



Some critters like
this weather!
Sekoya Dawn
arts feature, PAGE B1

Be Safe...
Be Seen!
Safety Campaign, PAGE A19



Driftwood

GULF ISLANDS

S.S.I. HISTORICAL ARCHIVES
129 MCPHILLIPS AVE.
SALT SPRING ISLAND BC V8K 2T6

C-Comp

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960

Style on Salt Spring | B12

Inside Stories | A24 & B24

driftwood@gulfislands.net
www.gulfislands.net

Index

- Arts B1
- Classifieds B18
- Crossword B21
- Editorials A8
- Ferry Schedules A17
- Health B11
- Horoscope B22
- Letters A9
- Sports B7
- TV Listings B9
- What's On B16

MORTGAGE QUESTIONS?
... ask Arlene



Weather

Showers and rain
forecast right through
the weekend. Highs
to 9 C on Wednesday,
with lows to 0 C on
Friday.

Inserts

- Thrifty Foods
- Pharmasave
- Ganges Village Market
- Home Hardware
- Oystercatcher
- Mark's Work Wearhouse
- Discovery Honda

North End Fitness
537-5217

Protect
your
WEALTH
BMO Nesbit Burns
Jori Ganderton
537-1654

The Countdown is
on to Celebrate!

MOUAT'S
TRADING CO. LTD.

Rainbow Road light in the works

Ministry agrees to
fund half the cost of a
pedestrian light

By **STACY
CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

A pedestrian-controlled
traffic light could meet Salt

Spring streets sooner rather
than later thanks to the
Ministry of Transportation
(MOT) and a community
campaign.

Salt Spring's Chamber of
Commerce is heading up
fundraising to generate half
the cost of a crossing light at
the intersection of Rainbow
Road and Lower Ganges

Road, which is heavily used
by school students.

The offer in turn helped
secure MOT funding for the
other half of the crossing
light costs.

According to Peter McCul-
ly, the chamber's vice-presi-
dent of business, the Coins
for Crosswalks fundraising
campaign will kick off in

early December.

Murray Coell, MLA
for Saanich North and the
Islands, met with Transport
Minister Kevin Falcon on
November 1 to discuss a
range of issues pertaining
to the Gulf Islands. Topics
included the school-area
crosswalk and an increase in
funding for road paving on

Salt Spring and other south-
ern Gulf Islands.

During a phone interview
Friday, Coell said the minist-
ry does not feel the crossing
light "is warranted." Howev-
er, as the community clearly
feels otherwise, the ministry
has agreed to fund half the
cost.

CROSSWALK A2



WIND IN THE OAKS: Workers Ryan Walsh, left, and Arlie Manchur fight the wind and rain as they implement an irrigation system at a north Salt Spring property.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Rain still falling, but island's water clear

Is Salt Spring on a record-break-
ing roll for November rainfall?

Anything is possible, with more
than a week left in the month, but as
of Monday afternoon there was still
a ways to go to break the November
1983 record of 359.41 millimetres
(14.15 inches).

By 4 p.m. Monday, Ganges
weather observer Robert Aston had
recorded 276.6 millimetres (10.89
inches) of rain at his Douglas Road
property.

And for islanders wondering if
Salt Spring's drinking water should
be boiled, the North Salt Spring
Waterworks District (NSSWD) gen-

eral manager says the two major
lake water sources are perfectly safe
and not subject to the phenomenon
occurring in Vancouver.

"[Vancouver's system] suffers
from landslides into their dams dur-
ing this time of year and that's what
causes the turbidity."

Cloudy water has put a run on bot-
tled water supplies in Lower Main-
land stores.

"I'm surprised that a utility that
big doesn't have a filtration system,"
added Hutton.

"We do have the filtration plant on
St. Mary Lake so we can handle rea-
sonably high turbidity — although

probably not 90 NTU [Nephelomet-
ric turbidity units] if we had it."

St. Mary Lake was last measured at
about .3 NTU, with Maxwell Lake —
which doesn't have a filtration system
— at .78 NTU, well within the Cana-
dian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Hutton said TV reports about the
Vancouver situation are not clearly
explaining the water's "real prob-
lem."

"The problem is that the bacteria
can shield itself with that turbidity
against the disinfection process, so
you have to increase the disinfection
... boiling the water for a minute
will kill the bacteria."

Stormy weather also affected
island travellers on the weekend.

Passengers aboard B.C. ferries
7:15 a.m. Long Harbour sailing were
forced to return home Sunday morn-
ing after high winds in the Strait of
Georgia were deemed too dangerous
to complete the sailing.

"The winds were very, very
high," said Betsy Terpsma, B.C. Fer-
ries communications officer. "They
realized at Village Bay that they were
going to have to turn back."

Route 1 sailings from Swartz Bay
to Tsawwassen and Tsawwassen to
Duke Point were also cancelled on
the windy November 19 morning.

10% off Tuesdays (some restrictions apply)

GANGES VILLAGE MARKET

100% LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

OPEN DAILY 8am - 9pm

RED TAG PROMO IS HERE!
In support of Christmas Hampers & the SSI Food Bank, look for RED TAGS
Thank you... Every donation helps!

FRESH Japanese Mandarins \$5.97 Big 5lb box

CANADA POSTES CANADA

ICBC CLAIMS - PERSONAL INJURY

- 25 years successfully representing injured persons
- NO FEE until you collect
- Free confidential consultation

PAUL B. JOYCE
Barrister & Solicitor
(250) 537-4413 (24 hours)

The North End Fitness Xmas Fit Kit

Two Full Months Membership, Personalized Workout Program and a Whole Bunch of Extra Treats, all Beautifully Gift Boxed!

\$79.95
537-5217

CROSSWALK

From Page A1

Coell said similar pedestrian-controlled crossing lights in place throughout the Capital Regional District (CRD) have cost between \$45,000 and \$60,000, leaving the community with a bill of between \$22,500 and \$30,000.

The project, which has been in the works for a number of years, originated with former Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce director Kevin Bell. McCully picked up the project after Bell ran into problems.

"I just picked up all the correspondence and worked with Murray and Murray worked with me," said McCully.

Concern about the Rainbow-Lower Ganges crosswalk came to a head a year ago when two high school students were struck while crossing the road to access the water taxi in Ganges Harbour.

MOT staff are studying possible pedestrian light options and are expected to present the options to the chamber next week.

Coell was enthusiastic the discussion corresponded with the CRD's recent approval of \$30,000 in funding for a walking/cycling design study for downtown Ganges. The funding is compliments of the federal gas tax transfer to local governments.



STUDENT CROSSING: Outer Islands students arrive via water taxi and cross the crosswalk at the intersection of Lower Ganges and Rainbow Roads. Photo by Derrick Lundy

"It's good timing, I think, to start the discussion of pedestrian safety in the Ganges area," said Coell.

According to a report by local CRD director Gary Holman printed in the November 1 Driftwood, the study will look at "traffic calming facilities in the main travel corridors in Ganges... from GVM to Rainbow Road, as well as up Rainbow Road to the new recreation centre."

Holman said Tuesday the request for proposals to complete the study is being sent

out this week to a short list of architects that work with CRD transportation planners, and will be advertised in the Victoria Times-Colonist and the Driftwood.

Preliminary study results are expected around the end of February 2007, and will be followed by a public meeting or meetings, he said.

Holman also said he would consider an application for a grant-in-aid to contribute to the community's portion of the crosswalk light at Rainbow Road.

During their early November discussion, Coell also informed Falcon that an increase in paving funding is necessary for some of the Gulf Islands.

Coell said he investigated the situation with a contractor earlier this year, and found Salt Spring and Pender roads to be in the highest state of disrepair.

He hopes to see the increase in next year's road maintenance/paving budget, but was unsure of how much.

Stolen boat mystery solved by locals

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

A Victoria man is happy to have his sailboat back thanks in part to some detective work by local residents.

David Crawford's 22-foot sailboat was stolen from the Victoria Marina on October 12. When the vessel showed up in Salt Spring shortly after, Harbour Authority manager Bart Terwiel immediately knew something was up.

The driver of the boat, who called himself "Elijah," claimed he had inherited the boat from an uncle, said Terwiel last week.

As Crawford revealed during a phone interview last week, even getting the boat out of the harbour was quite a process.

Firstly, the Johnston Street Bridge had to be opened. Crawford said the thief telephoned the bridge operators and got them to open the bridge by using a fake name for the boat.

Crawford said it was a strange bout of bad luck that even allowed the boat to get through the gorge.

"I use that bridge a lot, but

the guy that knows me really well was off that week," he said.

The boat was also caught on security cameras at 1:25 p.m. heading east, and one of Crawford's friends spotted the boat as it sailed through the harbour, he said.

Even worse, the boat was pulled over by Transport Canada for heading through the float-plane landing zone. However, it was sent on its way after some helpful redirection.

Upon arriving on Salt Spring, Terwiel said Elijah paid the moorage but neglected the boat. He left a wet-suit and towels hanging in the rigging for days, and put both the boat and motor up for sale.

The motor was sold to a local resident for \$700. However, when the purchaser got the outboard home, he discovered the motor he had just purchased, purportedly from the '90s, was actually a 2005 model valued at approximately four times what he paid.

The purchaser went to Terwiel, who reported it to

the RCMP. At the time, said Terwiel, they were unable to do anything.

Next, local resident Warren Langley had a run-in with Elijah. As Langley explained last week, he gave Elijah a ride to the ferry.

"He looked like an average type of guy when I picked him up," said Langley.

When Langley discovered his \$600 digital camera was missing the next day, the only logical conclusion he could draw was that the man he had given a ride to had taken it.

Langley remembered Elijah told him he had a boat moored in the harbour. When he contacted Terwiel, the two realized they were dealing with the same guy.

Terwiel again went to the police.

But when Elijah did not return, Terwiel searched the boat and turned up a fishing licence with Crawford's name on it.

Terwiel contacted Crawford and discovered his boat had recently been stolen.

"I contacted everybody... I was almost ready to give up and I got a call from Bart on Halloween night," said

Crawford.

In response to Terwiel's report about Crawford, Salt Spring RCMP recovered the stolen boat on November 1 and it was returned to Crawford three days later.

The case has since been transferred to the Victoria Police Department. Local RCMP were unable to comment further.

Crawford gave a \$500 reward to the local gentleman who purchased the motor, and is looking to give him another \$200 to cover the entire amount he paid for the engine.

"Thanks to him, I got my boat back," said Crawford of the man.

Crawford happily discovered the majority of his possessions were still in the boat.

"He stole four of my hobbies at once: sailing, fishing, camping and surfing. I had all that kind of gear," said Crawford.

Terwiel said a boat valued at approximately \$100,000 and stolen from the U.S. was also recovered by the Harbour Authority last year.

Save 10% off all Honda Generators*

*IN STOCK MODELS ONLY

HONDA

HARBOURS END MARINE & EQUIPMENT
122 Upper Ganges Rd. at the head of Ganges Harbour
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 1pm
Saturdays 8:30am-1pm
537-4202

Tide Tables
AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet
Sponsored by Harbours End Marine & Equipment Ltd.

TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT
	m		ft
NOV 22	07:42 3.5	26	01:44 0.5
WE	12:32 3.1	SU	10:31 3.5
	15:16 3.1		11.5
	23:34 0.3	27	02:34 0.7
		MO	11:07 3.5
23	08:25 3.5		11.5
TH	13:42 3.1		7.9
	15:35 3.1		7.9
		28	03:28 1.0
24	00:14 0.3	TU	11:39 3.5
FR	09:09 3.5		11.5
			18:51 2.1
25	00:57 0.4		6.9
SA	09:51 3.5		7.2

New!
Book your flight on-line
(Ganges ↔ Vancouver)

We're all about the Islands

- 6 scheduled flights daily between Ganges and Vancouver Airport
- Newest, fastest and quietest Seaplane fleet in Canada
- Free parking and free shuttle bus to main YVR terminal and bus exchange
- Frequent flyer discount
- Charter flights available to other destinations, including USA.

For scheduled flight info call
1-800-447-3247

or visit our website at
seairseaplanes.com

Seair SEAPLANES
Our Islands. Our World.

Map labels: NANAIMO (Departure Bay), THETIS ISLAND, GALIANO ISLAND, VANCOUVER, SEAIR TERMINAL AT VANCOUVER INT'L AIRPORT, MAYNE ISLAND, MINER'S BAY, LYALL HARBOR, SATURNA ISLAND, NORTH PENDER ISLAND, SALT SPRING ISLAND, GANGES HARBOR, MONTAGUE HARBOR, PORT WASHINGTON, TELEGRAPH HARBOR.



AT HOME AT ARTSPRING: ArtSpring's new executive director, George Sipos, stands outside the Ganges arts centre. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Sipos arrival marked at ArtSpring's AGM

By **DAWN HAGE**
Driftwood Staff

A larger than usual turnout at ArtSpring's AGM on Sunday was likely due to the appearance of new executive director George Sipos. Islanders were anxious to meet and get to know the personable director, who formally began his tenure on Monday, November 20.

Sipos arrived on Salt Spring Saturday night, just in time for the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Island Arts Centre Society (IACS). Described as a "people person," Sipos mingled with the crowd at a reception following the AGM and many attendees took the opportunity to talk

to him at that time.

"We were really happy to welcome him here on Sunday," said ArtSpring board member Pip Moore. "I know that he encourages island groups and individuals to call and come in and talk to him about their ideas."

The new IACS board of directors roster includes both continuing appointments and new faces. Continuing into a second term are: George Ehring, Sharon Farquharson, John Stewart and Jane Winter. All will be serving on at least two committees as that is a requirement of membership on the ArtSpring board.

Judy Norget, Wendy Kennedy and Pip Moore remain on board as they are just

completing the first year of their two-year terms. Retiring members are Gary Brady, Ron Martin, Norbert Schlenker and Carole Watson.

New faces for the two-year term are: Scott Howe, Judy Nurse and Lyle Eide. In addition, two one-year positions were created to ensure that no more than three people leave the board at the same time. These appointments were filled by Terry Bolton and Phyllis Holmquist.

After annual reports were delivered, votes and nominations taken and certificates for departing members presented, the group retired to the reception where Sipos was warmly welcomed by his new community.

Island emergency operations centre activated following Japan earthquake

Salt Spring's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated last Wednesday after a post-earthquake "tsunami watch" went into effect on the B.C. coast.

Fire chief Dave Enfield, who is also the island's emergency program coordinator, was notified at home at 4:17 a.m. that an 8.1-magnitude earthquake had hit the Kuril Islands in Russia, near

Japan.

