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First resort units sold

Developer Hauff celebrates new era

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Driftwood Reporter

After a decade of controversy, false starts and regulatory stumbling blocks, sales commenced with a small burst of fanfare at Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) on Saturday.

"It was a great day, what can I say?" said SSIVR developer Brian Hauff.

"We sold just over 70 per cent of the [22] units we released. I wish I had more units available, but construction is going so slow, we don't. I'm excited and I guess we just keep going now."

Some 70 prospective buyers attended a "selection day" event at SSIVR on Saturday and Hauff was finally able to launch sales of the first 22 cottages within the 123-unit development located on 14.5 hectares (36 acres) alongside Bullock Lake.

The developer was particularly cheerful during his first Driftwood interview since December 1999. (He declined comment during numerous calls over the seven-year interval.)

"I'm just looking forward to getting open; getting peo-

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MOTORCYCLE CHICK: Effie Odlum poses in the driver's seat of Seth Burton's Honda motorcycle. Burton later gave Odlum a ride, fulfilling a lifetime dream for the 96-year-old islander.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island old-timer roars into sunset

Effie Odlum has been waiting 77 years — but she finally got the ride of her dreams.

"It was just a pleasure," she said, referring to a Saturday motorbike ride with island knife-maker Seth Burton. "I hope to do it again."

The last time Odlum — who is 96 years old — rode a motorcycle was in 1929 on the back of her brother-in-law Harold's bike.

"He took me all over Vancouver," she recalled. "I've had a motorbike kick in my body ever since."

Odlum ordered a knife for her daughter after seeing one of Burton's creations used on the television show *City Chef*.

When Burton offered to deliver the knife on his motorcycle, the first thing she said was "Is it a Harley?"

Hearing about Burton's bike was "just what I ordered," she added.

Burton arranged to pick her up on his "poor man's Harley" — a Honda Shadow 750 — Saturday afternoon and drive her from her bridge game at the Legion to her Price Road home.

Quite a crowd gathered outside the Legion to watch Odlum (who won the bridge match) roar off on the bike.

"They thought I'd lost my marbles," she said.

"Everyone was giggling," added Burton.

At four-feet-11-inches tall and wearing a leather jacket borrowed from Burton, Odlum said it wasn't easy getting on the bike.

"They [Burton and Driftwood photographer Derrick Lundy] had to lift me on — I couldn't get my foot over. But between the two of them, they did it."

Odlum said her daughter was "petrified."

"She thought I'd blow off."

"I made sure I could feel her squeeze me," said Burton. "She was great; she was no problem at all."

"It was fantastic," summed up Odlum.

Phyllis Waltho 'shines' as Terry Fox ambassador

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Driftwood Reporter

Following overwhelming success after a one-year hiatus, it looks like the Terry Fox Run has settled into a rhythm on Salt Spring Island.

"I know it's back to stay on the island," said Terry Fox Run committee member Catherine Bennett.

This year, some 200 participants raised approximately \$16,000 on Salt Spring

for cancer research through Saturday's event.

"I was so disappointed it didn't run on the 25th anniversary last year," she said. "There was a group of us that went out and ran anyway."

Local cancer survivor (and "Terry's Team" member) Phyllis Waltho led island fundraising again this year with some \$8,800 and completed the route in style

aboard a horse-drawn carriage guided by Moray Kennedy.

"People basically phone her up and say, 'We want to support you in the Terry Fox event.' She's been an amazing spokesperson for us and a shining image of being an amazing woman [despite] adverse health stuff."

Inspired by people like Fox and Waltho, Bennett and like-minded islanders

set out to revive the fundraising event this year with an eye toward sustaining the tradition into the future. Approximately 100 volunteers helped put the event back on Salt Spring.

"We thought, 'Why don't we ask over 100 people to each do a little thing and then it will work.' And that's exactly what happened. Everybody who was asked, we just got, 'Yes, yes, yes.'"

And those volunteers had better leave their calendars free for the Terry Fox Run next September, Bennett laughed.

"They think they've done it for one year, no way. I have their names and their numbers. They're too good to lose."

Bennett believes the event also benefitted by a move from Fernwood to Ganges.

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RESORT SALES

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the courses offered, getting the spa finished, getting the restaurant finished. It's a challenge, let me tell you," Hauff said.

Selection day allowed potential purchasers to choose units on "a first come, first serve basis," he said.

"It looks like there is a very well-qualified group of buyers and that looks good," he said.

Hauff believes the resort will benefit the whole island.

"It's good for everybody. It will be good for employment. It will be an enormous consumer of local goods on Salt Spring, from food to services, to liquor, everything. And the style of resort it is will have very very well-behaved people coming. It's not a party place."

"Everybody has been really good to us, including the Trust this time. We've upgraded dramatically what's being offered as well."
— Brian Hauff

Hauff plans to guide SSIVR toward becoming an education centre that will offer "Hollyhock-style" courses (referring to a non-profit retreat on Cortez Island).

"I'm delighted that a lot of the Salt Spring Islanders are participating in the businesses there," he said. "In fact, Salt Spring Islanders will be running the resort."

Along with plans to open a conference centre at SSIVR, Hauff hopes to kick off a spa and the Jolly Frogs res-



Developer Brian Hauff and his daughter Lauren.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

taurant in November. The restaurant will have a rainforest amphibian theme and SSIVR intends to provide a full menu in December.

"The restaurant will be based on the frogs of the area because they're a temperature gauge of the environment. The whole menu will talk about the temperate rainforest, the types of frogs we have on the island. It will be a very whimsical place — affordable and whimsical, organic Salt Spring food."

Tepic Management Inc., the company that will maintain the SSIVR units on the island, just completed a successful opening at Summerland, he said.

Sales have been a long time coming since Hauff first started the SSIVR project in 1992. And the resort has had a lengthy struggle with area neighbours, finances and local government during the past decade. But those battles seem like harmless ripples now that the resort is poised to open.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) originally issued building permits for SSIVR in September 1996 but the Local Trust Committee downzoned the property from commercial to rural use in November 1996, which allowed a maximum number of seven residential units.

During that period, Hauff famously dubbed his detractors "Goofers" following bitter public-relations battles about the development. The project then went into receivership in 1998 with a partly completed lodge and 50 guest-accommodation units.

After nine years of moth balls, SSIVR was refinanced with \$25 million borrowed from Gibraltar Mortgage Ltd. on June 1, 2005. And Hauff was back at the helm. But he's still faced a number of hurdles. Among bugbears that have plagued the resort over the last year, it's confirmed that SSIVR will not need to adhere to provincial legislation that restricts occupancy of vacation-rental accommodation units, said Islands Trust head planner

John Gauld.

"It's their opinion that they are not affected by those regulations and we don't object to that," Gauld said.

The current Bylaw 355 definitions of "temporary rental" of "commercial guest accommodation units" allows a period of occupancy "not exceeding 45 days in any calendar year, not more than 30 of which can be consecutive," Gauld noted.

But SSIVR building permits issued on September 11, 1996 predate the current bylaw and there were no restrictions on length of stay at that time.

Additionally, a stop-work order from the CRD building inspector was lifted back in January (imposed due to concern about variations from original building plans).

"We had to get those old plans out," said Hauff. "I knew we had them — it was just a matter of finding them after six years. Everybody has been really good to us, including the Trust this time. We've upgraded dramatically what's being offered as well."

But Gauld confirmed that units at SSIVR are still bound by a legal non-conforming use status that restricts the ability of owners to rebuild or replace units after a fire or major catastrophe.

"If a legal non-conforming structure is damaged or destroyed to the extent of 75 per cent or more of its value above its foundation, as is determined by the building inspector, it must not be repaired or reconstructed except for a conforming use in accordance with the bylaw," Gauld said.

The next step for SSIVR is to roll out another 25 furnished units for phase two.

"We just keep going," Hauff said.

FOR THE RECORD

The store owned by Victoria and Salt Spring resident Rob Reid was incorrectly identified in a story last week.

Reid owns Frontrunners Footwear, New Balance Victoria and Bellla on Johnson.

He is also active with the United Way Victoria, the Terry Fox Foundation and is race coordinator for the Royal Victoria Marathon.

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Tax change affects local resort

Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) developer Brian Hauff has little concern about recent increases in taxes for quarter-share vacation property owners.

Investors in the Bear Mountain development at Langford, Poet's Cove at South Pender and Legends at Whistler have appealed assessments after their property taxes jumped by three-to-five times last year.

According to a Victoria Times Colonist story, one unit at the Bear Mountain resort development saw taxes jump from \$3,800 to \$15,200 in 2005.

"Should we get a bit of a break because of being a remote destination? Sure, let's fight for it. But other than that it's not negative to me."

Hauff believes it's reasonable to pay commercial tax for an investment in a guest-accommodation unit.

"If the thing operates as a commercial resort, you pay commercial tax," Hauff said.

"It's used as a destination resort so I think we should be taxed. What are you complaining about? You're a commercial property. You can write it off 100 per cent and get income out of it."

Under current tax laws, guest-accommodation units are classed as residential units during the construction phase until the true usage is known, and the unit is then reassessed for commercial use.

"I don't know what the stinky-do is all about because we get a good deal for a couple of years," Hauff said.

He said the provincial government is also reviewing its stance on resorts with an eye to revise tax laws.

"It might not be right back to rural residential, but if they'll give them somewhere in between that is a good thing. The reality is that we do get revenue and we do get to write it off 100 per cent."



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Keyed cars causing concern

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Salt Spring Island RCMP are on the lookout for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for keying at least five vehicles during the past week in downtown Ganges.

"I knew it right away as soon as I got back to the car," said Charlotte Acuros, after her family's 2003 Nissan Murano was keyed last Friday afternoon. "I said, 'We've been keyed.' It's something you really don't expect on Salt Spring."

Acuros said she couldn't believe someone managed to cause an estimated \$1,000 in damage while she was running errands in town for no more than 45 minutes.

From now on, she added, she and her husband will be more wary of leaving their vehicle unattended and out of sight.

Acuros said staring at the 1.5-metre (five-foot) long scratch made her so angry every time she looked at it, she had little choice but to fix it as soon as possible.

"It feels like you've been violated," she said, not knowing why she and her husband were victims. "You think you're being singled out."

Knowing that it's happened to other people as well comes as bittersweet news.

Irwin Collision owner Kurt Irwin received four cars to fix on Monday alone. Over the past two weeks, he's had more than a dozen cars brought in with similar damage. He said he's seen a variety of new and old vehi-



CAR KEYED: Kurt Irwin inspects a \$1,000 scratch on a vehicle brought to his auto-body shop on Monday morning.
Photo by Sean McIntyre

cles with markings made "anywhere it's convenient."

Irwin said most of the incidents have occurred in Vesuvius and Ganges.

"Somebody's just being ridiculous," he said. "Are they mad at ICBC or mad at vehicles? It's hard to know why they're doing this."

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) will only cover people with comprehensive car insurance. Car owners must also pay a deductible of up to \$500, he added.

Car owners who fail to repair the damage quickly, he said, may face the added expense and damage caused

by the onset of rust.

Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Kerry Howse said officers are paying special attention after five car owners registered formal complaints with the police in the past week.

He said the department is reviewing the cases and asking for people to exercise extra vigilance when parking in the downtown core of Ganges. Howse said the perpetrator faces multiple charges of mischief and is liable to civil action by ICBC.

People with any information are asked to call the Salt Spring detachment at 537-5555.

Board of variance required before tennis bubble can fly

The fate of the new tennis bubble at Portlock Park is in the hands of an Islands Trust Board of Variance — as soon as one is formed.

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair Rosemary Trump said at the Monday night PARC meeting that a variance application to allow the structure at the park was submitted to the local Trust office on September 13.

However, as the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) has not had a board of variance for several years, she was advised the application would be considered after the board was formed.

Capital Regional District (CRD) legal advice determined that an Islands Trust rezoning or variance was

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needed to allow a new bubble to replace the old one.

In other PARC news:

- Commission member Peter Lake addressed one of the latest Rainbow Road pool rumours, noting that a survey error had resulted in a three-centimetre offset in the pool and put the project behind schedule.

"It has lost us some time," he said.

Another problem related to the glu-lam connections had the same effect.

"That will cost us a little bit of time too."

While vertical steel was predicted to first appear soon

after the last PARC meeting a month ago, that has now occurred, said Lake.

- A pool design task force has been created to consider visual features with artistic components for the new pool interior and exterior. Members are Doug Dunlap, Patricia Brown, Wendy Rosier, Lorraine Norfolk, and commissioners Steve Peterson, Rob Wiltzen and Carol Dodd.

- PARC approved sale of the hydraulic lift from Shelby Pool to the Pender Island group planning to acquire a pool. The \$500 received will be applied to the Rainbow Road pool in the name of the Salt Spring Lions Club, which donated the lift to Shelby Pool and is also buying one for the new pool.

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Cancer society boosts power debate

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Just when they thought all hope was lost, residents opposed to the construction of high-voltage power lines across Salt Spring Island obtained a much-needed boost after the Canadian Cancer Society declared there is a lack of science concerning potential effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF).

"There is insufficient evidence to either rule out or confirm a definitive link between exposure to EMF and childhood leukemia," said Barbara Kaminski, CEO of the Canadian Cancer Society's BC and Yukon Division. "But we absolutely understand the public concern generated by potential carcinogens, particularly where children are involved. We recommend the EAO revise the transmission plan, if it is practical."

Since February 2005, members of Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines (IRAHVOL) have tried to raise public awareness against a British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) proposal to run a 238-kV transmission

"We can limit our exposure to computers, we can limit our exposure to hair dryers, but we can't with these power lines."
— Daria Zovi

line between the mainland and Vancouver Island.

Placing more powerful cables over the existing right-of-way between Maracaibo and over Mount Belcher, opponents argue, poses a health hazard, contributes to reduced property values, increases wildfire risk and creates an unsightly scar across the island.

BCTC argues the line is necessary to secure the long-term energy requirements of residents and industries located on Vancouver Island.

If BCTC receives approval from the province's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) in November, construction on the \$230-mil-

lion project is set for the spring of 2007.

Though the Canadian Cancer Society's submission to the EAO does not confirm health risks are associated with EMFs, it recommends BCTC consider an alternative proposal.

"In many more cases, we don't know how cancer develops and we need more information," said Kaminsky. "In the absence of 'hard science,' the society promotes the precautionary principle, which recognizes the value of taking common sense steps to prevent harm to human health or the environment."

According to Daria Zovi, an IRAHVOL member whose family lives by the transmission corridor on Norton Road, input from a well-respected national non-profit organization can only help at this stage.

She said that while scientists have found higher instances of childhood leukemia in children living near high voltage wires, they have yet to support these findings in laboratory tests.

Zovi recognizes the evidence is inconclusive and adds that is all the more

reason to exercise caution before embarking on a plan that will be around for an estimated 60 years.

"We can limit our exposure to computers, we can limit our exposure to hair dryers, but we can't with these power lines," she said.

