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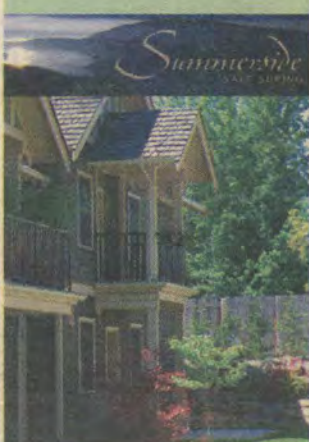
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Aaron Ableman, of Madrona Farm on Salt Spring, sells his produce at the Tuesday Farmers Market in Ganges.

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# Latest tennis plan hits Trust wall

## Variance or rezoning needed to proceed

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Editor

Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) members who were envisioning winter tennis at Portlock Park have been disappointed once again.

All obstacles preventing a single-court, air-supported bubble from being installed at Portlock Park have vanished, except one, the Parks

and Recreation Commission (PARC) learned Monday night.

A Capital Regional District (CRD) legal opinion indicates that either a rezoning of Portlock Park or a variance allowing use of the new bubble will be needed from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC).

"The wholesale replacement of the existing tennis bubble with a new bubble, including a new fabric bubble and grade beam [anchoring system] would not be permitted under the non-conforming use provi-

sions of the Local Government Act," said PARC chair Rosemary Trump Tuesday.

Going back to square one and simply replacing the old tennis bubble, purchased by some SSTA members in 1991, has been the chosen option since PARC abandoned plans to install a much-larger, year-round, two-court structure, first at Portlock and then the Rainbow Road recreational site.

For the replacement single bubble scheme, PARC even has reassurances from the CRD Building Inspection department that no

building permit is required, as was feared.

PARC held discussions on the matter in camera in order to receive and consider the legal opinion.

The SSTA meets at the Portlock Park portable tonight (August 30) with representatives from PARC, CRD and the Islands Trust invited to attend to discuss the situation.

SSTA president Jay MacAulay said the club membership was set to vote on releasing the funds to buy a new bubble for the Portlock Park site.

"I'm hoping we're able

to go a variance," said Trump, adding that it would be quicker than trying to acquire a rezoning. "Tennis [members] are really disappointed and I can tell you so is the commission because the commission approved exactly what tennis wants to do . . . and it's just this new wrinkle that is complicating the whole thing."

As for the fate of the 120X120-foot Cover-All structure PARC purchased last December but could not use, Trump said "three indications of interest" had been

**TENNIS PROBLEMS A2**

# St. Mary Lake float planes are here to stay

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

Float plane pilots are entirely within their rights to land on St. Mary Lake, despite threats posed to swimmers, fishing enthusiasts and the drinking water supply for 1,200 north island households.

"Float planes have been using that lake for decades," said Rod Nelson, a Transport Canada spokesperson in an interview Monday. "Landing

on freshwater lakes is generally the norm across Canada."

He said Transport Canada regulations trump the existing bylaw preventing the use of gasoline motors on the lake when it comes to the use of non-commercial civilian aircraft.

Nelson's response comes in the wake of complaints that float planes on the lake over the summer are dangerous to people using the lake for recreational purposes.

In July, the last resort of islander Bruce Smith was to flail his arms and wave a long yellow swimming noodle to warn an oncoming plane that he and his children were swimming in the flight path of an oncoming plane.

"We're a brown-haired family and it's hard to see us bobbing in the water," said his wife Jill Smith. "Now I always look up to the sky before going for a swim."

She and her family have returned to the lake regularly, only to have similar experiences over the course of the summer, the latest happening last weekend when a plane merely touched down.

Over the summer, she has been in touch with property owners and lake users who have expressed similar frustrations.

**FLOAT PLANES A2**

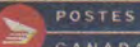
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# Free ferry med passes jeopardized by health ministry microscope

B.C.'s Travel Assistance Program (TAP) that provides discounts to patients who need to travel for medical care is under review by the Ministry of Health following an unsettling internal audit.

The province spent a total of \$10.8 million on travel and accommodation subsidies for patients who must travel for medical care in 2005.

Within those services, TAP provided some \$4.8 million to B.C. residents for some 69,000 ferry fares, plus numerous flight and rail discounts.

What is not known is how badly the program has been abused since it commenced in 1993.

"[Financial auditors] were unable to confirm whether patients used TAP to attend their specialty-service appointments, as specialty services are not billed through the [Medical Services Plan (MSP)] billing system and therefore limited information is available for these types of medical appointments," reads the report conducted by the finance ministry's audit branch.

While the audit did not find any evidence of abuse, it uncovered a significant lack of preventative controls that would protect taxpayers' funds.

"Preventative controls, such as appropriate approvals of the TAP forms, are

essential to ensuring only eligible patients access the program," the report notes. "If ineligible TAP forms are approved for ferry travel, the ministry will have a difficult time subsequently recovering these costs."

But a ministry review of the program now underway could address more than just auditing safeguards.

"The objective is to support patients..." said Ministry of Health spokesperson Sarah Plank, "with the most cost-effective service."

The auditor's report also offered a number of suggestions to "address the program's fiscal sustainability" or reduce costs.

One possibility is a means test, similar to the system

applied to premium assistance for MSP, the report says.

Another suggestion is to reduce or end the free ferry travel for escorts (which costs approximately 68 per cent of the program's total budget), the report indicated.

Additionally, the auditors suggested a limit on the number of free trips a patient may take in a year, since a small portion of the population is responsible for a high percentage of program costs.

But how MOH will respond to the audit is up in the air. Results of the program review are still months from completion, said Plank.

# Coroner investigating islander's death

Foul play is not suspected after the body of a 19-year-old man was found in the bedroom of his family's Salt Spring home early Sunday morning.

"In cases like this, we generally don't release information unless there is reason to suspect foul play is involved," Salt Spring RCMP Sergeant Danny Willis said on Monday afternoon.

Barb McLintock, a coroner for the Vancouver Island region based in Victoria, said more conclusive evidence will only be known when autopsy results are released later today (Wednesday).

"At this point the circumstances are quite unclear," she said.

"We are not treating this as a suspicious death and the RCMP is not

involved at this point."

McLintock said further toxicological and microscopic testing may be conducted later in the week if preliminary autopsy results fail to indicate the cause of death.

"This case is particularly tragic because the man was so young," she said.

# FLOAT PLANES

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Ongoing concerns over potentially toxic algae blooms and their impact on drinking water mean island residents ought to take every step necessary to reduce their impact on the watershed in and around St. Mary Lake, she said.

"The lake is at risk and there is a whole group that has been formed to protect the water quality," she said. "This is not the time for people to be 'grandfathered' in."

Landing planes on the lake poses a threat not only to swimmers and boaters but to tourism as well, she added.

"The biggest question for me is 'how do we make a decision on who gets to land planes on the lake and the

**"There is no such thing as pollution from the plane."**  
— Ed Davis

safety of our children?" Smith said.

In an interview earlier this summer, long-time Tripp Road resident and float plane owner Ed Davis dismissed concerns his plane posed a threat to people on the lake or its drinking water quality.

"There's more oil and gas coming off of North End Road than ever comes off my plane," he said. Classifying recent complaints as "nonsense" and "nobody's business," Davis said his plane is kept in impeccable condition.

"There is no such thing as pollution from the plane," he added.

Davis, an experienced pilot who has used the lake during the summer months since 1972, said he and his float plane are routinely targeted by residents who fail to see the larger issues impacting the lake.

"They are barking up the wrong tree," he said, adding that most pollution in the lake stems from residents' faulty septic systems and agricultural use on adjacent land.

He said pilots must comply with strict aircraft maintenance regulations and visual flight rules which prevent them from landing on the lake at night or in conditions of reduced visibility.

According to Transport Canada, all aircraft using the lake must be inspected by a registered aircraft mechanic and meet federal aviation regulations.

Restrictions are only enforced in airport "control zones," national parks and in some sensitive drinking water reservoirs. Nelson said additional restrictions are not warranted due to St. Mary's size and depth.

He advised people with concerns over safety and environmental pollution to contact Transport Canada's Aviation Enforcement Branch at 604-666-1012 with the time and location of any incident and obtain a photograph or identification numbers of any aircraft involved.

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# TENNIS PROBLEMS

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received to purchase it. Prospective purchasers for the components are currently being solicited through the online B.C. Bid system for public agencies.

A Cover-All competitor, Andrew Adamson of Diamond Shelters in Kelowna, received notice of the purchase opportunity through the B.C. Bid Opportunity

Notification Service.

Besides wondering why that service wasn't used last year when PARC was seeking companies to provide the fabric-covered, two-court tennis structure, Adamson said he is skeptical about PARC's chances of recovering a significant amount of the \$275,000-

\$300,000 paid out for the structure.

"They might get 60 cents on the dollar," he speculated. "It sounds like a good deal for Cover-All."

The same-sized structure with slightly lower quality steel but smaller truss spans from his company would cost about \$100,000, he said.



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# CBC skips island 'hippies'

Salt Spring's reputation as a hippy mecca could be slipping.

Running in the face of stock stereotypes, no one from the Gulf Islands will be represented when CBC Radio airs the finals of their quest for "Canada's Ultimate Hippy" this week.

"We have a candidate from Port Alberni versus someone from London, Ontario," said Sounds Like Canada producer Jason Proctor.

"I do know there were no lack of contestants from Salt Spring," Proctor said.

He noted that nominations from Lasqueti Island also figured prominently on the segment.

CBC Radio hosts Peter Brown and Jian Ghomeshi have been searching for ultimate hippies since August 4.