"It was unknown if a tidal wave had been generated," said Enfield.

After arriving at the Ganges fire hall, Enfield had the dispatch centre contact West Shore RCMP to ensure Salt Spring Sgt. Danny Willis had been advised of the potential emergency.

"Pat Donnelly was contacted and the EOC was

opened at 05:45 hours. Monitoring of information led to the watch being cancelled officially through the Provincial Emergency Program at 6:41 a.m."

As predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. government, tsunami effects were expected to reach Tofino at about 10:17 a.m. that morning.

GUESS
watches

frankly scarlet
jewellery & objets d'art

Grace Point Square
537 9500

You Who..?

Winner for October: Carol Tabbers

Your name will be entered in a monthly draw for a return trip for one to Vancouver.

COME TO THE SS AIR OFFICE TO ENTER
Grace Pt. Square, 3102-115 Fulford Ganges Rd.

Three times daily to Downtown Vancouver & Vancouver Airport

- Departing **GANGES**
7:40am Mon-Sat/10:45am Sun-Fri/2:30pm Daily
- Departing **DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER**
8:45am Mon-Sat/11:55am Sun-Fri
3:45pm Daily
- Departing **VANCOUVER AIRPORT**
9:15am Mon-Sat/12:25pm Sun-Fri
4:15pm Daily

SALTSPRINGAIR
book online: www.saltspringair.com or give us a call 537-9880

terra firma
BUILDERS LTD.
www.sirewall.com
537-9355

AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY

tgif!
tgif!
tgif!
tgif!
tgif!
tgif!
tgif!

CAREGIVER REQUIRED

A rewarding opportunity is available to provide long-term, quality care to a 40-year old male with Down Syndrome who requires support in his own home on Salt Spring Island.

Extensive experience supporting adults with intellectual disabilities and health care needs in a residential setting is required. You must also hold a valid drivers license.

Please send a detailed resume including references, and a covering letter by Nov. 24 to:

#106 - 7088 Venture St.,
Delta, BC V4G 1H5
nelliott@permasteel.com
fax to 604-946-7785

SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE
537-5888

vancouver victoria nanaimo richmond gulf islands

Two routes... your choice!

250-537-5525 www.harbourair.ca

Get to **Downtown Vancouver or Richmond & Vancouver Airport** the quick and easy way — fly Harbour Air. Choose the route that works best for you and your busy schedule.
Book, Board and Fly... *It's that simple!*

TO VANCOUVER **\$74** ONE WAY PLUS GST
TO RICHMOND **\$69** ONE WAY PLUS GST

YOUR CHOICE
GULF ISLANDS TO DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER OR
GULF ISLANDS TO RICHMOND & VANCOUVER AIRPORT

HARBOUR AIR SEAPLANES
YOUR SEAPLANE PROFESSIONALS

Audience of 150 takes in talk on 'other Afghanistan'

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

The Grey Cup and a rain-free afternoon were no competition for two engaging and passionate speakers who appeared on Salt Spring Sunday afternoon.

More than 150 islanders filled the Harbour House Green Room to hear Hon. Flora MacDonald and Homayra Etemadi as they detailed efforts to help people of rural Afghanistan through the Future Generations organization.

Moderator Allan Shewchuk thanked Lynn Demers and media coordinator Traci Hickson for organizing the event, and Jack and Glenda Woodward, Harbour House owners, for donating the meeting room before introducing Etemadi and MacDonald.

Wishing that he had "100 bagpipers" to celebrate her appearance, Shewchuk described MacDonald as not only the face of Future Generations but also the face of Canada, filled with a Scot's fierce pride and "brave, with lots of heart."

MacDonald expressed frustration with media coverage of Afghanistan focusing on military and conflict elements while ignoring the rural population's extreme needs.

"I think Canadians are getting a distorted picture of what Afghanistan is like," she said. "The focus is on Kandahar and while I support the work that the military have to do, it is just one of 34 provinces. They should all be equally of interest."

She referred to these rural and overlooked areas as the "other Afghanistan."

A slide show titled Challenges and Realities showed ruins and destruction from war years, the rebuilding of the last five years and the contrast between city development and rural areas where much of the devastation remains.

Ongoing Future Generations projects were pictured



EYES ON AFGHANISTAN: Attending Sunday's Future Generations event were, from left, Pat Blocksom, Homayra Etemadi, (director of Future Generations Afghanistan), Traci Hickson, (director of development and communications), Hon. Flora MacDonald, chair of Future Generations, and islander Lynn Demers.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

and discussed, with grassroots schools, kitchen gardens, poultry raising for food and income, sewing, tree planting for fuel and education programs that enable women to lead their communities in maternal and health care programs.

Roads in rural Afghanistan are rocky, winding and treacherous, and shots of women and children riding on donkeys — the most viable mode of transportation — were poignant and moving.

MacDonald and Future Generations have inspired young men returning from conscripted military service to continue their education and build their own schools brick by brick in the far reaches of the valley provinces. Of 75 villages in the valleys, 72 have recently elected councils and set up programs for themselves that include banning guns and poppies.

MacDonald hopes developing national parks in Afghanistan will preserve the region's beauty and provide employment and tourism dollars.

"In 1870 John A. MacDonald enacted legislation to be able to set aside land in Banff and Jasper. The same thing could happen in Afghanistan."

Next on the podium was Homayra Etemadi, a native of Afghanistan

with a degree in anthropology and decades of experience in humanitarian and governmental positions. She is country program director for Future Generations Afghanistan.

"This builds confidence in a way that just being a recipient of aid does not."
— Homayra Etemadi

Etemadi described the Afghanistan of her childhood, with lush pomegranate orchards, fields and running bodies of fresh water. When she returned during the occupation of the Taliban, she was horrified by the ruin, desolation and destruction.

She discussed the struggle with the drug trade and war lords in local communities and small successes encouraging men to "put arms down to pick up shovels."

"We need to encourage this throughout the country," she said. "Peace cannot be achieved by force."

"Future Generations does not provide easy solutions, but allows the people to decide for themselves what they want to do and how they want to do it. This builds confidence in a way

that just being a recipient of aid does not."

Etemadi stressed that the top issues for all communities are health, education, water and employment. Marketing women's handicrafts and artwork were also discussed as another way to earn a living. She saw a parallel with the artisans of Salt Spring.

"We can all be agents of change," she concluded. "I hope that I have touched your heart."

After a raffle draw, a brief question and answer period aired concerns about land mines, poisoned water supplies, women's traditional roles and poppies in both their criminal and medicinal aspects. Microcredit for women was also raised as a solution that works well in other countries.

When asked how islanders can make a difference, MacDonald replied that both funding and sharing information are equally important.

"You can't run an organization without the finances to support the programs," she said. "And I would love to see people talking about what Future Generations is doing in Afghanistan. Getting the name out and known is so important."

For more information about Future Generations projects, visit www.future.org.



15 years of
Real Estate Experience

25 years of
Island Life

carol FOWLES SALT SPRING REALTY • 537-5515
www.carolfowles.com

ROYAL LEPAGE

www.mls.ca • email: cfowles@saltspring.com



BERKSHIRE
SECURITIES INC.

**Local Professionals
you can count on!**

"We have been extremely impressed by Martin's Financial expertise and his commitment to providing excellent client service."

Tom & Leah Woods

Rocky Kinahan
Administrative Assistant

Martin Hoogerdyk
Certified Financial Planner

537-1730

GRACE POINT SQUARE
mhoogerdyk@berkshire.ca



WEST WIND
HARDWOOD INC.

Custom Flooring
Specializing in custom Wide Plank
Clear Douglas Fir

- Brand name flooring available
- Over 50 Hardwood & Softwood species in stock

1-800-667-2275

#5 - 10189 McDonald Park Road, Sidney, BC



New Hot Meals

NOW SERVING:

- Hot Breakfast Sandwich
- Lasagna's
- Chicken Wings
- Stuffed Baked Potatoes

as well as our great soups, salads,
custom sandwiches and chilis!

*P.S. Don't forget all the
natural goodness at the bakery*



at the bottom of Ganges Hill • 537-5611

**We offer you our best rate
.... the first time!**

Posted GIC rates as of November 21, 2006

	ISCU	BMO	CIBC	Our Rates
30 day	2.25%	2.25%	2.15%	3.90%
60 day	2.25%	2.25%	2.15%	4.00%
90 day	2.25%	2.35%	2.25%	4.05%
120 day	2.25%	2.35%	2.25%	3.90%

OceansWest
INSURANCE BROKERS

Call Mafalda or stop by
for more information

537-1730 • Grace Point Square

We Only deal with Members of Canada's Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC)

>>>Salt Spring Solution

smart for two

- 70 miles/gallon • Diesel powered
- Low emissions (90g/100km CO₂)
- Coupe or Cabriolet

.....from **\$16,700** plus freight and pdi

SEVERAL AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW



For more information call
James Goodman

Three Point Motors 1-888-215-1175

email: jgoodman@threepointmotors.com

smart

open your mind.

New superintendent impressed with 'nurturing' school district

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Desk, chair, computer. Family photos, pens and pencils. Paper, day planner and . . . fluorescent pink-handled safety scissors? Not something you expect to find in every superintendent's office.

But that's what you see on School District 64's new superintendent Jeff Hopkins' desk, thanks to his comedic co-workers.

"I'm not very old," joked Hopkins during an interview at his office two weeks ago.

It seems his co-workers thought that might be a bit of an understatement.

Thirty-eight-year-old Hopkins took over the role of district superintendent in August. But although he may be on the young side, his experience as a teacher, principal and guidance counsellor has more than prepared him for the job.

Furthermore, with his age also comes enthusiasm.

"I wanted to be involved with a place that was ethically and philosophically very strong, that was getting results that no one can argue," said Hopkins of his reason for applying for the superintendent's position which was vacated by the retiring Wendy Herbert.

Hopkins sees the district as very nurturing to students, fostering development through ties to the community and catering to individual needs while not "testing [students] to death."

He believes that students are generally capable of more than the education system gives them credit for and that students can meet their potential if teachers are willing to work from said



ON THE NEW JOB: Gulf Islands School District Superintendent Jeff Hopkins holds up his fluorescent pink scissors and discusses his new job. Photo by Derrick Lundy

student's level.

"Every student is different, therefore teaching needs to be a very individualized art," he said.

Hopkins said SD64 has managed to excel and set a positive example for other districts.

"I don't think the school district realizes what it has. It's almost an unconscious strength," he said, citing Galiano Island Community School's multi-grade classrooms, and the island community's involvement in the curriculum, as examples.

Hopkins said the "flat hierarchy," which he sees as inherent in the Gulf Islands, has fostered differentiated instruction, a teaching style where teachers partially "let go" of control in a classroom and allow students to facilitate their own learning.

As people on the Gulf Islands aren't big on having authority over others and instead prefer to work together to achieve goals, this type of instruction has blossomed here quite by accident and "spilled over into the school system," said Hopkins.

But Hopkins is also aware of the district's challenges, including the isolation and transportation difficulties that result from living on islands, as well as a shrinking school-aged population.

One issue that he is still on the fence about is the infamous four-day school week.

"I'm being convinced, although I haven't drawn a conclusion."

While realizing the challenges of the four-day week, Hopkins said much of the feedback he has received has been positive.

"Having that three-day refresh period seems to be really good for middle and high school students," he said.

In addition, many parents of elementary school-aged students say they like having an extra day to spend with their kids, said Hopkins.

More importantly, it is the quality of the instruction our students receive, rather than the quantity, he said.

"When you're seeing quality programming, I don't think it matters how many days you go."

Hopkins said he enjoys his position, as it allows him to be involved with students of all ages, as well as teachers.


"I like facilitating their hopes and goals," he said.

Although much of his time to date has been spent in the office during what he calls the "bean counting months" of September and October, Hopkins hopes this proportion will get better as the school year goes on.

In his free time, he enjoys writing of all kinds and playing music.

Hopkins and wife Helen have two children, five-year-old Brennan and five-month-old Jane.

Bookkeeping, Payroll and Tax Services



David Waddington
Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor

QuickBooks Setup and Training
Personalized Tutoring • Ongoing Support

537-0854

Specializing In Small Business

BELLAVANCE WELDING LTD.

Quality Boat Building & Fabrication in Aluminium & Steel Since 1973



- portable welding on land or sea
- custom fabrication in aluminium and steel
- driveway gates
- marine ramps and walkways
- fuel tanks
- railings
- truck racks and boxes
- garden gates and arbours

If you can think of it, we can make it!

1229 Mt. Maxwell Rd.
Shop Tel/Fax 537-4411 • Cell (604) 880-3896
bellavancewelding@telus.net

The perfect little getaway starts at just \$69.*

It's value season at Accent Inns – the perfect time to escape to your favourite BC destination. Enjoy the best of the season: the sights, the sports, the shopping – or just kick back and relax. At the end of your perfect day, your spotlessly clean room, comfy bed and our friendly staff will be waiting for you. See you soon!



Accent Inns
quality where it counts

1-800-663-0298
accentinns.com
Canadian owned and operated.

* Rates vary by location. Based on double occupancy. Valid weekends only to March 31, 2007.

Victoria • Vancouver • Kamloops • Kelowna

October crashes drop by one-third

Car accidents on Salt Spring were down by 36 per cent during the month of October compared to the previous year.

The drop corresponds with the Zero Crash Month challenge promotion developed by the Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC), the provincial government and police to raise awareness of the impact crashes have on people, families and communities.

Salt Spring drivers are

involved in an average of 49 vehicle accidents during most Octobers, reports ICBC.

That number is below the provincial average of 54, but higher than Vancouver Island's average of 41.

Although Salt Spring experienced a substantial decrease in total crashes, the community of Hope won the challenge in the category group (5,001 to 10,000 people), with a total reduction of 51 per cent.

As a result, the municipality of Hope received a road safety grant of \$18,000.

According to ICBC, 172 communities signed up for the Zero Crash Month community challenge. Early results show an approximate 10 per cent reduction in total crashes for the month of October, however, final numbers are not yet available as motorists continue to report claims from that period.

For more information, go to www.icbc.com.


Driftwood incorrectly stated that only an appeal by IRAHVOL will be heard by the B.C. Court of Appeal. The same appeal ground was accepted for IRAHVOL's Tsawwassen

counterpart. As well, IRAHVOL decided to not advise property owners to decline requests for discussions with B.C. Hydro or B.C. Transmission Corporation staff.

FOR THE RECORD

An article in last week's

Selling? Buying? Call me today for award-winning, professional service. You will be listened to and treated well. That's a promise!