Potential EMF risks may be similar to the unknown hazards of tobacco 20 years ago, she adds.

A Health Canada submission to the EAO earlier this month advised BCTC to monitor scientific developments and provide public information to stronger approaches, such as changes to the design of power lines to reduce magnetic fields.

The statement comes in spite of a Health Canada's claim "there is no compelling scientific evidence that EMF in living and school environments, regardless of location from power transmission lines, causes ill health such as cancer."

IRAHVOL and a Tsawwassen-based residents group have already filed their intentions to appeal a British Columbia Utilities Commission decision to support the project.

Pender celebrates stewardship education day

Islanders are invited to celebrate stewardship education with an open house at the North Pender Island Community Hall on Saturday, October 7.

Shel Neufeld will kick off the event with a preview of his multimedia music and nature photography show taking place later that evening.

Next will be a presentation to 2006 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award winner Michelle Marsden and

the B.C. Coastal Cleanup Campaign.

Guests can also peruse "stewardship stations" with displays on environmental planning; nature escaping; exploring your property; understanding environmentally sensitive areas; the Southern Gulf Islands Clean Air Initiative; watershed and groundwater protection; taking care of our coastline; the Natural Area Tax Exemption Program; and raptor and eagle nests

on North Pender Island.

The Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) and the Pender Island Conservancy Association will also participate as part of their successful Sharp-tailed Snake Outreach Project.

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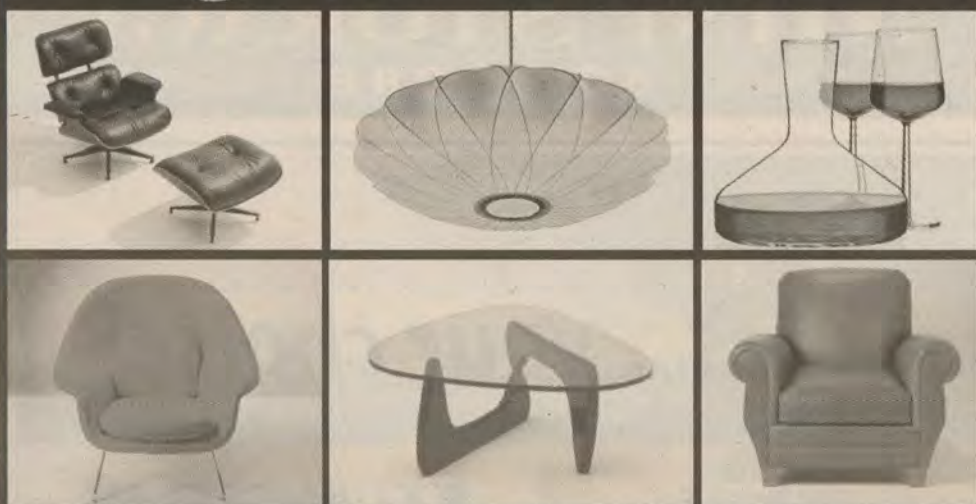
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Creekside rezoning fails to get first reading from local trustees

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Trustees axed a development proposal that would have protected 13 hectares (32 acres) of forest land along Cusheon Creek in exchange for permission to construct 20 units and 12 cottages along two properties stretching from Stewart Road to the shoreline.

"Since responses have been so one-sided so far I'm having a hard time imagining what else we can hear on this," said trustee George Ehring at the Tuesday afternoon Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting at Art-Spring. "We are not hearing positive responses for this matter."

Trustee Peter Lamb said he was not willing to give the proposed rezoning first reading because it was inconsistent with community plan and land use bylaw (LUB) provisions, the parkland donation didn't justify the density increase and because of input heard at a Monday night "community consultation" meeting.

Realtor Eric Booth's Creekside amenity zoning proposal sought to transfer six existing densities on two properties along Cusheon Creek to two adjacent prop-

erties and the environment. additional eight densities resulting from the parkland dedication would be clustered on 33 hectares (81 acres) between Stewart Road and the Cusheon Creek estuary.

The \$6-million property deal involved four property owners selling their properties to an Abbotsford-based developer.

Questions surrounding the deal arose after a Supreme Court judge ordered the property registered to Evelyn Oldroyd be sold to a buyer offering \$2.7 million instead of waiting for a \$3-million offer contingent on Trust approval for the Creekside proposal.

As of Tuesday afternoon, neither of the property's two prospective buyers had finalized the purchase related to ex-lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd's repayment of monies to some of his former clients.

Even if the property was sold, said Ehring, the rezoning could have been considered if the new owner desired.

The LTC decision followed a Monday evening community evening session where nearly a dozen neighbours voiced concerns over the project's impact on traf-

risk and the environment.

"The idea of the [Parks and Recreation Commission] taking over the area is awful," said neighbour Pat Barclay.

"There's so much human invasion everywhere, so let's not start that here."

Barclay said he hoped trustees would remember their election platform promises to limit rampant development when considering this "retrograde proposal."

"More than 70 per cent of us voted for you because you said you would hold off on development and I just hope you'll do that."

Creekside Road residents voiced concern their street would turn into a parking lot and site of late night parties if a public park was created.

Though privately owned, the proposed park site is used recreationally by Creekside Drive residents.

Booth argued the parkland dedication would result in a public amenity similar to Duck Creek Park on Sunset Drive.

"You are imagining hordes of people using the park and that just won't happen," said Booth. "Why is it okay for people to trespass and enjoy the land as it is now, but not alright for the public to use it



AND THEY'RE OFF: Some of the 200 participants in the Terry Fox Run are seen at the start line beside Salt Spring Elementary School. Photo by Derrick Lundy

TERRY FOX RUN

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"It was the best thing — not to criticize where we've had it before. But it was a fresh start, right in town where people can't ignore it."

Since the Salt Spring event occurs one week after most other Terry Fox Runs (due to the fall fair), Salt Spring also benefitted from an appearance by Bill Vigars, who was the public relations aide for Terry Fox during the original cross-Canada marathon in 1980.

"He said it was heart-warming to see so many families and young people because Terry was a young man and people have forgotten that."

The local event featured live music from the Salt Spring Marimba Band, Laughlin Meagher (of Drop Radio fame) and Stephanie Rhodes.

"Those three live performers just brought the pace up,



Terry Fox Run participants stretch in preparation for the Sunday morning event.

steadied the pace out and saw us down to the finish," said Bennett.

A variety of events for running, walking and cycling offered "something for everybody," she said.

And a cheering line greeted every participant at the finish line.

"One of our goals this

year was that everybody should come in to applause, as opposed to some people coming in to find that the show is packed up and everyone has gone home."

Now, thanks to volunteer efforts, islanders can probably look forward to a cheering line that stretches into next year.

Home break-ins investigated

Salt Spring RCMP officers are investigating the theft of "a large sum of money" from an island residence over the weekend. Police believe an individual entered the home while its owner left the premises for a short time.

Residents are advised to lock their doors when leaving their homes and take steps to conceal any small valuable objects they may have.

In other RCMP news: Police and emergency crews attended the scene of a two-vehicle accident on

Lower Ganges Road on Friday. Neither driver sustained injuries, though each vehicle has an estimated \$1,000 or more in damages. Traffic was backed up in both directions as crews cleared the scene.

• Four intoxicated males hanging around the parking lot near Moby's Pub attracted the attention of RCMP officers on patrol Saturday evening after it became clear they were waiting for police to leave the scene before driving home. Police left the

area and stopped the same four males as they attempted to drive home later that evening. The driver was issued a 24-hour driving prohibition.

• Police are still looking for help to track down a thief or thieves responsible for stealing a Canon camera, three one-ounce silver bars, a skill saw, jewellery and food items from a residence on the north side of Saint Mary Lake. People with any information are asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.

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Island support gathered at climate action forum

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Judging by the opinions of participants at the latest stop on the 2006 Climate Action Tour, signs of global warming are upon us and time is running out.

For the first 20 minutes of last Friday's event at the Community Gospel Church, dozens of the forum's nearly 100 participants stepped up to the mic and voiced their first-hand experiences of climate change.

Dry wells, less rainfall, unhealthy maple trees, dying cedar trees, the mountain pine beetle's rise to infamy, tropical fish appearing in B.C. coast waters, warmer weather, a longer growing season and fewer salmon runs were only some of the visible impacts cited as evidence climate change is here and happening.

"This has become a moral responsibility for everyone on Earth. There's no denying climate change is happening," speaker John Bennett told the audience. "It doesn't matter if we've got economic targets to meet, power to produce, mills to run or mines to operate. This has become a personal issue that we must start taking personally."

As a former senior policy advisor with the Sierra Club of Canada and executive director of the Climate Action Network, Bennett confessed he had spent a great deal of time meeting with politicians, industry leaders and assorted lobbyists during a time when many people still thought climate change would be a great thing for a country covered in snow for the better part of the year.

Leading the tour and speaking with Canadians who care passionately about finding solutions, he said, is the first time he's felt connected to the issue in a long time.

"We've got a whole system change that has to happen. I'm not sure if we've got the time, but we have to try."
— Marion Pape

Bennett stressed any plan must exist separately from any one party's political agenda. In past decades, he said, progress has been slowed by political parties treating the environment as a "political hot potato."

"The time has come to get beyond partisan politics on environmental issues," he said.

When the tour wraps up in October, input from participants in 21 communities will be compiled and given to the government for consideration before the party releases its Kyoto Protocol alternative.

The Conservative Party announced it would not ratify the Kyoto Protocol because, it argued, mandatory emissions cutbacks would damage the Canadian economy and mean fewer jobs for Canadians.

"They asked for a 'Made in Canada' and that's what these events are all about," said Bennett.

"If Stephen Harper can stand still long enough, I will hand him these findings personally."

For many Salt Spring residents, news of global warming is nothing new and island groups have already traced a course of action, a first of its kind among Canadian communities.

"We've got a 'Made on Salt Spring Plan,'" said Salt Spring Community Energy Strategy co-author Elizabeth White. "Maybe the feds could learn a thing or two from our plan."

The plan calls for, among other things, one in 10 drivers purchasing low-emission hybrid vehicles, increasing local food consumption from four to 10 per cent, and performing 1,000 energy retrofits on island homes.

"We've got a whole system change that has to happen," added Marion Pape, who also helped work on the document. "I'm not sure if we've got the time, but we have to try."

Only weeks following her carbon-neutral journey by hybrid car to Canada's North, Dorothy Cutting of Salt Spring encouraged participants to go even further than changing their personal energy habits.

"What we're forced with now is beyond any way imaginable," Cutting said. "If the government doesn't understand we've got a problem, we the people have to march on Ottawa."

Mass demonstrations on a community, province and nation-wide scale are one of the most effective methods to mobilize public attention, she added.

To conclude the evening, Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring said the Islands Trust is working to incorporate aspects of the Salt Spring plan into the current Official Community Plan review. The Trust has also sought to inform the public on measures they can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and echoed Cutting's sentiments about the need for more vocal support.

"We are beyond the decision stage and ready for the implementation stage in our own community," he said. "Further activism is required by all of us to get at the decision makers."

More information on the 2006 Climate Action Tour and an online discussion forum are located at www.climateactionnetwork.ca.



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Awards celebrate island's best

Residents have until October 16 to nominate businesses for the first annual Salt Spring Island Business Awards.

"It's about time we start recognizing businesses in the community that make a difference," said Perry Ruehlen, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's executive director. "Lots of other communities have events to recognize their businesses and we decided it could happen here too."

Categories in this year's contest include business of the year, new business of the year, home-based business of the year, the business

ambassador's award, green business of the year, citizen of the year and the Chamber of Commerce's member of the year.

Ruehlen said the seven categories represent a modest start and she hopes to have even more for next year's event.

A selection committee comprising directors from the Chamber of Commerce and business owners will announce the winners at a business luncheon on November 2.

While anybody is eligible to nominate a business, Ruehlen said, the selection team is necessary to ensure

the event doesn't turn into a popularity contest.

"We want to emphasize businesses that go above and beyond," she said.

In addition to benefitting from the recognition and publicity, winning business owners will receive a stone sculpture designed by Warren Langley.

Organizers hope the event will encourage more people to notice the diversity of island businesses and promote local shopping.

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Community planning review relies on North Salt Spring water study

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

An upcoming water supply and demand study from North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) could be a major factor in determining the development capacity of the island.

"The NSSWD document is obviously important and it will really help us. It affects things like how we might plan settlement in the Ganges area," said Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) member George Ehring.

The island has a finite water supply and the Islands Trust must factor water figures into build-out projections for the upcoming official community plan (OCP) review.

"These are important things and they will raise serious questions in terms of planning. The real cruncher is would we ever get to the position where we say to people who have existing development potential, 'No sorry, you can't do that?'"

Salt Spring doesn't want to end up in the same situation as Tofino, which ran out of water to supply the community during a dry spell this summer, Ehring said.

But the LTC has received curious figures about island residents.

"Between 1996 and 2001... there were an average of 100 new homes a year, that is to say two a week for five

"The NSSWD document is obviously important and it will really help us. It affects things like how we might plan settlement in the Ganges area."

— George Ehring

years, and the population went up by 35 people."

Consequently, build-out figures could drop from a current projection of 18,000 residents to a smaller population due to shifts in land-use patterns, he said.

"We know that we are losing families and that retired people are coming," Ehring said. "Even if we had the exact same number of parcels as we did in 1996, now the build-out numbers would be lower because the family sizes are smaller."

Water-use figures collected by NSSWD offer equally puzzling results.

"There's horrendous differences of opinion," said NSSWD chair Bob Brawn, and it's tricky to calculate supply numbers, he added.

"It would be so easy to take a simplistic approach and be wrong. We do want to seriously consider all aspects."

So far it appears that the new NSSWD analysis has similar figures to the numbers recently presented by local water watch dog Mike Larmour, he said.

NSSWD takes OCP build-out figures and multiplies them by a consumption rate, but that consumption number is variable, Brawn noted.

"And then you go and say, 'What other factors are on the demand side? Will people use more water? Will people use less water?'"

Brawn compared preparing a demand analysis to forecasting the weather.

"[New CRD bylaws] should reduce future consumption per single-family dwelling — should; I'm not saying it will. Also, people are building bigger houses; there's a whole number of factors. Maybe people are more affluent, therefore they are going to use more water, or maybe they are more affluent and a little smarter, so they don't use more water. You can see the great circle being drawn."

And real weather plays a factor in deciding future consumption forecasts.

"We're looking at a very conservative approach and we're building in some thoughts, on both the supply and demand side, of global warming."

NSSWD general manager Trevor Hutton noted that global warming is a complex issue to factor into local water studies.

"There's been a lot of

models, but nobody really knows what's happening," he said.

Hutton also objected to Larmour's claims that, "there is a significant risk that the community will increasingly exceed its sustainable and affordable water supplies."

"The point to note is that he's working on certain numbers that he says are the 'safe yield of the lake,'" Hutton said.

