasm for

alternative technologies and building techniques among many Salt Spring Island residents means students needn't go far to find a supportive public.

"There is an impression the typical person comes to an island to get away from it all, but I don't think that's true here on Salt Spring," Starik said. "This event shows that people want to interact and the island doesn't fit that stereotype."

For trustee George Ehring of the Islands Trust, the opportunity to hear well-researched and enterprising ideas regarding the island's future offered an inspiring view of what can happen here on the island if support is mobilized.

"One of the things that appeals the most is the branding of Salt Spring Island as a greener kind of place," he told the students following their presentations. "This information is so useful for our community."



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Grace and Pat Byrne have been library volunteers for 22 and 17 years respectively. Both originally preferred the Rainbow Rd. location for the library on grounds of cost. However they have accepted the democratic vote last November to keep the library in the village core, and have made a generous and public-spirited donation of \$10,000 to our campaign.

Would you honour the work of these and other dedicated volunteers by making a donation?

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A handful of volunteers ran our library, 1300 books housed in one room of Mouat's store.

1964

Our library moves into a converted boathouse on McPhillips Avenue.

1987

Our library's resources include 27,000 books and tapes, and nearly 100 volunteers.



1990

The Salt Spring Historical Society's Archives is now located in the library.

1995

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2005

Our library has 46,000 books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs, over 150 volunteers, a paid part-time librarian, 7 computer workstations, and 11 public-access terminals.

2006

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- a quiet study area
- a privacy space around public computers
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Get on OCP path

Compared to the blood, sweat and tears shed over creating a new official community plan (OCP) for Salt Spring Island back in the mid-1990s, the recently initiated update by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) should prove to be a tame affair.

In some ways the current OCP feels remarkably in tune with most residents' present island values and seems barely in need of tweaking — especially in the realm of the warm and fuzzy visioning statements section the LTC is currently seeking input on.

It's kind of hard to argue with concepts such as: "To identify ways through which the community can use and conserve all of its resources with deliberate forethought and accountability. To ensure that resources remain available for the benefit of the island's inhabitants, including those who will inhabit the future."

The OCP passed in 1998 also contains a number of worthy directives for proactive work that have not yet come alive beyond the page.

But in cases of some specific developments in the past five years, like a proposed transfer of density to Trincomali Heights or the Ganges Marina proposal, trouble has arisen over whether the OCP would or should allow them or not. Now is the time to iron out those spots in the OCP where confusion loves to fester.

The density transfer issue definitely needs more clarity. If density transfers are to continue being considered — and they should — what constitutes a receiving area must be revisited.

Trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring seem pleased with public input received to date — a survey can be completed online or in hard copy — and a variety of committees and groups are already fully involved, but a broader community perspective would add immeasurably to the process. We hope the LTC won't dally too long on the "vision" and run short of available time for the practical matters.

There's public meetings today (June 28) at ArtSpring and June 29 at Fulford Hall, from 4-6 p.m. both days, and lots of material available to ponder.

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Letters to the Editor

Rethink

Gee, what's going on in Iraq that's so terrible — particularly compared with what used to go on in Iraq [Where's hope, June 21 letters]?

Five million Kurds in the north are thrilled to have their democracy guaranteed by American-led coalition forces. Double that number of Shiites in the south are thankful for the security they enjoy now that they are no longer persecuted by Saddam Hussein. Almost all of the violence in Iraq is restricted to the central part, where Sunni insurgents are unhappy to have lost the ability to terrorize the rest of the country and where agents of Iran are trying to instigate a civil war.

But Iraq has had a general election, has established a constitution and has formed a government under that constitution. For statistics demonstrating Iraqi support for American-led intervention,

see The Globe and Mail, March 18, 2006, page A7.

So what are critics of American foreign policy on about? That is a question that democratic socialists and liberals, internationally, have been considering. Documents like the Euston Manifesto and treatises like Peter Beinart's The Good Fight attempt to understand how the Left has developed a political critique that supports totalitarianism and has become so virulently anti-American.

Their conclusion is that while valid Leftist theory has developed in esoteric academic and journalistic circles, public expression of the Left's positions has been hijacked by groups such as the extremist Socialist Workers Party and by buffoons such as Michael Moore. Contrarians and malcontents among the general public unthinkingly ape what they imagine to be authoritative

political criticism.

The Euston Manifesto and The Good Fight are attempts to re-appropriate Leftist thought. Both documents assert that the United States is a strong democracy with a noble tradition behind it; that democratic values are imperiled by terrorism, jihadist fascism and by the extreme Left, as well as by the extreme Right; that anti-Zionism is the equivalent of an attack on Jews; that NGOs such as Amnesty International grotesquely exaggerate the sins of legislative democracies.

Both documents conclude that social democrats and liberals must support military efforts in defence of freedom, even if those efforts are morally imperfect.

Some Salt Springers might want to reconsider their point of view.
MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

Not useful

Some recent letters have criticized a June 7 Driftwood ad calling for Canada's withdrawal from Afghanistan.

In the latest, G. Peterson argues that we have to be part of the U.S.-led coalition because the Taliban and al-Qaeda are a threat to Canada and Canadians; the now well-worn argument that "we have to fight them there, so that we don't have to fight them in the streets of Vancouver."

What is missing from such arguments is any debate about whether our current strategy is actually effective in dealing with terrorism. Any criticism of the current methods used or discussion of what might be motivating the terrorists is branded as "patently false or dangerously naïve." Our own PM showed his unwillingness to discuss the issue when he called for a snap vote extending our mission.

Well, I refuse to accept that

there is only one way of dealing with this problem, and after almost five years of war in Afghanistan, things seem to be getting worse, not better. The current strategy of "hunting down the Taliban" is a failure. For every Afghan person you kill for whatever reason, Taliban or otherwise (and please explain how you tell the difference), you just created 10 or 100 more "terrorists." These are people with a strong tradition of vendettas and very little left to lose.

Hamid Karzai, the American-installed president of Afghanistan, has criticized the tactics we are using against the Taliban. That he was mostly ignored was a serious blow to the "creation of a stable, non-terrorist-sponsoring government in Afghanistan."

When I asked our own MP whether he thought our government should either listen

to what he says or replace him, his assistant replied that we should do neither, we should stay the course. End of discussion.

We can do better. Canada can help by building schools and medical clinics, and working to improve the country's agriculture. We can do it in the less dangerous parts of the country and, if our efforts still require military protection, so be it. Trying to hunt down the Taliban in southern Afghanistan is stupid and counterproductive.