Kerry Chalmers 537-1201 (pager)

Island Quest Realty Ltd. www.gulfislandsrealestate.com

TROUBLED BY UNSIGHTLY SMALL LEG VEINS?

See us for a solution.

Call 537-4066 for an appointment

Let's Face It **NON-SURGICAL AESTHETICS**

More of the *Personal Touch You Deserve*

With our MOBILE SERVICE, we can deliver the same great product as any other store, with less overhead. The result; SAVE MONEY without sacrificing quality. Choose Saffron's knowledgeable, professional staff to provide you with a personal interior décor consultation and estimate in your own home. We specialize in custom work, drapery, bedding and carry a wide selection of Hunter Douglas products.

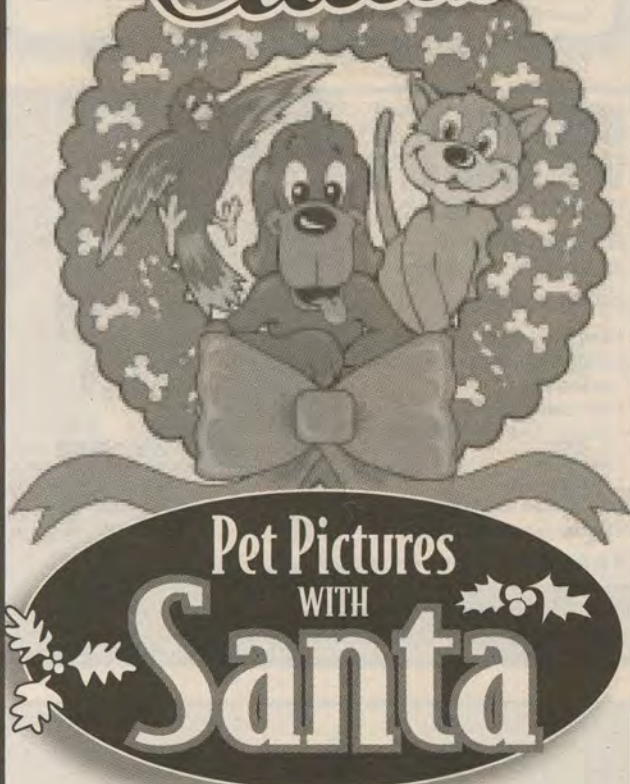


up to **50% OFF** selected blinds, shades & drapery

SAFFRON HunterDouglas
Window Fashion & Drapery
www.saffronwindows.com
TOLL FREE: 1-877-744-2522 OR 744-2523

* Free installation on orders over \$1,000

Paws & Claws



**Saturday
December 9th
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

no appointment necessary



LOWER MALL

**ONLY
\$15** per photo

net proceeds to
Salt Spring S.P.C.A.

BONUS

Your pet picture will also be published in the Driftwood, Wednesday Dec. 13th

Dress up your pet!

presented by:

Enter to win prizes!

Bosley's
PET FOOD PLUS

Home
hardware



Driftwood
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1980

Thrifty Foods unveils changes to non-profits' charity program

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
Driftwood Staff

Thrifty Foods shoppers might have noticed the recent replacement of the Community Chest board at the Ganges location.

In its place now hangs an advertisement for the Smile Card program.

Store manager Mike Boizard said the change is taking place throughout all Thrifty Foods stores.

"I hate to be too hard on [Thrifty Foods] because they're trying to help, trying to give, but I struggle with some parts of the program."
Rob Grant

The Smile Card program "is basically the way our entire company has gone in terms of monitoring and tracking the [fundraising] program," said Boizard.

The program is meant to streamline the donation process and ensure all organizations are judged on the same criteria.

Vivian Chenard, sponsorship manager with Thrifty Foods, said the Smile Card program is three years old but because Community Chest was used in several locations, including Salt

Spring, many groups chose not to use the cards.

Stores in Courtenay and Campbell River are also facing similar situations, said Boizard.

According to Chenard, shoppers in Victoria, where the program has been firmly in place for a few years, are fond of the card.

She believes that once Salt Springers are familiar with the new program, they will "understand what we're trying to do to help the community."

But some Salt Spring community groups are concerned about the change.

"I hate to be too hard on [Thrifty Foods] because they're trying to help, trying to give, but I struggle with some parts of the program," said Salt Spring Community Service executive director Rob Grant.

The old Community Chest program worked by assigning a number to every organization that applied for one. At the checkout, shoppers stated the number of a charity and Thrifty Foods then donated one per cent of the total cost of the shopper's groceries to the group.

With the new Smile Card program, charities must apply annually for funding. The funds generated must be used towards a single initiative, and not towards an organization's salaries or operating costs. The group must also set a fundraising goal.

Once approved, a set number of Smile Cards are distributed to a group adminis-

trator, who gives them out to interested shoppers.

Shoppers than pre-load the cards. Five per cent of the total amount that is loaded onto the card is deposited into the organization's account. For every \$1,000 deposited, five per cent is given to the organization at regular intervals during the approved fundraising period.

Once a group's fundraising goal has been met, it will no longer receive funding, even if shoppers continue to use the cards.

Grant expressed the most concern about the latter policy.

As the organization must do the legwork and find shoppers willing to use the program, it means an increased workload for the community group. If the fundraising goal is met, or the time period expired, the shopper is no longer raising funds for the organization, but is simply using a Thrifty Foods loyalty card, said Grant.

"We have done the work with the guise that the money is going to charity, but it's not [necessarily]... I think there's some ethics that I struggle with," said Grant.

Karen Hudson, Salt Spring Island Conservancy's executive director, expressed other concerns.

Although the conservancy is extremely thankful for all the fundraising and support it receives from Thrifty Foods, Hudson is worried the Smile Card program will lead to a decrease in funding.

The 850 conservancy members may have chosen to support a number of charities in the past and may not be willing to solely support the conservancy, or may already have Smile Cards for other groups, she said.

But Chenard said shoppers can still donate to as many charities as they want, providing they have a separate card for each group.

However, Hudson thinks carrying a number of cards is awkward and unrealistic.

"I really don't think anyone is going to carry several of those things in their wallet," said Hudson.

Grant said this might also encourage competition between charities.

"I guess there's always competition out there, but now it's very overt," said Grant.

As well, it could be harder for some groups to receive funding.

In the past, the conservancy used Thrifty proceeds for costs that will no longer qualify for funding.

"We used our Community Chest money for our operating costs, which are harder to fund and usually not grant supported," said Hudson.

Boizard estimates the names of close to 100 organizations were on the old Community Chest board.

Chenard said Thrifty Foods is sorting its way through at least 20 applications and none have been declined to date.

In support of all those little things we still need for the pool.

SSPLASH Presents:

MEN À LA MODE

Thursday, Nov. 30/06

5:30-10:00 pm

Harbour House

Dinner/Open Bar/Fashion Show & Prizes

Tickets \$ 40.00

Available at Curves
or from Mary (537-4464)

it's fun...
it's free...
it's friday!

THE DRIFTWOOD'S
tgif!

Available all over Salt Spring

Fall Decorating Sale!

**15 to 50% OFF
Hunter Douglas Blinds**

- Silhouette Shades
- Luminette Shades
- Vignette Shades
- Woven Woods
- Wood Blinds
- Venetian Blinds
- Pleated Shades
- Roman Shades
- Vertical Blinds
- Cellular Blinds
- Roller Shades
- Motorization

**Drapery & Upholstery
Fabrics**

30% OFF!

Robert Allen

At Home Collection

FREE SHOP AT
HOME SERVICE

2745 BRIDGE STREET

384-1230

www.ruffell-brown.com



**RUFFELL
& BROWN**
INTERIORS



Judge parks offending drivers

Several islanders pleaded guilty to alcohol-related driving offences at Ganges Provincial Court on November 14.

Islander Janet Harvey received the mandatory-minimum sentence of a \$690 fine and a one-year driving ban when she pleaded guilty to the criminal charge of failure or refusal to provide a breath sample.

Crown counsel Barbara Penty informed court that Harvey drove through an RCMP roadblock without stopping and then repeatedly refused to provide a breath sample when police stopped her on December 24, 2005.

"She claimed she had an expensive lawyer who would 'get her off,'" said Penty.

Speaking in response to charges, Harvey told Judge Keith Bracken that she had spent 45 days at a treatment centre since the arrest.

"I've made a conscious decision to make a change,"

COURT DOCKET

Harvey said.

Criminal charges were dropped against local resident William Proudfoot moments before a trial was set to commence when he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Court heard that witnesses had observed Proudfoot driving erratically along Fulford-Ganges Road at 2 p.m. on December 8, 2005.

Penty reported that Proudfoot provided blood-alcohol samples of 0.170 and 0.160 when police stopped him.

Defence counsel Robert Claus indicated that Proudfoot suffered from a sleeping disorder at the time of the offence and could only get rest by drinking until he was comatose.

He had been woken up in that state and "went into autopilot," he said.

Claus appealed for a stay of proceedings on the related criminal offence because Proudfoot has homes and employment at various locations around the world and "a criminal conviction would make horrendous difficulties to his travels."

Judge Bracken sentenced Proudfoot to serve a one-year probation, a one-year driving ban, to pay a \$690 fine and attend alcohol counselling as directed.

Criminal charges of failure or refusal to provide a breath sample were also dropped against Paul Rein just before trial when the islander pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due care and consideration.

Court heard that Rein failed to provide a sufficient breath sample after Salt Spring RCMP stopped him on December 27, 2005.

Defence counsel Dale Marshall noted that Rein has been taking morphine for the past 10 years as pain medi-

cation related to a motorcycle crash and noted that the defendant's arm was amputated in April 2005.

Judge Bracken ordered Rein to pay a \$600 fine and limited his driving privileges on Salt Spring such that he can only drive to and from the Long Harbour or Fulford ferry terminals to attend medical appointments or visit his mother in Vancouver.

Daryl Fletcher received a \$500 fine and a three-month driving prohibition when he pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Court heard that Fletcher did not possess a driver's licence when he was stopped on September 22, 2006 because he previously pleaded guilty to impaired driving charges in June.

Fletcher indicated that he only drove on the date in question because he needed to take his wife to a medical appointment and no other driver was available.

Quilting...think SAWYERS

"Quilter on the go"

ONLY 11 POUNDS!

FROM \$288

only one of many different models to choose from

SAWYER SEWING CENTRE

3400 Douglas • 1-888-229-2266
www.sawyersewing.com

Beacon Inn at Sidney

The area's only 5-star Canada Select Accommodation

★★★★★

GIFT SHOPPING? CATCHING AN EARLY FLIGHT? JUST NEED A GETAWAY?

BOOK AND STAY BEFORE DEC. 21 AND RECEIVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS.

1 night stay 20% OFF
2 night stay 50% OFF the second night
3 night stay 100% OFF the third night

9724 3rd St., Sidney | 1.877.420.5499 | www.beaconinns.com

Art...music...food...friends ...at home in The Gulf Islands

AQUA
GULF ISLANDS LIVING
WINTER 2006

Keith Holmes irresistible Santa

A Beatrix Potter island farm

Abraham Ruben tells tales with stone

Hearth Warming
Steamy Christmas stories, recipes and rap from island kitchens

ARTS | PEOPLE | HOMES | FOOD | FESTIVITIES | GETAWAYS

Look for our Christmas issue published Nov. 22

featuring **Rita Dods** and many other island personalities

Aqua is distributed throughout the Gulf Islands, Victoria and select locations on Vancouver Island.

Next issue March 2007 - Ad deadline February 9



PETER McCully
SALES MANAGER



RICK MacKinnon
ADVERTISING SALES



ANDREA Rabinovitch
ADVERTISING SALES



TRACY Stibbards
ADVERTISING SALES

PH: 537.9933

AQUA
GULF ISLANDS LIVING

TOLL FREE: 1.877.537.9934

Published by the Driftwood | www.gulfislands.net | sales@gulfislands.net

The Salt Spring Library Board and the Friends of the Library wish to thank those who supported our recent Celebrate the Library event at ArtSpring.

- To Arthur Black and Valdy for their ongoing support, and for sharing their talent with us.
- To all those who bid on the auction items, and to those who were successful.
- To those who so generously donated the wonderful refreshments: Embe Bakery, Ganges Village Market, Thrifty Foods, Moonstruck Cheese, Salt Spring Cheese, Friends of the Library
- To those who generously donated items for the silent auction: Auntie Pesto's Cafe & Deli, Bank of Montreal, Robert Bateman, Bonacres Farm, The Bread Lady, Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art Gallery, Andrea Collins, Hastings House, Hepburn Tree Farm, Jana's Bake Shop, Jean Knight & Paula Kiffner, Warren Langley, Love My Kitchen, Northend Fitness, Kathy Page, Sabine's Fine Used Books, Salt Spring Books, Salt Spring Natureworks Natural Foods, Salt Spring Roasting Company, Salt Spring Woodworkers, Studio One, The Tattoo Place
- To those who generously donated door prizes: Aroma Crystal Therapy, Curves, Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, Pat Fraser, Tom Koppel, Love My Kitchen, Mark's Work Wearhouse, Salt Spring Gelato Delizioso, Salt Spring Soap Works, Sea Change Seafoods, The Tea Cozy
- To those who helped organize this successful event.
- To all those who, by their attendance, demonstrated their support for the Library - "Yours, Mine and Ours".

Thanks to Everyone, we raised enough at the Celebration to put the land acquisition campaign over the top.



SIDNEY AUTO SALES

Friendly Downtown Sidney Corner of 4th & Bevan ...so close to great savings!