But the "safe yield" is technically defined as the available supply following a period of three dry years, he said.

"Normally that doesn't happen here, so the actual yield of the lake is way higher than the safe yield."

While a period of three consecutive dry years hasn't happened in the last 50 years, it has occurred twice in the last 100 years, he noted.

"Early in the last century it happened and it hasn't happened again. It could happen again. Is it likely to happen? Well, they're talking about global warming and Mike [Larmour] talks a lot about global warming. And global warming says we are going to get a lot more rain in a shorter period. So if we get a lot more rain, then the chances of getting a dry year are further away. We may never get to that situation."

Hutton hopes the NSSWD report will be completed by the end of October.

"It's a matter of wait and see."

Water watchdog Larmour calls for cautious usage estimations

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Islander Mike Larmour encourages land-use and resource planners to exercise caution when estimating Salt Spring's water requirements.

"We need to be fairly conservative because we don't have other options for water," he said last week.

Larmour retired as North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) manager in 2002 after working on the local water supply for 33 years. But he hasn't lost interest in the topic. In May, he wrote an independent report called Future Water Supply and Demand on Salt Spring Island.

"There are conflicting opinions about water supply and demand in the community, caused in part by a lack of good information," he wrote. "As well, one approach to water supply envisions more and more water being obtained, irrespective of an ever-higher financial, environmental and aesthetic cost to the island and its people."

In his report, Larmour also indicated that the island is "heavily dependent on the storage of water to give a reliable supply during the dry period of the year" and that the four community water supply lakes are bound by natural limitations.

He estimated the safe yield of St. Mary and Maxwell lakes at 1,022 million litres and found that the

NSSWD current demand is already 732 million litres (as of 2005).

"If my figures are correct, NSSWD doesn't have extra water to expand its borders."

Larmour believes that island water consumption is growing by 13-18 million litres per year and he's concerned about the accuracy of past water-analysis reports.

"It's partly science and partly math, but a water-supply demand analysis is also a forecast into the future."

Larmour had concerns about the last water supply and demand analysis conducted by Wayne Lee of Aqion Water Technologies Ltd. in 2003.

"The Aqion report had a very low figure for single-family dwelling demand, both actual and projected."

But even that report indicated that the total licensed supply for NSSWD is 1,282 million litres compared to an annual supply of 1,068 million litres.

"Based on current land-use projections for the NSSWD service area, it appears that available water supply may be 100 per cent allocated between 2020 and 2030 if supply augmentation and/or demand management measures are not undertaken," Lee wrote.

But Larmour found that the Aqion report also relied upon questionable potential for groundwater develop-

ment on the north end of the island.

"In my 30 years of experience, I found that NSSWD expanded in the north end because groundwater systems failed. There isn't a fall-back in terms of groundwater there."

The only options to expand water supply on the island (like desalination) would be prohibitively expensive, as well as big energy consumers, he said.

"If you are in the middle income or lower, water is a limiting factor of livability... Growing vegetables is out of the question if costs get too high."

Salt Spring is nearing the long-term supply capacity from Maxwell Lake and "St. Mary Lake has constraints," he said.

He cautions planners to generate conservative estimates before NSSWD issues water licences or the Islands Trust determines development capacity.

"We need to be quite careful of what kind of commitments we make."

And he is particularly concerned about the combined volume of water licences that have already been granted to NSSWD.

"I think we are probably over-committed right now."

NSSWD is currently conducting a water supply and demand analysis because of a need to update the Aqion figures from 2003.

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Right to know

A coalition of public groups has launched a valiant campaign on two fronts this week.

The Campaign for Open Government is pressing the provincial government to hold to its promise to be "the most open and accountable government in Canada," while Right to Know Week was proclaimed across Canada.

Since the tide of any government always flows against giving its constituents the information they want or need, a concerted campaign is needed to enact change.

A public that knows what's going on about any level of government is bound to ask questions, demand more thorough rationale for decisions being made and generally make the job of public administration more difficult. Ironically, the only thing that makes it worse is when the public discovers its leaders are trying to slip something by them. When they're only given bits and pieces of information about a whole topic and left to put together a puzzle on their own, or fed a spin-doctored substitute for the truth, that's when the real public relations trouble begins.

In the form of local government that exists in the Gulf Islands, we have a rat's nest of standards for disseminating public information and running public meetings.

Our latest favourite is the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's decision to discuss its proposed budget line-by-line at a public meeting, but not provide copies for anyone in attendance. It might give people a hint of who knows what, vaguely, but without the data presented in black and white, it defeats the purpose of informing the public.

While discussing the budget in public is better than not, keeping the actual documents under wraps detracts from the good intentions of the exercise. It transforms the "right to know" into the "right to guess" or "the right to surmise."

The Campaign for Open Government is particularly concerned that our Freedom of Information (FOI) system enable the public to receive specific information in a timely manner. A report released Tuesday indicates the FOI system's usefulness in that regard has declined since the Liberals took power.

The ability of all levels of government to be as free as possible with information is key to a healthy democracy. We urge all politicians and the public to heed the call for truly open government.

Democratic debate needed on our war in Afghanistan

By BRIAN SMALLSHAW

Following a week in which it was decided that more Canadian troops would be sent to Afghanistan and Operation Medusa was declared a success, Prime Minister Steve Harper spoke at the UN on the need to continue the war in Afghanistan.

Although he assured us that, "success cannot be assured by military means alone," our current efforts are overwhelmingly concentrated on the NATO military campaign to defeat the Taliban in the southern part of the country, a strategy that is doomed to failure. As part of U.S. and then NATO-led campaigns, Canada has been pursuing a military victory over the Taliban for almost five years now, and contrary to Harper's cautious depiction of progress, it is clearer than ever that defeating the Taliban by military means is both futile and actually counterproductive in reducing the terrorist threat to Canada. A strategy centred around military force hasn't been successful so far; what makes him think it will be now?

The NATO forces involved in Operation Medusa in southern Afghanistan report that the mis-

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sion is going well, but if that's the case, why do they need more troops? And when announcing that more Canadian troops would be deployed, we were also told that Canada would be sending Leopard tanks.

Tanks? This smacks of desperation. Isn't asking for tanks almost an admission that the current strategy is failing? Though they're able to "pummel buildings and the vehicle can roll through mud walls," tanks aren't likely to do much for winning the hearts and minds of the local people, the absolute precondition for success.

And we aren't winning many hearts and minds. A few cheery photo ops don't hide the fact that precious little reconstruction has actually taken place. While trying to woo people away from the Taliban we are attempting to convince them to abandon opium growing. If I was an impoverished villager in Afghanistan struggling to feed my family, I would find this insulting.

Every time we kill an "insurgent," or worse, an innocent villager, we have recruited more people to the other side. The Taliban are having a lot less trouble with their recruitment than we are, and many of the people they are signing up are likely ambivalent about the Taliban, but absolutely committed to driving the infidels from their country.

The government's press release on the escalation is entitled Military Strengthens its Reconstruction and Stabilization Efforts in Afghanistan, although the majority of the new personnel will be doing nothing to further reconstruction. It is apparently an attempt to make the war more palatable to the majority of Canadians who oppose the war. Many of us worry that our mission in the country has more to do with supporting the U.S. administration than it does with defeating the Taliban.

Speaking on CBC One's The House, Prime Minister Harper tried to defend the Afghanistan mission. Steve said that we went into Afghanistan because Canadians were killed in the 9/11 attacks; actually we went in because the

United States invoked Article 5 of the NATO treaty.

He said that the vast majority of the international community wants us there; it's doubtful that most do, and even more unlikely that their citizens do.

He said that the democratically elected government of Afghanistan wants us there and brings Hamid Karzai to Parliament to thank us for our sacrifices.

Interestingly, Karzai himself has been critical of the strategy behind our "War on Terror," saying, "And for two years I have systematically, consistently and on a daily basis warned the international community of what was developing in Afghanistan and of the need for a change of approach in this regard." (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south-asia/5107816.stm>)

Finally, Steve says this war is making us safer — it is not. As the current mission in southern Afghanistan continues, we come to be more closely associated with the people who cluster-bombed and strafed villages in 2001; we will be judged by the company we keep and the people of Afghanistan have long memories.

Harper would like Canada to

take a more aggressive stance on the world stage and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the current American administration. When in opposition, he was sharply critical of the government for not supporting the Americans in Iraq, and when that invasion turned into a disaster, he wanted us to forget his earlier position. Now, as PM, he wants Canada to show solidarity with the U.S. in Afghanistan.

There are other ways to hunt down terrorists and improve the lives of the people of Afghanistan, but we're not being given the opportunity to debate the nature of Canada's involvement — it's just "support our troops" without question. It's not clear whether the recent escalation will be debated in the current session of Parliament and MP Gary Lunn's office testily refused to answer any questions about it. They may think the best way to win the debate is not to have one, but this is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate the democracy we are fighting for and hold an open debate on finding better ways to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident.

Past fire boards not to blame for present budget woes

By DON IRWIN

Mr. Hinds, it takes all kinds.

After reading your remarks in last week's paper, I was totally unsurprised at the ease with which you can place the blame "on past boards" for what seems your inability to do the job you were voted in to do.

I have served the community for 27 years as a firefighter and trustee on "past boards" and I find your remarks a total insult to the hard work of all the past

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their time free of charge to make this fire department what it is up to now.

When you and your fellow members took over the trustee positions, the department was in excellent shape. We had three fire halls, new equipment, paid chief and firefighters and a good company of volunteers, which

Oh, by the way, I think you said, "What's up to date today is history tomorrow." So, everything this community had when you took over was because "past boards were burying their heads in the sand?"

Also, the past boards had a five-year plan, which allowed us to prepare for the future and it seemed to be working because we knew what we had to do.

What confuses me is why you plan on spending \$18,500 of taxpayers' money

when the trustees were voted in to do just that.

My next question is: "Are you not capable of doing your job so much so that you have to hire someone at taxpayers' expense?"

You stood up at a meeting when I was on the past board and complained about our waste of spending when we were purchasing a new fire truck, and stated in the future there would be more accountability of spending. Well, here it is now.

Also, on your planned

you think you have to hire a planner to get it through the Islands Trust. Man, where are all these "tax dollars at work" coming from?

In closing, I would like to say I have watched, with pride, this fire department grow from a time when Goodie (Don Goodman) and the boys would have to push the old Ford so-called fire truck to get it started. Fire chief Fred Donaghy with our first real fire truck, having to train his men under all kinds of weather because there

fire hall built by volunteer labour and all the fire chiefs who followed through the years doing their job. The dedication of the first firemen like Bob Patterson and Fred Hollings coming up from Fulford every week for practice.

Yes, Mr. Hinds, I know this department well and I'm kinda sentimental about and proud of the work of "past boards."

The writer is a former Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustee and vol-

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What does Terry Fox mean to you?*



Katie Villadsen

He's a good role model for people.



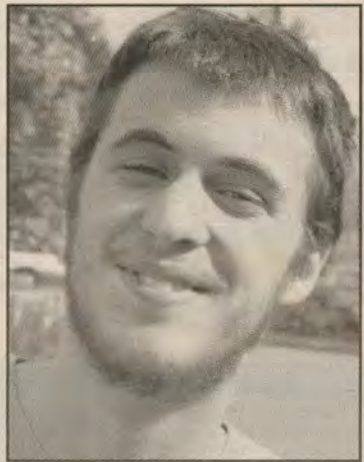
Delaney Johnson

I think he gave people hope. He encouraged them to fight for something if they believe in it.



Leanne Dusterbuck

Courage and strength.



Matt Goldsmith

Determination and persevering over adversity. The Terry Fox Run was always a great time of year at school.



Doug Dobson

He set an example of courage and determination for the whole nation. Terry Fox is a true hero.

Letters to the Editor

Take on trail idea

The power of a vision is incalculable.

I am writing to applaud the vision of an island-wide trail network described by Betty Poole and originally conceived by Bevan. Imagine an island where every resident can safely walk, cycle, or propel their scooter to school, grocery store or favorite wilderness hike. Salt Spring Island would be so incredibly wonderful with such a trail network in place.

To encourage this idea, I want to bring forward a few points.

1) On Gabriola Island a couple of years ago, a group of islanders came together to form the Gabriola Land and Trails Trust (GaLTT). Their vision of an island-wide trail system galvanized the support of islanders and the local government. Within a very short time a trail network came into being, while parkland on the island grew by 450 per cent.

2) After a CRD master

plan review in 2005, the CRD recommitted to establishing a regional trail on Salt Spring Island. CRD planners are experts in mapping and developing off-road trails such as Bevan envisions.

3) Federal gas tax funding will bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the CRD budget for Salt Spring Island that can be used to support environmentally sustainable infrastructure such as this. The new Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program is also a new, significant tool that could be used to help compensate private landowners for allowing trails on their property. Let's do this!

Crossing streets

Since I raised the issue of the plight of an aging population with accumulating physical difficulties where there are no sidewalks, no public transit and no controlled crossings, I am glad to report Isabelle Richardson, our local CNIB liaison,

has not been idle.

On Wednesday, October 4, at 11 a.m., Mary Kay Kennedy, orientation and mobility specialist, CNIB Vancouver Island region, will come to Salt Spring to try to help particularly the visually impaired people learn to deal with heavy traffic safely. After a meeting at Meadowbrook, Kennedy will do a demonstration for members of our community who have physical (not just visual) difficulties crossing streets. Anyone who has such problems is welcome to attend at 11 a.m. at the corner of Crofton Road and Lower Ganges.

A. JEAN ELDER,
Salt Spring

Appreciation

Island Women Against Violence would like to extend a sincere thanks to Driftwood publisher Penny Sakamoto, editor Gail Sjuberg and all the writers who once again put together an excellent Breaking the Cycle of Violence section in their September 20 edition.

We also want to acknowledge the community spirit

of the businesses who made this section possible by purchasing advertising.

Imagine the people who may connect with some support they need or find their way to a safe place because of something they read in the Driftwood last week. Our appreciation goes out to all who helped create that possibility.

NANCY BOYCE,
Executive director,
Island Women
Against Violence

Perplexing name

I applaud the pages the Driftwood devotes annually to increasing awareness about domestic violence. I wish the Respectful Relationships program for local youth continued success.

That said, I imagine I'm not the only Salt Spring resident who is dismayed and perplexed by the decision of the Salt Spring Island Middle School to name its football team the "Slayers."

This I discovered not 20 seconds after reading the superb special supplement

on "Breaking the Violence Cycle." There, on the adjacent Sports and Recreation page, was a story bearing the headline "Slayers play 'iron' football."

When girls and boys aged 11 through 13 (as the story states) who choose to play football are saddled with the moniker "Slayer," well . . .

Perhaps there's another definition for "slayer" than the one I found in the dictionary I pulled off my shelf: "to kill violently, wantonly or in great numbers. See 'murder'."

Our children deserve better leadership.