If our governments want to wage "a war without end," they better do the democratic thing and be prepared to debate whether the thousands of lives and billions of dollars they are spending are solving the problem, or making it worse.

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
Bay Ridge Place

MORE LETTERS A9

Garner Road's 'rooster row' is still not resolved

By LUCILLE LAMARCHE

Regarding the article in last week's edition about roosters on Garner Road:

Since I was contacted too late last Tuesday I did not have time to give my point of view in the "Rooster row grows silent" article.

While it is true that the noise has diminished somewhat in recent weeks, the dozens of roosters on my neighbour's property still crow loud enough to wake me at 4:30 each day if I have my bedroom windows open, and continue crowing loudly throughout the day.

The article also stated that no complaints have been made. This is simply not true. I have written on several occasions with dates and times of the noise to Don Brown, Wolfgang Brunnwieser's supervisor in Victoria, before the

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deadline and since July 15th to try to get the bylaw enforced, to no avail.

I have also phoned my neighbour Mrs. Cooper to let her know I am still being woken up. She insists that I have a sensitivity problem, words taken up by the animal control officer.

CRD Bylaw 1465 states "Except in an Agricultural Zone no person shall keep, harbour or permit, allow or suffer to be kept or harboured on any property owned, occupied or controlled in any way by such person any animal which disturbs or tends to disrupt the

quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood in which the animal is kept or harboured or of persons in the vicinity of such animal."

The CRD now says that this bylaw does not apply to my rural residential neighbourhood; it is an Islands Trust issue. I have tried to understand their thinking — last night I was woken up at 4:20 a.m., closed my windows and mullied the words quiet, rest, enjoyment etc. in my head while I slept in a warm, airless room.

I would like to correct the impression, given in previous articles, that I am an urban person trying to impose my urban lifestyle on wholesome rural types. Actually, I grew up on a farm in Quebec, surrounded by steers, dairy cows, sheep, and poultry and have only spent 5 years

of my adult life living in cities. I moved to Saltspring in 1988 to pursue a philosophy of sustainable living, to which I still hold — I am a gardener by profession and I have always grown my own fruit and vegetables. I presently have a large vegetable garden on my property which I bought 18 years ago. I have also raised poultry of my own in the past.

I think everyone should be able to grow or raise their own food.

Finally, I would like to point out that of the three other neighbours in the vicinity of the roosters, one is a friend of Mrs. Cooper whose bedroom faces in the opposite direction and whose decks and sitting area do not face the rooster coops; one has a house separated from the flock by a rise of land and thick forest; and the other has written a letter in support of

my position to the CRD, which has been conveniently lost and, though I urged Wolfgang Brunnwieser to find it, that has not been done.

This problem has not been solved and while I expect the bylaw to be enforced, I have no wish to see the birds killed. I would prefer that they be moved to a farm or other suitable agricultural location.

I would also like to thank all the people who have offered their encouragement since the story came out. It has given me the courage to keep on fighting for my rights, that is a place where I will get some rest after a hard day's work in the sun.

The writer is a Garner Road resident.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How will you celebrate Canada Day?*



Tim Cahill

I haven't got an official policy, but I will try to watch the fireworks if I remember to go.



Mary Lynn Hetherington

I'm going to decorate my home and help out with breakfast at the Legion.



Chip Chipman

I'll have a picnic in Centennial Park with the family.



Carol Friesen

At the car show, of course.



Sally Fletcher

My sister is coming over to visit and we'll probably have a barbecue.

Letters to the Editor

Bad deal

I heartily endorse the letters from Mr. Pickstone and Ms. Furst in the June 7 and 14 issues of the Driftwood.

The so-called "gift" of acres in Fulford Valley is no gift to us, who live in the affected area. It will help only the few who wish to farm the "gift," and we Isabella Point residents will pay the price — a tiresome re-routing of our road to Ganges and the ferries.

I retired in 1983 to Salt Spring and deliberately chose the south end for its peaceful rural charm. Three Point Motors would destroy that.

I feel let down by the Islands Trust for even considering this monstrous "deal." Where's the preserve and protect?

JOCELYN HOCKING,
Roland Road

Dream alive

Back in May of 2004 in the Gulf Islands Driftwood, Brenda Brazier wrote an In Depth article entitled "Excellent people' make

skatepark happen."

This was before the first shovel full of soil was turned over to dig the amazing hole that transformed Kanaka Road. Well, Brenda was right. Excellent people and excellent organizations have indeed created an amazing youth park.

This week on Friday, June 30, between 4 and 8 p.m., the Salt Spring Skatepark Society, with sponsorship from the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association, will create a "Night's Alive" event of music, food and skate at the Kanaka Road Skatepark.

The event marks a celebration of yet another phase of the youth park.

Two years ago, the Lions Club of Salt Spring got the skatepark started with an amazing \$100,000 donation. They threw in another \$15,000 later that year to see the park completed in four short months. PARC, School District 64, CRD, the RCMP, Windsor Plywood, Gulf Coast Materials and the Salt Spring Foundation were

also major contributors.

Volunteers ranging from earth-moving excavators, carpenters and welders to school kids and parents pitched in and brought the dream to reality.

After the completion of the first phase — the skatepark surfaces — a second phase looked at completing the surrounding area and the adjacent playground. Additional planning and fundraising was necessary to complete this step.

The Skatepark Society joined forces this year with the Salt Spring Island Middle School PAC and accepted generous donations from PARC, the CRD, the Salt Spring Island Foundation, BC Hydro, and Crime Prevention. Benches were donated by local businesses, playground equipment was installed, pathways were paved and access stairs built.

The near future will see the installation of lighting, a water fountain and a sign crediting contributions. The

Skatepark Society would like to sincerely thank the organizations, past and present, for their contributions.

In her May 2004 article, Brenda Brazier wrote about the dream of an integrated youth park with wheelchair accessible pathways, playgrounds and viewing areas with benches. Her dream included active kids, happy and proud. Today that dream is reality. Drop by Kanaka Road Skatepark Friday evening and see for yourself.

BARBARA HAYDON,
Secretary, Salt Spring Skatepark Society

Depth

Re: Robert Birch's June 21 Viewpoint (World leaders in Salt Spring school classrooms)

I'd like to thank Robert Birch and Christina Antonick and recognize them for the outstanding work they have done at Gulf Islands Secondary School through the SWOVA-initiated Respectful Relationships Program. As high school teacher-spon-

sor of the program, I had the privilege of working with the program facilitators as they delivered this internationally lauded curriculum in all five of my Grade 10 classes.