2004 CHEV CAVALIER
4 cyl, auto, only 27k..... \$10,995



1991 PONTIAC SUNFIRE CONVERTIBLE 111k.....\$4,995

NEW STOCK

1996 SATURN, LOADED 4 CYL, AUTO..... \$4,995
2002 PONTIAC SUNFIRE, 4 CYL, AUTO, LOW K'S. \$7,995
1997 CHEV EXT CAB PICKUP, 6 CYL, AUTO \$8,995
1998 MAZDA PROTEGE, 4 CYL, AUTO, LOW K'S .. \$6,995
1999 CHEV MALIBU, 4 CYL, AUTO, 41K \$8,995
1998 MAZDA PROTEGE, NEW PRICE..... \$5,995

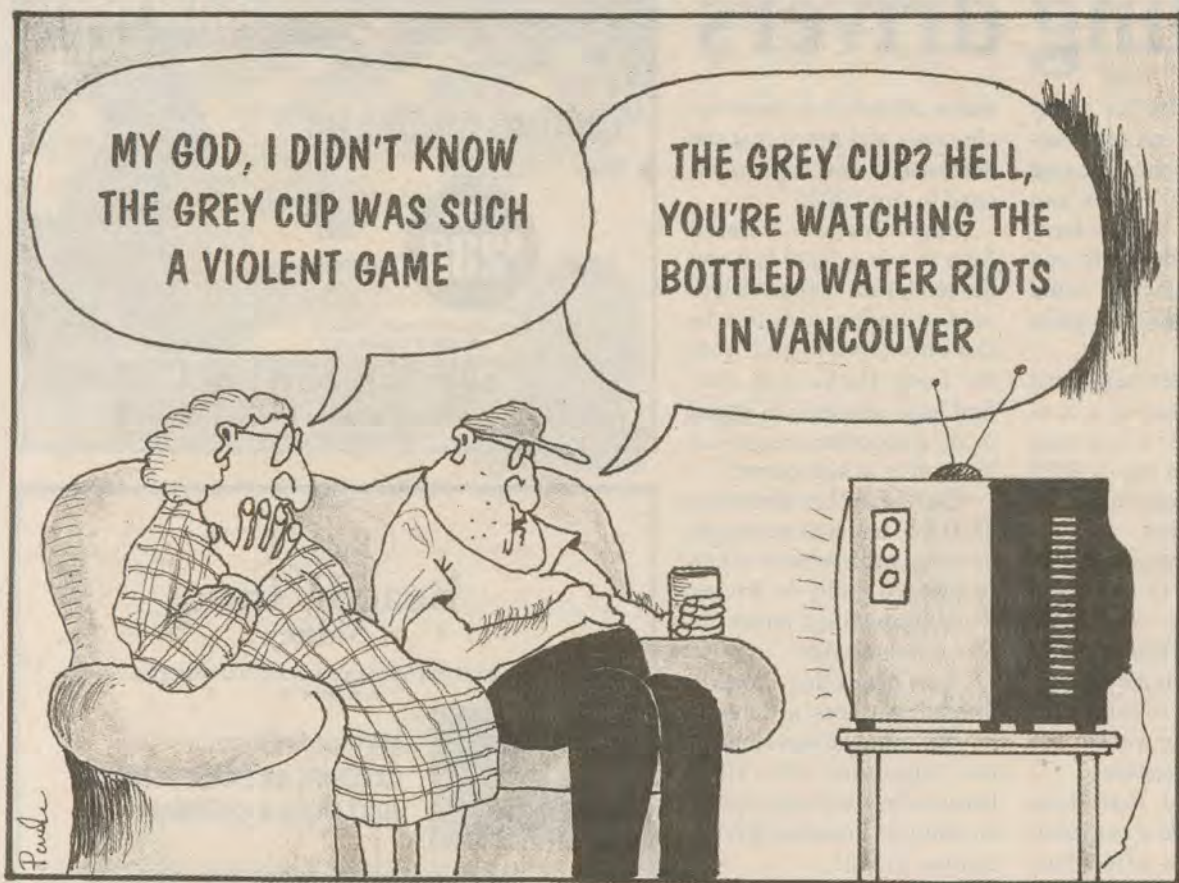
CASH FOR CARS! Car buyer on duty
Phone: 655-0611 Fax: 655-0612



1993 CHEV S-10 4X4
Auto, 131k..... \$5,995



1999 PONTIAC TRANSPORT
Loaded, only 73k..... \$9,995



Foundation of success

An event hosted by the Salt Spring Island Foundation (SSIF) earlier this month drove home what a gem of support for non-profit groups and community projects we have on the island.

Some 12 groups received cheques for specific projects from the SSIF, bringing the 2006 total to \$91,000 for 23 groups.

As the foundation's endowment fund hovers at \$2 million, SSIF is able to distribute almost \$100,000 to all-local causes in a year, and can on occasion consider larger project contributions, such as major upgrades to historic halls, for example.

When it comes to pinpointing the foundation's success, anyone involved will say that its chairman emeritus Bob Rush, who retired from the chair's position earlier this year but remains on the grants advisory committee, is largely responsible.

Since he's not one to sashay through the limelight, the November 9 SSIF event at ArtSpring was a perfect way to honour Rush for giving so much time and care to a noble island cause in his 15 years as its chair. (A position thrust upon him by John Crofton in 1991, he notes.)

Rush ensured an endowment fund was created, assembled a stellar team of trustees (and Patrick Lee's fund-managing abilities were particularly noted) and nurtured relationships with donors, while clearly maintaining a course that ensured all of the island could benefit when the grants were disbursed.

Foundation grant lists have always included groups working for seniors, youth, families, the environment, schools, recreation and overall infrastructure. This non-partisan, open-arms philosophy is refreshing. It means one doesn't have to embrace a particular philosophy to be inspired to donate. We hope SSIF continues to function in the same spirit for years to come.

A great documentary by Ryan Fogarty on creation of Salt Spring's skatepark shown at the ArtSpring event was poignant testimony to the SSIF's various grants to the project over the years.

Driftwood
GULF ISLANDS
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960

President Frank Richards
Publisher Penny Sakamoto
Managing Editor Gail Sjuberg
Advertising Manager Peter McCully
Advertising Rick MacKinnon, Tracy Stibbards, Andrea Rabinovitch
Editorial: Sean McIntyre, Susan Lundy, Stacy Cardigan Smith, Dawn Hage, Elizabeth Nolan
Photographer Derrick Lundy
Accounting/Circulation Claudia French, Eva Kuhn, Brett MacDougall
Production Manager Lorraine Sullivan
Production Kaye Segee, Stacy Cardigan Smith, Nick Sullivan

Published every Wednesday by Driftwood Publishing Ltd.
328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3
Office Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
Phone: 250-537-9933 Fax: 250-537-2613 Toll-free: 1-877-537-9934
E-mail: driftwood@gulfislands.net, website: www.gulfislands.net

Yearly Subscription Rates
In the Gulf Islands \$50.83* Elsewhere in Canada \$85.60*
6 months elsewhere in Canada \$58.85* Outside Canada \$179.00
*Includes GST
This newspaper acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada, through the Publications Assistance Program (PAP), toward its mailing costs.
Publications Mail Registration No. 08149
International Standard Serial Number 1198-7782

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada
Canadian Community Newspapers Association
B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association, B.C. Press Council

More letters

Are you prepared?

With the recent weather systems wreaking havoc throughout Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, your local emergency program is asking "Are you prepared?"

It has been widely suggested in the past that everyone be prepared for three days on their own, meaning enough emergency supplies

so that you can be self-sufficient. Here on Salt Spring Island we have been advising that everyone should be ready for double that time, or six days of supplies. At a recent meeting of regional emergency coordinators in Victoria it was suggested that the three-day period was not enough and that it should be doubled for all of British Columbia.

If emergency coordinators in populated areas are suggesting that their residents "be prepared" for six days, your local emergency plan-

ning team will be advising you to be ready for at least eight to 10 days.

On another note, while travelling to this meeting along Fulford-Ganges Road, I watched to see how many addresses I could easily see, travelling at the speed limit on a bright sunny Thursday afternoon, and was surprised to see an unusually high number of unmarked driveways.

Civic addresses are to be displayed so they are visible from both directions of travel from the road. They are to be posted at a height

of between one and two metres. If reflective material is used, the numbers must be at least 6.5 cm in height and if non-reflective numbers are used they must be 15 cm in height and on a contrasting background.

If the first responders, BCAS/Fire/RCMP, can't find you, we can't help you in your time of need.

For more information, you can log on to the Provincial Emergency Plan website, www.pep.bc.ca or contact your local emergency planning team through the fire hall.

Your local team is still looking for persons interested in assisting them with the Neighbourhood Pod Captain program. Again, contact the fire hall for more information.

Emergency preparedness is everyone's business. If you make it your business the impact on your family will be less of a traumatic event.

DAVE ENFIELD,
Salt Spring Fire Chief
and Emergency
Program Coordinator

Residents question sablefish hatchery effluent changes

By KIM KORNBAKER

Re: Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd.'s application for a permit amendment under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act.

I am writing on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use (SSIRRLU).

While we regard the proposed action of re-routing the hatchery effluent out of the archaeological site, sacred burial site and sensitive ecosystem of Syuhe'mun (Walker Hook) as a potentially positive step, we do have questions and concerns.

1. Environmental Impact Assessment

We are concerned the effluent discharged into Trincomali Channel will impact the marine ecosystem; particularly the eel grass beds, marine species (e.g., the rare scallop population present in these waters), the waters of Trincomali Channel, the waterbird species currently at risk (great blue heron, double crested cormorant and surf scoter), and the sensitive foreshore environment. We understand that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans

IN DEPTH

dependent environmental impact assessment when marine waters are involved. Will that be conducted? We understand that Capital Regional District requires that no net loss of habitat occur with this change. We are concerned that if no independent environmental impact assessment of the marine and foreshore environment is conducted, it will be impossible to assess whether net loss of habitat has occurred. How can changes or losses be assessed if there are no independent base line studies with which to compare? On this basis, we request that an independent environmental impact assessment of the marine and foreshore environment be completed to allow assessment of the risks and future impacts that may be associated with proposed changes planned by Sablefin Hatcheries, Ltd.

2. Increased production

We note the following statement in Sablefin's per-

"Quality and characteristics of the effluent and treatment works will remain the same as our current permit allows with the exception that all effluent will be disinfected prior to discharge."

While reference is made here to quality and characteristics, there is no reference to quantity. We have concerns about the quantity of effluent that will be discharged in the new operation. Sablefin's original site alteration permit allowed it to excavate four wells, 10 wells were dug. Four are now used as production wells and four are used as injection wells.

Since the archaeology branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts denied Sablefin an amendment to its site alteration permit in January of 2005, no more well drilling and trenching can be done on the tomolo. Will the four wells currently functioning as injection wells be decommissioned or will they be converted to production wells? If they are converted to production wells, how much more effluent will be released in the marine environment than is

into the tomolo? Will antibiotics and disinfectants be discharged directly into the marine environment? How will impacts be mitigated?

3. First Nations Consultation

In the November 16 edition of the Driftwood, Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. spokesperson Nancy Dixon is quoted as follows: "Our reasons for proceeding with the outfall revolve around our desire to continue good relations with First Nations and the Penelakut Elders and Tribe. It is our hope that our efforts to amend our existing permit will allow relations to grow and heal with the Penelakut and the community on Salt Spring."

Despite Sablefin's past statements about active consultation, respected Penelakut Elders have written affidavits and testified that throughout the history of this development, they have not been properly consulted. In the case of the new permit amendment application, a Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group representative confirmed by phone conversation with Salt Spring Island residents on November 16 that neither the board of

Penelakut were consulted. In fact, the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (HTG) only received the permit amendment application notice a few days prior to our phone conversation with them on November 16. We request that Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. sincerely and actively consult with the HTG, particularly the Penelakut, prior to being granted the permit amendment or implementing any new plan.

4. Community Consultation

We are requesting that a Public Information Meeting will be held in which members of the community be allowed to ask and receive answers to these and other questions. In particular, we would like to see a map showing the route of the proposed outfall pipe. We would like to see the results of research that Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. or consultants have completed that can show the general layperson how the effluent will be dispersed relative to the complex currents and tidal flows that are present at Walker Hook. Some neighbouring property owners have expressed concern about their water supply

the hatchery began operating. Will increased production (if planned) cause a greater strain on the local water resources?

Does Sablefin have any plans to mitigate these possible effects? Walker Hook beach is a public beach. With the outfall pipe going above ground, and the concerns of increased effluent discharge, how will the beach be impacted? In short, we would like Sablefin Hatcheries to publicly provide information that will help the Salt Spring community form educated and informed opinions about the proposed permit amendment and ensuing changes. We are requesting that a public information meeting be held before a decision is made on this permit amendment.

Anyone with questions or concerns about this proposed permit amendment should write to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection, at 2080A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6J9 before November 30.

For more background about the history of development at Walker Hook, visit www.savewalkerhook.com.

The writer is an archaeolo-

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What have you done to prepare for winter weather?*



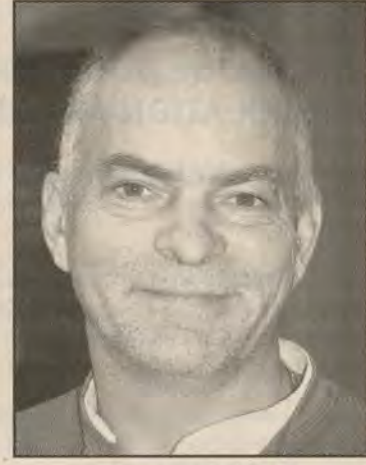
**Andres Metzher
(with Luca Zaniboni)**
I just bought a plane ticket to South-East Asia.



Barbara Woodley
Encourage my friend to purchase her place in Mexico (for obvious reasons), think back to mid-August when we longed for the rain, and put another log on the fire.



Jerry Alkoff
Not a whole lot. It just comes and goes. This is West Coast weather . . . I just got a bunch of videos.



Ross Ashford
We got some firewood cut.



Steven Dashwood
I live on a hillside and there's no problem. But we have a stocked pantry and some backup bottles of water.

Letters to the Editor

Coats for kids

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Peer Tutors are wishing to give back to the community through a coat drive.

We have decided since it is becoming colder outside, it would be a great idea to gather used coats, jackets and sweaters for a Coats For Kids drive. Donations will be given to the Salt Spring Community Service's Family Place.

So please look for any unwanted jackets, sweaters and coats that are in good condition and that are washed and clean. Please either drop them off at the high school or with a GISS student starting November 20.

Let's make this a warm winter for everyone!
**SARAH LEMKY, for
GISS Peer Tutors**

Not a rosy picture

I take strong exception to last week's Driftwood story regarding future water supply in St. Mary Lake, now that a weir has been constructed across the outflow into Duck Creek.

The manager of the North

Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) paints a rosy picture that "this will ensure a steady water supply for NSSWD customers for years to come," that "there will be less drought years because we can now control runoff," that "this gives the district more than enough capacity to keep supply in line with build-out projections of the island's official community plan."

I find such statements simplistic, misleading, irresponsible and presumably intended to relax public concern — for reasons I cannot understand. Here are the facts, which I invite NSSWD to rebut so that some much-needed truth may emerge:

1. The dam was installed to satisfy Fisheries' requirements. This allowed NSSWD to obtain a further withdrawal licence on St. Mary Lake.