EVELYN C. WHITE,
Salt Spring

Fair stand

I congratulate the Salt Spring Farmers Institute on achieving its 110th fall fair and for taking a stand against commercialization.

Up until 1992, my family was involved by entering produce in the fall fair. Their property was a lovely, well kept and maintained market garden called Golden Acres Farm, located directly across from the Farmers Institute

property and owned at that time by my late parents, Jake and Audrey Buitenwerf.

Even then, the fall fair drew crowds and many visitors parked their cars along the roads. My dad, being always an accommodating guy, allowed visitors and friends alike to park for free on their property.

A family member told me that he visited the Fall Fair last weekend and found out that the current tenants/renters were charging \$5 per vehicle for parking. I don't think this should be allowed because it is a public event. I think the board of the Farmers Institute should not condone this action.

Other fall fairs on Vancouver Island provide adequate parking, surely there can be a better solution than taking advantage of unsuspecting visitors who just want to have a good time.

I remember the Salt Spring Fall Fairs fondly and hope to visit it next year.

JANNEKE ANDERSON,
Campbell River

MORE LETTERS A10

Setting up a green sanctuary in business-as-usual world

By **CHRIS DIXON**

Gail Sjuberg and I have been friends and neighbours for nearly 20 years.

Still, in many ways, our early summer "let's meet for coffee sometime" visit at Cafe El Zocalo held, for me, all the excitement and anxiety of a first date. Not because I had fantasies of the two of us striding off into the sunset hand in hand, but because we were meeting to discuss another fantasy of mine; the possibility of establishing a "green page" as a regular Driftwood feature.

In May I laid down the gauntlet in an article questioning the relevance of the Driftwood's contents as viewed through the lens of global issues. In her position as Driftwood editor, Gail responded by dropping the other glove, and so we arranged to meet and trade ideas.

Our table at El Z. presented the usual stuff, salt and pepper, sugar and jam, a hot sauce or two, her cup and mine, and I quietly rearranged them in front of us while talking about what a city

feels like. Cars and buses, planes overhead, trucks and trains, rows of houses, commercial districts, industrial areas, plenty of noise and movement, and an energetic buzz that, for a country mouse, takes some getting used to.

I asked, "What do we do in a city when we want relief from the constant barrage of sensation?" And with just a tiny bit of drama, I pushed the cups and such aside and said, "We build a park, a place of sanctuary and safety; a place where we can re-establish our equilibrium and sanity."

Then, in one easy step, we stretched the city/park metaphor into a Driftwood/Greenspace model, and suddenly the possibilities seemed endless.

Let's be clear about this: the Driftwood is first, a business, and second, a newspaper; a claim that can be fairly made of any successful venture whether it is selling socks or sports cars. It's business as usual; that's how it's done here, and there is no judgement implied.

The planet Earth, however, is

and has been telling us for some time, in both subtle and strident ways, that business as usual is not a model we can sustain and that human society will ignore the results of its activity only at great peril.

Science and technology has given us a complex blend of wonderful benefits and lethal consequences as we contrast, for example, the blessings of refrigerated food with a compromised ozone layer caused by escaped refrigerants.

In future issues, Greenspace will discuss many aspects of our human impact on this fragile planet, coupled with practical, achievable responses that will be within the ability of each of us to implement in our own day-to-day lives.

There will be some disturbing news to consider, but there will be an element of lightness and humour throughout.

Expect armloads of carrots and absolutely no sticks offered as incentives to re-evaluate our choices. We will cultivate and

nourish an everyday sort of awareness so that each one of us will become more conscious of how our personal activities can result in a benefit or a burden to our crowded planet.

I am confident there will be contributors from many fields, experts in science and engineering, backyard inventors, poets, a cartoonist, cyclists, eco-friendly designers, growers, builders, slow-downers.

We'll talk about cars and roads and burn barrels and papayas from faraway places, and we'll borrow inspiration from any available culture or source, be it Buddhism or rap music.

We'll take a hard look at government, at every level, at how or even whether it serves us.

We'll discuss social issues, from a global and a local perspective, and we'll invite many of our local heroes to share their insights and wisdom. Whatever the topic, we'll bring it right home and examine how it interfaces with our community.

In all humility, we might put

Salt Spring Island on the map as a model for innovative action and positive thinking; setting an example for other newspapers and communities.

After all, we do have that "Made on Salt Spring" mystique working for us!

I am glad that Gail was able to see that my letter was more than a rant; and that there was a challenge, a resume and a job application mixed into the text.

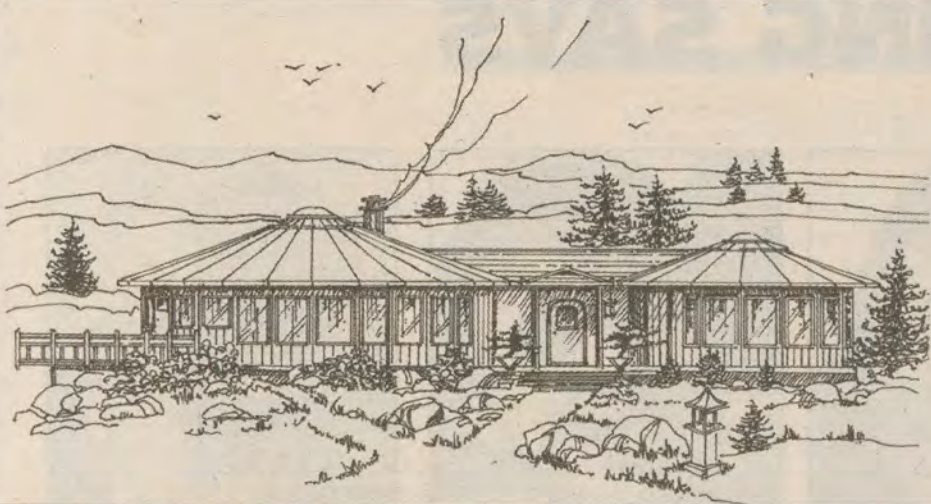
I'm thankful to Driftwood management for their up-front investment and commitment to becoming a vehicle for positive, constructive change, thereby setting an example for all of us.

Oh, yes — and how did Gail and I get to El Z. that morning?

Well, we each had a car strapped to our backsides, that's how!

We're all in this together. . . .

The Driftwood will run articles and submissions under the "Greenspace" banner as often as possible. Contact Gail Sjuberg at 537-9933 or news@gulfislands.net for more information.



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More letters

Path for elders

On September 13 you printed a wonderful letter by Mary Small on the lack of caution on our roads. There's one other great need that is not mechanical.

Since I've been a walker all my life, I do indeed suffer Crofton Road. The road has no boulevard, no sidewalk, no foot path. I walk on the busy road and on the unsteady shoulder of the road. I am 92 years of age and want to exercise, but my cane or wheeled walker doesn't work on loose pebbles or different road levels.

Please build a path for the elders, before "bike paths." The elders pay taxes too. Crofton Road is a disgrace.
JUANITA V. BROWN,
Salt Spring

Amazing day

Is a thank you ever enough?

The dream is alive! What an amazing day! Salt Spring held its Terry Fox Run on Sunday with over 200 people turning out to run, walk, jog, and bike around a challenging course.

It truly was a wonderful experience to help organize and an amazing community spirited event to participate in. The generosity of spirit, the commitment, the wonderful sense of seeing your family, friends and neighbours out running, walking, biking, cheering, made the event.

The music set the tone, the volunteers were plentiful and willing, and the donated food, water and services kept us sustained and above all the spirit saw us thru.

The weather shone in our favour and to all who turned out and shared in the dream, families, friends, neighbours, colleagues and children and everyone who sponsored those who ran and walked together... a huge thank you!

Look out for the formal thank you in next week's Driftwood, along with an official tally of funds raised. Once again, thank you Salt Spring.

CATHERINE BENNETT,
On behalf of the Terry Fox Committee

Positive impact

I would like to thank the community for supporting both the release of my first CD titled "inplay," as well as the mentorship program in South Africa. The goal of the August 25 night at Moby's was to raise \$3,000 to purchase a set of tools; mainly a skill saw, miter saw, hammer drill, hand planer

and various hand tools. The tools will be given to a 24-year-old carpenter named Lucas. In turn, he said he would take on an apprentice. The hope is to purchase another set of tools for the apprentice and then both would continue the circle.

We raised \$1,900 dollars and had a great time doing it. I was touched by one man in particular who gave me his last four bucks and said, "Sorry I don't have enough for a CD, but I want to support what you are doing."

I would like to thank a few instrumental people whose generous donation of time made this fundraiser/party happen. Thank you to Greg Van Riel, Richard Cross, Matt Johnson, Steph Rhodes and the Moby's crew, Margaret Leier, Jenny Teeter, Rylie Teeter, Billy Woods, Bob, Laurent, Heather and the Driftwood.

I fell short of my goal by a thousand dollars, so until January 1, 2007, I will continue to give 100 per cent of my CD sale to this mentorship program. My CD "inplay" is available at Acoustic Planet, saltspringmusic.com, or you can contact me through www.chrisleier.com.

We have impacted Lucas's life in such a positive way. Thank you for helping to make a difference.

CHRIS LEIER,
London, England

Park trash

Double rants to "Mrs. C." for dumping all your household garbage in Moutat Park parking lot on a regular basis. Maybe you feel it's your God given right to leave your bags of trash in our park so we park workers can clean up after you.

Often when I find your garbage the animals have strewn it all over the place. We are getting quite sick of this ongoing occurrence.

Every time I've sifted through your trash to find an address or name I could see that you took the time to remove it from every personal item addressed to you. Well this time you slipped up! I did find a letter with your name and address on it.

People who use the park to go for a walk and enjoy the beauty are disgusted with your antics just as much as I am. Next time I find your household trash in Moutat Park I will make sure everyone on Salt Spring knows who you are.

It only costs \$2.50 to get rid of a bag of garbage. Remember we have your name and home address on file now.

BANANA JOE CLEMENTE,
SSI Parks & Rec

Course deal

Do you want to save \$10? On each course? Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education announces the opportunity to register in person on Saturday, September 30, at Salt Spring Elementary School for those islanders who wish to take advantage of reduced course fees. Current fees will be increased by \$10 for each course as of Sunday, October 1.

Come anytime between 9 a.m. and noon for free coffee and cookies and sign up for that course you have always wanted to take (e.g. French conversation), or that you could not get into (e.g. computers), or it was not at a convenient time for you (e.g. wreath making) or was not offered (e.g. Let's Make a Movie). Any reason is a good reason to grow and enjoy learning!

JUDI FRANCIS, for
SSI Community Education

Market study

The Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) thanks the many Salt Spring stakeholders (residents and visitors) who participated in the UNBC study conducted by Prof. David Connell to study the economic impact of local farmers markets in British Columbia.

Over a two-day time period, during the Saturday market on August 26 and the Tuesday Farmers Market on August 29, local volunteers from the Island Natural Growers (ING), Patricia Reichert, and I-SEA volunteers surveyed hundreds of people about their Farmers' Market and associated local economic activity. I-SEA also thanks PARC for approving this program.

This special technique of surveying created a fun and participatory atmosphere and contributed to the high level of participation (more than 750 participants). Krishna Rodriguez deserves special thanks for helping organize the space that was needed.

The data has been compiled and a draft Salt Spring Island copy is available from the I-SEA office on Hereford Avenue, or from Island Natural Growers. The data is also being entered into a database for comparison and analysis across the province. David Connell is posting all of the market reports on the project website: www.unbc.ca/planning/localfood/

Over 35 markets have been surveyed this summer. I-SEA encourages both similar sustainability-related studies and support of local farmers markets.

MARGERY MOORE,
President, I-SEA,
Salt Spring

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Truth warriors

Does the Driftwood have an explanation for why it didn't cover the 9/11 evening?

Ken Rouleau and former Salt Springer Will Thomas are wonderful warriors of truth and adequately exposed the case for governmental complicity.

Having recently watched the TV program Bush: Climate of Fear and the confessions of involved clientele regarding the administration's snuffing of climate change information, I think we can conclude that we can't trust Bush and associates.

M.L. JOHNSTONE,
Lower Ganges Road

Climate action

On Friday, September 22, Salt Spring hosted the climate action tour talking about what we would like in the climate program that is being promised by the Conservative government.

The discussion was lively and many people talked about what they had observed about changing climate in this area. Participants gave many ideas about what they would like to see in a plan and you can read it soon on the Climate Action Network website at www.climateaction.ca.

Although the Conservatives are saying that Canada cannot meet the Kyoto targets (read "the oil patch in Alberta has successfully lobbied them") the Islands Trust Council has taken the initiative and on September 15, passed a Trust Council resolution on Kyoto.

Bravo to Salt Spring trustee George Ehring, who championed this resolution through council, and Peter Lamb, who is acutely aware of the impacts of climate change. Thanks to Trust Council, which passed the resolution with a huge majority.

The resolution has four parts and mandates Trust Council to ask the federal government to renew its Kyoto commitments, to proceed with adaptive planning to mitigate the potential impacts of climate change, to expand public education for residents and visitors to reduce their Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) and to include adaptive planning in the draft strategic plan to mitigate the potential impact of climate change.

The forecast for the upcoming winter is that once again, temperatures will be mild which will probably lead to drought conditions next summer, and more stress on our forests and



CHESS CHECK: Ted Baldwinson enjoys a warm Saturday in Centennial Park by playing a game of chess.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

other aspects of the natural environment. We now know that the climate changes that are taking place will be permanent. Temperatures are steadily rising, and polar ice caps are melting at unprecedented rates. The potential impacts for our islands are considerable.

The positive story is that while the federal government in both Canada and the United States, two of the highest emitters of GHG in the world are dragging their feet, we have local government agencies such as Islands Trust rising to the occasion and providing the leadership that is needed to inspire each of us to work with them in doing our part. Indeed our very survival depends on each of us taking action.

MARION PAPE,
Coordinator,
Salt Spring Energy
Strategy

Control theory

I am responding to Sandy Gold's article in last week's paper. She wrote, "You cannot and will never be able to change a man like this, not a man this ill" as she speaks of her abusive ex-partner.

I would have to say I disagree. An abusive man is the way he is because of lack of control in his life. When the feelings of lack of control are overwhelming, he will

become abusive. If you can shift his perception to give him the feeling and awareness that he does have control and show him how, he can be shifted into a different perception of being in control and he will not be abusive.

A woman can learn to recognize a controlling, abusive man just by the way he approaches her and behaves. Most women are attracted to men with confidence in themselves. Most men who are confident in themselves are so because they are controlling the woman. The woman perceives this as his confidence and she is being manipulated right from the beginning. It is possible for a woman to learn these things and shift her perception and self-awareness.

I grew up in a home where as a child my sisters and I were physically, verbally and sexually abused. My father abused us because he felt he did not have control in his life, so he took control by controlling us. All things that manifest in our society are based on control dynamics. A person who does not have control or is controlling can become addicted to drugs, rape women, rob banks, have affairs or start a war.