Proctor recalled a nomination for islander Paul Beckman (also known as Palu Rainbow Song), but indicated that Beckman did not make the final cut.

"Had the name Palu come



**PALU PAUL:** Salt Spring's Palu Rainbow Song didn't make the CBC's final hippie cut. Photo by Derrick Lundy

across our desks, he would have done much better."

CBC will announce the winner of "Canada's Ulti-

mate Hippy" contest during a broadcast of Sounds Like Canada at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

## Salt Spring woman first to cross 60-km finish line

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**  
Driftwood Staff

When Dr. Talita Strumpfer of Salt Spring Island crossed the finish line at the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, she did it in such a short period of time that the finish line hadn't even been erected.

Strumpfer completed the two-day, 60-kilometre walk, which took place in Vancouver from August 18 to 20, in only eight and a half hours, and finished first out of 2,105 participants.

Overall, some \$5.5 million was raised for the B.C. Cancer Foundation in the third Weekend to End Breast Cancer event, with Strumpfer contributing \$3,165.

The walk began from the Plaza of Nations on Saturday morning. There was a brief opening ceremony, which Strumpfer describes as "very inspiring. One lady who was carrying the flag, you could tell she was just starting to grow back her hair from chemotherapy."

Participants hit the streets by 7:30 a.m. The first leg of the race covered 35 km, which Strumpfer completed in 5.25 hours.

Strumpfer said it started out slowly, as people attempted to sort themselves into similarly-paced groups. However, as Strumpfer walked on her own, she quickly found herself at the head of the pack.



**Talita Strumpfer:** first across the finish line.

While several refreshment and resting stations were set up along the way, Strumpfer said she did not utilize many of them.

She also decided to forgo the entertainment at Killarney Park, where walkers camped out for the evening, and instead stayed with friends who lived nearby.

The next day the event began again at 7 a.m. Strumpfer said she "knew which way we were going, so I tried not to be at the end of the pack."

She estimates she was 10 minutes ahead of the next walkers for the majority of the time.

However, with only four kms remaining, Strumpfer said another woman came "whooshing past." With only two kms left, Strump-

fer once again encountered the woman, who this time had slowed down and was in need of food. Although Strumpfer had no food, she and the woman walked the final leg together.

They finished by 10:15, walking 25 kms in 3.25 hours. It was so early, in fact, that the finish line and other events hadn't been assembled yet.

"I was kind of tired. I just wanted to take my shoes off and put my feet up," said Strumpfer, who suffered a number of blisters from the lengthy trek.

But before she was able to relax, she was interviewed by The Province newspaper.

Strumpfer believes she was able to finish so quickly because she walked a majority of the 60 kms on her own.

"I think most people were really taking their time with the walk. Really I think it just easier to finish it quickly than to be on your feet for that long."

However, she would have liked a partner to walk with.

Strumpfer is not sure if she will participate in the event again next year, joking that she will decide "once my blisters have healed."

"It was a great experience, though, and there are many people who do it year after year and I find that amazing."



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# Pocket park signals broader arts changes

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**  
 Driftwood Staff

Recent landscaping work at Mahon Hall has alerted Salt Springers to the fact something is underway at the heritage building.

But these aesthetic adjustments only scratch the surface of the bigger changes that have recently taken place, and of those that are to come, at the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC), Mahon Hall and ArtCraft, the popular exhibit held in the hall during the summer months.

Energy is high and the outlook optimistic amongst members of the CAC. At its recent strategic planning session, the first since 2001,



**HALL HELP:** Peter Oro works on landscaping at Mahon Hall as Phase One gets underway. Photo by Derrick Lundy

held on August 17, members were able to "consolidate" their visions for the CAC's future, said Gary Cherneff, the council's community chair.

**This process is "just to maintain quality, which is best for everybody and encourages people to put their best work forward"**  
 — April Curtis

The CAC sees Mahon Hall as a valuable resource.

"As our major asset, we need to make it as functional and attractive a venue as we can," said Cherneff.

The CAC signed a 30-year lease for Mahon Hall with the Gulf Islands School District three years ago.

Since acquiring the lease, the CAC has put a lot of work into repairing the building, including structural improvements to make it more earthquake-ready, a new roof and plumbing improvements.

However, the landscaping changes are most visually apparent to date.

The CAC proposed to the school board to remove the unwelcoming chainlink fence that once cut Mahon Hall off from the rest of the community, and replace it with a "pocket park."

Once the plan was approved, architect Peter Oro was hired. The new landscaping is "designed to

bring us into the community in a visual sort of way," said Cherneff. (Drop by ArtCraft to see a drawing of the plan.)

Stage one, which included removing the fence, creating a berm and doing some of the planting, is complete. The CAC is currently fundraising to complete Phase 2, which will include paving the pathway with stone, and further planting.

Many other improvements are also on the agenda, including a new acoustic system for the hall.

With a new sound system, Cherneff is confident Mahon Hall can become a popular arts venue in the months it does not house ArtCraft. Although the rental policy is still in the development stage, Cherneff said preference will be given to CAC members proposing to hold arts-related events.

If space is left over, then other applicants may be considered, but "it won't be a carpet salesman," said Cherneff. He estimates the building should be available for rent by the new year.

A coat of paint for the hall is also on the agenda, but Cherneff would not reveal anything about the colours, except to say they would be "heritage."

The CAC will also receive a new logo in the next few weeks, which will be displayed on Mahon Hall.

Designed by Diane Weatherby, the new logo is a creative, calligraphic spiral. It is a circle that expands outward to the community, unifying the CAC and signifying its commitment to the community.

There have been a number of changes within ArtCraft as well.

The biggest is the implementation of a jury system to rate the work of artists displaying at the gallery.

This consists of three jurors who "basically reviewed some work that was questionable last year and looked at new applicants that want to participate this year," said Cherneff.

Last year, the jurors checked each artist on a number of issues, including quality, consistency of quality and how the work was displayed.

If there were any questions, that artist was asked to present to the jury this year.

All new artists are now required to show their work to the jury. Cherneff said judges were fairly lenient this year as "they didn't want to shock." Out of the 28 new artists that applied, only five were not accepted.

This process is "just to maintain quality, which is best for everybody and encourages people to put their best work forward," said ArtCraft manager April-Curtis.

This year ArtCraft displayed the work of 140 artists, some 40 fewer than last year, which allowed for more room and improved layout of the show.

"In the future, we'll want to maintain that spacious layout," said Curtis.

Another change within ArtCraft is a revamping of its membership policy, which Cherneff said should be completed in the next few months.

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To date, ArtCraft has 160 registered members, but Cherneff hopes to expand this number to 500.



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**POOL PRECISION:** Marc Ponton, front, and Blair Darcy carry pipes to plumb the hot tub at the Rainbow Road pool construction site. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Pool work is still flowing — PARC

Salt Spring's rumour mill may be churning out Rainbow Road pool disaster stories, but they're not on the mark, says the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) volunteer heading the construction committee.

"In spite of the comments and rumours, this thing is going ahead — with all the usual problems that can be expected for a project of this size," said Peter Lake at the Monday night PARC meeting.

The project is 2.6 per cent over budget (or \$123,000), although the \$6,073,125 total includes \$379,000 in contingency funds still untouched.

Overall, some items have cost more than anticipated and others have been less, said Lake.

Some extra costs were incurred "on purpose," he said, due to upgrades chosen after the budget was set.

Vancouver Island Health Authority requirements have been the source of some changes and higher costs, including one that resulted in regrading of the four-foot-deep section of the pool and added three extra days of work.

The project has consumed 1,000 cubic metres (35,300 square feet) of concrete requiring six lifts and six sets of forms.

"It's not like digging a hole and filling it with water," noted Lake, referring to the project's complexity.

Lake said the community owes the local building contractors "a huge debt" for their above-and-beyond contributions.

"I'd like to see a plaque on the building recognizing all the people who built it."

Islanders should soon see the steel frame rising from the foundation. If all goes well, the pool should be open no later than April 2007, said PARC chair Rosemary Trump.

## 3-way stop a sign of the times

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

It may not be the busiest intersection on the island, but Salt Spring's first three-way stop at Blain Road and Kings Lane certainly make it one of the safest.

For years, residents living near the intersection watched as vehicles travelling through the neighbourhood barrelled around the corner.

Every once in a while, cars would barrel right into each other, making the seemingly tame intersection a noteworthy crossroads.

Kings Lane resident Bob Rogers said that has changed since the Ministry of Transportation installed the stop signs earlier this month.

"Even though most people only come to a crawling stop, there has definitely been an improvement," he said.

Rogers, who has lived on Kings Lane for three years,

said he worried about pulling out of his driveway before the signs were installed lest he be sideswiped by drivers taking the turn at high speeds.

Rogers' neighbour, Linda Macdonald, said she's seen her fair share of accidents from her kitchen window overlooking the intersection.

"They'd usually happen in wet weather when the sharpness of the turn and people cutting it too close forced them off the road," she said.

Accident statistics are unavailable, but Macdonald estimated she saw at least one or two each year since moving to the area nearly 10 years ago.

Stop signs were installed in conjunction with the construction of the new Greenwood assisted living facility on Blain Road. Further work was done to expand the street where it meets up with Lower Ganges Road.

According to RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis, the work was done in response to the projected rise in vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area. So far there have been no accidents at the new intersection, he added.

Infrastructure improvements established by developers, the Ministry of Transportation and the local government are an increasingly prevalent tool to ensure higher traffic from new building projects can be accommodated, he said.

The RCMP has yet to issue a ticket to anyone as of yet but, Willis said, drivers can expect to receive a \$167 fine and three driver penalty points if they are caught going through the stop sign.