I was inspired as I witnessed Christina and Robert work skilfully together to create an environment of openness, trust and respect within the classroom. They placed themselves as equals with the students, facilitating an exploration of relationship topics rather than delivering factual information. Students were required to study for "the test."

Their willingness to share their own life experiences, fears and hopes inspired the 16 year olds in the room to do the same.

I have seldom, if ever, in my 27 years as a teacher, experienced the depth of youth-with-youth discussion that took place under Robert and Christina's leadership. The topics of stereotypes, homophobia, the many forms of violence and systemic oppression were complex and thought provok-

ing. Students were challenged to take responsibility for the ways in which their own behaviours and attitudes might be hurtful to themselves and others, and to work towards positive change.

I was right there as a willing learner throughout the 12-hour process. If my students gained a fraction of what I gained from it, and they've told me they have, the R+R program is a worthwhile endeavour indeed.

These kids are tomorrow's leaders. If they can, in Grade 10, be inspired to make positive changes in themselves and in their community, it bodes well for the future of our world. I sincerely hope that the SWOVA organization is able to procure the funding to continue delivering the R+R program on Salt Spring and throughout the province. Thanks again, Robert and Christina, for a wonderful learning experience.

ELLY MCKEAGUE,
GISS teacher

MORE LETTERS A11

Trustees urge public participation in OCP review

By **PETER LAMB** and
GEORGE EHRLING

The process for reviewing our OCP is well underway. The initial stage is full public consultation on long-term community values — a vision of the future of Salt Spring — as well as identifying those key areas of the plan that need review.

An information package with a returnable survey is available at the Trust office (500 Lower Ganges Road) and on the Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca (click on "View highlights" and then the online survey for Salt Spring.)

To date, we have held two roundtable discussions, asked our five advisory committees to comment, and invited over 40 community groups to dialogue with us in this process. We have been encouraged by the public response at our meetings, including the more than 100 online surveys that have been returned.

Public meetings will also be held today, Wednesday, June 28 at ArtSpring and tomorrow, Thursday, June 29th at Fulford Hall. Both meetings run from 4-6 p.m.; everyone is welcome to attend. Later this year, we will be establishing a number of community focus groups for more in-depth

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consideration of the key topics.

In order to assist us in the review, we have commissioned a new Community Profile — a state of the island, if you will — as well as a new digital projection of "buildout" under existing zoning and development potential. These will be available in July and will be posted on our website.

Governance Review

In March, the Islands Trust Council established a Governance Task Force to consider potential changes to the governance structure of the Islands Trust that would improve the effectiveness of local government. We both serve on the task force and have taken an active role in its discussions and recommendations.

The task force identified four topics for review: political representation, financial arrangements, mandate/policy statement and regulatory authority/coordination.

This month, Trust Council unanimously endorsed an initial strategy focussing on political representation. Its key recom-

mendation is to ask the province for a legislative change that would increase the number of local trustees in the most populous Local Trust Area(s), while retaining at least two trustees from each Local Trust Area and Island Municipality.

The initial strategy also includes support for new political structures for the integration and coordination of Trust and CRD decision-making and a legislative change that would enable Trust Council to increase the number of Executive Committee members.

Over the summer, the task force will decide on a detailed mechanism for increasing political representation, initiate a process for public consultation and work with community services ministry staff to try to get the province to implement the Trust's recommendations.

Tourism Strategy

At the end of March, Trust Council held an inter-island community forum in Duncan, bringing together over 140 participants to identify issues related to tourism in the Trust area and to consider strategies for tourism management. Details about the forum are given on the Trust website under "stewardship."

A tourism consultant has prepared a report that was submitted to Trust Council at its recent meeting. This report (also on the website) will be considered by a Trust committee, with recommendations to be provided to council at its next meeting in September. We welcome your comments on the report, as well as your thoughts on tourism management on Salt Spring.

Water

The recent algae blooms on St. Mary and Cusheon lakes have heightened concern over the short and long-term health of these important drinking water lakes. A watershed management plan is nearing completion for Cusheon Lake, while a similar plan for St. Mary Lake is getting underway. We are participating on a CRD Regional Technical Review Committee, which is addressing water protection issues. It will review both of these plans when completed.

The water council, chaired by CRD director Gary Holman, continues to work with Salt Spring water suppliers and provincial regulatory agencies in monitoring and improving the health of our surface water sources.

On groundwater, the Ministry of Environment has initiated a

project to create a mapping tool that will identify aquifer risk areas, and a policy and regulation guide for planners. This project will include the entire Trust area.

Community Housing

We expect to receive a consultant's report on a model housing agreement this month and recommendations on a housing agency for Salt Spring Island by the end of July. This will allow us to process outstanding community housing proposals.

We are also planning to have a housing needs assessment undertaken later this year to define some realistic forecasts of demand and supply of community housing as part of the OCP review. It is important that we have a better understanding of the number and range of housing that will meet the community needs in the foreseeable future.

Contacts

We welcome your comments on Trust matters through letters, e-mails or visits to our office. Office: 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2N8; tel: 537-9144; toll free via Enquiry BC: 1-800-663-7867; fax: 537-9166; e-mail: ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca; website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