These things manifest in our society because we are controlled and dictated to from the time we are born. We are told you have to

go to school, you have to go to work and we are not given control or choices in our lives. Our whole society must evolve to a more open free-flowing society or these things will continue.

Please understand that I am not saying someone should stay in an abusive relationship — get out of it. But you can help him and you do not have to stop loving him, but learn to love yourself as well and understand that his abusive nature is reflecting back to you a cry from within both of you for freedom, love and respect from others in your lives, be it friends, family members or co-workers.

JOHN DELLOW,
Salt Spring

Head huggers

Do you knit? Crochet? Sew? Would you like to use this skill to help someone who has undergone chemotherapy? We are embarking on a project to do just that and would like to invite you to join us. We are the first satellite group in Canada of the international organization, Head Huggers (www.headhugger.org), which is located in Maryland, USA.

A frequent side effect of chemotherapy is hair loss and there are a lot of folk out there with cold heads as a result. We are building a workforce of craftspeople to create caps by knitting, crocheting or sewing. These caps will be distributed to hospitals and oncology offices, hospices, etc. so that they are readily available, free of charge, to those who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy. To make it work, we need volunteers to help with the production. If you no longer knit or crochet but have yarn sitting around, we would be more than happy to make use of it. Won't you consider joining us?

We have found many hat patterns on the internet, even some specifically labelled "chemo caps." Also, several volunteers have submitted patterns of their own design. We have patterns for knitted caps, for crochet caps, and for caps which can be sewn out of fleece. We have received permission from the designers of all of the patterns to distribute them to other craftspeople who might want to join us in this project.

If you are interested and would like more information (including patterns and Head Huggers Guidelines), please contact Rita Balboni at 250-245-0070 or email us at islandtimeheadhuggers@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.islandtime-headhuggers.blogspot.com.

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Right to Know Week — push for open government

By **SARA MACINTYRE**

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) has a three-fold mandate: lower taxes, less waste and accountable government. Of the three, it's accountable government

IN DEPTH

that has take centre stage in recent years. And at the heart of accountable government is information and access to government records.

The CTF is proud to be a leading participant and sponsor of the national "Right to Know Week." During this last week of September, campaigns and activities across the country will highlight the importance of access to information laws.

The spirit and intent of these laws is to provide citizens with the same access to information as their governments.

Citizens and taxpayers have a right to know what their government is doing with their dollars and how government programs and services are being managed. Information belongs to citizens, not their government.

Federal and provincial governments each have their own version of access laws. Here in British Columbia, the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) sets out the parameters for disclosure of government documents and information. As Opposition Leader in 1998, Gordon Campbell recognized the importance of access to information by endorsing the "Campaign for Open Government."

Mr. Campbell proclaimed that "Citizens must have timely, effective and affordable access to the documents which governments make and keep." To that end, Mr. Campbell promised in 2001 to be "the most, open, accountable and democratic government in Canada."

To their credit, the BC Liberals have instituted a number of democratic reforms, such as fixed election dates and electoral reform.

However, when it comes to accessing information, Mr. Campbell's government has increasingly turned the tap off. Amendments to the FOI Act to extend response times for requests, increased search fees and cuts to the Information Commissioner's budget have served to hamper public scrutiny and access to government.

Perhaps most egregious is this government's failure to implement changes to the FOI Act that were recommended by a special all-party committee. In recognition of changing technologies and government duties, the FOI Act itself requires an all-party committee to review its provisions and make recommendations for changes to the government.

In 2004, the special committee issued its report, which has since been collecting dust. The Campbell government has failed to act on or implement any of the committee recommendations.

In recognition of "Right to Know Week" here in British Columbia, several groups, advocates and media are re-launching the Campaign for Open Government. The prime objective of this campaign is the adoption and implementation of the special committee's report of the FOI Act.

Second, the current "culture of denial" in government must be changed. As noted by Premier Campbell himself while he was in Opposition, "the fundamental principle must be this: government information belongs to the people, not to government."

In that spirit, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF), together with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Association and the School of Journalism at the University of British Columbia are hosting the B.C. Information Summit.

The summit is bringing together various groups who all share an interest in open government and will begin with opening remarks from the new minister responsible for the FOI Act, the honorable Olga Illich.

Hopefully, this is the Campbell's government's first step to fulfilling its promise to be the most open government in Canada.

For more information on the summit, visit our website at: www.taxpayer.com.

The writer is the B.C. director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Fresh Talk with Michael Contardi



Local farms: heart of the community

The recent contamination of US spinach was an uncomfortable exercise in demonstrating how dependent we, on Salt Spring, have become on produce imported from the United States.

For those of you who have been living in a cave this past week, there was an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak in the United States, linked to US spinach, which according to the US Centers for Disease Control has so far killed one person in Wisconsin and infected 173 others across 25 US states.

Last week the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued a recall of US packaged salad products containing spinach. Although the contaminated spinach originated in only three California counties (Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Clara) the number of brands of US spinach and salad greens was tremendous, owing in part to the difficulties in determining exactly where the spinach in these products originates. Customers of course still had other options - a few brands of packaged US salad blends not containing spinach, BC bunched spinach, and beautiful local salad blends, such as the Kildera Farms mixed greens grown in Sidney for Thrifty Foods.

The outbreak and recall brings into perspective the nature of our dependence upon US produce. What if the outbreak had occurred in the winter, when BC and local options are not available? What if the outbreak had affected all California produce, or lasted four weeks instead of one?

Once largely self sufficient, and even managing to export quantities to Vancouver Island, Salt Spring farmers now produce only an estimated 3% of the island's food, and much less than that in the winter. Local agriculture capacity has been decimated in less than two generations, owing to a number of local and global factors, such as escalating land prices, bylaw restrictions, and the gentrification of farmers; as well as the large government subsidies, capital intensive technologies and low-cost labour pools which allow large agribusiness to undercut the prices of local growers.

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Big game can help protect ecosystems

SCIENCE MATTERS
BY DAVID SUZUKI



Polar bears aren't exactly living large these days. Not only is their habitat shrinking due to global warming, but so are their genitals — thanks to industrial pollutants.

A paper published in the online edition of the journal *Environmental Science and Technology* detailed the bears' most recent plight. Researchers with the National Environmental Research Institute in Denmark looked at the genitals of 100 polar bears from Greenland and found that the higher the levels of certain industrial pollutants in their systems, the smaller their genitals, and therefore the less likely they were to be able to successfully reproduce.

Polar bears ingest these toxins from the fat of seals and other marine mammals. Although areas of the Far North, like Greenland or Canada's Arctic, may seem pristine and far from polluted cities, long-lasting toxins are carried there by atmospheric and ocean currents. Once there, they accumulate in the food chain, eventually concentrating in the fat of marine mammals.

While dramatic stories about shrinking genitals may make headlines, far less attention is being focussed on the role of top predators, like polar bears, in the overall functioning of an ecosystem. That role is actually essential. If these large carnivores disappear, it can dampen the entire ecosystem's capacity to adapt to change — especially big changes like global warming.

On the surface, losing a big predator might seem beneficial for other creatures in an ecosystem, which would otherwise be preyed upon by the giant carnivores. But the impact of big predators is much more complex. In nature, every creature has a role to play. The presence of large carnivores actually acts as a "top-down" influence that can benefit the entire food chain.

A recent paper published in the journal *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* provides an excellent example of this function. Researchers looked at the effect of wolves on the food chain in Yellowstone National Park. The gray wolf had been driven to extinction in the park in the 1920s, but was reintroduced in 1995.

Before their reintroduction, elk mortality in the winters had been dropping because winters had been getting shorter and less severe — likely due to global warming.

This meant that less and less carrion was available for scavengers like coyotes, eagles and ravens, which depend on carcasses for food.

However, once the wolves were established, they became the primary source of elk mortality throughout the year — increasing the availability of food for carrion-dependent scavengers. Computer models of food chain dynamics, coupled with empirical evidence, have enabled researchers to conclude that, "the presence of wolves will enable scavengers to adapt to the effects of global warming over a larger timescale than if the wolves were absent."

In other words, top predators like polar bears or wolves can help entire ecosystems adjust to a changing climate. The paper concludes: "Their results clearly show that restoring top predators could be crucial for buffering the effects of global warming and also for reducing uncertainty in an increasingly unpredictable and warmer world."

Large carnivores are under increasing pressures from global warming, agricultural and urban expansion, unsustainable hunting, logging and pollution. They also tend to reproduce slowly, and they need large spaces to survive. But if their presence can act as a buffer against change for entire ecosystems, then it makes practical sense to be working to conserve them and restore their abundance.

That isn't happening right now. Carnivores, including polar bears, which are at the top of food chains, have been routinely rejected for listing under Canada's Species at Risk Act, in spite of the recommendations of the scientific body responsible for Canada's threatened species. As is usually the case with this toothless legislation, politics trumps science. That has to change, because protecting large predators may prove to be an effective way to buffer entire food chains against the growing threat of global warming.

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In (doubtful) praise of democracy

By GWYNNE DYER

Democracy is fine as long as the voters elect the right people, but they often get it wrong. The Palestinians elected Hamas, which refuses to recognize Israel, so the Israelis and their allies overseas have to persuade them of the error of their ways with bombs, bullets and a financial blockade. And in Thailand they were going to vote for Thaksin Shinawatra again.

"They" were the rural poor, still a majority in Thailand, who have been left behind by the economic miracle of the past 20 years. They elected the billionaire Thaksin three times in a row because he gave them cheap health-care and put money in their pockets. The Bangkok middle-class despised him for his populism and his corruption, but the poor were almost certainly going to elect him again — so for the first time in 15 years, the Thai army rolled its tanks into Bangkok.

So much for Thai democracy — and the bizarre thing is that the rest of the world doesn't seem to care. There have been no thunderous denunciations of the military junta — sorry, the Admin-

istrative Reform Council — that now runs Thailand, just murmurs of regret in Washington, London, Paris and Tokyo that it has come to this. There will be no sanctions, no boycott of the military regime (which promises to hand back power to an elected government within a year, but only after rewriting the constitution), no vigils for democracy.

Thaksin was no advertisement for the wisdom of Thai voters. It was the poor and the ill-educated who voted for him, and he won their support with cynically populist policies. He launched a "war on drugs" that saw 3,000 cases of extra-judicial execution — officially sanctioned murders, in other words. He took a needlessly hard line on discontent among Thailand's Muslim minority, concentrated in the southernmost provinces, that turned disaffection into open insurrection. However, Thaksin Shinawatra also did things that improved the lot of the poor: a moratorium on farmer's debts, dollar-a-visit medical care even for the impoverished northeast of Thailand, village improve-

ment schemes that actually raised farmers' incomes. He was a liar and a crook, but a majority of Thais voted for him in election after election. And they would have voted for him again if the army hadn't intervened.

The middle class people of Bangkok who have been demonstrating against Thaksin for the past six months are right: you really can't run a country like this for very long and stay democratic. Either the demagogue consolidates his power and becomes a de facto dictator, or he is driven out by people who have (or claim to have) the interests of democracy at heart.

It is a tragedy that Thailand has had a military coup, but it is not really a surprise. The thing about Thailand, and all the other Asian countries that have had non-violent transfers of power to democratically elected governments in the past 20 years, is that the transfer needs at least a generation to become irreversible.

Until last week, Thailand seemed to be doing as well as other Asian countries that first became democratic in the same era. But for all

these countries, and for dozens of others in Africa and Latin America, democracy is hard not only because it is new, but because the old elites have not really relinquished their power. They have just consented, grudgingly, to share it.

Thaksin was a democratic disaster, but it was the old elites, allied to the new urban middle class, who drove him out. They are not without sin, for it was their neglect of the rural majority that gave Thaksin his opportunity.

The coup sets the clock back: it will be another fourteen years before Thailand seems as safely distant from the bad old days as it did until this week. Even if the soldiers keep their promises, it is a shame and a defeat for Thailand. But the glass is still half-full, not half-empty. Asia, apart from China, North Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Burma and Pakistan, is still a democratic continent. Twenty-five years ago, nobody would have predicted that.

The writer is a London-based independent journalist whose articles are published in 45 countries.

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Article by Stacy Cardigan Smith

New boutiques, historical jewelry, and leather of all kinds. Wearable glass, earth-conscious garments and trend-setting comfy clothes. What is a fashionable islander to do but go shopping!

Red Ginger Boutique is a fresh and trendy shop in the heart of Ganges. Featuring fashionable, chic, reasonably priced clothes for the stylish island woman, RG carries your favorites like Tigris Clothing, Maidenform, Jolie, A&F, and Diesel, as well as local and Canadian independent designers.

Check us out and treat yourself to adorable bras, organic lines, hemp and natural fiber attire, brilliant pants, fabulous wraps, one of a kind dresses, knockout shoes, the latest boots and more. Visit us in Gasoline alley starting October 7th. Grand Opening Fashion Show and Party on November 18th.

Pegasus Gallery: showcasing numerous new and antique Northwest Coast pieces for almost 35 years, Pegasus has something for every jewelry enthusiast. Featuring works by talented artists such as Tony Hunt, Jim Maguire, Gerry Marks, Alvin Atkins, William Cook, and many others. Always looking to acquire older pieces and featuring jewelry appraisal, Pegasus asks: what do you have in your jewelry box?

Abara Designs are exceptional, one-of-a-kind works of art using the finest and softest leathers. Creations range from handbags and purses to various clothing items, and are embellished with gemstones. Every piece is handmade, one at a time, here on Salt Spring.

Avanti Glass Studio's Winter Collection features the latest in

European and New York fashion design trends, transformed into handmade glass: zebra, tiger and ocelot prints alongside sparkly pure gold and silver metallics that are as timeless as their inspiration. The Winter Collection will be available November 1st at Avanti's gallery in Vesuvius and The Waterfront Gallery in downtown Ganges.

Wearable glass, earth-conscious garments and trend-setting comfy clothes. What is a fashionable islander to do but go shopping!

Andy Whitehead and Lorrie Irwin of **Elf Leather Works** create original, beautiful and rich-looking leather accessories. Belts, bags and jewelry are all featured in their collection. Designed and crafted in their island-based studio, they also offer a variety of sports and work gear such as tool cases, aprons, and much more.

Are you a conscientious shopper, worried about the effects the materials we manufacture our clothes with have on the environment? **Tigris** uses sustainably-produced hemp, and other stretch materials, helping to put your mind at ease. Founded in 2003 by Jada-Lee Watson and Caitlin Lockhart, Tigris created comfortable clothes in an array of rich colours and includes tops, hoodies, pants, dresses, skirts, coats, legwarmers and undergarments.