For the record, when two vehicles reach the intersection at the same time, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right.

## Legoland garners Fringe kudos

After walking away with top reviews after a run in Toronto earlier this month, Legoland, featuring Salt Spring's Amitai Marmorstein, has been pegged as the hit of the Victoria Fringe.

During the final showings of Legoland in Toronto, National Post reviewer Alison Broverman gushed, "holy doodle people, what are you waiting for?" and

urged readers to catch the show.

Similarly, Now magazine reviewers Jon Kaplan and Glenn Sumi called Legoland, "One of our faves in the SummerWorks lineup," during the Toronto showing.

And on Sunday, Adrian Chamberlin of the Victoria Times Colonist, urged "If you see nothing else at the

Fringe, see Legoland."

Remaining Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival performances of Legoland are at the Downtown Activity Centre at 755 Pandora on September 1, 2 and 4.

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# Symphony manager wins arts post

Paul Gravett may have left big shoes to fill, but the Island Arts Centre Society (IACS) has already found an ideal person for the job.

After an extensive candidate search that attracted over 60 applicants from across the country, George Sipos (pronounced ship-osh) was the unanimous choice of ArtSpring's board members.

"The board has complete confidence that he will be a terrific successor to Paul Gravett," said IACS president Judy Norget in a press release.

Born in Hungary, Sipos grew up in London, Ontario. He earned his B.A. at UBC, got a masters degree in English from Sussex University in the U.K., and then a B.C. Professional Teacher's Certificate.

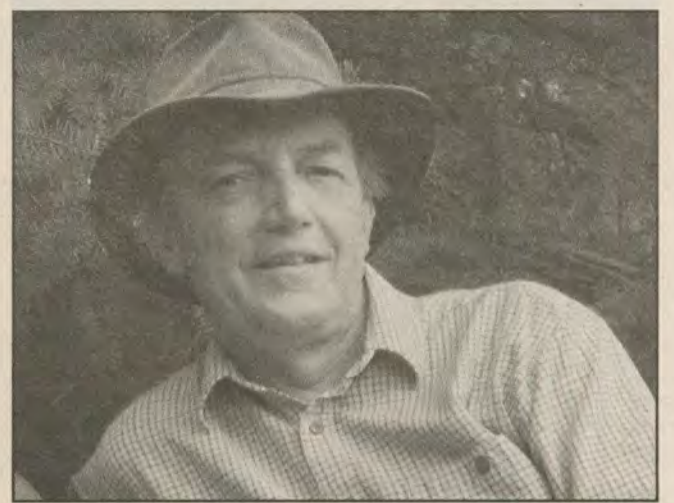
For more than two years, Sipos has been the general manager of the Prince George Symphony Orchestra. Since he took over the position, audiences have increased by 85 per cent and the previously gloomy financial situation is now bright.

Before his tenure with the symphony, for 19 years Sipos owned and operated Mosquito Books, which was recognized nationally as one of the best independent book stores in B.C. Mosquito Books was just one of the many bookstores across Canada that succumbed to mass-market merchandisers and the sale of discount books on the internet.

Prior to being a bookseller, Sipos taught at both university and high school levels.

Sipos is also a poet. His first collection of poems, Anything but the Moon, was short-listed for the Dorothy Livesay Award in the 2006 B.C. Book Prizes.

Throughout his career, Sipos has served on a number of boards, such



George Sipos has been hired to replace Paul Gravett as executive director of ArtSpring.

as those of the College of New Caledonia, the B.C. Library Foundation, the Prince George Home Support Services Society and the Prince George Theatre Workshop.

For some years he was president of the B.C. Booksellers' Association. In Prince George he has also been deeply involved in various aspects of the arts—theatre, film, the written word, art—and has a life-long passion for music.

Sipos and his wife Bridget have always been involved in the Prince George community and, once Bridget joins him in the spring, they

see having the same kind of involvement on Salt Spring.

When originally asked what attracted him to apply for the position, Sipos wrote, "... the prospect of heading up an entire performing and visual arts centre is really exciting to contemplate."

Norget said that she and the board were equally excited at the prospect of Sipos's arrival.

He is expected to be on the job no later than November 19, the date of ArtSpring's annual general meeting.

The board plans to invite the community to meet the new executive director at a reception on that date.

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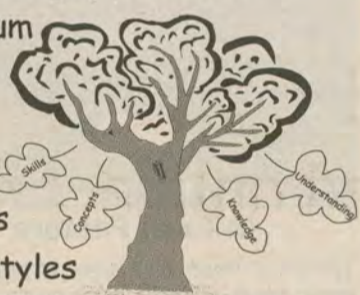
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# Youth wasp stings saves aunt

Fast effective action by a youth and bystanders may have helped save an island visitor from a potentially fatal wasp attack on Thursday.

Islander Kaya Hunter, age 13, was horseback riding along Trincomali Heights with her great-aunt Joy Winchell and a 10-year-old friend when they stepped on a wasp nest Thursday afternoon, said Kaya's mother Kim Hunter.

Recognizing that Winchell can have a fatal anaphylactic reaction to wasp stings, Kaya advised Winchell and the other youth to dismount and back away from the wasp nest. Then, in a gesture of self-sacrifice, Hunter ran from the site in an effort to distract the wasps away from her aunt and friend.

"I told her you don't ever run from wasps because they tend to follow you," said Kim Hunter.

But the youth used that information in a different manner than intended to help protect her fellow riders, she said.

"It was very calmly handled. I was impressed," Hunter said.

Consequently, Kaya received 14 wasp stings, while Winchell received only two, Hunter said.

A passing dog walker then helped Winchell administer an "Epi Kit" to help reduce the anaphylactic reaction to wasp stings and she suffered no ill effects.

Incidentally, 56-year-old Winchell only developed severe reactions to wasp stings after an encounter in July this year, Kim Hunter said.

After 14 stings, Kaya was itchy for two days, but suffered no hives or other symptoms, Hunter said.

According to the BC HealthGuide, "If a stinging

insect appears, avoid sudden or rapid movements, and don't swat or flail your arms. Move away slowly unless you are being pursued."

To avoid contact with stinging insects, the BC HealthGuide also advises that people keep food packed until they are ready to eat when outdoors; avoid scented cosmetics, deodorants and other products which may attract stinging insects; avoid brightly coloured clothing or fabrics with floral prints when you will be outdoors since some stinging insects may be attracted to them; avoid going barefoot or wearing sandals or open-toed shoes when outdoors and avoid loose clothes that might entangle a biting or stinging insect.

For more information about wasp-sting prevention and treatment, check the BC HealthGuide website ([www.bchealthguide.org](http://www.bchealthguide.org)).

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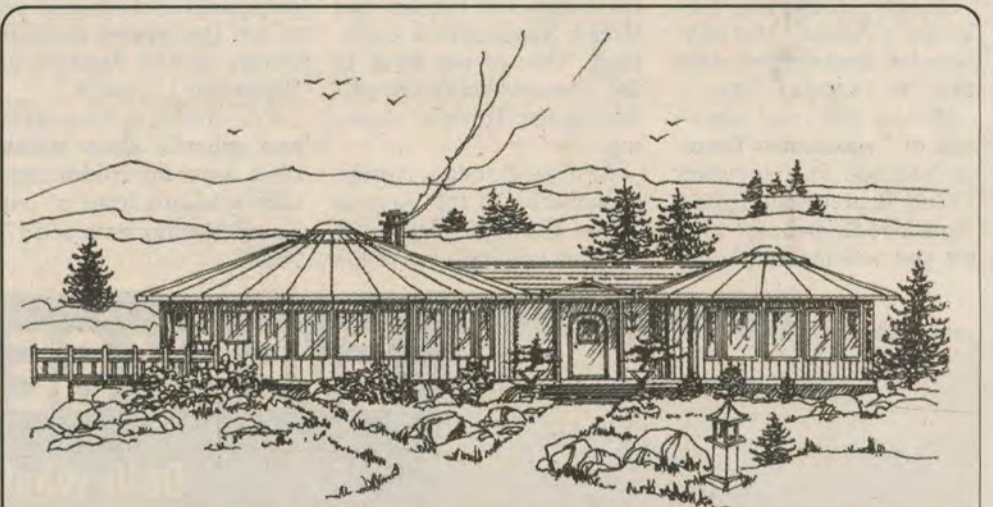
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# Salt Spring man gets the grill in Duncan radio station contest

What do Jim Carrey, Harry Potter's Peter Pettigrew and Frodo from The Lord of the Rings all have in common?

It may seem like a trivial question, but Salt Spring's Rowan Dixon is having the last laugh after the correct answer won him a brand new \$1,000 barbecue, a \$500 wakeboard and a \$25 Canadian Tire gift certificate in a Duncan radio station's weekly backyard barbecue contest.

"We've brought the torch to Salt Spring," said Dixon, adding that the station manager ranked last week's event among the best of the summer.

As part of the 89.7 SUN FM prize package, the station held a four-hour live broadcast last Thursday afternoon from the Collins Road construction site where Dixon is helping a friend build his home.

The station also provided enough food and refreshments to satisfy Dixon and 40 family members and friends during the broadcast.

"The best part is we didn't even have to clean up the mess," he said. "They took everything away but the barbecue."

Dixon was so blown away by the news he was even on hand to greet the station's crew when they arrived at



**SUN FUN:** It was party time at the Collins Road construction site of Ken Snead, third from right, after Salt Spring's Rowan Dixon (second from left) won a barbecue bash and live broadcast from SUN-FM radio.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal on Thursday morning.