2. The dam will have relatively little effect on lake levels. It is constructed to a maximum elevation of 40.7 metres above sea level. NSSWD's water licences restricts it from pulling lake levels below 40.0 metres — effectively limiting the operating range to 0.7 metres. The dam must provide

a continual flow down Duck Creek to enhance fish habitat in the creek, and along with creek modifications allow a more unobstructed flow during high water levels in St. Mary Lake.

3. Contrary to the Driftwood article, the dam at 40.7 metres does not store more water. Low lake levels in the future will be determined by two main factors: i) the weather, and ii) the extent of future water withdrawals, especially by NSSWD.

**RON HAWKINS,
Quarry Drive**

Share love

In spite of PARC's problems with the vinyl building at the Rainbow Road recreational area, the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) would like to commend them for their efforts at Portlock Park, where an excellent court repair and resurfacing job has recently been done.

We now have tennis facilities at Portlock that will continue to be well used for many more years and that all islanders can be proud of.

The SSTA has had a long-standing 3P (public/private/partnership) relationship with PARC over the

years, partly described in a short history as remembered by one of our members:

"The first courts built were Courts 3 and 4 (as we now number them) and were put in by the Lions Club. Court 2 was added next by PARC. Court 1 was the last one built. Jack and Margaret Fisher gave one-third of the cost, a B.C. grant was received for one-third, and the rest was split 50-50 by the SSTA and PARC. I was on the Parks and Recreation Commission at this time. The cost was about \$33,000. PARC put in the Fulford court that same year.

"The SSTA bought the bubble new in 1992. Sixty of us members gave \$300 each (which was not paid back), and five members put up loans that were paid back. We all know the courts belong to PARC and the people of Salt Spring."

This 3P relationship has stood all in good stead, saving money for the taxpayers by spreading out the management, maintenance and financial costs of running year-round tennis on Salt Spring. The SSTA hopes to continue to encourage players, both young and

old, to share in this game we all love so much.

**ERICA ROSS,
President, SSTA**

Callous decision

I am waiting for one, possibly two, knee replacements. I saw my orthopedic surgeon Dr. Anderson in Duncan in June and he said the waiting time was 12 to 18 months, and I thought the government was committed to reducing waiting times.

I liked Dr. Anderson very much as I understand that Mearnie Summers did also when she broke her hip last spring. Dietrich Luth told me he also liked Dr. Anderson when he broke his leg in two places about a decade ago.

I might have been able to get the knee replacement much faster if I had been willing to go to Vancouver. I recently learned from a respected member of the medical profession (not my family doctor) some very interesting and disturbing facts. The UBC clinic in Vancouver will only accept for replacement, patients who are otherwise very healthy. Since I have a heart

condition I would probably be ruled out. That clinic wants patients who can leave three days after the operation. My informant didn't say that it was basically a propaganda clinic (these are my words) but said that the Ministry of Health could point to its record of taking patients only weeks or several months after an operation was deemed necessary.

I was also informed that Dr. Anderson has written to the Ministry of Health to complain about the Regional Health Authority for the Duncan area. It made an incredibly unfeeling decision to place a moratorium on joint replacement for January, February and March of 2007. This decision seems so callous as most patients waiting for a joint replacement are in considerable, sometimes excruciating pain. I would urge anyone concerned about waiting times to write the Ministry of Health and complain about this insane closing of operating rooms for joint replacement for three months.

**JACK HALLAM,
North End Road**

MORE LETTERS A10

Government must tackle First Nations, environment

By **IRENE WRIGHT**

Our government in Ottawa is well supported by rich and powerful lobbies, and our government's actions suggest it is either naive or less than truthful.

I was left with a lot to think about after a very stimulating talk in Ganges last week by NDP MP Jean Crowder from Nanaimo-Cowichan.

The Conservative government is trying to convince us it cares about First Nations, Metis and Inuit people but is limiting discussion to water, housing, education and family property rights, all important, but they do not make up for Harper's failure to honour the Kelowna accord. Evidence is in the budget. Included in the "increased" Aboriginal Affairs budget are the dollars for residential school victims. Housing dollars have been sent to provinces and territories without clear accountability. The Conservative government believes First Nations education funding should

GUEST COLUMN

also be given directly to provinces and territories — sidestepping its constitutional obligations. First Nations control of their education, the ideal, requires adequate dollars; they have been given a fraction of what is needed.

The water situation in First Nations communities is a crime. Many now live with boil water rules. Kashechewan is one such community. Crowder described her despair when visiting communities where people are without decent water and sanitation. Houses are in appalling condition. Contractors regularly cheat when hired to do repairs. But adequate resources could make a real difference. Surely before we preach to the Chinese, we should remember that the UN has castigated Canada over its treatment of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people.

Most Canadians now recognize our environmental crisis. Even conservative journals such as the National Geographic have grasped the impending disaster if we do not change and soon. We may have left it too late. But still we allow bottom trawling. Species loss continues unabated. Our love of SUVs blinds us. Evidence is everywhere — pine beetles, fish farms, rivers too warm for fish to spawn. And in the north ice roads are only open for a short season and the permafrost is melting releasing trapped methane.

We have international obligations; it's not just a Canadian matter. Our failure to act on our commitments is appalling. Rising sea levels will be devastating to many countries including many of the poorest. Greenhouse gas emissions are increasing.

Meantime in Ottawa industrial lobbies use scare tactics about the harm that respecting Kyoto would cause. Corporations claim that the world would suffer losses

to the tune of nine trillion dollars. This doesn't hold up to scrutiny. Energy-saving infrastructure and technology would create countless jobs and business opportunities. A positive example is Denmark which has surpassed its obligation and experienced considerable economic growth at the same time.

Bill C-30 (Clean Air) is gutless, and though it is now being rewritten has no accountability or meaningful timelines. In the meanwhile the Kyoto bill and Layton's private member's bill are going through in tandem. But the government is much too slow. Immediate action is needed. There are solutions.

We must make sure that we play a personal role in all of this — recycling, reusing, paying a voluntary carbon tax. We need to find out what our pension funds invest in and force needed changes. We need to apply pressure at the community level and from there to all levels of government.

Corporations have big bucks and their lobbies exert immense control over this and past governments; however, immediate solutions could be applied. Let's require all new homes and appliances to meet advanced national energy efficiency standards. How about using self-financing retrofit programs for community, commercial and institutional infrastructure. Let's give the solar industry a kick start and develop a green car industry in Canada. Let's apply mandatory vehicle emission standards and increase support for rail. Let's immediately cap and reduce permissible emissions for big polluters while disallowing off-shore oil and gas exploration and ceasing to provide government subsidies and tax breaks to unsustainable energy.

Let's go.

The writer is a retired teacher and a member of the New Democratic Party.



NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUILDING REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW

Take Notice that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board intends to adopt **Bylaw No. 3394, Building Regulation Bylaw No. 4, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2006**, at its meeting on Wed., Dec. 6, 2006 to be held at 1:30 p.m., 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC.

Bylaw No. 3394 amends Bylaw No. 2990, **Building Regulation Bylaw No. 4, 2002**, and affects the Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands electoral areas of the Capital Regional District. The intent of this bylaw is to increase the construction values used to calculate building permit fees to market value and adjust the permit fees corresponding to the new construction values.

A complete copy of Bylaw No. 3394 may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, from the date of this Notice until Dec. 6, 2006 at the CRD building inspection offices listed below:

- #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
- 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road (Driftwood Centre), Pender Island (Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:30 am-Noon; 1:00-4:30 pm)
- #2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke
- 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- Public Notice Posting Place, Main Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria

The bylaw may also be viewed on the Internet @ <http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/buildingregulationse/> Select Bylaw No. 3394.

Questions regarding the bylaw may be directed to Robert Gutierrez, Senior Building Inspector, telephone 250-360-3230, or toll free 1-866-475-1581.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2006

Carmen I. Thiel
Corporate Secretary

More letters

Venezuela

Venezuela will undoubtedly be back in Canadian news as the December 3 date of its presidential election draws closer. This time Salt Spring Islanders will have a chance to compare the mainstream media news with some on the spot reporting that four of us from Salt Spring will send to the Driftwood directly from Venezuela.

Participating in a Global Exchange (human rights) tour at that time will be Marion Pape, Evelyne Nasarre, David Porterfield and myself.

Media reports of a supposed lack of freedom in Venezuela divert North American attention from the real issues in Venezuela. Before the reforms that are now being implemented, 80 per cent of Venezuelans were living in abject poverty. With the Chavez rise to power, many of these people have experienced how life can be improved when basic services such as education and health care are provided and they are determined not to return to poverty and hopelessness.

Above all they want to participate in the decisions that affect their lives and that is why they seek "endogenous development" — meaning with the impetus coming from the community itself — not from some outside-power. More to come!

SHEILA REID,
Charlesworth Road

Tolerance

November 25 marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on freedom of belief. Its official name is the UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

The Salt Spring Island Baha'i community commemorates this event for several reasons. First, along with the worldwide Baha'i community, we are committed to building unity amongst cultures and nations by supporting the work of the United Nations. Another heartfelt reason is the continuing systematic persecution of Baha'is in countries such as Iran solely on the basis of belief. In spite of the commitment of nations to the provisions of this historic document, the right to free-

dom of religion or belief has become one of the most contested yet pressing human rights issues of our time, and violence motivated by religious intolerance continues to threaten global peace and security.

Perhaps most important in the local Baha'i community's focus on this special day is that religious tolerance, mutual understanding and harmony are at the heart of the Baha'i teachings: "The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established."

Baha'is will be focussing on the theme of genuine tolerance, acceptance and unity in diversity during their gatherings at this time.

LINDA KAVELIN-POPOV,
Salt Spring

Honour veterans

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month has passed and been forgotten for another year. The pomp and rhetoric is momentary.

One of the 10 signatories of the Certificate of Incorporation of Central Community Hall Society dated October 6, 1976 is Bevis Walters, who served in the Australian Army in WWI, and the agreement between the society and the Old Age Pensioners Organization bears the signature of Desmond G. Crofton, Lt. Col., who served in the Canadian Army in WWII.

Other veterans of the OAPO seniors members are Edie Gear, RCAF (WD), Ron Milton, British Army, Frank Richards, RAF, Elmer Sloan, Cdn. Army, Peggy Small, RCAF, Charles Sutcliffe, British Army. There may be others that the writer is unaware of.

Senior citizens of 65 and better are all survivors of the war years. They did whatever it took to keep the country going until victory. Their achievements are now slighted, treated to indifference for the personal vendettas, egos and special interests, with no respect for agreements.

Hope you enjoyed your long weekend. Seniors' posters on the GVM bulletin board are still removed within the hour, even on the 11th. Honour our veterans and keep the faith, did you say?

RON MILTON,
Salt Spring

BMW Special Lease Offers
Three exceptional models, three great leasing offers.



2007 BMW 323i Sedan
\$399/month for 36 months

Monthly Payment: \$399 • Term: 36 months
Down Payment: \$4,350 • Rate: 6.9%

2007 BMW X3 3.0i



\$489/month for 39 months

Monthly Payment: \$489
Term: 39 months
Down Payment: \$3,900
Rate: 4.9%

2007 BMW 525i Sedan



\$689/month for 36 months

Monthly Payment: \$689
Term: 36 months
Down Payment: \$4,950
Rate: 3.9%

Victoria BMW
1101 Yates Street | 995-9250 | www.victoriabmw.ca

Lease rates are those offered by BMW Financial Services only on approved credit. Example, MSRP for a 2007 BMW 323i Sedan is \$35,000, at a lease rate of 6.9% and a term of 36 months the monthly lease payment is \$399. \$4,350 down payment is required. The first month's lease payment, a security deposit of approximately one month's lease payment, transport and preparation (\$1,895), a personal property security registration charge (up to \$90), Retailer administration charges (if any) and all taxes are extra and required upon lease signing. Total obligation is \$20,609 plus tax. Options, taxes and insurance are extra. The residual value of the vehicle at end of term is \$22,072. Example, MSRP for a 2007 BMW X3 3.0i SAV is \$45,300; at a lease rate of 4.9% and a term of 39 months the monthly lease payment is \$489. \$3,900 down payment is required. The first month's lease payment, a security deposit of approximately one month's lease payment, transport and preparation (\$1,895), a personal property security registration charge (up to \$90), Retailer administration charges (if any) and all taxes are extra and required upon lease signing. Total obligation is \$24,960 plus tax. Options, taxes and insurance are extra. The residual value of the vehicle at end of term is \$26,668. Example, MSRP for a 2007 BMW 525i Sedan is \$38,600; at a lease rate of 3.9% and a term of 36 months the monthly lease payment is \$689. \$4,950 down payment is required. The first month's lease payment, a security deposit of approximately one month's lease payment, transport and preparation (\$1,895), a personal property security registration charge (up to \$90), Retailer administration charges (if any) and all taxes are extra and required upon lease signing. Total obligation is \$22,209 plus tax. Options, taxes and insurance are extra. The residual value of the vehicle at end of term is \$33,980. Annual kilometers limited to 20,000. \$0.15 per excess kilometre. Excess wear and tear charges may apply. Delivery must be taken by November 30, 2006. Retailers are free to set individual prices. Offer is subject to availability and may be cancelled or changed without notice. Please see Victoria BMW for full details.

RALLYE ON.



	L/100KM		MPG	
	CITY	HIGHWAY	CITY	HIGHWAY
MINI COOPER	8.4/5.9	9.0/6.3	34/48	31/45
MINI COOPER S	9.5/6.7	10.0/6.7	30/42	28/42

MINI Lease Offer	Soho	Rallye
Monthly Payment	\$299	\$399
Lease Term	39 months	39 months
Down Payment	\$3,600	\$4,600
Interest Rate	3.9%	5.9%

MINI Cooper Soho Edition includes options value of \$4,415 but a discounted package price of only \$2,450, a savings of 45%!

MINI Cooper Rallye Edition includes options value of \$5,680 but a discounted package price of only \$3,500, a savings of 38%!

MINI Victoria
1101 Yates Street
995.MINI
www.victoria.mini.ca

Now in stock

the Friends of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 6 - 4:00 p.m.
United Church

1. Full reports on fund raising and library plans to date with Library Board Chair, Duncan Hepburn and Chief Librarian, Marilyn Ming
2. Friends activities past, present and future
3. Election of Friends Board members

ALL WELCOME

*Includes the standardized national freight & PDI charge of \$1,495 (including floor mats, wheel lock nuts & fuel) and based on a MINI Financial Services "Low Kilometre" Lease. Offer excludes retailer administration fee (where applicable), PPSA registration fees and all applicable taxes extra. These lease offers are effective until November 30, 2006. Call MINI Victoria for more details.