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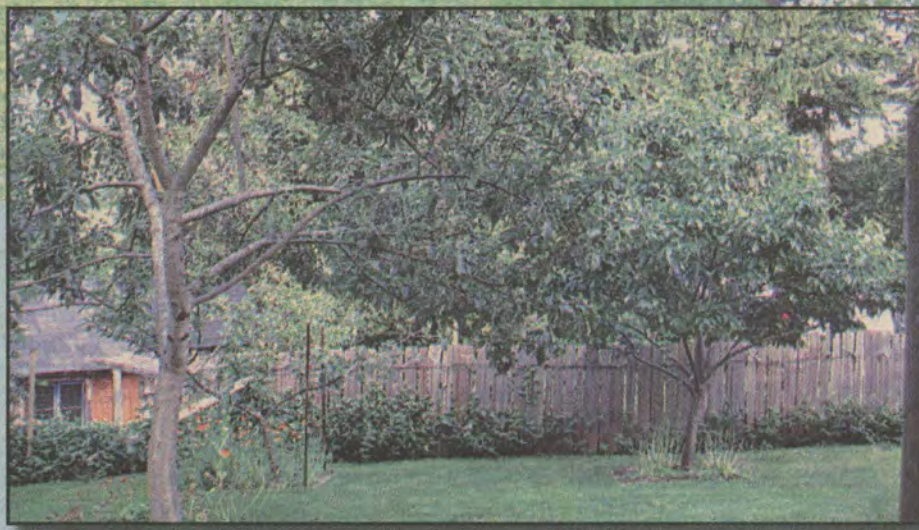
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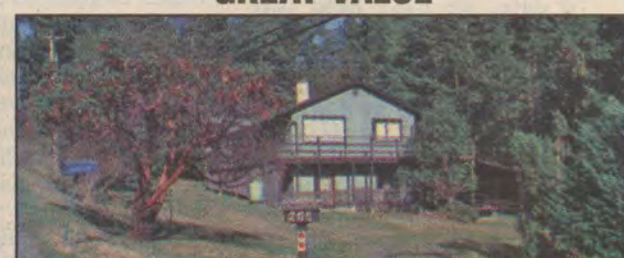
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Infamous broom

Spring is a great time for enjoying local wildflowers, but there is one flower that appears to remind us that it needs to be removed. This is infamous Scotch Broom. If not removed, this invasive pest will totally cover sunny, open spaces, preventing almost anything else from growing.

Just recently I learned that broom is also a fire hazard. We have been warned that a large wildfire could easily occur on Salt Spring Island. Many wild fires start along roads.

One thing we can all do to help prevent such a catastrophe is to remove the broom where our property abuts the road. On our road, our close neighbours get together about once a year for a broom removal "party."

A large broom plant that is blooming can be cut at the base and it usually will not regrow. Leave a couple inches of bare stem as a pull point if it does recover. Plants that are small or not old enough to bloom should be pulled out by the roots.

To make this job easier, in exchange for a small donation, you can borrow a broom pulling tool from the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. To reserve the puller, call Brian Smallshaw at 653-4774. It is gratifying to see the lovely native plants return and know we are all a bit safer.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
Mount Belcher

Weighted votes better

Re: Trust votes to empower Salt Spring (June 21 Driftwood article).

To be "up front," I personally favour incorporation to enable our residents to consider and decide on matters affecting Salt Spring Island.

However, under the present system, our interests can only be put forward by Salt



BOOK BASH: Manning a used book sale at Salt Spring Elementary School last Monday were, from left, Taylor Lundy, Anora Ludlow, Jonas Duke and Andrina Hayes.
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Spring Island trustees who are now grossly unable to appropriately represent our island.

Although nearly half the population of the Islands Trust area resides here, our two trustees' votes only equal those of the two trustees from each of the other islands, regardless of population. The result is "taxation without representation" or at least without adequate representation.

The Trust Council decision at reference to double the number of Salt Spring Island trustees to four is a step in the right direction, but still falls well short of rectifying the disparity of voting power according to population/taxation.

Since Salt Spring Island has nearly half the residents and pays just under half the taxes levied in the Islands Trust area, it follows that Salt Spring Island trustees' votes should carry nearly half the weight of the votes of the other trustees combined.

In my opinion, the proposed four trustees from Salt Spring would be beneficial in that it would provide a broader viewpoint than that of the present two, but it would still not adequately address the voting power our population deserves.

Increasing the number of trustees beyond four would seem to be unnecessarily bureaucratic and uneconomical, but a "weighted" vote for each of our trustees (as is the case with the Capital Regional District on some matters) could easily bring things into balance.

Allocating a voting weight of three votes for each of four Salt Spring Island trustees (four trustees equal 12 votes) would come close to rectifying the present imbalance.

Undoubtedly, other Gulf Islands (Pender for one) also qualify for an increased voting presence in the Trust and the final allocation of "weighting" would have to await the decision as to how

much weight each island trustee deserves.

While acceptance and passage of the proposal to increase Salt Spring Island Islands Trust representation to four trustees would be an improvement, this in itself would not provide our island with adequate representation. A weighted voting system is required.

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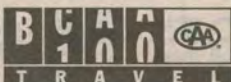
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RANTS & ROSES

ROSES

24 long-stemmed roses to all the teachers who gave their energy and time to help bring my two children Heather and Graham through 12 wonderful years of school on Salt Spring Island. Looking around high school on grad day what I saw was another bright, sensitive and able group of kids heading off to meet the world head on. We thank you. GL

Roses to Dave Phillips for noticing a fire that was out of control and the Wrates for helping with the hoses and buckets. And of course to

the fire department members for their quick response and for making sure it was completely out. J & D

A beautiful red rose to the Salt Spring Harbour Authority, Serena and Kathy for all their hard work to organize a fabulous Sea Capers! And to the many, many volunteers that helped bring Sea Capers back to Salt Spring, we thank you. It was a great day! SS Lions

To Henry at Salt Spring Sheet Metal — a big bouquet of fire-red and smokey-blue roses for thimble-crimping generosity. JL

A dozen youthful roses

to Barry, Chris, Heidi and the Oystercatcher staff for sponsoring the Respectful Relationships youth team's final year-end party.

A tool-belt full of roses to Jen, the builder woman. We had no idea what we wanted, but you turned our renovation into exactly what we wanted! How did you do it? FJ&MA

A bouquet of "blood-red" roses to the wonderful technicians from Lady Minto Hospital who come every week (and sometimes twice a week) to check my INR levels. I don't know what I'd do without you! With much appreciation, AS

Arpeggios of roses to Salt Spring musical couple extraordinaire Jennifer and Mitch Howard for all the dedication, warmth, fun and love of music you give to your respective students. We are so lucky to have you in our lives and community.

RANTS

A triple whammy of karma to the person who ripped off our kids' three blue MTI Adventurer kayak vests from the back of our covered pickup on Sunday. How about doing the right thing and returning them to the Driftwood — karma works both ways. Peter Johnson

Rants to the guys that borrowed my logging chains while I was away. Return them, no questions asked. Roy Lamont

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Sweet science

Randy Sloan's hilarious proposal (June 21 Driftwood In Response) for a hiking (and much more) club does indeed validate my innovative model for vesting our properties with altered states. I trust that Randy is comfortably enriched and scaling his cliffs of fitness as we speak — there is no charge, by the way, for my initial consultation.