"They all had a really good time and the station manager even said he'd like to come back for a housewarming party," Dixon said.

Dixon entered the contest out of the blue and couldn't believe his luck when he received a call from the station shortly after entering his name in the draw two

weeks ago.

A correct answer to the trivia question put him into the final round and luck took it from there, he said. With only one draw left before the end of the summer-long contest, he couldn't have picked a better time to test his chances.

"I knew it was me when I heard the hosts say they had to call long distance," said

Dixon, who was listening to the radio on his boat near Ladysmith when he heard the news.

Dixon said he will leave the barbecue with his friend as a housewarming present, but has every intention of holding on to the gift certificate and wakeboard.

As for the winning answer, Carrey, Pettigrew and Frodo are each missing a finger.

# Peace it Together films can be viewed online

Seven films resulting from the two-week Peace it Together program at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School are now available for viewing online.

As explained in a front-page August 16 Driftwood article, youth from Israel, the Palestinian territories and Canada

shared their histories, ideas, hopes and struggles with one another before collaborating on film projects about the Middle East conflict.

The website is <<http://giftsfilms.com/>.

CBC TV will also air a 10-minute piece about the project on CBC News

Sunday, tentatively scheduled for September 24, and a feature-length documentary is being created.

The Creative Peace Network (<http://creativepeacenet.com/>) is already planning and fundraising for another successful program next year.

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## Canada at war

How did our nation end up in a war in Afghanistan? These days, news reports of dead Canadian soldiers, suicide bomb attacks and photos of grieving families seem to dominate media reports. New graves are being filled with young men and women killed on foreign fields. There is no doubt; Canada is at war.

We've come a long way from 2003 when Canada first sent troops to assist a military mission in Afghanistan.

In September of that year, then Minister of Defence John McCallum said a military presence was required to assist international efforts to control terrorism and was vital for bringing peace to the region.

"As they have done so many times before, the Canadian Forces will be helping to secure and rebuild a war-torn country. They will, quite literally, be saving lives."

But now, when Canadian peacekeepers are getting killed and wounded at an alarming rate (27 killed since 2002, eight killed over the past month and another soldier injured Monday), and accidentally killing Afghan police and young children, we must ask ourselves what we are really doing there.

According to the Canadian government website ([www.canada-afghanistan.gc.ca](http://www.canada-afghanistan.gc.ca)), Canada is in Afghanistan today at the invitation of the Afghan government and to defend our national interests, ensure Canadian leadership in world affairs and help Afghanistan rebuild.

Within a NATO-led international force comprised of some 8,000 soldiers, Canada has the largest contingent with 2,300 soldiers. And, according to Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan David Sproule, who spoke on August 11, the Canadian mission is committed to another five years.

A sizeable portion of Sproule's speech involved the narcotics trade in the country, which suggests a blurry shift from a mission aiming to fight terrorism, to an international war on drugs.

Things have fundamentally changed since 2003, or even earlier this year when Canada's role in Afghanistan was last discussed in the House of Commons.

Canadians need to ask themselves and their government: what are we really doing there and is this a war that we truly need to fight?

## Fire trustees should not use scare tactics over training

By DAREN and VANESSA FARIAS

In response to the August 23 article headlined "Training roadblocks threaten safety," we don't agree that the supposed needs of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) "transcend the paperwork."

That "paperwork" is the only process that is currently protecting valuable farmland. The Islands Trust is merely enforcing a bylaw that has been in effect since 1998. The SSIFPD chooses to disregard the parameters of its land use rights, which have been in effect for 26 years. In 1980 the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and Islands Trust approved the construction of the fire hall with the conditions: "the fire hall

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building be confined to an area within 200 feet of the Fulford-Ganges Road" and "the remaining land would be used for recreational purposes or cultivation." On numerous occasions the Islands Trust explained to the SSIFPD that it was not allowed to expand beyond its current use and yet its trustees chose to forge ahead with their development.

The SSIFPD has a history of environmental abuse for which it needs to be held accountable. For years the SSIFPD has stored vehicles which leak fluids; burned entire vehicles that contain plas-

tics, tires, fluids, etc.; ignited fires by dousing them with diesel fuel; and allowed fluorine-based fire-fighting foams to drain directly into the soil. Recently, a water tower (an old diesel tank) was installed and cleaned, and guess where they purged the 40,000 gallons of contaminated wash water? These toxic chemicals flow to our natural waterways. Yet there is no end in sight because the SSIFPD believes it must expand its facility to improve its procedures. We believe the SSIFPD is responsible for cleaning up the contaminated soil and implementing improved training and containment procedures, prior to expansion.

After a year of communicating with the SSIFPD, we have serious

doubts about their ability to self-govern during this process. They won't formalize specific hours of operation, training parameters/policies. They won't even follow their own standards for a training facility, established by the National Fire Protection Association, which require them to conduct an environmental impact study. Now they want to settle this matter by asking for "special attention" from the Islands Trust. Could it be that they don't like the process because it allows for public input?

It's unfortunate that the SSIFPD trustees have resorted to scare tactics. Statements such as "this bureaucratic nightmare is preventing us from getting full fire

protection" are meant to pressure the Islands Trust. Shame on the SSIFPD for posing this "delay" as a risk to the public. They say, "This is an emergency on hold." Well, if there is an emergency, it was not created by the Islands Trust.

The SSIFPD believes it's above the (by)law, since it continues to utilize a prohibited area of farmland. Will the Islands Trust actually do something about this obvious disregard of our official community plan? Will the ALC work to preserve and protect this farmland?

After one year of addressing this issue, we can only wonder.

*The writers live next door to the Fulford fire hall.*

## Respectful Relationships program: we know it's good

By JUDI STEVENSON

There is no one way to stop the violence, abuse and disrespect that marks our society, these islands included. To shift so big a problem, many solutions are needed.

Most of the research on punitive solutions — from school expulsions for bullies to court cases and jail time for abusive adults — suggests that they cost a lot of public money and do little to reduce the rate of any kind of violent interpersonal behaviour. For years, researchers and grassroots activists alike have been saying, what about prevention? Could we not at least give it a serious try?

Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) has been giving it a serious try for more than a decade. Its schools-based prevention program for all students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 or 11, "Respectful Relationships," is making a significant con-

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tribution. After carrying out seven years of evaluation research on the program, I'm convinced. Here's why.

The R+R program has a long list of strengths. A few years back, a team of researchers at the University of Calgary did a study of 50 schools-based prevention initiatives in North America on which there was credible evaluation research. They distilled a list of program characteristics that demonstrated success in changing pro-violent attitudes, values and behaviours in children and youth, reporting regretfully that few programs exhibited more than one or two. The R+R program incorporates most of them, and adds in a few others that also show promise.

As recommended by

the University of Calgary researchers, the Respectful Relationships program focusses not just on awareness of the issues — not just on talk — but also on skill development: how do you know if you are in a healthy dating relationship? What do you do when you feel so angry you just want to hit someone? What can you say when a friend deliberately humiliates a gay student and you know you're supposed to laugh but actually you feel really bad for him or her? What is violence anyway: is it just hitting and punching or is it also spreading nasty rumours and leaving one kid out of everything fun that's going on? Do girls and guys want the same thing in a dating relationship, or are they really, like totally, different?

For teens and preteens, these questions and others like them loom large. For the most part, youth don't get good answers from the inter-

net or the media and many are reluctant to raise them with parents or teachers. In surveys I've conducted on the impact of the R+R program, around 90 per cent of Gulf Islands students have said that they'd rather explore such issues with the kind of young, "cool" community-based facilitators that SWOVA trains to deliver its program.

The R+R program is multi-session and multi-grade — not a one-time wonder or a special event, but 12 sessions in each year for four years — because it takes that long (and longer) to learn how to build healthy personal relationships and cope with unhealthy ones.

My research has shown that the students in the Gulf Islands who have taken the R+R program make measurable gains in the attitudes, values and behaviours that comprise respectful, egalitarian, non-violent relation-

ships — empathy, conflict resolution skills, peaceful problem-solving skills and the like — to some extent by the end of their first year in the program, more by the end of their second year and still more by the third.

Program facilitators are specially trained for their jobs and fearless on all topics raised by the curriculum and by the kids.

The male-female facilitator pairs provide a model of equality, mutual respect and negotiation skills in action. Curriculum is active and thought-provoking and demands searching self-reflection; it engages with gender and power, diversity and power, healthy and unhealthy forms of power, stereotypes and much more.

The research results have shown that each year, generally more than 80 per cent of participating students believe that the program has helped them personally, want other

kids of their age to have the opportunity to take it, think it is equally good for girls and boys, and believe it has made a positive difference in their schools. That's a powerful endorsement from a tough audience.

The R+R program has had a rare chance to start small, try out its ideas, learn from longitudinal evaluation research results, make changes to its curriculum and keep getting better.

It would be more than a shame if the funds could not be raised to keep it going and growing, not just in the Gulf Islands School District, but throughout the province wherever the goal of creating safer schools, safer dating and partner relations and safer families is a priority. It would be a huge loss, perhaps even a tragedy.