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

To individuals and businesses who turn a Saturday/Sunday Remembrance Day into a three-day weekend, calling it a holiday, and to businesses that open on Remembrance Day. Can you not give up one day in about seven or eight years — the approximate frequency of November 11 being on a Saturday-Sunday — to attend a cenotaph ceremony somewhere, or a day's sales in simple respect of those who, for so many years, had no Saturday-Sunday, nor lived to enjoy them off if they had returned home. Rain or shine.

Not-One-Missed-in-Seven-Decades — Michael Winter

ROSES

Roses to the person who returns Danica's green iPod mini and/or the head phones, taken from the multi-purpose room at the high school just last Thursday evening. She really misses it. Put it in a bag and drop it at the Driftwood — no questions asked because we know it was just a huge mistake. Serial number is JQ53031RS48. SL

A bouquet of poppies to the Blue Angel who brought my father, a veteran, an unexpected and very generous gift on Remembrance Day, as well as lovely flowers for my mother. Bless you. MM

Roses, palms and lots of big healthy banana trees to Joe Clemente for getting me some terrific cold-hardy palm and eucalyptus seedlings for planting outdoors here in Coastal Nova Scotia. Jamie L, Halifax, NS

Bales of bananas and pallets of palm trees to:

- Hilary and Joe Clemente for keeping us popping;
- Michael Levy and The Fritz Theatre for donating popcorn; and
- Tim and John at Island Star Video for loaning the popcorn maker.

Thank you for making Fernwood School's Fall Family Frolic a success.

See you all again soon! From the parent advisory council, staff and students of Fernwood school

A flood of roses and dog biscuits to all the kind people who helped us look for our missing puppy last Wednesday during the storm. Your thoughts, efforts braving the weather and concern is much appreciated. Molly is fine and fully recovered. B and A

A huge thank you to Brian Dawes and the crew of Mainroad Contracting for their generous donations of equipment and time to help move the baseball shed. And a special thank you to Dave Morgan and the school board office for letting us put it there. Gord Hollingsworth, president, SSI Minor Baseball

Roses to John and Tim of Island Star Video for use of their sound equipment on Remembrance Day! You guys are great! Barb Todd, Legion

Roses to Russ Crouse, John Steele and Karen Hartley for supplying and erecting tents for our Remembrance Day ceremony! Great community effort! Br. 92 Legion

Bundles of dried sage to the pagans on the mountain who make Halloween for the Cranberry Valley families a night to remember.

Roses to GVM for continuing its Save-a-Tape

program, especially now as we near the holiday season when people are buying more groceries. This is a significant help to charities who depend on this contribution. E+LH

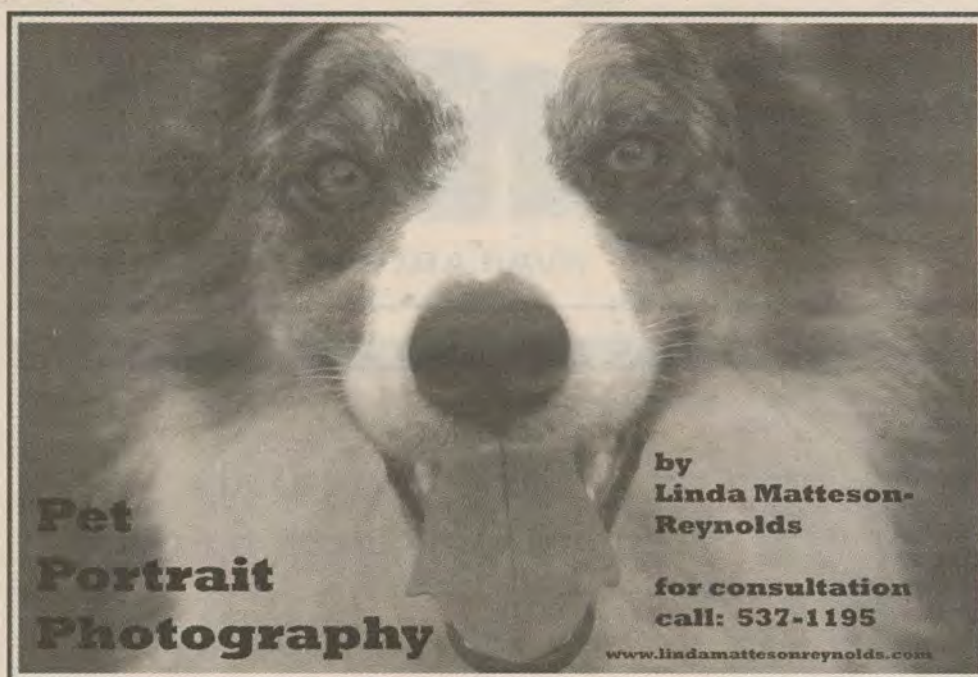
A car full of roses for the two men who came to my assistance when I had a flat tire on Vesuvius Bay Road. Another reminder of why I live on this beautiful island where strangers help strangers. Thanks so much. RH

A golf cart full of roses to all the "Fickle Fingers," both past and present, at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club for 15 years of fun, humour and fellowship along with some bad golf. Your good company has made my retirement most memorable. Thanks too to the clubhouse staff and the groundskeepers for their kindness and understanding. Special recognition should go to Bob Voaden for initiating and managing our little charity fund. Many children and adults around the world have benefitted from the more than \$5,000 that we made available over the years. Bless you all! Ron Hayne

To the staff at Lady Minto, especially Sandi, and my friends who are always there for me. Sheila Smith

To the firemen and volunteer firemen, Norah Hannon, Jacky Cooper and everyone who was there that helped me out, when Zack tried to teach me to fly without letting me know first. Suzy McEwen

SIM Slayers football team extends a thank you to the Driftwood for supporting the team by including our stories this year.



Pet Portrait Photography

by **Linda Matteson-Reynolds**

for consultation call: 537-1195

www.lindamattesonreynolds.com



DISCOVERY Honda

We're qualified to service your vehicle... Whatever it may be.

Steve Service Manager

Discoveryhonda.com
1-800-673-9276

Just North of Duncan on the Island Highway
748-5814

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

In A Hurry?...Try Our New

express service

Oil & Filter Change only \$34.88.
You're Good to Go in Around 30 Minutes.
No Appointment Necessary.

Pick it up every Friday

THE DRIFTWOOD'S **EGG!**

Shopping list:

- Fine bread crumbs
- Steak seasoning (commercial or make your own)
- 1 lb (454 grams) ground meat of your choice
- Asian Home Gourmet brand Thai Spicy Basil sauce
- 1 egg



THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET ASIAN BITES

Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2006

Hors d'oeuvres: Finger food served before a meal (from the French, *hors*, outside + *de*, of + *oeuvre*, (the main) work). Hors d'oeuvres may consist of simple foods such as sliced cheese, sliced raw vegetables, crackers with chutney, or more elaborate preparations such as canapés, broiled shrimp, and various types of dips. Appetizer is often used synonymously with the term hors d'oeuvre, though appetizer more properly applies to a first course served at table and can be traced back to First Century Rome where the upper class were served eggs, fruits, etc. as part of the standard three-course meal. The practice of serving hors d'oeuvres in our culture can be traced back to the 19th century (and in the United States to Prohibition-Era-inspired imperatives). According to a late 1800s cookbook: "Canapés [appetizers consisting of a piece of bread or toast or a cracker topped with a savory spread] are served hot or cold and used in place of oysters at dinner or luncheon. At a gentleman's dinner, they are served with a glass of sherry before entering the dining room." In the USA, prohibition really launched finger foods. Prohibition drove alcoholic beverages out of the saloons and into homes. Handy, smart snacks, designed to soak up the alcohol people drank, firmly established hors d'oeuvres as a cross-class social custom. Prohibition ended in 1933 but not before having given birth to the cocktail party. As gender equality evolved, and women became more involved in partying, the popularity of bite-sized party morsels only grew. This holiday season many folks will look for tasty bites to serve to guests. Here is an Asian appetizer/canapé/hors d'oeuvre. These can be made ahead and even frozen weeks before you need them.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl combine 1 cup of fine bread crumbs & 1/4 cup of steak seasoning. Set aside. In another bowl combine 1 lb. ground meat of your choice (buffalo, turkey, beef or lamb) with 1 package of Asian Home Gourmet Thai Spicy Basil sauce, 1 egg & 1/2 cup fine bread crumbs. Section meat mixture into two balls. One ball at a time, roll out to make a long skinny round stick. Roll stick in crumb mixture then cut into small rounds. Place rounds on a baking pan & bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool and then transfer from the pan to a plate. Chill before use. Serve rounds on top of a cracker or on their own with a toothpick and an Asian-style dip. (Note: To make your own simple steak seasoning combine 1 tablespoons minced dried onion, 2 tablespoons minced dried garlic, 2 tablespoons coarse pepper & 1/2 teaspoon salt.)

Come and try this wonderful dish at THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET FOOD DEMONSTRATION

- This Thursday 1:00 - 5:30 pm
- This Friday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

GANGES VILLAGE MARKET

OPEN DAILY 8 am - 9 pm



THE DRIFTWOOD'S
tgif! free it's fun...
 it's free...
 it's friday!
 AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY

Salt Spring Island's
 Certified Orthodontic Specialist.

DR. VOHN ROSANG

Creating beautiful smiles.

ISLAND ORTHODONTICS

DR. VOHN ROSANG, DMD, MCLD, FRCD(C)

Ph: 655-7007 • 212-9764 Fifth St., Sidney (M-F*) • www.islandorthodontics.ca

Now open select Fridays to accommodate Gulf Island school schedules.
 Also available select Fridays at Dr. Lorraine Machell's 'Creekhouse' dental clinic. Call 537-5222

If it's in the store
IT'S ON SALE!

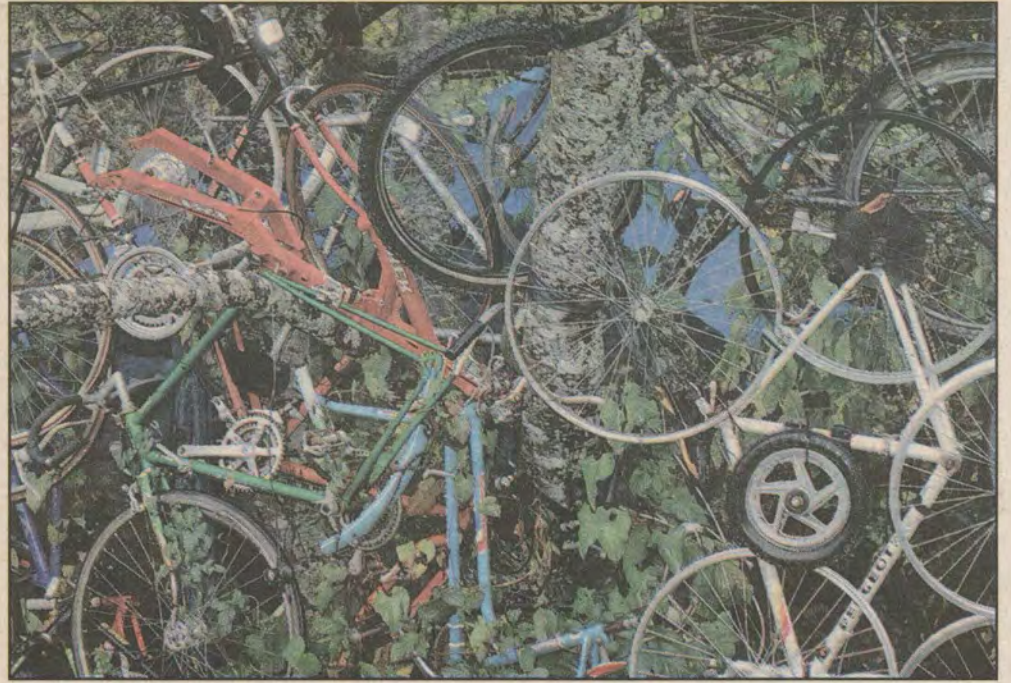
**10%
to
50%
OFF**

**EVERYTHING!
STORE WIDE! 2 FLOORS!**

**WOMEN'S WEAR, MEN'S WEAR, KID'S WEAR,
FOOT WEAR, ACCESSORIES AND FRAGRANCES!**

Mouat's Clothing Co.

7 days a week 537-5551



GREEN GETAWAY: Bike parts are combined to form this unique sculpture-fence at Keith Beldam's bicycle repair shop behind Sports Traders on McPhillips Avenue. Bikes are one "green" alternative to cars.
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

Gas prices double tomorrow!

By CHRIS DIXON

Catches the eye, doesn't it? Tightens the old body eh? Medicine has yet to explain why we have so many nerve endings in our wallet!

Still, the evidence out there points to the inevitable — as fuel supplies diminish, cost of recovery and market demand will eventually force the price of gas to double. Maybe not tomorrow, but it's coming.

We could sit passively 'till that day, but why wait? Let's do something creative, like doubling the price of fuel immediately.

It sounds like a stretch, but please follow this logic for a bit. Consider first of all that the price of fuel has doubled several times already, and we still buy the stuff!

"If the price of gas doubled in one jump, all kinds of good things could happen."

If the price of gas doubled in one jump, all kinds of good things could happen.

We would certainly be more careful of how we burned it. Reduced fuel consumption equals less pollution — a good thing, but it's just the beginning.

We face an ironic question; which will we use up first — the remaining oil reserves or our planet?

Hint: the more oil we burn, the faster our environment degrades. Can we afford to make some necessary changes? Not a hope, unless we find a reliable mechanism to generate vast amounts of money, quickly. Like selling fuel.

Of course there would be endless claims of hardship. Some sectors of industry would face huge cost increases, but they would simply pass that cost on to their consumers, which is what they do today.

For others, the extra expense would be easily borne. Most of us, in all honesty, would have to admit that it wasn't a big deal.

Still, there would be genuine hardship for some folks that are just getting by and simply can't afford another

GREEN SPACE

hit.

We'd need to quickly and effectively support them through the transition.

There's the key word — it's a transition. For the price of a latte or two each day, we could change the world. A fantastic amount of revenue, in real dollars (as opposed to borrowed dollars) would be available instantly, and grow daily.

Every cent collected from the gas price increase would go straight into the bank. Overnight, a problem has turned into a solution.

True, we'd need a whole new level of bureaucracy to facilitate all this activity. Its responsibility would be immense, but the mandate would be clear.

Get as many cars and trucks off the road as possible by offering attractive alternatives.