On a lighter note, I continue to grandstand about the possible sporting institutions on this island, now so lovingly inchoate. And pressing on, I present my wares.

Imagine for a moment that the sun is about to leave Ganges Harbour, but for now it betrays your nakedness in the saloon of your live-aboard at the Ganges Yacht Club. You would nap some more, but the dinghy from Markiana's boat just bumped your transom. Tonight's party to burn Zoe's slip mortgage is on you, remember, and the scallops are overdone.

Or it is Sunday afternoon, and your son is about to race in a big eight at the rowing club on St. Mary Lake

against Brentwood. The club grounds are awash in yachting whites, a balmy re-enactment of a 1920s lawn party and regatta. Who says you can't look back?

You accept a glass of Chardonnay, mingle and laugh too much. The Island Eights win once more and you have a trip next week to the VRC in Coal Harbour. Must remember the muesli and the dry cleaning.

But this is B.C. Sports are physical and personal.

It's a Tuesday night in January, and you own a prime-time seat on the bench, part and parcel, at the Saltspring Winter Club. Your grandfather, a charter player and investor, reserved three for the family. You are the captain of the only women's hockey team in the adult league, and tonight the compact theatre of an ice arena sidetracks your world-weary mind like nothing else can or should.

You push open a dressing room door, throw your stick into the barrel and slump into your stall. Your centre hands you a beer, a roll of tape and five.

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Fix Central

Yet another of my friends has been creamed at the Central Intersection by a car coming from Vesuvius and not stopping as it passed straight through.

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Every day I pass that intersection and I usually witness a car whizzing around the corner coming from Vesuvius, turning right and not stopping. We need a change there now — or are we going to wait until someone is killed?

I think a roundabout is the answer. It would slow down drivers and keep traffic flowing. Roundabouts have sprung up in Chemainus and Duncan and they really do work.

Most of the accidents at Central are caused by non-islanders who honestly think they have the right of way. They seem to be as stunned as the person they have crashed into.

I don't know who the powers that be are, but they need to do something now before we do have a fatality. I really hope it's not you or me.

JOANNA BARRETT,
North Salt Spring

No deterrent

I thought that the law would take care of it, and justice would be served.

I thought that the interest and safety of our community was tantamount in the courts. I obviously thought wrong.

Last week's Driftwood covered the court case of Daryl Fletcher, who pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

On the evening of May 24, my daughter was crossing the road on a marked crosswalk in the middle of town. Mr. Fletcher came barreling down Fulford-Ganges hill and hit her. Didn't even see her. Claims she just stepped out in front of him. Really wasn't even his fault, as she should look both ways before stepping into the street. The fact is she was almost finished crossing the street. Only about three steps from making it to safety. If she had been one step behind he would have nailed her straight on.

When Mr. Fletcher took a breathalyzer he had blood-alcohol readings of 0.27. This is not merely tipsy, this is hammered! He had absolutely no business being anywhere near a set of car keys. I understand his father was gravely ill, and for this I am sorry. But that doesn't make it okay to take out someone else's family member.

My daughter will most likely fully recover eventually, but she still has a lot of pain and numbness in her foot. I shudder to think of how much worse it could have been.

The judge seemed to think it was not so serious, even though the Crown prosecutor felt that the "severely aggravating circumstances warranted further investigation before sentencing."

Judge Pauline Maughan gave him the minimum possible. A \$690 fine and one year driving suspension. The latter means nothing as Mr. Fletcher has been driving without a licence for at least a year.

The judge felt that just because he stayed at the scene he should get off easier? Huh? And because he took responsibility for his actions at the first opportunity? Not! He blamed her for not looking both ways when he had all the way down the hill to see her crossing in that crosswalk.

I don't feel that the judge was acting in the best interests of our community. That little slap on the wrist is not a deterrent. For some it's worth the risk to save cab fare and risk the life of my loved one or yours. Be careful out there.

LEANNE VAN SCHELSSEN,
Salt Spring

Misfired

Concerning G. Peterson's June 21 letter about Canada in Afghanistan and the Taliban, the writer said that Canada has a right to be there because the Taliban helped kill 24 Canadians on September 11.

No Afghan people or Taliban members were hijackers on 9/11. Most of the hijackers were Saudi, but we didn't invade Saudi Arabia for that or for helping finance the attack. Why? Because the U.S. government is closely wrapped with Saudi Arabia for oil.

Pakistan's secret service (the ISI) with the American CIA created the Taliban in the 1990s to control Afghanistan after Russia's withdrawal. The ISI and CIA created the Mujahideen and bin Laden during the 1970s in the Soviet fight, and later bankrolled al-Qaeda while they were still our "friends."

Pakistan's connections with the Taliban, bin Laden and heroin trafficking are well documented. An ISI agent, Saeed Sheikh, wired \$100,000 to hijacker Mohammed Atta just before 9/11 (ABC news). We didn't attack Pakistan for its involvement in 9/11 or harbouring bin Laden — he's thought to be there now. Why? Some military dictatorships are our friends.

The American government courted the brutal Taliban until they cancelled the Unocal oil pipeline deal. In July 2001, the U.S. prepared to invade Afghanistan, set for October, and occurred on schedule thanks to 9/11 (BBC). Our "allies," the Northern Alliance, had been the biggest heroin dealers in Afghanistan. Indeed, the heroin trade grew by 1500 per cent right after the U.S. and Northern Alliance took control of the area (CNN).

The new leader of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, was a Unocal consultant, as was Bush's special envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad.

The CIA armed and funded Osama, the Taliban, the heroin trade and had forewarning of 9/11, but did nothing. Are we storming CIA headquarters and forcing a regime change there?

The attack on Afghanistan wasn't about terrorism or oppressed women, it was about GOD: Guns, Oil and Drugs. These three "commodities" fuel the American economy, and Afghanistan entails all three worth hundreds of billions of dollars.

Mr. Peterson, we don't need some tough-talking PM in Ottawa saying "Canadians don't cut and run." Canadians don't wage illegitimate wars and this war is exactly that.

We didn't go into Iraq when Bush said Iraq was involved in 9/11, had weapons of mass destruction and was looking for nukes (all lies). Why? Because it was

not legitimate according to international law nor okay with the Canadian conscience.

Afghanistan is no different. We're not even looking for Osama anymore and officially haven't been since just after the invasion in 2001. What does that tell you? Why are we still there: bringing stability? We're bringing an oil pipeline.