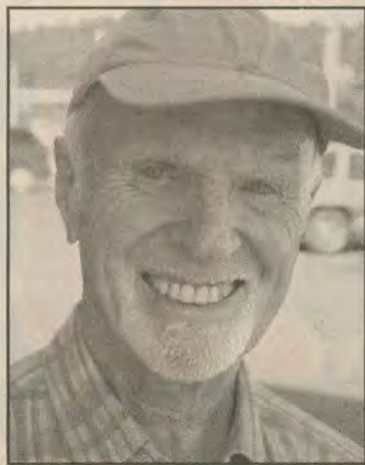
*The writer heads Minerva Research & Communications.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What do you want to do with the last few weeks of summer?*



**Janice Hamilton**  
*Relax, don't you?*



**David Braide**  
*Enjoy the last of the good weather of the summer, as simple as that.*



**Dianne Mede**  
*Plan my winter vacation.*



**Justin Dempsey (with Emily Fass)**  
*I'm going to enjoy some kayaking and the wonderful Salt Spring weather.*



**Phil Hager**  
*Boat and drink.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Consider the lake

On July 12, Driftwood published a letter from Randy Bachman questioning the use of a gasoline-powered safety boat for the use of rowing club members on St. Mary Lake.

He raises the question about the enforcement of laws governing environmental mispractice. What do we do? Call the cops?

Good question. The answer is that there are no environmental police. We are all responsible for keeping our community safe from contamination.

When the federal electric-motors-only law was proclaimed several years ago, we, the users of lake water, heaved a sigh of relief. Until that time, the lake was filled with fast noisy boats going nowhere, plus airplanes.

We have come a long way in the last 30 years. It was once common practice

to wash cars and shampoo dogs — with soap — in the lake. If you cared to examine the reeds at the roadside you could find no end of old stoves, tires and bedsprings poking through.

As few as 10 years ago I spoke to a group of visiting bicyclers who were busily cleaning off the road goop from their bikes in the handy swimming area. They were annoyed when told it was our minimally treated drinking water they were using.

When you come from a city served by sophisticated means you don't automatically shift your thoughts back to the source. The federal law that Mr. Stoffelsma believes is news to us was hard-won by volunteers who saw the need. Public awareness has shifted since then.

I am grateful to Mr. Bachman for his concern and all others who have given their time and expertise to keep us informed. There are many who fall into that category, but two people in particu-

lar deserve mention. Mike Larmour for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and Tom Gosset for establishing the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

Mr. Stoffelsma, in his response to Mr. Bachman in the August 16 Driftwood, makes a great case for the safety of young and old. How young? How old? All those under 12 years are not physically large enough to row and all those over 75 are not likely to take up a new sport. That leaves physically fit people. How many? Not more than two to three dozen at most. Are thousand of water users not worth considering?

I respectfully ask Mr. Stoffelsma to reconsider his Olympic-standard aspirations to something much more in step with little St. Mary Lake. In doing so you could lift that awareness level a notch higher. The Salt Spring Seals swim in the cold ocean year round. They wear wet suits. To my

knowledge none have suffered from hypothermia.

P.S. You can support Salt Spring Island Water Protection Society by depositing your grocery receipts in the box at Ganges Village Market.

**MARJORIE MARTIN,**  
Salt Spring

### Bus stall needed

After spending four years lobbying the Ministry of Transportation to paint a yellow "no parking" edging outside the Visitor Information Centre, it is discouraging to read that Arvid Chalmers now wants to get rid of it. (August 23 Salt Spring Says.)

Arvid obviously spends very little time observing what goes on in town during daylight hours or he would be aware of the large number of buses using the designated space.

Contrary to some local opinion, we do have a regu-

lar bus service on our island that meets the ferries and helps reduce the number of cars on our roads. Two other small buses run guided tours in the summer months and the taxi companies use the Visitor Information Centre as a convenient central pick-up spot. Especially in the spring and early summer, we get large coaches on a daily basis bringing visitors from all over Canada and the United States. Because many are elderly, a central loading site is essential as a significant number are handicapped and using walkers.

These buses do not stay in town but, after dropping off their passengers, park usually on Rainbow Road. Last Saturday alone there were three coaches on the morning run into Fulford.

None of this information is secret and, if Mr. Chalmers had checked with any one of the many volunteers who staff the Visitor Information Centre, he would have been told what an important func-

tion the restricted parking area is to the convenience of both visitors and several local businesses.

**JOHN MYERS,**  
Cormorant Crescent

### Tax help

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**PAT BYRNE,**  
Chair,  
Friends of the Library  
**MORE LETTERS A12**

## Island apathy fuels disaster firestorm scenario

By **JAMES FALCON**

Here on Salt Spring we have a lot of burning issues. Everyone has something that is eating them and they feel passionately about, but one of the most pressing issues that the island is faced with is red hot.

They say Salt Spring is a controversy surrounded by water, but what if it was a glowing orange ball of flame surrounded by water? If we don't talk about this, do you think it will not happen? Don't kid yourself.

Everything that we are involved with in our day-to-day lives will come to nought when we are standing in a shocking charred ruin. We are thick into the fire season.

Whether it's apathy, negligence or simple presumptuous stupidity, the island is ripe for the perfect firestorm. After over a hundred years of successful fire suppression (just like in Kelowna), the average islander is a sitting duck. It may be a subconscious "death wish," maybe people want to burn to death or die of asphyxiation. People want to act dumb, and leave it to someone else to pull their rears out of harm's ways.

### GUEST COLUMN

Truth is, you'll be toast.

We have accumulated ground fuel (recyclable debris) in the forests from a century of fire suppression. An alarming study was conducted last year that reclassified the island from high to extreme danger.

A fire risk map which is available at the Ganges fire hall shows most of the island as extreme. Specifically Channel Ridge (which is exploring the FireSmart principles in the new development), the Maxwell area and virtually the whole south end. Salt Spring Island is a tinder box and only getting more dangerous.

Don't let the summer hazard rating fool you! The way things are going, the fuel load in the forests will endanger the island all year round. With global warming and seasons getting dryer, you could see a year-round burning ban.

What will it take to wake us up? Kelowna was warned before their fire, but the warning was ignored.

They did not have the will to prevent it. Kelowna was prepared for evacuations though, and was able to move 30,000 people overnight. Compare what a fire storm (interface wildfire) would do to you. Need to escape? Hop in the car — and go where?

Salt Spring's fire and rescue personnel have successfully done their jobs for decades. This summer our dedicated volunteer and career firefighters are working harder than ever before, dealing with increasing fire alarms. They are literally burning at both ends.

Even with the mutual aid agreement now in place between other departments (to put out the fire, not evacuate you) from the region, emergency services would be hard pressed to admit publicly, officially, that if the flames really hit the fan, even with the mutual aid agreements in place and the arrival of forest ministry forces that without community involvement (you only need 20 community-minded people to help turn things around), you — the islander — are at extreme risk right now. We Salt Springers would be in big trouble.

We are far from prepared; in

fact we are not prepared. What do our emergency planners have to do to light a fire under a Salt Springer? Douse'em in gasoline first?

Of all the possible emergency scenarios that Salt Spring could face, the risk of wildfire is certain to be on the horizon. Not an earthquake or a tsunami, but a good old-fashioned house warming party.

Emergency planners on Salt Spring have published full-page ads in the Driftwood on several occasions describing how you can prevent a wildfire around your house. Prepare for it, and find out what the neighbourhood plan is for a self-propelled evacuation. Do you know who your pod captain is?

Emergency planners and our fire chief are not ringing the alarm for nothing. Removal of the accumulated ground fuel around your home and on your property is an excellent starting point in reducing the fire hazard.

A neighbourhood cooperative effort is best so that seniors and others less capable of physical exercise can contribute in other ways like making lunches.

One issue associated with the removal is disposal. As an extension to the Recycling Depot, perhaps with the help of CRD, one or two chipper sites could be established for contractors and the general public to use instead of open slash pile and trash burning. There is a shortage of wood chippings and mulch on the Island which could be used for our septage treatment system.

By turning the debris into items like fences made from tree branches or other marketable materials, we could employ islanders to help bring the forests back into balance.

Some debris on the forest floor is natural, but not a hundred years of debris from fire suppression.

The odds are high that what happened on Galiano this summer will happen here, but more so.

Remember the old saying, "You own the fuel, you own the problem."

*The writer is a landscape contractor and small filmmaker on Salt Spring.*



# EVERYTHING YOU back

## 2006/2007 Gulf Islands School District calendar

- Schools open Tuesday, September 5, 2006 and close Wednesday, June 27, 2006.
- Schools will be closed on the following Fridays: September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 24; December 1, 8, 15 and 22; January 12, 19 and 26; February 2, 9, 16 and 23; March 2, 9, 16 and 30; April 6, 20 and 27; May 4, 11 and 18; June 1, 8, 15 and 22.



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## 2006/2007 Gulf Islands School District calendar

- Christmas vacation runs December 22 to January 7.
- Spring break runs March 19-23.
- Other holidays are Thanksgiving Day, October 9; Remembrance Day, November 13 (Monday); Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 6 and 9; Victoria Day, May 21.



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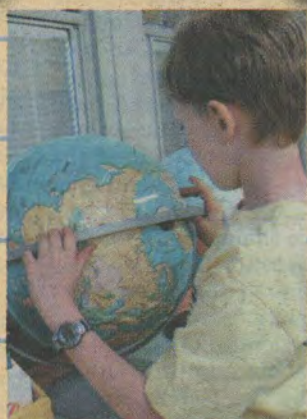
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## Back-to-school questions for parents to ask

- Parents need to prepare for back-to-school as well, and it's not just about buying school supplies, meeting the new teachers, or the latest cool fashions. Simon Fraser University education professor Celeste Snowber says parents may want to try approaching the new school year by asking themselves a few key questions:
- How can you best make space for ignition and deep passion in your child's learning?
- How can you best attend to your child's soul in their education?
- What is your attitude towards academic success?
- Are you exhausting yourself by pushing your kids to do what you want them to do?
- Ask yourself what gives you life, motivation and ignition?