They would oversee the collection of all revenues generated by the price increase. They would also carefully evaluate proposals for spending the money, supporting those which demonstrate the best potential.

Community-based interest groups would be invited to propose infrastructure projects.

Independent designers and innovators would be encouraged to explore their craft. The difference between yesterday and tomorrow is that the funding for these projects would be in the bank.

The money would be available as needed, and its accessibility wouldn't depend on political whim.

The lawyers, economists, lobbyists and assorted you-can'ts poised to pour slow glue over any attempt at innovation — we'd want to ignore them all!

In the short term, we'd see quick-and-cheap projects like expanded, user-friendly bus and taxi service, safe walking paths and functional bicycle lanes.

These simple changes, coupled with the rise in fuel cost, would be early incentives to leave our cars at home

Soon, we'd notice that the world was a more friendly place. Traffic noise and danger would diminish; walking, cycling and public transport would become safe and pleasant. We would learn how to grow nourishing food.

In the long term, we would see lower health care costs as exercise and clean air toned our bodies.

The development of carbon-neutral cars and trucks would help to ease the transition away from petro-travel.

Vast areas of real estate could be diverted away from car-culture uses. Parks and pedestrian malls, core-housing and shops could re-claim some of the land usurped by the river of steel.

As personal-vehicle use decreases, the fuel-income stream also begins to diminish.

By now we're investing in larger, long-term projects, capitalized over many years. Moving away from a-car-for-every-person-for-every-move culture reduces our personal expenses, rewarding us with a variety of spending options and more leisure time.

A period of adjustment, then a very tangible payoff in improved lifestyle, improved local environment, improved infrastructure.

A sustainable future for our children and for our planet. An immediate and positive effect on the rate of climate change. In place of fear, optimism for the future.

Or, we do nothing — which is what the oil companies, the car companies and the sleepwalkers in government would prefer.

If we act now, we'll get what we pay for. If we don't, we'll get what we deserve, but our children won't. And we'll end up paying the oil companies, just buying more of the same old problem.

The money and the opportunity for a healthy future will slip away.

Compared to waiting for our options to disappear, a tactical price hike sounds like a very good deal!

If you could save the world by simply paying twice as much for your fuel, would you do it?



CHRISTMAS CHEER: Gerry Holman sells Christmas wreaths at a Christmas Bazaar hosted by All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Parish. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Tips for eliminating shaking fists while driving a vehicle

AUTOMOBILE DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Open driver's door. (see separate instructions)
2. Sit in driver's seat with legs downward.
3. Face forward.

NOTE: You should now be able to look out through windshield toward FRONT of car. If you cannot see through windshield, please adjust.

4. Locate steering wheel
NOTE: If steering wheel is not directly in front of you, check to be sure that you have not entered back seat.

5. Locate small metal stick attached to left side of steering column just behind steering wheel and extending left toward driver's door.

NOTE: If there is no stick or steering column, you have moved too far right when entering vehicle and are sitting in passenger seat. Move SLIGHTLY left, BEING CAREFUL of Emergency Brake lever (located between the two front seats) ESPECIALLY if brake has been set.

6. Placing LEFT hand on the top of stick, gently press DOWNWARD

7. This causes two (2) lights on OUTSIDE of vehicle's LEFT side—one on LEFT FRONT fender, one on LEFT REAR fender—to BLINK or FLASH.

OL' CURMUDGEON
WITH RICHARD MOSES



8. Gently return stick to its former position. This causes outside blinking lights to cease blinking.

NOTE: The latter action USUALLY occurs AUTOMATICALLY when steering wheel returns to its straight ahead position after a turn, but IF IT DOES NOT occur automatically, please see Para. 8. (PLEASE!)

9. Now gently LIFT stick UPWARD with LEFT hand.

10. This causes two (2) lights on the OUTSIDE of vehicle's RIGHT side (notice the difference here) to BLINK or FLASH (not unlike lights on other side of vehicle).

11. Return stick to former position, this time with gentle downward pressure. (Also, see Para. 8, NOTE)

12. Purpose of Directional Signals (Blinking Lights): WHEN BLINKING OR FLASHING, THESE LIGHTS PROVIDE FOR POSSIBLE DRIVERS IN OTHER VEHICLES OR ON FOOT AN INDICATION OF YOUR INTENTION TO CHANGE DIRECTION OR TURN FROM YOUR PRESENT COURSE.

NOTE THE WORD "INTENTION". IF THE LIGHTS WERE TO INDICATE "ACTION" RATHER THAN "INTENTION", WERE, IN SHORT, TO INDICATE ONLY THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NOW, AT THIS MOMENT TURNING, SOME ADVANTAGE TO OTHER DRIVERS OR PEDESTRIANS MIGHT BE LOST. (Along with your back bumper.)

13. Be sure to activate directional signals—right lights for turning right, left lights for turning left—in plenty of time to warn other persons of your intent.

NOTE: "Plenty of time" might be defined as AT LEAST HALF A BLOCK EARLY, or IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR LIGHTS TO FLASH AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES BEFORE BEGINNING TURN.

14. Practise procedure diligently. When secure in its use, you may start engine and take a turn in your vehicle.

15. You will be surprised at the reduction in shaken fists and other odd hand gestures encountered during your journey.

SALT SPRING ISLAND
is a
Welcome Wagon
COMMUNITY

Call Andrea LeBorgne who will bring gifts & greetings along with helpful information about your new community!
www.welcomewagon.ca
537-8464
WELCOME WAGON
SINCE 1930

THE ISLAND'S MOST UNIQUE CHRISTMAS STORE

Santa Sleighs of Pure Delight

Stone Walrus Gallery PARK BEHIND THE SHOP

It's the Season for Gift Giving

the new OLD SALTY
GANGES, SALT SPRING ISLAND
250-537-5551

20% OFF
Gifts & Candles
Furniture Jewellery
Almost Everything

CLIP & SAVE COUPON - GOOD 'TIL CHRISTMAS

tickets on sale now!

Women's
Winter Eve

presented by
Pharmasavé
(pronounced "farma-savay" ...by those who know)

Uptown location
Friday, November 24th
6pm ~ 9pm

for savvy gals who know what's what and where it's at...

Tickets \$10
\$5 donated to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and \$5 redeemed against purchase



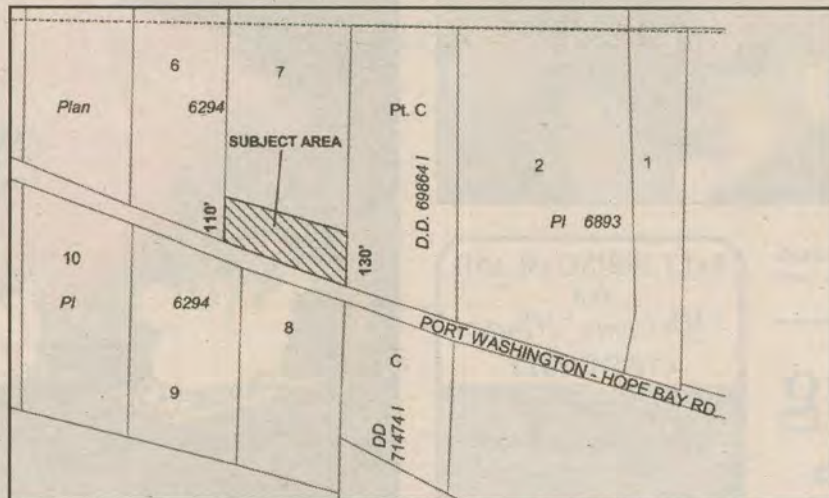
Islands Trust

NOTICE
NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NP-TUP-2006.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the Local Government Act. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of Lot 7, Section 18 and 22, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 6294.

The purpose of this permit would be to permit a two additional uses "storage of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers" and "storage, processing and shipping of discarded goods and materials" on a portion of the property. The permit would be issued for two years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional two years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, November 17, 2006, and continuing up to and including November 29, 2006.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed permit, please contact the North Pender Island Planner, Robert Kojima, at (250) 405-5159; for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867, or fax (250) 405-5155, before 4:30 p.m., November 29, 2006. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 4703 Canal Road, Anglican Parish Hall on North Pender Island.

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

Forest land meetings set to begin on Galiano

Galiano Island is taking another stab at resolving its forest lands controversy through a series of facilitated community meetings.

In a process sponsored by the provincial government, the Galiano Local Trust Committee (LTC) has set up three meetings so far, with the first one on Saturday, November 25 at 10 a.m. According to LTC materials, the meeting will introduce facilitators Nancy McPhee, Steven Foster and Gordon Sloan.

Presentation of information is set for the same time on December 2, and the review process is scheduled to begin on December 16.

Whether or not forest land property owners on Galiano can have residential use of their lands has been a subject of debate and court cases for several years.

Anyone who cannot attend the meetings but wishes to submit thoughts on the subject can e-mail them to nancymcphoe@cablelan.net or by mail to Box 123, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0. Anonymous submissions are not accepted.

LET'S EAT WITH LINDA KOROSCIL



Chutneys and condiments make great Christmas gifts. Start now so you can be ahead of the game!

Onion Marmalade

4 lge. red onions, sliced
 1/2 c. water
 1/2 c. malt vinegar
 2/3 c. packed brown sugar
 2 tsp. grated orange rind
 1/2 c. orange juice

Combine onion and water and boil uncovered about 20 minutes until liquid has evaporated.

Add remaining ingredients and stir until sugar dissolves. Simmer covered for 1/2 hour.

Remove lid and simmer another 1/2 hour. Spoon into sterilized jars and seal while hot. Makes 2 cups.

Fiery Chili

Tomato Chutney

8 tomatoes, peeled and

chopped

1 lge. onion, chopped
 4 garlic cloves, crushed
 1 red bell pepper, chopped
 2 tsp. grated ginger
 1 c. cider vinegar
 2 c. sugar
 1/2 c. lemon juice
 1 c. sultana raisins
 2 tsp. coarse salt
 1 cinnamon stick
 6 whole cloves
 5 red Thai chilis, seeded

and chopped

2 tsp. chili powder
 Combine vegetables and ginger and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes.

Add remaining ingredients and stir until sugar dissolves. Simmer uncovered about 1 hour.

Throw out cinnamon stick. Spoon chutney into hot sterilized jars and seal while still hot. Makes 6 cups.

Classifieds? begin page B18



Nick on his high chair eating - 2 months



Nick blows out candles on birthday cake - 6 years old



You've had a lifetime to talk to your kids about crystal meth.
 What are you waiting for?

Crystal meth is not an easy subject to discuss with your kids. But experts agree parents play a crucial role in preventing kids from taking meth. That's why the provincial government is introducing new tools and resources to help families fight this devastating drug. Together, we can stop meth from ruining a lifetime of memories.

For the facts on crystal meth and tips on how to talk to kids about it, visit www.no2meth.ca





MAHON HALL BEAUTIFICATION: Peter Oro pauses amid his stonework makeover of the area around Mahon Hall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

OCP kick-off coincides with Trust staff overhaul

Salt Spring's official community plan (OCP) review got off to a roaring start Saturday with a well-attended all-day orientation session for members of six OCP focus groups.

The fun part saw Sebastian Moffatt of the Consensus Institute lead a workshop where groups came up with visions and recommendations for their groups in a two-hour time period.

"Everybody got into the total spirit of collaboration or cooperation," said Salt Spring trustee George Ehring.

Focus groups have also set their first meeting dates, he said.

And on Tuesday the Islands Trust head office announced staffing changes that will impact Salt Spring and the OCP review process.

The island's current head planner, John Gauld, will be reassigned to focus solely on the Salt Spring Local Trust

Committee's (LTC's) two main priorities — the OCP review and the soil removal and deposit bylaw.

Ehring said the change increases resources for the Salt Spring office so the OCP review can occur without other planning matters grinding to a halt.

Long-time Islands Trust planner Brodie Porter, who has been the regional planning manager for the southern Gulf Islands in the Trust area, will now also be responsible for coordinating the Salt Spring LTC's day-to-day business and supervising its planning team.

Porter and David Marlor, regional planning manager for the northern Trust office, will also be "acting co-directors" of local planning services (LPS), following the firing of former LPS director Wayne Quinn earlier this month.

"We will begin our recruitment process for a new

director shortly, but it will likely take some months to fill the position," said Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer. "I appreciate the willingness of our senior planning staff to take on some of the director's responsibilities on an interim basis."

10% OFF HOUSECLEANING

If you haven't tried our house cleaning service before, try us before Christmas and save 10%! Hurry, book soon.

NO SURPRISES HOUSE CLEANING
537-2186 "12 years on Salt Spring"

Are you rushing to make the ferry? Slow down.

Why rush when you can relax?

Come stay with us and enjoy your shopping trip. Located just minutes from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal, Victoria International Airport, Sidney and Victoria.

Cedarwood Inn & Suites

has rooms, studios, cottages, and suites to accommodate your needs. We offer full kitchens, award winning gardens and spectacular ocean views.

Flying out of Victoria?

Stay with us on your way out or back and park for free while you're gone.

Make it easy.

Call us and ask for the **Gulf Island Resident Rate** starting at \$69.00. We know ferries aren't the only schedules you're keeping!

Valid October 2, 2006 - April 1, 2007. Based on Double Occupancy



The Cedarwood
Inn and Suites

Where tranquility meets the sea...

THE CEDARWOOD INN & SUITES
9522 Lochside Drive, Sidney BC V8L 1N8
www.thecedarwood.ca
info@thecedarwood.ca

reservations 250 656-5551
toll free 1-877-656-5551
fax 250 656-1551

• Executive suites feature fireplaces and jetted bath tubs

• Enquire about our off-season weekly and monthly rates



Rental Assistance Program

Is your family paying too much rent? If you have lived in B.C. for the past 12 months and have a household income below \$20,000, the new Rental Assistance Program could help your family. The Province of British Columbia now provides direct cash assistance to eligible low-income working families with children under the age of 19. Assistance will be paid directly to eligible households to assist their monthly rent payments in the private housing market.

The Rental Assistance Program was recently announced as part of the Provincial Housing Strategy – *Housing Matters BC*.

To find out if you are eligible, contact BC Housing at 604-433-2218 in the Lower Mainland or 1-800-257-7756 elsewhere in B.C.

Offering *B.C. families* more



PS Live Well Clinics

We take a personal interest in your health

The Flu Shot WHO NEEDS IT? ... YOU DO!

"The flu shot is your best defense against influenza."

UPTOWN:

Dec. 6 Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 8 Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 11 Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DOWNTOWN:

Dec. 13 Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Please call us soon to schedule an appointment at the store of your choice! (Fee for this year \$25)

Live well with

PHARMASAVE®

DOWNTOWN 537-5534
104 Lower Ganges Rd.