Soft, comfortable clothing with a feminine flair are at the heart of the **Skyler** clothing line. Sky and Christina Marcano, the women behind Skyler, focus on creating clothing that makes women look and feel as beautiful as they are. Just take a look at their advertisement below: Regan Byron looks vibrant in the Cloe tank and Mindy pants. Want them for your own? You can pick up these, and other fine Skyler products, at **Mouat's Clothing Co.**

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The sleek lines of visiting boats are reflected in Ganges Harbour as the West Coast Workboat Association stages a gathering here.

Workboats 'wow' spectators



The "Master" arrives at a Salt Spring dock and is tied up for visitors to explore.



At left, a boat-bound terrier greets visitors; above left is the interior (including spiral staircase) of the vessel Midnight Sun, an 80-foot Table Seiner boat. Above, right, is Midnight Sun owner David Doig in the wheel house.

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Visiting workboats draw eyes and ears to harbour

Last weekend's visit to Ganges Harbour by the West Coast Workboat Association (WCBA) was deemed such a success the group vows to return again next year.

WCBA members enjoyed their annual general meeting on the docks of Salt Spring so much they passed a motion to repeat the venture on the same weekend in September 2007.

Some 42 vessels tied up in Ganges and gave islanders and visitors a real treat and sense of West Coast maritime heritage.

"Lots of people loved it and there was a steady stream of people," said Salt Spring Harbour Authority manager Bart Terwiel.

Boat owners allowed public tours on Saturday afternoon and welcomed the curious at other times on the weekend. Vessels tooted their horns as they departed in a sailpast late Sunday morning. Participants ranged from retired fishermen to a Canadian steamship inspector and tugboats, forestry vessels, fishboats and former International Woodworkers of America union boss Jack Munro's boat. The Midnight Sun was the largest visiting vessel, while one of the most

fascinating was The Master, which is the last working steam tug in North America.

"We'd like to thank all the people from the work boat association for first of all having the boats, all the work that goes into them and

for coming to Salt Spring," said Terwiel. "We have a tremendously rich maritime history on the West Coast that is not as well known or understood as in other places and we hope to bring some awareness to that."

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SHOP GIFT: Marv Coulthard (left), representing the Salt Spring Car Club, is seen with Grade 12 student Jordie Dods and Gulf Islands Secondary School shop teacher Ronn Edmunds. The three are standing around a new tool chest purchased by the club for the school with proceeds from a fundraising event last summer.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

A roll in a pile of nettles to the person who stole the Friends for Cats collection box from The Plant Farm nursery. The money in that box collected all summer would have greatly helped care for the homeless cats on Salt Spring. Morgan Savin

A rant for people who borrow books and don't return them, particularly the person who has my bird book. It was a gift from Syd and Peter and I want it back please. (Besides I need it, it's out of print and I can't replace it.) Nancy Wigen

ROSES

The largest bunch of roses Salt Spring has ever seen for all the many friends and neighbours who have already contributed to the library's current Land Acquisition Campaign. Roses of their choice, as well, for those who have not yet contributed, but will do so before the end-of-campaign celebration to be held at ArtSpring on Sunday afternoon, November 12.

A great big bunch of white Yorkshire roses for the wonderful couple who met us at Fulford Harbour waving a Union Jack! Their hospitality was superb, as was the Canadian welcome we received from everyone we met on our memorable holiday, travelling from Calgary to Vancouver. Salt Spring Island is a magical place and so are its people. Thank you. Nick & Gill Pinches, Leeds, UK

To Randy and Cathie of Cottage Resort, a sailboat blowing ashore full of gorgeous multi-coloured roses for you at St. Mary Lake, along with many thanks for sharing your lake access, kindness and hospitality. Thanks from Sandi, Andy and Mandy

Bushels of begonias to Steve and Rod of Steve's Electric for locating the source to prevent a very serious fire. We'll always be grateful for such terrific friends. Always and only on Salt Spring. The Rithalers

A beautiful bunch of red roses to everyone who helped make the Women's Institute pie booth at the fall fair such a success: GVM, Uptown Pizza, John Weibe's "pi" wagon, Fulford Hall, Ken Adshead, the dishwashers, Gord Cartwright, our non-member pie makers, servers and ticket takers, including

the cafeteria class at GISS. Your generosity helps keep us "rolling the dough." With grateful thanks, Salt Spring Island Women's Institute

Golden roses to Gail, Graham, Elizabeth and all the people who stopped to see if I was okay. A few more to the police officers who gave me a ride home. Thanks! KF

A bouquet of the island's finest roses to the elderly couple who feed corn to the pigeons at the boardwalk in Ganges every morning at 7:30. The darling little birds have been breeding madly this summer, and their population has exploded. They must need every grain to help their chicks survive. Thank you!

Buckets and buckets of roses to Lil and Don Irwin for organizing and hosting the 10th annual Motorcycle Toy Run on Salt Spring Island. Great ride, great scenery, great people, great food, great job! Thank you for your dedication over the past 10 years. You are greatly appreciated.

A field of 'em for all the musicians who played at the fall fair. Another field of them to Shirley and the participants of the After Fair Affaire. For \$5 a night I have never been so entertained. Don't miss it next year, folks, especially when Valdy holds his democracy of musicians. Thank you all. MLJ

A huge thank you to the motorcyclists for their toy run last Sunday. The children of Salt Spring will be very grateful for your generosity. Santa Bob and Large Elf Judy

Thanks to Gerry at Kingfisher Cove for repairing the gate (again). Much appreciated!

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with the dark meat. Cut the thigh and drumstick apart at the joint. Leave the drumstick whole. Remove the skin and slice around both sides of the thighbone, removing the meat. Set the drumstick and thigh meat on a serving platter. Next the breast; hold the turkey with a large fork at the breastbone. Slice about 2 inches down one side of the breastbone, gently separating the meat from the bone. Now make a horizontal slice across the grain of the meat. Remove the entire section of breast meat to a cutting board. Holding with a fork, cut into thin slices. Place slices on the platter with the thigh and drumstick.

Heat oven to 350°. Place together in a small sauce pan **1 cup thick teriyaki sauce, 1/2 cup maple syrup, 2 tablespoons instant coffee, 2 tablespoons orange zest, juice of one small orange & 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper.** Stir over medium heat until coffee dissolves. Place **1 turkey** inside a **Look cooking bag.** Pour on 1/2 cup of the glaze sauce & sprinkle contents of **1 vegetable bouillon packet** over the turkey. Bake as directed for the size of turkey you have. 30 minutes before cooking time is complete open the Look bag & remove drippings to make gravy. Brush turkey with glaze & continue cooking for the remaining 30 minutes. Remove turkey from oven & let rest 20 minutes. After the turkey has rested top with remaining glaze. Carve & serve.

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B.C. electoral boundary remapping gets underway

Boundary commissioners request input from British Columbians as they determine how and where to redraw provincial riding boundaries.

According to Harry Neufeld, the province's chief electoral officer, boundary adjustments are routinely considered at every other election, roughly every eight years.

He said boundaries are most often defined by population, though changes are sometimes made to incorporate unique geographical boundaries.

"We want to establish that communities are kept together," he said. "This is

certainly an opportunity for people to voice their opinions."

Information sessions are scheduled in major centres across the province, though Gulf Islands residents will need to content themselves with submitting information online or in the mail.

Neufeld said he has yet to receive any requests about creating a Gulf Islands riding spanning the Strait of Georgia.

He added the most likely locations for boundary adjustments would be on northern Vancouver Island.

"There are not going to be radical boundary changes

at this end of the island," he said.

The commission is also examining electoral boundaries for use when discussion on electoral reform resumes ahead of the next provincial election.

Ridings in B.C. range in population from the Bulkley Valley-Stikine's 54,000 people to Vancouver-Burrard's 70,000.

Discussions are expected to wrap up in early 2008 and any changes will be in place by the time elections are called.

For more information on the boundary process, visit www.bc-ebc.ca or call 1-877-660-1203.

New vessels? Not on the Gulf Islands according to B.C. Ferries spokesman

Islanders will see a whole new fleet of B.C. Ferries vessels over the next few years, but none are scheduled to stop at ports in the southern Gulf Islands.

On September 20, B.C. Ferries president and CEO David Hahn announced the acquisition of seven vessels that will be in service by spring 2009.

A new vessel built in Germany will replace the Queen of Prince Rupert; the \$68.6-million M.V. Sonia (built in Greece in 2004) will replace the Queen of the North; a 20-year-old, 35-car ferry from Utah will serve as a relief vessel for small ports in the Gulf Islands (outside the southern Gulf Islands); and three new Super-C-class double-ended vessels are now under construc-

tion for routes between the mainland and Vancouver Island.

Additionally, a 125-car intermediate-class ferry will be constructed in North Vancouver to replace the Queen of Tsawwassen (serving Earls Cove to Saltery Bay).

Once the new intermediate vessel begins service in June 2008, it might act as a relief vessel for the Tsawwassen-Southern Gulf Islands route (since the Queen of Tsawwassen previously served in that capacity).

But the refit schedule has not been established that far in advance, said B.C. Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall.

B.C. Ferries plans to build 22 new vessels over the next 15 years at a cost of \$2.5 billion.



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MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed bylaws:

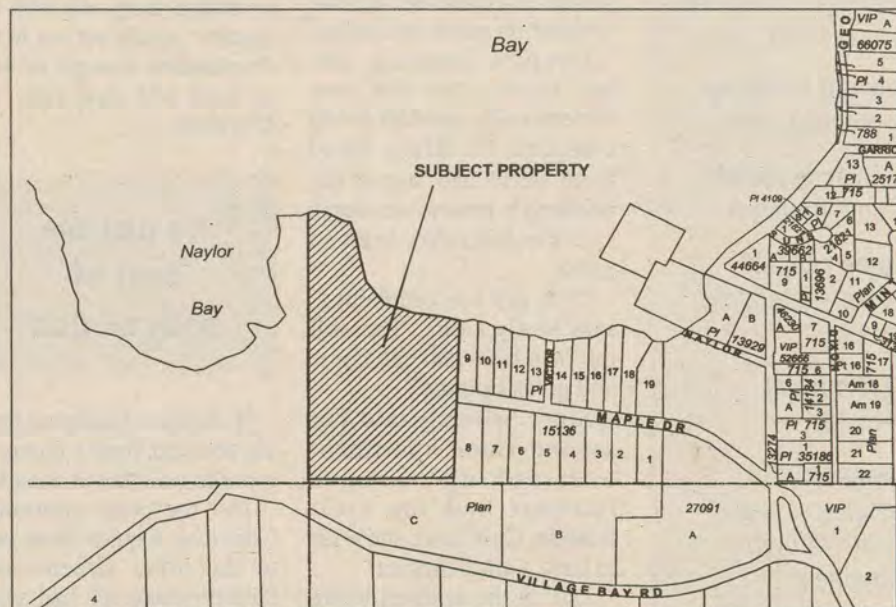
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- Proposed Bylaw No. 143 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2006"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the Mayne Island Community Centre, 493 Felix Jack Road, Mayne Island.

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

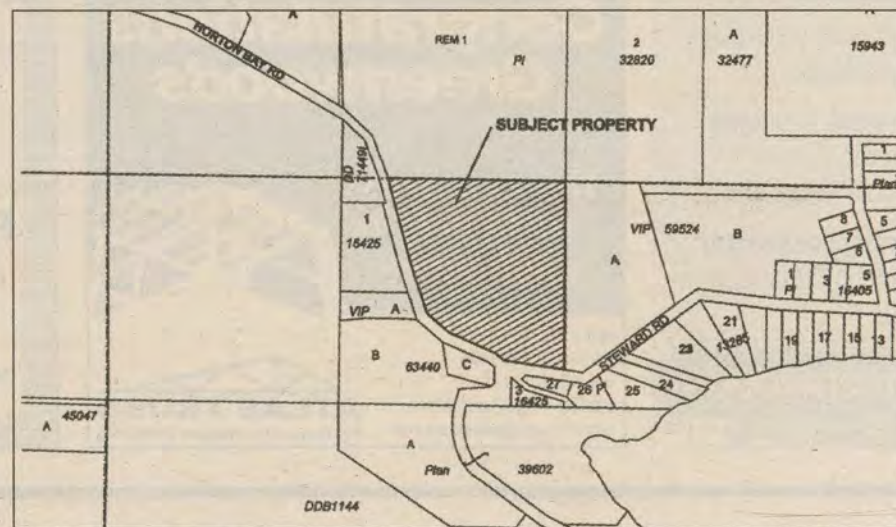
Proposed Bylaw No. 142 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2006"

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 142 is to rezone the remainder of Section 12, Cowichan District, Mayne Island as shown below to permit a campground as an accessory use on the lot:



Proposed Bylaw No. 143 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2006"

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 143 is to rezone the North East ¼ of the North West ¼ of Section 2, Cowichan District, Mayne Island as shown below to permit a campground as an accessory use on the lot:



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing September 27, 2006.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various notice boards on Mayne Island commencing September 28, 2006 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ma/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2006;
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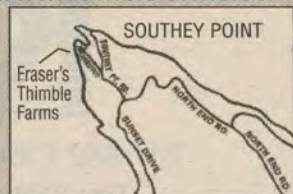
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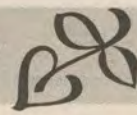
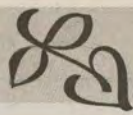
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Settling in never felt so good

"I loved this place the first time I saw it and the staff haven't disappointed."

- Constanta Jarvis

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Moving into a new home can seem like a chore at the best of times and when you're 92 years old it's not without its aches and pains.

Despite making the big move into the new Greenwoods assisted living complex on Blain Road three weeks ago, one of the building's newest residents said life has never been so good.

"I've got no complaints," said Molly Coin. "I'm still my own boss and can come and go as I please."

Since moving into her second-floor apartment overlooking Ganges Harbour and the Gulf Islands, Coin said, she's yet to have a single regret.

Life in the assisted living building gives her the pride of living in her own place and the comfort of knowing help isn't far off if she needs it.

When she and her children

decided the time had come for something more secure than living totally independently at Pioneer Village, Coin said, the Blain Road facility was just the thing.

Each of the centre's 30 units has its own kitchen and appliances, large living room, bedroom and large bathroom. On the surface, the building appears the same as any other apartment complex.

And that's where the similarities end.

When Coin tires of living the life of an independent 90-something, all she has to do is step out the door and another tenant will be around to play a game of Scrabble or bridge, help out with the gigantic puzzle set out in the downstairs lounge or just sit back and chat away the afternoon.

"It's just the best of both worlds."

If she feels like some fresh air, she said, there's plenty of room to walk about outside.

Just the other afternoon, Coin took a quick jaunt over to the other Greenwoods facility where she had a cup of tea and her hair done.

Once a new wave of residents moves in later this month, activity coordinators will begin scheduling stretch



Constanta Jarvis is thrilled with her new home in the Greenwoods assisted living complex that opened on Blain Road in September.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

and exercise classes. There's even talk of residents forming councils to help encourage more of what they like.

And life isn't any quieter upstairs for Constanta Jarvis.