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## More letters

### Best vegetable

"What is okra?" I was dumbfounded by the question from a lifelong resident of Salt Spring.

Then I thought, "How would he know?" Indignous to Africa and grown in North America, primarily in blazing hot climates, okra has never been a staple of the Canadian diet. I realized it was a cultural thing. Born in Chicago, I'd always understood a chesterfield to be a cigarette brand, not a couch.

As for okra, there's been a lot of excitement in town among aficionados of the green, fuzzy, ribbed pod ever since a grocer received a large shipment.

Correction: There has been joy among some. For folks are rarely "sometimey" (i.e. ambivalent) about okra. Like me, some adore it. Others decry it as too slimy, stringy, sticky and bitter. It's definitely a love/hate affair.

For the uninitiated, here's Okra 101: A rich source of many nutrients including fibre, vitamin B6, folic acid and potassium, okra is a defining ingredient in such dishes as New Orleans gumbo and callaloo, a traditional Caribbean soup.

Steamed until fork tender and seasoned to taste, okra (for those of us who love it) is the best vegetable on earth. Let the church say Amen.

EVELYN C. WHITE,  
Salt Spring

### Electric car film

As a follow-up to Arthur Black's column in the Driftwood last week, I would like to add — if the subject of electric cars or environmental protection interests you, be sure to see the film, "Who Killed the Electric Car" if it comes to a theatre near you.

MARG SIMONS,  
Fulford

### Stay neutral

I am surprised that you would choose to publish Jack Hallam's outpourings on the Lebanon war in an opinion piece titled "In Depth," as though he were a foreign correspondent or a political pundit instead of a retired biologist.

To have done so implies an ideological and political stance on the part of your paper and gives undue weight to a personal opinion, which ought rather to appear on the Letters to the Editor page.

While all the national dailies and many of the big city papers take a political position, most mall-town papers prefer to remain neutral and would hesitate to publish any article which would be offensive to any ethnic or religious group.

Anti-Semitism is enjoying a world-wide revival. In Canada, its most common manifestation is simply a general willingness to believe the

worst of Israel and the Jews. It has become "politically correct" to demonize Israel and whitewash the Palestinians and many well-meaning people accept this position without even thinking about it.

Labour unions and mainstream churches boycott Israel and feel that they are striking a blow for peace.

It will take a really big bucket of whitewash to cover Hezbollah, whose leader has said that he wished all the Jews would gather in Israel so that they could all be destroyed at once and that there's no creature more disgusting than a Jew — note that he says "Jew" and not "Israeli."

Hezbollah is the tool of Iran, whose leaders want Israel wiped off the map. They deny the first Holocaust, while planning the second, and soon they expect to have nuclear weapons.

If the Driftwood is going to dip into international controversies (and I would have thought that there are enough local ones to keep it busy), I hope that it will, in future, give equal space to both sides of the question.

P.N. SPIERS,  
Sky Valley Road

*Editor's note: The Driftwood publishes submissions on all sides of this issue.*

MORE LETTERS A13

## Back-to-School Safety Pointers for Parents

The back-to-school season presents the perfect opportunity to reinforce lessons and advice that you've gone over with your kids. Safety should be at the top of this list.

- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number (including area code) and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies. Make sure he or she has enough change for a phone call.
- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings. Test the route with your child.
- Teach children — whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and safety patrols.

- Make sure they walk to and from school with others — a friend, neighbour, brother or sister.
  - When car pooling, drop off and pick up children as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the school yard or building.
  - Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE HOME ALONE FOR A FEW HOURS AFTER SCHOOL:**
- Set up rules for locking doors and windows, as well as answering the door or telephone.
  - Make sure he or she checks in with you or a neighbour immediately after school.
  - Agree on rules for inviting friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.

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## Crab book update

Well, the success of Gary's Salt Spring Crab Recipes (featured in an August 2 Driftwood article) took us entirely by surprise.

We had optimistically guessed that we could maybe sell 1,000 books over the space of a year, gathering in around \$3,000 for the food bank. Borrowed kitchen table production, we thought, would do just fine.

What happened was that we were hit with an instant demand that we just couldn't keep up with.

Sheer numbers caused some printing problems,

which showed up in the odd pages out of place and a few glitches in cutting and binding as we resurrected our old printing equipment.

After some hours spent bent over our old printer, we decided to go out and buy a new model that we could run at 20 times the speed of the old one.

I grimaced as the Master Card passed through, but came back to Salt Spring triumphantly with a huge box strapped to the roof of the Chevy.

At the same time, we also ordered a much larger guillotine, so that the hours of working away at small stacks of paper could be bypassed.

The result should be that we can now get racks of

books out to the stores that would like to sell them.

On the financial side, based on how many book racks that we refilled in the first few weeks of sales, it seems that we have made something over \$700 for the food bank.

As the figures change every couple of days, it's not easy to guess just how things are going now, but the pace hasn't slowed. With the new production equipment, though, we can now get far more books out on sale.

The response to this venture has been incredible and we should mention as well that many of the retailers have donated their commission to the kitty, adding to the funds collected.

Finally, thank you to every-

one who has and will sell, buy, donate to and market these books.

The book is published under the Art House Studio logo, and several people have asked where the studio is.

Well, the Art House was formed as a not-for-profit society in Alberta about 18 years ago as a name through which different artists in any media could be represented and has occupied several different locations in Western Canada, according to its needs.

Presently, it is present on the internet at [www.arthousstudio.net](http://www.arthousstudio.net).

IAN ABBOTT,  
Walker Hook Road

**MORE LETTERS A14**

## BC Adult Graduation Diploma

In September GISS will be offering evening classes for completion of the BC Adult Graduation Diploma. For students 19 years and older, a minimum of five classes are required for grade 12 graduation. Starting at 10 week intervals, these courses will be offered as day options and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm:

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Many options are available. Students can take courses to complete an unfinished Dogwood, can start or finish at any time during the year, and can take two years to finish the course. Work experience can count as course credit. Students are not required to write the Provincial Examinations.

For further information check the Gulf Islands Secondary School Website, the GISS Counseling office, or School District #64.

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# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

Rants to the driver of a small pickup truck living South of Isabella Point Road. I saw you stealing eggs from the farm stand at Drummond Park. Because of dishonest people like you, the honour system is in jeopardy. The neighbourhood watch is in effect. Donna Ateah, Shepherds Purse Farms

This is my second un-rant. I have been informed that the removal of the plaque at the St. Mary lookout in the Channel Ridge area was not a theft but removed to be cleaned. Rather than withdraw the rant entirely, though, I would like to apply it instead to whoever stole a hand-made bench from Duck Creek Park last year. Apparently this was a real theft. Toby Fouks

Let me get this straight: People still put expensive kindling (cedar shingles) on the roof and walls of their house in an area with virtually no rain in four months and a total fire ban in place most of the summer. Harry Burton

## ROSES

SSI Community Services food bank and volunteers send lots of sweet-smelling roses once again to Tim and John, who are so committed to our island community.

Mike Fraser: You and your brother helped correct the dangers of our four-day persistent leaky transmission hose on Sunday, August 20 at 6 p.m. Immediately you replaced part of the hose. We gratefully appreciate your instant action. Salt Spring Island residents and visitors are fortunate to have concerned, skilled people like you. Thank you! GF from Winnipeg

Dozens of native roses and the inspiration to paint hundreds to Susan Haigh for her generous 50/50 show that gave donations to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and SOLID.

Dozens of native roses to all of the eco-home owners who allowed hundreds of interested people into their homes to learn about

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Salt Spring Air, mega-flying roses to you all for my trip to Van. V

A garden full of roses to the companies and people that so generously donated to the Don Bigwood benefit. Gene Grooms, Warren Langley, Dave Roland and Matt Steffich — thank you for the gift of music! Thrifty's, Dagwoods, Salt Spring Island Daycare, Salt Spring Soapworks, TJ Beans, GVM, Mark Dodds Excavating, Paint Plus, Salt Spring Automotive, Golden Island Restaurant, Harbour House Hotel, Marks Work Wearhouse, Love My Kitchen, Keith Stibbards, Sandy McNeil, Sue, Kelsi, Shelly and all those who came to support Don and Pat and helped with the event. A trust fund is being set up at the CIBC in Ganges under Pat Bigwood's name. Donations would be greatly appreciated! JD

Wheelbarrows of roses to all of the dancers, the audience members, Lisa Lloyd, Jen and Liz of Stowel Lake Farm for making the 2006

Summer Dance and Music Workshop such a rewarding experience! LS and AW

Fragrant roses to Alan Moberg, along with Ed and Gail Peekeekoot, who gave a beautiful concert under the stars at the Tree House. It doesn't get better than that.

To Jim Meadows and the local firefighters. Big hugs, a few cold beer and some roses to feed your soul. Thanks for the quick response in putting out that brushfire on Goodall Road a few Sundays ago. You saved us all.

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Combine in a medium salad bowl **2 cups fresh spinach leaves, 2 cups assorted Chinese vegetables (pea pods, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, Bok choy), 1 carrot grated, 1 cup cooked chicken breast, cut into thin strips.** Set aside. Whisk together & heat in a small pan **1/4 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons apple or orange juice concentrate, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon minced ginger root (or 1/4 teaspoon dried ground ginger), 1-2 cloves garlic, minced, 1/2 cup almond butter, 1/2 cup coconut milk & 1 tablespoon chili paste (Sambal Oelek, or hot chili sauce).** Pour the warm dressing over the salad & serve. Note: This dressing tastes great as a satay marinade. Just add thinly sliced chicken & marinate as long as you like in the sauce. Soak wooden skewers in water or coconut milk for 20 minutes, stack chicken pieces on each skewer, and barbecue.