Real safety, as I said last week, comes from genuine integrity, not a plurality of mixed and questionable intentions. Canadians are wrapped up in a quagmire of someone else's design. Yes we need a strong backbone, but with a working brain attached.

I feel bad for the troops and Afghans, caught up in this chess game.

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Island soccer 'all-star' Davis challenges Brazilian net

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Brazil beat the islanders by 5-0, but that outcome was to be expected. Cruzeiro is currently in first place in the

Brazilian men's first division while the ad hoc Victoria All-Stars had not ever played a game together.

Davis was the youngest player on the field (age 16),

but he started as a forward in the match. As a highlight, the Victoria team scored a header goal (waived offside) from a cross from Davis in the second half.

Islanders can take heart in the loss because Cruzeiro has an illustrious historical record. The Brazilian team won five international titles between 1976 and 1998,

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I am so tired of the American agenda of racial discrimination and profiling. More damage was done in the past five years through the U.S. media (internationally) than probably in the whole history of TV. We spent centuries trying to work out our cultural and other differences and, although this process was not always successful, it has been on many occasions very rewarding.

Everywhere I look nowadays, on the net and on the news, there is always mention of the more-than-obsessive concerns of the U.S. about its national security. I feel almost completely brainwashed and ready to enroll to go abroad.

How can I feel baffled to think that Arabico-Islamic countries feel resentment towards the White House after having had their countries pounded with trillions of pounds of TNT and depleted uranium pellets in the name of a "war on terrorism?" I really wish I could go there (to the defeated countries) and shake their hands and apologize for the way things have gone.

More and more Americans feel shame for letting Bush go too far but this is way beyond the "wait till the next elections and see" kind of thing.

Now Harper wants our army to be fully involved on the same level.

My heart goes to all the Canadian parents who told their children they should go to military college to get a career and that it was relatively safe as our country was internationally respected for its peace-keeping work around the world. Never could they have guessed that our Canadian army would

become another branch of the "American army corp."

Growing up I have been victim of racism on several occasions for having an Italian background. A few years ago, I was feeling like North America had gone a long way to respect all people and recognize multiculturalism as an important and desirable asset. I can't imagine what it must feel like now to have a self-righteous individual look at you like you might be a terrorist (as portrayed by the media).

I feel sad for all people in North America who can't be treated equally because of their background or appearances. These people deserve respect, apologies, compensation and an equal place.

Unity in diversity please, regardless of the price of an oil barrel.

I am a proud Canadian son of an immigrant.

CHRISTIAN TATONETTI,
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NEW NEST NEEDED: Island Treasure Fair acquisitions committee chair Darlene Drever (right) and husband Dale Drever prepare a couple of Bill Rhodes cranes for the Island Treasure Fair auction on July 13-15. See this week's Driftwood for more items to be scooped up.

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Hewitson Memorial tourney opens fairways for 15th time

Islanders who want a chance to win a new Subaru and support a good cause at the same time are welcome to join the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's 15th-annual charity golf tournament and buffet dinner on Saturday, July 8.

With two Texas Scramble tee-off times (11 a.m. or 2 p.m.) or regular golf at 8 a.m., there will be opportunities for everyone to participate.

Want to improve your score? You can "rent" a junior golfer who will hit a long drive for you or you can buy up to four mulligans.

Salt Spring Golf & Country Club golf pro Steve Marleau will even be giving free tips on the driving range before tee-off.

For the fourth year in a row, the tournament is being co-sponsored by Mouat's Trading Company, which has made a generous pre-tournament donation and will be 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, a digital camera

and golf hats.

If anyone is lucky or skillful enough to hit a hole-in-one on the designated hole, they could drive away in a new Subaru donated by Saunders Subaru.

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

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



READY FOR THE GREENS: From left, Steve Marleau, David Feitelberg and Gil Schultz are ready — with a hospital mascot — to take part in the upcoming Hewitson Memorial charity golf tournament. Photo by Derrick Lundy



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Early birds can catch 'new' Vesuvius ferry

A sailing switch designed to help Vesuvius-Crofton commuters will commence Wednesday with the summer schedule and remain in effect through all seasons.

A 6:30 a.m. sailing will now leave Crofton Mondays through Thursdays when the summer schedule comes into effect on June 28. B.C. Ferries is also adding a 6 a.m. sailing from Vesuvius on those days.

As a trade off, the final sailings on Mondays through Thursdays will be 8:40 p.m. from Vesuvius and 9:10 p.m. from Crofton.

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FIELD EVENTS: Above, Cori-Lee Kitchen sets the bar in high jump, while at right, Kimberly Rothwell competes in long jump. Elementary school children in grades 3-5 from various island schools competed at a track and field meet held last week at Portlock Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island golfers showcase course management skills

By **MARCIA HOGAN**
Driftwood Contributor

They say golf is a game of inches. Your ball inches under a tree, inches into the sand . . .

That didn't stop Julie Tyler from shooting a net 70, five under par, to win the Brooks Cup on June 20.

She was four strokes under her nearest competitors, Linda Woodley and Maureen Rowell with net 74s.

Tyler also took low gross with a 98, followed by Alice Richards with 100.

The slippery greens treated all the ladies equally, allowing no fewer than 30 putts.

Seven ladies shared the

putt pot: Janet Butler, Grace Murchie, Joanna Barrett, Julie Tyler, Sandra English, Maureen Rowell and Denise Heaton.

Murchie stole the KP from her playing partner when she landed inside Janet Butler's mark on the 11th hole.

We look forward to the Commerce Cup to be played July 11.

Monday Night Ladies had a strong turn-out on June 12.

After debating the selection of new balls they decided that brand new golf balls are water-magnetic.

Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more

expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

Our top golfers have much better course management skills.

Tier-1 results saw Dora Reynolds out in front with a net 36.5, assisted by her KP on hole #2.

Carol Pearce came second with a net 40. Gladys Campbell and Darlene Wellington tied for top spot in Tier 2 with net 36s.

Low net for the day went to Patricia Sutherland, Tier 3, who scored 33. Marg Lowther was runner-up with a 38.

The next awards night is July 3.

Drobyshev, Savin duo win GVM Open

Kids partnered up with adults for the second annual Adult/Junior Ganges Village Market (GVM) Open hosted at Blackburn Meadows on Saturday.

Vassa Drobyshev and Brett Savin won the nine-hole, best-ball event with a 26 (six under par), while Adrian Alonso and tourney

organizer Eric Beamish took second with a 27. Brian Watson and Stephen Greenwood placed third with a 29.