Jarvis has been so busy entertaining and visiting with her 99-year-old neighbour, among others, that she had to postpone her interview.

"I've had such a busy day and have some company right now," she said apologetically. "How's tomorrow afternoon?"

The next day, seated in her living room, Jarvis explains one of her favourite things about living on the complex is the freedom she has to pick and choose what she wants to do.

"People are very social,

but we also respect and understand people's need for privacy," she said.

At just under 70 years of age, Jarvis is among the complex's youngest residents. After spending several years at a care facility in Victoria, she said, it's great to be back on Salt Spring in a place of her own.

"It's so wonderful hearing everybody's stories about the past," she said. "There's really all kinds of people living here and everybody has a story to tell."

After a few meals spent chatting around the dining room table, she added, it was already like a big family.

As the facility's only vegetarian resident, one of Jarvis' major concerns about any residence was sticking

to her diet without sending the kitchen into a tail spin.

To her surprise, she said, the kitchen staff were more than happy to help out with any requests.

"I loved this place the first time I saw it and the staff haven't disappointed," she said. "This is the place for me."

And one of the perks comes long after everyone else goes to bed, she added.

That's when, clad in her pajamas, Jarvis grabs her binoculars and heads to the building's darker north-side where a private starlight symphony awaits from one of the centre's sitting rooms.

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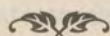
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The \$7.7-million affordable seniors housing project on Blain Road opened September 1.

Greenwoods apartments feel just like home

“There’s so much to learn for everyone.”

- **Kathy Geldart,**
Greenwoods
orientation co-ordinator

Kathy Geldart has already given her fair share of welcome speeches since the first residents began moving into the new Greenwood's complex earlier this month,

and she's still got plenty more to come.

As of mid-September, nearly half of the assisted living complex's 30 units were filled, with six more residents scheduled to move in soon.

It's Geldart's job to make sure it can all be done as quickly and easily as possible.

“Any move is stressful, no matter what the circumstances,” she said. “For most people, getting used to how a new place operates takes some getting

used to and that's what I'm here for. I'm there to help each new person who arrives in any way I can.”

Many people moving into the three-storey Blain Road facility have never lived in an apartment and knowing which buttons to press, whether in the elevators, to “buzz in” guests or to access the front desk can be a tad overwhelming at first, she said.

The \$7.7-million facility comes complete with all the bells and whistles you'd expect and Geldart wants to

make sure everyone knows how to use them.

To help with the transition, residents get an orientation booklet and Geldart's telephone number so they can reach her anytime. As a trained gerontologist, residents couldn't dream of having a better orientation coordinator.

Hospitality services, such as meals, housekeeping and laundry, plus recreational opportunities and personal care services (such as assistance with

medications) and a 24-hour response system are also available.

“There is a growing demand for this kind of project across the province,” she said. “People are given the opportunity to live properly and have the security of other people around them.”

For the first several weeks, Geldart is never “in your face,” but never too far off. Sometimes, she said, all people require is a quick introduction to break the ice and set them talking.

Beginning next week, Geldart will be on hand to welcome a new group of tenants and handle a fresh batch of questions and concerns.

As much as Geldart is on hand to help residents, she's also available for family members with questions about their parent's new home. Apparently, they sometimes have even more queries than the tenants.

“There's so much to learn for everyone,” she said. “It's just a lovely thing to help.”

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Concern sprouts over island's food security following study

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Reporter

Do you know where your food comes from?

According to authors of a report published by Salt Spring Community Services (SSCS) this month, a growing number of islanders don't — and that's bad news for a region once known as the breadbasket of British Columbia.

"It's preposterous," said Pat Reichert, one of the report's authors, in an interview last week. "Many people don't know when peaches are in season or even where they are from."

Not knowing the difference between food grown just down the road and food produced in a garden on the other side of the planet, she added, is a troubling trend that needs to be reversed.

Reichert and SSCS executive director Rob Grant hope timing the report's release with the fall harvest will whet residents' appetite for a community-wide discussion on just what needs to get done to ensure the island's food security.

Failing to develop a long-term island food strategy,

"We need to get closer to our food."

— Rob Grant

the report suggests, will result in unequal access to healthy food, loss of control over food production, increased dependence on industrial food production, loss of farming knowledge and the environmental impact of shipping large quantities of food over long distances.

According to Grant, reacquainting ourselves with our food rests on debunking myths of how healthy and self-sufficient we think we are.

"We just love that aspect of our food industry and maybe don't realize that it may be built on fallacy," he said. "We need to get closer to our food. The closer we are the healthier we will become and the more we will enjoy food."

Because Salt Spring farmers are only producing enough meat and produce to satisfy less than five per cent of the food eaten by

Salt Spring residents, grocers are prevented from handling more local food. As a result, grocers must truck in more than 1.8 million kilograms (4 million pounds) of produce onto the island each year.

Developing community kitchens and gardens, starting local food initiatives, introducing an agricultural component into the school curriculum and making farming a competitive option in an era of rising land prices are some solutions outlined in the plan.

According to Island Natural Growers' John Wilcox, many food producers are forced out of the industry by economic reasons. He lauded any effort to assist other island-based initiatives to revive the island's agricultural heritage.

"People are becoming aware of the need for good quality local food, that's for sure," he said. "In order to provide it, land must become more accessible for people who engage in agriculture. It takes people on the land, so we are working to provide housing so people can be there and do

that."

The 27-page report was produced with a \$10,000 grant from the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA). Based on the project's preliminary success, VIHA announced a subsequent grant for \$30,000 for the second section of the three-phase project.

As an island, Grant said, Salt Spring is in the unique position of being more conscious of what food comes in and leaves the community. As a result, he said, it is easier for islanders to examine and change our eating habits.

"The project has been lauded as the most innovative and comprehensive that most communities have developed," he said. "On the other hand, there are not so many innovative projects."

Individuals interested in learning more about or contributing to the project's second phase should call Rob Grant at 537-9971 or Patricia Reichert at 537-4282. The report is also available on-line at www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca.

Pre-schooler, baby activities get rolling through Family Place

Activities for families with babies and children up to age six are booming this fall through Family Place.

Another season of Rugg Huggers starts on Monday, October 2, running for 10 weeks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An informal group for parents with children under the age of 18 months, it is facilitated by Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad and Sarah Shugar.

Rugg Huggers also has a "Mother Goose" component, where parents can learn lullabies and simple story-telling techniques.

There's no charge for Rugg Huggers, which includes lunch thanks to sponsorship by Thrifty Foods and Barb's Buns. Pre-registration is appreciated.

The Mother Goose program begins Tuesday, October 3 at the Core Inn, and for 10 weeks thereafter from 10-11 a.m., followed by informal play until noon.

Mother Goose consists of songs, play and storytelling for parents and their children aged two to four years.

It's also free, although pre-registration is desired (but

not essential).

Later in October, another session of the Nobody's Perfect parenting series will be offered by community health nurse Trinda Gajek. The six-week program for parents with children aged six or under covers topics such as raising healthy pre-schoolers, problem-solving, child development and household communication.

To pre-register for any events or for more information, contact Flakstad at 537-9176 or rflakstad@ssics.ca.

Thanks to funding from the provincial government's Success by Six program, Salt Spring parents aren't the only ones to benefit from free public programs.

Pender Island has established a mother-child drop-in group, plus one for dads and kids, and two Mother Goose programs.

Mayne Island has also created a Mother Goose session, Galiano has a playgroup facilitator and Saturna Island received \$600 to buy books. Success by Six also helped fund purchases for the toy library that runs at Fulford school, as well as a coordinator honorarium.

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Toy ride deemed huge success

On Sunday the 10th annual Salt Spring Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run saw some 80 riders gather at Irwin Collision for a 60-kilometre ride to some of the island's beautiful viewpoints.

"We would like to thank all the riders from Salt Spring, Vancouver Island and the mainland for contributing their presents and time to make this event so successful, as well as Rita Dods for her annual spice cakes," said Lil and Don Irwin.

Ganges Village Market was thanked for its generous food donation "to feed the troops after the ride," as were the volunteers who pitched in to handle traffic and help with the food.

"Ten years ago my wife Lil came up with the idea for Christmas toys for the kids on Salt Spring, and for nine years she has organized the run for myself, all the riders and the kids. I would like to say thank you," said Don Irwin.

Non-rider residents of Salt Spring who were kind enough to donate money and toys to the event were also acknowledged. All donations went to Santa's Workshop.



BIKING FOR TOYS: Don and Lil Irwin lead the annual fundraising Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Island depot drops commercial recyclers

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Reporter

Residential recyclers will find a little more breathing room at the Rainbow Road recycling depot starting November 1.

As of that date, the recycling depot operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS) will no longer accept Blue Box materials from commercial or institutional customers. These changes result from the new contract SSICS holds with the Capital Regional District (CRD), explained Salt Spring Recycling Depot manager Peter Grant.

Regional CRD director Gary Holman indicated that the CRD has been consistent on the issue of commercial recycling from the very beginning of contract negotiations on Salt Spring.

"Their support for recycling is just for the residential sector. That's true throughout the regional district."

Grant explained why SSICS could not institute a paid commercial service to make up for the lack of CRD funding.

"The logistics would prove very impractical as the bins for the Blue Box materials are to be free to all residential users. We would either need a person manning a booth at the entrance questioning and charging, or people chasing after clients trying to determine who to charge and what to charge. It is too busy for that and obviously with our funding being cut back, adding staff does not make sense as we would probably not recover their salary."

Consequently, the depot will hand out information for commercial clients during October and mount signs that read "For residential use only," Grant said.

Blue Box materials include: cardboard, paper, rigid plastic packaging and containers (glass, metal and plastic - including lids).

All other recycling at the depot will remain the same. Items like Gyproc, scrap metal, automotive batteries, tires, paint, etc. will still be accepted from both residential and commercial customers with standard fees applying.

Local commercial haulers have already made arrangements to accommodate the adjustment in services.

"We've been taking [commercial recycling] to the recycle centre but I guess we'll be taking it off island," said Salt Spring Garbage Services Inc. owner Pam Ellacott.

"The people I think it affects more are the commercial businesses because they will have to pick up the extra costs," she said.

Ironically, revenue for the Blue Box program comes from tipping fees paid in part by commercial haulers, noted Laurie's Recycling and Waste Service owner Laurie Hedger.

"I think a lot of businesses are using commercial haulers now. So I don't think it will make a big difference," Hedger said.

But he would like to see more equity in CRD recycling contracts.

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David Honor leads his Tai Chi students in a warm-up exercise on the field at Salt Spring Elementary School

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Conservancy brings back school stewardship program

A new school year has started and so has the Salt Spring Conservancy's elementary school program called Stewards in Training.

Last spring the conservancy took local grades 4-5 students on two all-day field trips to Ford Lake and Burgoyne Bay beach.

This September, grades 4-5 students will explore the Douglas fir/arbutus woods and Garry oak meadows at Channel Ridge.

Here they will do a number of hands-on activities, helping them get to know these eco-systems more intimately, notes a press release.

Program co-ordinator Deborah Miller will visit the students in their classrooms to prepare them prior to the excursion. Field trips will be held the last week of September and first week of October.

"I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything:

thanks to your superb creativity and organizational skills it was great for both volunteers and kids," said volunteer Debbie McGovern after last year's experience.

The conservancy is also inviting island home-schoolers in grades 4 and 5

to join the program.

Those interested should contact Miller at 537-4797.

The conservancy also extended thanks to sponsors — the Shell Environment Fund and the Canadian Wildlife Federation — for their grants to the program, as well as an anonymous

donor "who believes in educating our young people to be the next generation of environmental stewards."

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Called "Tibet — a heart wisdom collection," it is comprised of 24 original watercolour paintings inspired by her travels to Tibet in 2003. This first show is being held in the Chemainus Gallery theatre now through November 5.

"The show is unique in that the complete collection is being unveiled all at one time," explains a press release.

"As with other major touring art shows,

the originals are not for sale, but a number of the images have been reproduced as cards, posters and art prints."

Then, in conjunction with the evening of ancient Tibetan music and spiritual presentation by Tenzing Tsewang on Friday, September 29 at ArtSpring (7:30 p.m.), Campbell will give a special showing of her photographs from a trip to Tibet.

The photo exhibit runs from Wednesday, September 27 through Friday, from 1-6 p.m., as well as for the September 29 performance. See Campbell's website (www.jlccgallery.com) for future Tibet original art show venues and dates.

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On-field growth for U18 boys

Salt Spring's U18 boys gold team hosted Juan de Fuca on home turf Sunday, falling 3-1 with a score that spectators say didn't reflect the quality of the match.

As one parent explained in a press release, the team is continuing to re-establish last year's playing style with new players in midfield.

"In order to develop the play from the defensive third through the middle, players must gain control of the middle by knowing how to make runs and when to track back," stated the press release.

"The transition from offensive play to a defensive stance is critical to these positions and the midfield came together in the second half, accomplishing this crucial game aspect as training on the field continued."

The home squad once again displayed quick passing skills and accurate ball control and managed to score on a powerful kick by Stuart Garside. But the home team lost an important player in the midfield when Tavis Morton dislocated his shoulder and needed medical attention. He will be unable to play for a period of six to eight weeks.

Meanwhile, Juan de Fuca used the strategy of kick and run and relied mainly on the



POWER KICK: A Juan de Fuca player avoids a hard-kicked ball by Salt Spring's Rusty Fedberg. Despite ringing the post several times, the local U18 boys went down 3 to 1.

Photo by John Cameron

speed and skill of one talented forward who scored all three of their goals.

Scott Fennell as keeper is

becoming the fastest developing player on the team, notes the press release.

"[He is] performing many

brilliant key saves, demonstrating quick reactions and coming out of net to contribute to the play."

Titan brothers thump FC

Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men would rather forget a 5-1 bruising against the Gordon Heads Titans at Tyndall Field on Saturday.

"It didn't go well right off the get go," said FC player-coach Jesse Fisher. "It's not very often that we give up that many goals. So it's hard to say anything good about it. I don't want to make anyone feel bad because I'm sure they already feel bad enough."

The only positive to the match for island soccer fans was that it highlighted local talent, he said.

"They scored five goals and four of them were scored by Salt Spring players," Fisher

said.

Newly signed Titan Cardin Davis scored one goal while his older brother Tyler Laitinen picked up a hat trick during the two islanders' first appearance against their old team-mates. Anthony Bennett scored the lone goal for FC.

"We lose players to these city teams and we don't have enough players to give away, so it hurts us," said Fisher.

"If everybody who left Salt Spring played for Salt Spring, we'd probably have one of the top three teams in the league."

FC next faces the Sooke Celtics at Fred Milne Park on Saturday.

Dragons show newbie squad how veteran players do it

The Salt Spring Dragons didn't only kick off their 2006-07 season in style, they dominated the competition and showed Juan de Fuca what play in Division 3 of the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association (LIWSA) is all about.