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# Fire hall location not a 'done deal'

By MARK WYATT

As a fire trustee and volunteer fire fighter, I want to respond to Teresa Foubert's letter of August 23 and Walter Davis' letter of August 16 regarding the re-location of the Ganges fire hall (Hall 1) to a location on Rainbow Road. Both have expressed some valid concerns that need to be addressed.

I'd like to make it very clear that the fire trustees have not completed a deal on the Rainbow Road property in question, but we are considering Rainbow Road as a possible site for the new fire hall.

It is critical that Hall 1 be relocated to a new location within close proximity to the Ganges core for a variety of reasons, including response times to the core.

The location of Hall 3 at

## IN RESPONSE

Central (the corner of Lower Ganges and Vesuvius Bay Road) is not a viable option for Hall 1, as Mr. Davis has suggested, and in fact, we may need to consider relocating this hall north in the future as the population shifts.

Recommendation 10.14.A of the recent Fire Underwriters Survey on Salt Spring states "the Ganges fire station should be replaced from a functional fire service delivery perspective."

"The replacement fire station should remain within the vicinity of Ganges. Access and egress consideration are a priority."

We have looked at a number of properties and are presently continuing the search for the ideal location. Agricultural Land Reserve land does present issues and is not necessarily our first choice.

We are open to public input in this regard, and if anyone has a suitable piece of property, please let us know.

The proposed Rainbow location allows for northern responses up Atkins Road, and southern responses would move down Jackson, bypassing the busy corner at Rainbow and Lower Ganges (until the proposed bypass is completed sometime in the future).

On the occasions where

this intersection would be used, a fire traffic light to control the traffic may be in order.

Yes, I anticipate that this suggestion will raise some concern, but let's face it, the island is getting busier and busier, and we respond to many motor vehicle incidents in locations where better traffic control could reduce accidents.

With regards to livestock and siren issues, the department will have to be respectful of neighbours wherever the new hall ends up.

However, if we were to shut sirens off every time we went past a farm on Salt Spring, we would never have the sirens functioning.

The Motor Vehicle Act is very clear with regards to activating emergency equipment during a response, including sirens, for public safety.

When the fire department responds through school zones, whether up Rainbow or elsewhere on the island, we always slow to the posted speed limits during school hours.

We have an operational guideline that pertains specifically to the Rainbow Road school zone and following traffic laws, even under emergency situations, during school hours.

The current Ganges location presents pedestrian challenges on busy summer days that more than rival the situation around the schools.

Our drivers are very well

trained and certified as emergency vehicle drivers by the Justice Institute. We are very aware of pedestrian and school traffic and use extreme caution in these situations. We have never had an incident involving a pedestrian.

Combining emergency services in one location is a consideration and has been successfully implemented in some B.C. communities.

This has only been a topic of discussion and nothing formal has been approached. However, why would the public not encourage public officials to use their tax dollars more efficiently and effectively?

In these times of do more for less, every avenue should be investigated.

We are also planning to incorporate the Emergency Operations Centre into the new fire hall.

I can understand Ms. Foubert's concerns, especially considering she rents the property we were considering, and obviously doesn't want to move again.

Mr. Davis' concern about public input prior to this becoming another "done deal" can be addressed at any trustee meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges hall. Meetings are open to the public and we would welcome the input.

*The writer is a Salt Spring fire district trustee and volunteer firefighter.*



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## More letters

### Hornby chaos

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Instead of sending letters to other islands like Salt Spring Island I would suggest that you direct your energies where it may be more needed.

I noticed a certain ease when it came to liquor sales in the downstairs part of your co-op.

I felt so alarmed for the constant partying on Hornby Island that I put notices up when I was there, telling visiting and local parents about the dangers of letting their children on that beach overnight, whether they remained sober or not.

Perhaps it would be advisable to redirect some of the profits made from liquor sales and invest in some adult supervision on that beach.

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# Crofton-ferry bus ready to roll

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

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"The route is ready to go and I can hardly wait," said Joe Barry, administrative services manager for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD).

Having fielded numerous inquiries about the route during the year-long planning process, he added, it appears Salt Spring Island residents are equally enthused.

"We look forward to this being a popular route," Barry said. "It will only give people more options."

For the \$1.50 adult fare, \$1.25 for students and seniors, riders can travel to downtown Duncan where they can transfer to BC Transit buses serving destinations including Lake Cowichan, Youbou, Mill Bay and Shawnigan Lake.

Passengers may also connect to Greyhound bus routes servicing all major centres on Vancouver Island.

The one-way trip between Crofton and downtown Duncan will take 20 minutes. Four trips are scheduled Mondays through Saturdays. The bus will not run on Sundays.

Three trips are scheduled to run from the Duncan city centre to Chemainus

between Monday and Thursday and on Saturday.

An additional late-night run on Friday is especially practical for Salt Springers since it gives island residents the opportunity to shop or catch a movie in Duncan, Barry said.

All runs will connect with ferries arriving in and departing from the Crofton ferry terminal.

"We have done our best to come up with a schedule that serves the needs of as many people as possible," he said.

Increased residential development north of Duncan and higher numbers of workers commuting to Salt Spring were major factors in developing the route, he added.

The bus service also shortens the commute for Salt Spring students attending Queen of Angels School.

With 8,000 residents living along the route and thousands of potential riders on Salt Spring, Thetis and Kuper islands, Barry estimated the route will attract more than 22,000 riders annually.

The \$165,000 project is funded entirely by the Cowichan Valley Regional District and buses will be operated in conjunction with BC Transit and Greyhound Lines of Canada.

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## Coast guard rescues Pender pleasure boaters

A pleasure boater was airlifted to hospital in Victoria and five other passengers were treated for minor injuries after their boat capsized near Pender Island Friday.

Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Al Hoskins said it appeared the accident occurred when the small water-ski boat hit the wake from another ship at high speed.

Hoskins said the incident occurred shortly after the boaters departed Poets Cove Resort located at Bedwell Harbour.

"The experience turned out not to be so pleasurable after all," Hoskins said.

### 911 FILE

Emergency personnel on the scene had to use CPR to revive one of the victims, who was immediately taken to the Pender Island Medical Clinic and then on to Victoria.

The victims are recovering from their injuries and all have been released from hospital.

With the summer boating season still on, Hoskins urges boaters to exercise caution in heavy traffic areas and to respect speed limits.

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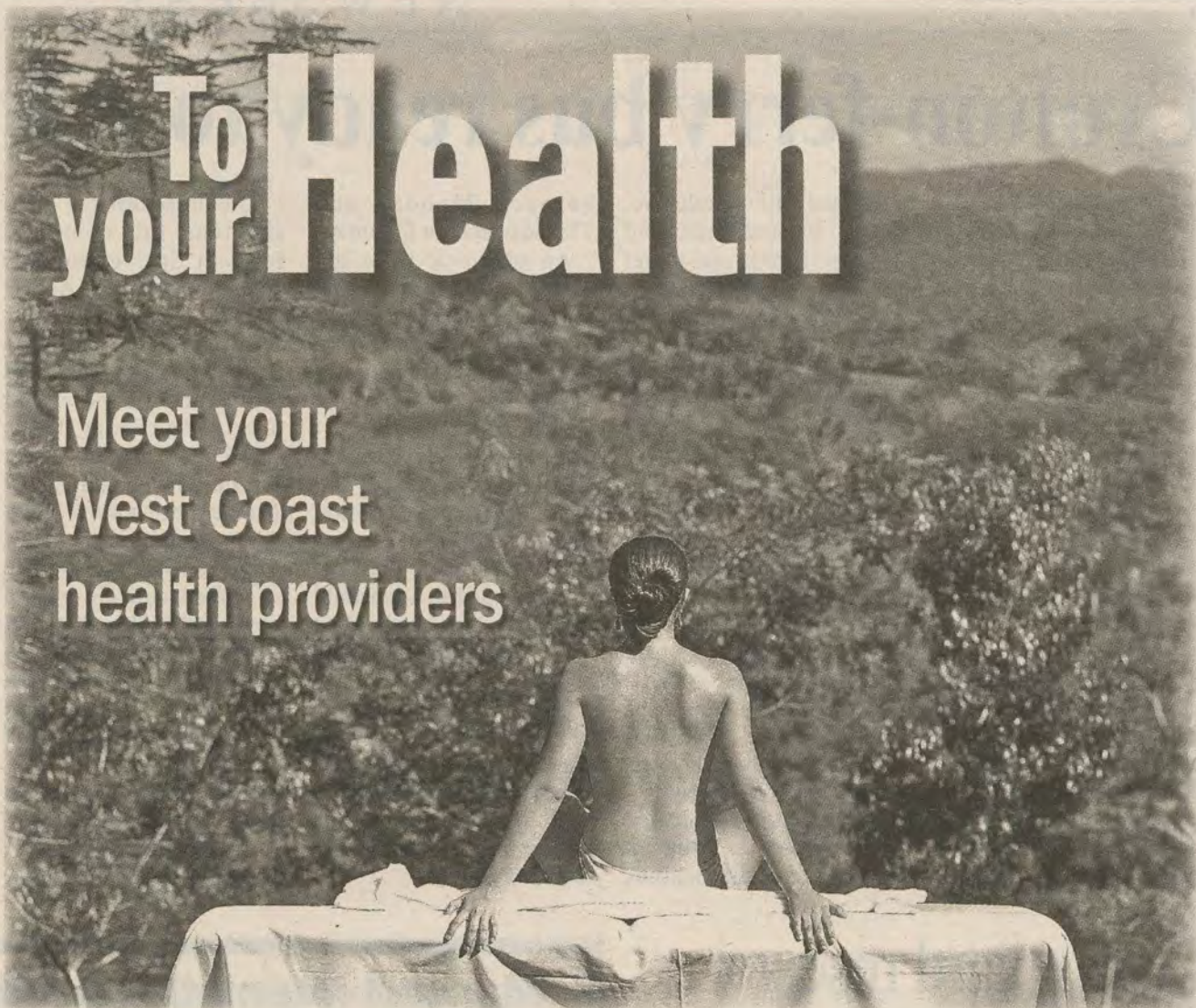
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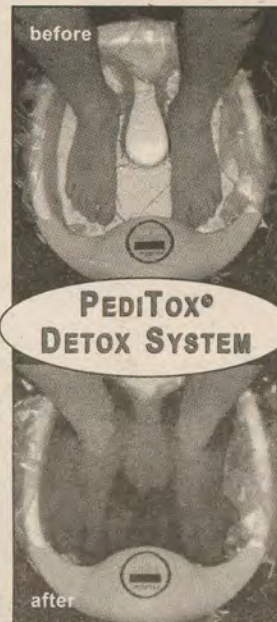