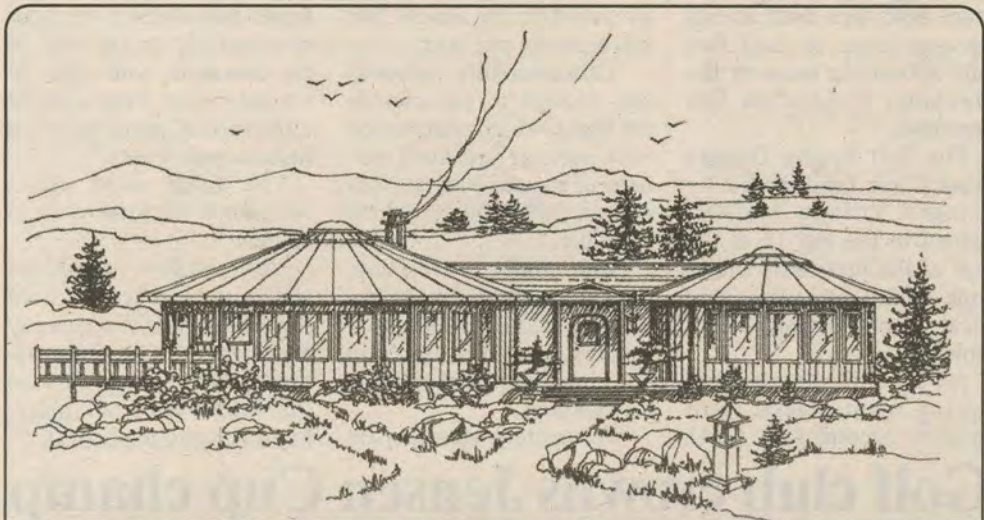
Alonso and Beamish also won the low-putting pot with 12 putts.

A long-drive competition for youth aged 13 and under was won by Callysta Boyd and Dylan McLeod.

Closest to the pin honours went to Byron Mussell and Kayla Pultke.

Some 60 adults and juniors attended the event. Trophies, food and prizes were all donated by GVM, noted Beamish.

"Thanks to everyone for coming out. Fun was had by all."



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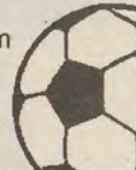
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Tennis tourney tea served

Conrad Bielicki and Sue Constable were crowned mixed-doubles champions at the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association's (SSITA) first tournament of the 2006 season at Portlock Park on Saturday.

The pair defeated finalists Bob Weeden and Pat Sutherland to capture the title by a score of 4-2 in a best-of-seven game final.

Though the 24 participants in the annual Wimbledon Cup and Saucer tournament left their vintage tennis rackets behind, enthusiasts clad in white tennis attire kept with the tournament's tradition of raising a cup of tea to honour the company of none other than the Queen of England, played by island actor Ann Stewart.

Despite on court temperatures that surpassed 30 degrees, event organizer Carol Wright said the tournament proved a wonderful way to resume the tennis season after unseasonably cool, wet weather hindered spring play.



TEA FOR TWO: Conrad Bielicki balances a strawberry tart on a tennis racket as the local tennis association holds its annual Wimbledon Cup and Saucer tournament. Bielicki and Sue Constable took mixed doubles honours.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Wright encouraged the public to join the SSITA for a nominal \$20 fee. Members

are eligible to play in several tournaments planned for the summer season.

Individuals may contact Mike Leedham at 537-5584 for more information.

Black belt youths graduate

Three Shorei-Kan karate students achieved their children's black belts at a Beaver Point Hall event on Sunday.

Aidan Buckley, Cameron Sutherland and Noah Van Hullebush are the first "graduates" of this form of karate on the island.

"They finally have the basic building blocks needed to start really learning the art and its applications in all that they are and do," explained Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate founder and chief instructor Brenda Guiled.

Testing was overseen by Shihan Tomoaki Koyabu of North Vancouver. He brought Shorei-Kan karate to Canada from Japan in 1972.

"This is 'The Karate Kid' form of karate — minus the tournament at the end, which was a Hollywood add-on and a serious misapplication of self-defence skills," said Guiled. "The character of the old master in the movies is based entirely on Koyabu Shihan's teacher, Seikichi



KARATE MOVES: Shorei-Kan karate students show their stuff at a recent event held on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Toguchi, whose teacher, in turn, was Chogun Miyagi."

Tests were graded by sandan (third-degree black belt) Guiled, sandan Rudy Ganasi, chief instructor of the Coquitlam Shorei-Kan dojo,

and nidan (second-degree black belt) Ben Besler of Vancouver.

The day's events also included ikebana, calligraphy, karate demonstrations and a potluck supper.

Dragon boat in 1st 500-m event

Salt Spring's dragon boat team held their own among 36 area teams in their first full 500-metre races at the Nanaimo Paddlefest last weekend.

The Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club (sponsored by Ganges Village Market) placed in the top 16 at the end of the first heat, with a time of 2:31 minutes, said local coach-drummer Mary Rowles.

As a highlight, the Salt Spring team placed third in their second race (2:41

minutes) to edge out Island Breastrokers by almost two full seconds, she said.

"Unfortunately this was not enough to advance to the finals, which were scaled back because [weather] mishaps of the day had put race organizers seriously behind schedule."

High winds, wave chop, dodgy current and very low tides offered collisions, near misses, groundings and straying disqualifications, Rowles said.

"Fortunately, steersperson

Carl Graham met the challenge and steered the boat successfully to the end of the course in both races of the day, apart from a small difference of opinion with a harbour patrol boat."

The team next plans to enter a Victoria race in August.

New paddlers are always welcome at practices held Sundays and Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Mary Rowles (653-4139) or e-mail (mary-rowles19@hotmail.com).

Golf club crowns Jensen Cup champ

Hank Doerkson's net score of 27.5 over nine holes proved enough to earn him the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club's (SSIGCC) Jensen Cup on June 22.

Doerkson finished three strokes in front of Colin

GOLF TEES

ahead of Bill Bauman's 32.5. Closest to the pin honours for the day went

and Gerard Webster.

Upcoming events at the SSIGCC include the Lady Minto Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, July 8 and a left-hander tournament on July 15. For updated schedules, contact the clubhouse

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Sand drags resume following service for MacNutt

One islander was remembered and another placed first in his class when motorcycle races resumed Sunday at the Lake Cowichan Sand Drag Strip.