Team manager and player Joanne O'Connor said neither Juan de Fuca's youth nor aggressive play helped them score a single goal as the Dragons cruised to a decisive 4-0 victory last Sunday near Victoria.

"It was a good challenge for our first game," said O'Connor. "It showed we have a pretty solid lineup and are integrating the new people really well."

Because this is Juan de Fuca's first year in Div. 3,

O'Connor said, the Dragons remained unsure of what to expect in the teams' first encounter.

Luckily for the Dragons, appearances are deceiving.

"It's one thing to be aggressive, but this was different," she said. "It's always good to play a team like that and play fairly. We remained cool and luckily nobody got injured."

Sue-Anne Donaldson celebrated her team's return to the pitch with a hat-trick performance, demonstrating her trademark spin-shot maneuver to the opposing keeper on repeated occasions.

Donaldson's triad followed Mardon Nordine's winner midway through the first half after she deflected an indirect penalty kick taken from

just outside the box.

Nordine, a former Salt Spring Selects Div.-2 player, is a welcome addition to a team that struggled to put the ball in the net on more than one occasion last season.

Sweeper Jeannie Gray and stopper Jana Thomas limited the number of shots on goal despite an unabated onslaught by an energized Juan de Fuca squad.

Keeper Vanessa Shemilt handled Juan de Fuca's shots with ease despite a lengthy hiatus from the pitch.

O'Connor said the team hopes to continue its stellar start to the season when the Dragons host their home-opener against Prospect Lake at the lower high school field on October 1. Kickoff is at 12:30.

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WEEKEND SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 30

SS Girls U-15 vs. Juan de Fuca
Portlock at 2:15 p.m.

SS Boys U-16 vs. Gordon Head
GISS at 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 1

SS Dragons vs. Prospect Lake
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While at the fall fair, Bob Rush of the Salt Spring Island Foundation presents a cheque for \$2,000 to Michele Layard (left) and Kathy Reimer of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society to help fund the group's 2006 projects.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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SOCCER KICKS

• Salt Spring Hooligans U10 boys started their season with a confident 6-1 win over a hardworking but undermanned team from Sooke, Saturday at Portlock Park.

Coaches Fraser Hope and Chris Cottrell were pleased by the total team effort of the Hooligans; especially by their willingness to bounce up after knockdowns, tackles and get back into the play without complaint.

Salt Spring led at the half through a well-taken goal by striker Luke Hylands.

In the second half, fatigue set in for Sooke with no substitutes.

Louis Everest, Sebastian Howe, Dylan Shaver, Brendan Elwell and Dhruval Shah added goals to cap a fine, all-round team performance.

Sooke played its part, and although it was only able to field six players in the eight-aside match, their parents and coach must be congratulated on making the trip from Sooke for the season opener.

• Salt Spring's U13 boys had another strong showing this week, winning against Juan de Fuca at Portlock Park.

Although they began with only 10 players, the 11th quickly showed up to fill out the team — however, there were still not enough players to supply fresh legs. But despite no subs, there was plenty of effective passing using the entire field.

Strikers Luc Comeau and Elijah Gold, possibly the fastest striking duo on the field, worked the first goal in by Comeau with an assist from Gold. Comeau went on to score again in the first half, as well as Ronan Gunn. Juan de Fuca came out strong in the second half and scored two goals, which were quickly answered by Alex Hayes, who popped in two, for a final score of

5-2 for the local squad.

• Salt Spring's U14 girls blanked Juan de Fuca 3-0 during a sunny match at Portlock Park on Saturday.

Island attackers Jody Pringle, Sammy Clemente and Megan Jarman each earned tallies with well-placed shots. (Pringle had several breakaways before she scored the first goal.)

Strong passing offered relentless scoring chances and Liz Fennell deserves special mention for her numerous shots on net from the left wing.

But it was the impenetrable Salt Spring defence that appeared to seal the win.

Jarman and Becky Edwards shared the shut-out in net. And standouts on the back line included great defensive positioning from Pilar Brooks, along with feisty effort from Alex Crandall, Hayley Harkema and Christine Villadsen.

• Salt Spring's fledgling U17 girls gold squad took a home turf loss against a strong Bays United group Sunday, but left the field feeling they had "gelled" as a team.

Coach Dave Morgan said the girls started slowly, making a couple of mental errors. However, down 3-0 at half-time, the girls took charge of the entire second half, allowing just one more goal.

Morgan said striker Katelyn Girard had a few near misses on the forward line, while Kirsty Girard, Danica Lundy and Olivia Budd played strong games in the midfield.

Erica Cronin was stellar on defence and keeper Jess Harkema made some good saves.



GOLDEN BOOT: Defender Caitlyn Pal is on the ball as Salt Spring's U17 gold girls squad falls 4-0 to a strong Bays United team.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

CORRECTION

On September 20, a 4-page insert to the Gulf Islands Driftwood on behalf of the BC Honda Dealers stated that the 2006 Ridgeline has a 5,000 lb. payload and 1,550 lb. towing capacity. In fact, the 2006 Ridgeline has a 1,550 lb. payload and 5,000lb. towing capacity. The BC Honda Dealers apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Old Boys de-claw Bobcats in 4-2 home turf match

While Bobcats Alumni opened the scoring, Salt Spring's Old Boys finished with a 4-2 win at home Sunday.

"This was a strong and younger team than we've played against and we brought our 'A' game to the field on Sunday," said player-manager

Mike Davis.

The Bobcats scored 32 minutes into the game, but Chris Cottrell headed a cross into the back of the net two minutes later. Tied at the half, Don Brown got the go-ahead goal in the 57th minute, followed

shortly by the Bobcats, to tie again.

Then Brown got the game winner from superb passing by his teammates starting in Salt Spring's end at the 75-minute mark. Jim Witherpoon got the clinching goal from a blast 30 yards out to put the game

out of reach for the Bobcats.

Davis pinned the "man of the match" award on Brown for his two-goal effort and offered a special mention for Graham Tweddle on the back line, who had a strong defensive game.



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GETTING SET: A herd of cyclists gets set at the start line of Sunday's Terry Fox Run as runners wait behind them. Some 200 people participated in the annual event, which raises funds for cancer research.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Juniors flood Blackburn golf course

By ERIC BEAMISH

Driftwood Contributor

Blackburn Meadows Golf Club held its annual year-end junior championship on Friday.

The day began with a bang as an astonishing 38 juniors tackled the greens during the Future Links skills competition.

After completing the driving, irons, chipping and

putting tests, the juniors embarked on the annual junior championship.

This event is split into two parts, a nine-hole competition for the younger golfers and an 18-hole competition for the older golfers.

In the 18-hole competition, 12-year-old Matthew Hollingsworth shot 62 (-2) to claim the victory of Junior Club Champion of 2006.

Stephen Greenwood came second to Hollingsworth with a 66 (+2).

In the nine-hole tournament, Teal Morris shot a fantastic round of 31 (-1), a top round of the year for the 12 year old.

Second to Morris was a round of 37 (+5) shot by Dylan McLeod.

Blackburn Meadows would like to thank all the

parents and volunteers for their continued support to the junior program.

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Parksville Titans topple SIMS Slayers

By BILL BARRETT

Driftwood Contributor

The Parksville Titans chalked up 34 points against the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Slayers' six.

In Sunday's game, "first downs" were not as easy to come by for our "back field boys," as the Parksville Titans' "weighted" defensive line held against our repeated dive plays up the middle.

Full back Kevin Abbott fought hard for each yard of gain with 15 carries for only 71 yards.

It was also a tough slog for the offen-

sive line, as Mason Raposo, Maggie Davidson, Megan Henry, Ben Beaver and Kynan Price were challenged by the heavier defensive Titan lineman.

The Slayers' greatest gains were made by Luke Stevenson with six carries for 157 yards.

On defence, the Slayers had a hard go of it against the Titans' passing game, as defensive backs Megan Henry and Sam Myles were often seen looking for the Titans' "pint-sized" receivers.

Defensive tackles were spread across the team, with Maggie Davidson and

Kevin Abbott leading the way with six tackles each.

Veteran player Steven Walker was a welcomed "solid" addition to the Slayers roster this week, as he accounted for two tackles and showed he had not forgotten what it takes to play "iron football."

The title of "Warrior of the Game" goes to Luke Stevenson for his offensive and defensive ability to carry the game.

The SIMS Slayers' next game is against the Barsby/Harewood team in Nanaimo.

Kids cruise free for Rotary celebration

Islanders helped regional Rotarians and special guests celebrate the 101st birthday of the Rotary Club in Ganges on Saturday.

Some 60 Victoria children were treated to a bus trip and yacht cruise from Sidney to Ganges that culminated with lunch on the island before a

return to the Mustard Seed Street Church on Saturday.

"They all arrived, they had a good trip over and had a good feast here and all headed back safe and sound," said local Rotary Club director Bob Kirkpatrick.

Salt Spring Rotarians were approached by the Duncan

Rotary Club to help set up the event for the local chapter of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, Kirkpatrick said.

And in classic island spirit, several businesses and individuals stepped forward to help out. Tents were supplied by Royal LePage Realty and

the local Thrifty Foods, while refreshments were donated by Island Farms and Thrifty Foods. Local Lions also provided their barbecue for use at Rotary Park in Ganges.

Thrifty Foods owner Alex Campbell was also among the boaters who helped transport children for the event.

Trail and nature club announces October events

The first social will be on October 26 in the United Church at 7:30 p.m., where John Neville will present Travelling on the Dempster Highway.

The first nature walk will be off island on October 24 (note the date change from the newsletter) to the Cowichan Valley to study mushrooms.

Annual fees for the 2006/07 season are now due. (Still \$17/person/year until December 31.)

Please leave cheques at the Cobbler's Box or present them to our membership secretary Barry Spence (537-2332).

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

Following is the October schedule:

HIKERS

• OCTOBER 3: Larry Appleby will lead a new moderate hike to the largest stand of old growth forest in the Musgrave area. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10.

• OCTOBER 10: Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous off-island hike to Mount Prevost near Duncan. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:25 for the 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

• OCTOBER 17: Simon Rook will be on his favourite strenuous hike to the top of Mount Sullivan. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at the Burgoyne Bay Road triangle at 10.

• OCTOBER 24: Linda Quiring is leading a new long but moderate hike through Crown lands south of Mount Sullivan. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10.

• OCTOBER 31: Kees Visser will lead on a moderate hike with some steep sections around Hope Hill. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10.

WALKERS

• OCTOBER 3: Gil Schultz will lead an easy walk through second-growth forest and at the north end of St. Mary Lake. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the "turn out" on St. Mary Lake where LePage Road meets North End Road at 10:15 a.m.

• OCTOBER 10: Owen Benwell will take us on a

moderate walk from the "top" down at Mount Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the Cranberry and Mount Maxwell Road junction at 10:10.

• OCTOBER 17: Ron Hall will take us to Dodds Narrows on a moderate walk with the expectation of viewing sea lions and salmon. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:20 to catch the 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius. Pub lunch at the Crow & Gate.

• OCTOBER 24: Off-island on a nature outing with Victoria and Alex Olchowecki to the Cowichan area on a mushroom foray. Meet to carpool at Portlock Park at 10:10 a.m. in-order to catch the 10:40 Crofton ferry.

This event will be limited to 16 persons, so please call John at 653-2344 to pre-register. For those not participating on the nature walk, meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to choose a walk and leader.

• OCTOBER 30: Harry Burton will guide us on an easy walk around his home turf and Eleanor Point prior to new developments in this area. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

RAMBLERS

• OCTOBER 3: Alice and Jack Fraser will lead a ramble in Mouat Park.

Depending on the weather, lunch is on the picnic table or in the pub. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

• OCTOBER 10: Rita Sagness will lead us on the Dunbabin Trail. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

• OCTOBER 17: Eva and Tony Pedersen will lead a ramble through Beaver Point Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

• OCTOBER 24: Anne Gosse will lead us to the Indian reserve at Menhinick. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

• OCTOBER 31: Beth and Paul Ranney will lead in the Whims and LePage area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

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Hopes high for senior squad

Scorpions senior boys from the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) soccer squad will be looking for local support during their home opener against Ladysmith on Thursday.

"This is the first time we've had a core group that have technical and tactical ability," said GISS coach Doug Pearson.

"We came close last year, but this year the team is even more well rounded."

This season the GISS senior boys squad is built around a tight U17 community team coached by Terry Morton and Sue Spencer. And the islanders have added threats with Canadian National team player Cardin Davis (also playing with Division-1 men) and Victoria Selects players Keegan Pearson and Brandon Shaw.

Coach Pearson is also looking forward to seeing some strong work from Selects alumni Eland Bronstein on the back line and some scoring from Rusty Fedberg.

"I have high expectations for this season. It's the last year these guys will be together," Pearson said.

The GISS senior boys face Ladysmith on the lower high school field at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Feldenlates blends best of disciplines

Anna Haltrecht and Rheona Severson have joined forces to offer a new class at Cats Pajamas Studio this fall.

Feldenlates is a mind/body movement class which incorporates the classical principles of Joseph Pilates, and the work of Moshe Feldenkrais and Bones for Life®.

It will run for five consecutive Thursdays beginning October 5 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. at Cats Pajamas studio on the corner of Langs and North End roads.

Severson and Haltrecht met three years ago when Severson was considering a move to the island. Haltrecht graciously offered her studio for rent so that Rheona could try out a new life on the island.

"That first summer they collaborated, attended each other's classes and learned a lot from each other," states a press release.

"A little bit of sailing was also discussed."

Recognizing how their respective work complements each other, the two have since been training together and honing their skills.

Both are certified practitioners in their respective fields. Severson has a Pilates practice for group and private sessions on



COMBINING SKILLS: Anna Haltrecht, left, and Rheona Severson demonstrate Feldenlates, a combination of Pilates and Feldenkrais. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lautman Drive, incorporating Pilates equipment and mat work.

She is also on the board of the Pilates Association of Canada, whose mandate is to maintain a standard of professionalism in the community by offering its members ongoing development and training.

Severson has a background in physical education and has worked in the industry for over 25 years. Haltrecht is a Guild-certified

Feldenkrais practitioner and assistant trainer who has taught movement and dance for over 30 years. She is a Bones for Life trainer and offers a Bones for Life teacher training program.

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1500, 2 dr, 2wd, 8 cyl, 305, auto, Pgroup, Boxliner, A/C, Tilt, Cruise.
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4 dr, V6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power group, alloys, low kms.
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2002 HONDA ACCORD SE
4 dr, auto, p.group, A/C, Heated seats, CD/ Cass, sunroof, spoiler, alloy wheels.
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1997 BUICK REGAL GS
4 dr, auto, loaded, p.leather seats, alloys, CD / Cass.
\$8,888

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4 dr, auto, p.group, p.heated seats, sunroof, alloy wheels, rear spoiler.
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4 dr, 4wd, 8 cyl, auto, Fully loaded incl p.leather seats, Alloy wheels, running boards & tow package.
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