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Colby Little, right, boots the ball as DJ Lake runs toward the goal and, from left, Tavis Morton, Sue Spencer and Julian Smith look on. The game was part of ongoing soccer clinics conducted at the Hydro field the last few weeks by Spencer.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Tennis seniors strike at B.C. games

Soaring on-court temperatures couldn't prevent Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) members from serving up a stellar performance at the B.C. Senior Games in Abbotsford last week.

"It was just so exciting to come home with all those medals," said Patricia Sutherland, Zone 1 tennis coordinator, multiple medal winner and SSTA member. "Some even came home with two."

Of the 10 Salt Spring Island seniors competing in the three-day competition, nine succeeded in bringing back medals.

Sutherland, a veteran of three seniors games, said this year's event was the most rewarding to date both in terms of participation and medals won.

"It's slowly been creeping up every year and this year has been the largest contingent," she said.

Gold medal winners include Jennifer Morgan and Ann Stewart in women's 65-69 doubles, Patricia Sutherland in mixed 55-59 doubles, and Jocelyn Holmes in the mixed 70-74 doubles event.

Ronald Perring and Bob Weeden netted a silver medal in the men's 60-64 event. Ann Stewart and Weeden also picked up second-place finishes in the mixed 65-69 category.

Bronze medal winners

include Morgan, Perring, Sutherland, Doris St. Germain, Conrad Bielicki and Tom Gomez.

Salt Spring's medal winners were among 16 tennis players representing southern Vancouver Island at the games.

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Enter salvestrols, a recently discovered group of over 50 natural compounds found largely in green vegetables and red fruits. Salvestrols are thought to be produced by these plants in response to fungal infection, and are therefore most present on the skin (and root surfaces), where fungus is most likely to attack.

It is not the salvestrols themselves which kill the cancer cells, rather they work by reacting with a particular enzyme (cytochrome P450 CYP1B1) which is only found in cancer cells, to create potent cancer fighting metabolites. These metabolites have been shown in early laboratory research to be effective against brain, breast, prostate, colon, ovarian, testicular and lung cancers, while being safe and non-toxic to the body.

This enzyme, CYP1B1, was first discovered in 1997 by Professor Danny Burke at Aberdeen University Medical School, Scotland, who later teamed up with Professor Gerry Potter head of the School of Pharmacy at De Montfort University, Leicester. Potter's 2002 paper was the first

to show that resveratrol (the first salvestrol discovered) found in grapes and red wine, is converted to the anticancer agent piceatannol by the enzyme CYP1B1.

The high salvestrol "red and green diet" includes vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, kale, Brussels sprouts, bok choy, spinach, chard, lettuces, watercress, green and broad beans, peas, artichokes, peppers, celery, arugula, avocado, squash of all kinds, cucumber and all fresh herbs. The best fruits to eat are red grapes, redcurrants, blackcurrants, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, cranberries, bilberries, and blueberries as well as apples, pears, plums, pineapples, mangoes, and tangerines.

The salvestrol level of foods can vary dramatically; from very high in fresh, tree-ripe and vine-ripe organic foods to virtually non-existent in foods sprayed with fungicides and picked too green. Highly processed foods will likewise be lacking in salvestrols. Similarly, vegetables should be eaten raw, lightly cooked or roasted, to retain their goodness, and if steamed or boiled the remaining water should be consumed in broths or sauces.

And while findings are still preliminary and much research and testing remains to be done, the mantra of the new cancer remedy may be just as the old adage goes...let food be your medicine and your medicine...food!

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# Pringle riders hit national podium



**HORSE SHOW:** Andrea Pringle is seen just prior to competition on Sascha Kazakoff's horse Oh So Fine at a regional event held earlier this month.

Photo contributed

Local horses and riders received a warm welcome at the Canadian National Arabian Championships in Regina last week.

Competing in the six-day event with some 1,000 competitors, Salt Spring's Jody Pringle, age 12, riding TR Cinabar, placed among the top 10 in both the sport horse and hunter seat equitation, 13 and under divisions, while her mother Andrea Pringle earned another top-10 finish in the dressage training-level championships while riding Sascha Kazakoff's JM Oh So Fine.

Kazakoff also narrowly missed a top-10 finish herself when she competed in the age 10 and under division, noted Pringle Farm partner John Pringle.

But attendance at the

nationals was a major feat in itself, he said.

"They made a lot of neat connections."

Pringle noted that the national championships is one of the three biggest Arabian horse shows in North America and that it is dominated by competitors from the U.S.

"They call it the Canadian Nationals, but it is really a U.S. show run by a U.S. club."

Kazakoff and the Pringles qualified for their events with top-rank showings at the regional level earlier this season.

The nationals wrapped up on Saturday and the Pringle riders' next plan is to compete in the Fall Frolic at Thunderbird Park in Langley on September 15-17.

**Summer Sales Event**  
see section C

# Trail and Nature Club events resume 3rd week of September

On September 19, ramblers, walkers and hikers will meet at Ruckle Park at noon for the annual blackberry festival. Bring your own lunch and favourite blackberry dish/dessert. Pre-blackberry activities will be organized.

Club-organized parking will be at the furthest parking lot in the park.

The fall trip to Shuswap Lake takes place from September 11 to 14, and there is still a vacancy for two people. Ann King (537-2615) and Marjorie Radford (653-9370) are organizing.

The annual fees for the 2006/07 season are now due (still \$17 per person per year). Please leave your cheque at the Cobbler's Box or present it to membership secretary Barry Spence (537-2332).

At <http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/lthompson/> you will find more details on our

activities.

Following is the September schedule:

**HIKERS**

• **SEPTEMBER 19:** Fred Powell will lead our inaugural hike, before the blackberry festival, to King's Cove in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the furthest parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10.

• **SEPTEMBER 26:** Zeke Blazecka will lead us on an intermediate hike on Mount Maxwell from Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at the Duke Road/Fulford-Ganges Road junction at 10 a.m.

**WALKERS**

• **SEPTEMBER 19:** Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or from the Beaver Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 for a short, easy foreshore walk before noon lunch. Bring your lunch and favourite blackberry dish/dessert to share.

• **SEPTEMBER 26:** Jacques Severn will take us on a moderate walk from Menhnick Road to China Beach.

Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15.

**RAMBLERS**

• **SEPTEMBER 19:** Joanne and Tom Cartwright will lead a ramble around some part of Ruckle Park before the blackberry feast. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 or at the furthest parking lot in Ruckle Park at about 10:15.

• **SEPTEMBER 26:** Kathy Darling will lead a ramble around the Welbury Point area. Meet to carpool at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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# Salt Spring sailors set for fall

Members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club (SSISC) are eagerly anticipating the next racing season on the heels of another successful summer series which wraps up with a short race and clubhouse barbecue this evening (Wednesday).

A better than expected turn-out featuring numerous new members bodes well for the club's more challenging autumn events, said the SSISC's Bob Jones.

Since races take place on Sundays, Jones said, courses can be longer and more technically challenging than the shorter hour-long summer events.

Fall races can last anywhere between five and seven hours.

"Because trophies are awarded and races are more challenging, we tend to get sailors of a more technical nature in this event," he said. "We should have lots of news in the coming months."

Individuals wishing to register for the fall series' first event to Galiano Island's Montague Harbour on September 10 are invited to contact the club for more information.

September also marks the SSISC's inter-club challenge scheduled for September 23 and 24. More information is available at [www.saltspringsailing.ca](http://www.saltspringsailing.ca)

# HIGH ROLLERS

High scores in recent Special Olympics bowling action at Kings Lane were:

August 16: Jimmy Beck, 145-155; Gloria Dale, 171-178; Mahjor Bains, 201-140.

August 23: David McEachern 141; Gloria Dale, 162; Stuart Elliott, 182.

# Tennis group must cover light theft bill

Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) will have to foot the deductible costs arising from theft of portable tennis court lights stored in a shed at Portlock Park.

The SSTA had asked the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) to see if the Capital Regional District (CRD) would pay the \$500 deductible it must pay to make an insurance claim.

PARC members voted unanimously at their Mon-

day night meeting to deny the request.

Payment would have come from PARC's operating budget, as the CRD was not willing to pay.

Commission members said PARC could not guarantee the security of any property at Portlock Park, and were concerned it might set a precedent.

It was noted that PARC mandates the SSTA to insure its equipment at the site.

**What's On?**  
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