During the recent races, Salt

Spring photographer and sand drag enthusiast Gerry MacNutt was honoured with a service at the course where he was killed on May 28. MacNutt (age 50) had been taking pictures of the race when a rider

lost control of his motorcycle.

Sunday marked the first day of races at the track after the incident.

Following the service for MacNutt, islander Chela Middleton-

Kinney (age 11) placed first in the 85-100cc class during sweltering conditions, said his father David Middleton.

"After red lighting in his heat, Chela went on to win his semi and

the final. His bike had a small leak from the water pump so we had to be extra careful not to overheat the bike. We cut the engine between races and tried to stay in the shade, keeping the [radiator] topped up."

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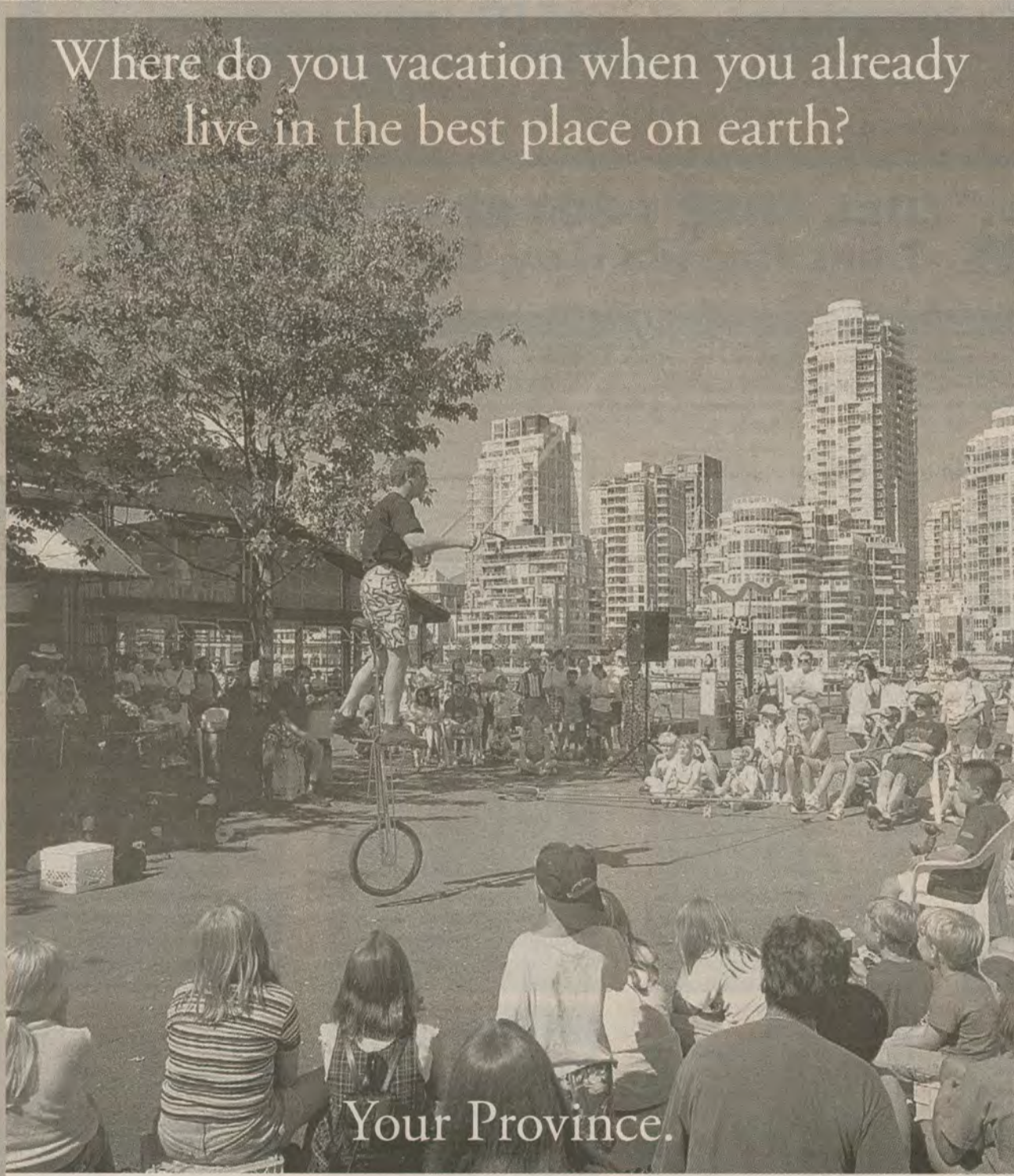
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ing river or stream and try their luck. The deep pools of the Chilko River are prime spots for rainbow trout and Dolly Varden. Adventurers should book ahead as the popular Chilko can only be cast with a guide.

Another hot spot for anglers is the Dean River. The thrill of landing a steelhead that may weigh in the 13 kilogram (30 pound) range on the Lower Dean proves irresistible. The best time for steelhead fishing is June through September. In June and July, there's also the chance of hooking chinook salmon. Accessible only by air or boat, the Lower Dean guarantees a great fishing yarn. The Upper Dean, which is easily accessible by car, is known for its rainbow trout.

For saltwater fishing, anglers can book into a fishing lodge in Hakai Pass; remote and spangled islands, it is accessible by boat or air. Surrounded by wilderness and a calming quiet, one can drop a line to try for all five salmon species as well as huge halibut, red snapper and lingcod. This is trophy fishing at its best - chinook salmon can weigh in at over 32 kilograms (70 pounds). Time to stock up on some bait.

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- August 5 - 6 16th Annual Interlakes BCRA Rodeo, **Roe Lake**
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the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges, welcomes visitors to view over 60 buildings that date back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. Visitors can stay in a lodge near Golden and cruise the Columbia River to birdwatch, or take a flightseeing excursion over the endless mountain peaks. Invermere, on Windermere Lake, buzzes with beach-lovers as water sports thrive here. Activities include browsing the charming cluster of artisan shops at Crawford Bay, houseboating on Lake Kooanusa, or cycling the scenic Salmo-Troup Rail Trail. At day's end, locals recommend heading to a hot spring or spa. This is life in the Kootenay Rockies. To learn more about the Kootenay Rockies Region and to get everything you need to plan your vacation - where to go, what to see and do, where to stay, plus printable maps to show you how to get there - visit HelloBC.com/kr.

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