UPTOWN LOCATION 538-0323
372 Lower Ganges Rd.

OPEN MON.-SAT. 9-6 / SUN & HOLIDAY MON. 11-5

www.bchousing.org

BRITISH COLUMBIA
The Best Place on Earth



BC Housing



PREFABRICATED ROUND HOMES
unique designs • healthy • sustainable
1-866-352-5503 • 250-352-5582
www.mandalahomes.com

YWCA HOTEL
for all travellers

Worth Checking Into

733 Beatty St., Vancouver, BC
1.800.663.1424
www.ywcahotel.com

Your stay supports
YWCA community programs

Bench warrant arrest starts nightmare

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Editor

A Salt Spring man is upset by how a Capital Regional District (CRD) animal control bylaw infraction has spiralled into a personal nightmare.

Paul Verville was issued tickets in July for three violations of the CRD's Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw. Verville allegedly had his two dogs on Vesuvius Beach when dogs are not allowed there during summer months; the dogs were unlicensed; and Verville would not provide his name to CRD animal control officer (ACO) Wolfgang Brunnwieser, which resulted in a ticket for "obstructing an ACO."

Since the applicable fines were not paid, a first court appearance date was set for September 12 in Gan- ges. However, Verville realized he would not be able to attend because he was sched-

uled for an Alberta musical tour. (He's the subject of a BRAVO Canada documentary film on his discovery that part of Beethoven's last sonata has always been played in the wrong time signature.)

On September 10 he called the Victoria court registry number listed on his hearing notice to advise he would not be able to attend the court date.

Then on October 24, he was shocked to see two police officers at his door, as he was giving a piano lesson to one of his young students.

Because he did not appear in court on September 12, a warrant for his arrest was issued, as normally occurs, said Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis. Leaving a message with the court registry is not enough, he said.

"The legal system has procedures for society to follow," he stated. "When a summons is served it commands the

person to attend court at a specified time. The accused does not have the option to call and decline to attend. Either the accused or his agent must attend and request an adjournment to another court date. When this does not occur, a warrant is issued for the arrest of the accused."

Verville feels that because the offence is not a criminal one, but a CRD bylaw violation, that a warrant should not have been issued.

But Willis maintains a normal process was followed.

Verville is also concerned because, although the correct bylaw section was noted on the "promise to appear" form, the arresting officer mistakenly wrote "obstructing a police officer" as one of the three CRD bylaw charges, when it should have been "obstructing an animal control officer"—and would not correct the error.

Willis responded, "Once

a person is arrested and released on a process, like a 'promise to appear,' then the police have no power to change that process."

He said "the accused has redress in court for any errors made."

Verville made his first appearance in court on November 14, although when he showed up he discovered his name wasn't on the list, although he was eventually dealt with by the judge. He will appear again on December 12.

Verville said he has been so upset by his arrest and whole situation that he has been unable to practise his piano for a planned European tour, yet it must occur as scheduled because the filmmakers face a deadline.

Willis said he spoke to Verville. "He was to attend our office and discuss this in person but to date has not come to speak with me."

Join a Conversation On Health in Victoria

What is it all about?

Everyone has opinions on health care. The Conversation On Health is an unprecedented year-long opportunity for you to provide your views directly to the Province, and to discuss with other British Columbians how we can improve and renew B.C.'s public health care system.

Your feedback will help set the direction the Province takes to strengthen our public health care system for today and tomorrow within the Canada Health Act.

Why is it important?

Our health system faces real challenges. Our population is aging and growing, and the costs of expanded health services, new treatments and new technologies are rapidly rising.

These pressures are threatening the sustainability of our health care system for our kids and future generations.

How can I participate?

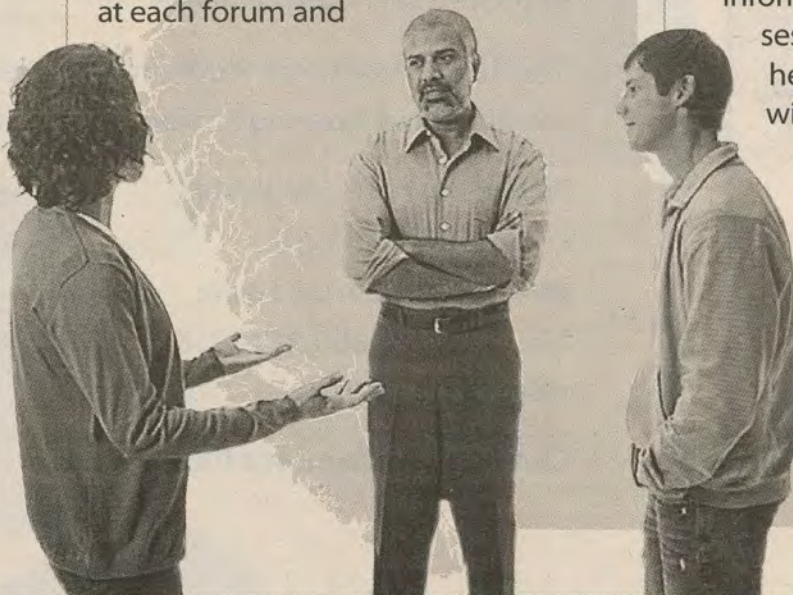
Sign up for a regional forum in Victoria. Simply visit the Conversation On Health online or call toll-free to request a spot. Pre-registration is required. To ensure a meaningful dialogue, participation will be limited at each forum and



registrants will be randomly selected for the forum within their health service delivery area.

All participants will receive an information package prior to the session. Funding is available to help offset the cost of travel within the health region.

Together, we can keep improving B.C.'s health services and be sure they're there for our kids.



To request a spot or for a list of forum locations in each of B.C.'s 16 Health Service Delivery Areas, call toll-free 1-866-884-2055 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, or visit www.gov.bc.ca online.



Conversation On Health



Jam-packed agenda set for Trust meeting

Islands Trust Council holds its next quarterly business meeting from December 6 to 8 at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria.

The public meeting starts Wednesday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. and finishes on Friday afternoon, December 8. Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 7.

Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal presentation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the executive committee.

Requests should be made to corporate secretary Marie Smith, including the subject, name and address of the speaker, to the Islands Trust Victoria office, #200, 1627 Fort St., Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8; fax: 250-405-5155; e-mail: information@islandstrust.bc.ca.

(Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to council are available on

the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.)

Also on the agenda for Wednesday are a Ministry of Transportation presentation on the ministry's role in island communities.

Along with the town hall and delegations section, Thursday sees budget and planning sessions, and presentations on private managed forest land, Parks Canada's National Marine Conservation Area, a Gulf Islands National Park Reserve update and the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team.

Trust Council will also engage in one of its twice-yearly discussions with the elected representatives of the San Juan Islands in Washington, identifying common island planning issues and solutions.

A governance session is set for Friday, December 8, beginning at 8:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting.

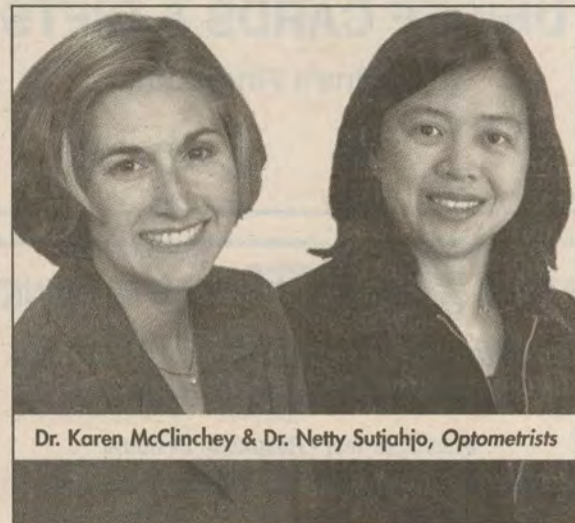
Contact the Victoria Trust office for a detailed agenda.

Most sessions occur in the Harbour Towers' West Harbour Ballroom, at 345 Quebec Street.



POOL POWER: Lawrence Shone and Jack Fraser of Ironc Developments Ltd., tighten up bolts on a structure lifted into place by crane operator Brian Dawes — and yet another piece of the pool facility is put into place.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Dr. Karen McClinchey & Dr. Netty Sutjahjo, Optometrists

Dr. Karen McClinchey and Dr. Netty Sutjahjo, Optometrists, provide complete eye health and vision examinations at IRIS in Duncan and Sidney. New patients are welcome!

IRIS is the largest eyecare provider in Canada with over 165 locations across the country.

Receive **\$100 Cash Back** when you purchase featured frames with fully coated lenses. See store for details.

Appointments Available Now!

EYEWEAR • EYE EXAMINATIONS • LASER EYE SURGERY

IRIS
www.iris.ca



2423 Beacon Ave., Sidney 250.656.1413
Dr. Netty Sutjahjo, Optometrist

2628 Beverly Street, Duncan 250.746.6041
Dr. Karen McClinchey, Optometrist

©Trademark of AIR MILES International Trading B.V. Used under license by Loyalty Management Group Canada Inc. and IRIS The Visual Group.

GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY



This exclusive shuttle service business is a turn-key operation, built up over 4 years. Includes valuable licence with extensive capacity to operate, two vans, website, marketing material and good will. **\$104,000**

CHR Creek House Realty Ltd.
164 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T8
Ph: 537-5553 / Toll Free: 1-888-608-5553
www.realestatesaltspring.ca



PHYLLIS BOLTON

ANNE MILLER

PATTERSON MARKET LTD.
our family serving your family since 1915

BCFerries Summer Hours

Salt Spring Island (Fulford Harbour) - Swartz Bay Departures

CROSSING TIME: 35 MINS
CHECK WWW.BCFERRIES.CA FOR LATEST SCHEDULES

IN EFFECT SEPT. 24, 2006 TO JUNE 26, 2007

Depart Fulford Harbour	Depart Swartz Bay
6:15 am except Dec 25, Jan 1	7:00 am except Sun & Dec 25, Jan 1
7:50 am except Sun	9:00 am
9:50 am	11:00 am
11:50 am	1:00 pm
1:50 pm	3:00 pm
3:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:50 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	9:00 pm

On Dec. 25 & Jan 1 only, service begins with a 7:50 am departure

"SHEEP" ISLAND FUEL
we're still the "sheepist!"

Operating hours:

PATTERSON MARKET LTD.

Mon. thru Fri. 8 am - 6 pm / Sat. 9 am - 6 pm
Sun. 9:30 am - 5 pm / Closed Stat. Holidays

High returns.
Total flexibility.

4.25%[†]

90 DAY
CONVERTIBLE
TERM DEPOSIT*

Right now at Island Savings, you get it all — high returns, total flexibility, and the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting local businesses and events.

Simply choose the NEW 90-day convertible term deposit, only from Island Savings. You'll earn an impressive 4.25%[†]. And, if rates go up, you can convert to any non-redeemable term deposit of equal or greater term. Come in and find out more today. Because it's good to be here.



ISLAND SAVINGS
IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE.™

*On a minimum new deposit of \$10,000. For lower deposit amounts 4.00% interest rate applies. *Each 'Separate Deposit' as defined by Regulations is guaranteed up to \$100,000 by the Credit Union Insurance Corporation. Interest rates subject to change without notice.

BRENTWOOD 544-4041 CEDAR 722-7073 CHEMAINUS 246-3273 DOUGLAS & BROUGHTON OPENING SOON DUNCAN 746-4171
LADYSMITH 245-0456 LAKE COWICHAN 749-6631 MAYFAIR MALL 385-4476 MILL BAY 743-5534 SALT SPRING 537-5587

SHAWNIGAN 743-5395 WEST SHORE 474-7262 WOODGROVE CENTRE 390-7070 www.ISCU.com



NOW AVAILABLE

UNICEF CARDS & GIFTS

at Sabine's Fine Books

IS YOUR WELL WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

Contamination can occur without changes in colour or taste.

\$25.00 per test • Results in 24 hours
Be Safe • Test Annually!



2062 Henry Avenue W.
Sidney, B.C. V8L 1Y5

656-1334

Complete Automotive Repairs



- Hydraulic hoses
- Complete automotive repairs
- Electronic engine analysis
- Tune ups • Oil changes
- Four wheel drive service
- Suspension shocks and struts
- Fuel injection



HAROLD HARKEMA REPAIRS

427 Fulford-Ganges Rd. • 537-4559 • Mon. - Fri. 8-5

Miss Julie from Studio One is moving off island to become a salon owner in Tofino.



THANK YOU, from JULIE

I wish to thank all my clients at Studio One, and my loving friends for their dedication during these 3 years on Salt Spring Island. I am so grateful for where I am in my life and realize that it's a result of all the love and kindness that has surrounded me. I would like to give very special thanks and gratitude to an extraordinary lady, Corinne Diachuk (owner of Studio One) for her believing that everything is possible. Watching her grow has been a powerful inspiration. Standing with so much strength and courage by my side completely transformed me and made me realize that success comes from caring for each other.

She is my star.
All the best

Julie Bergeron



FLEA HORSE: Kylan Bruce tries out this 1930s horse bike on sale at last weekend's Fulford Hall flea market. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Annual Angel Tree grows at CIBC again

Island children will once again be assured of toys under the Christmas tree thanks to the combined efforts of the CIBC, Santa's Workshop and local individuals and businesses.

The CIBC Angel Tree gift program runs from December 1 to 18 in the lobby of the local bank and islanders are encouraged to come in and choose their own "angel" to support during the season of giving.

"A tree will be decorated and set up in the lobby with 40 boy and girl angels on the branches," said program coordinator and local branch manager Patrick Harris. "Customers can pick one off the tree and then buy a gift for the recipient and return it underneath the tree with the angel attached."

The program is a joint effort with the Santa's Workshop initiative, headed by islanders Judy Willett and Bob Appleton. (See separate story). They and their helpers will collect, wrap and distribute the presents to island children who might otherwise have a very meagre Christmas.

Children's ages are also indicated on the angel figure so people can purchase an age-appropriate gift.

"Ages of the children go up to about 14, but no one of any age will be left out," said Harris. "All of the branches of the CIBC participate in this program and we decided to focus on older children on Salt Spring as sometimes there can be more difficulty getting gifts for them."

Islanders can pick up an angel from December 1 onwards at the CIBC branch located at 120 Fulford-Ganges Road.

Gifts should be either new or very gently used.

Santa sets up shop with donation bins ready to collect gifts for local children

In addition to the CIBC's Angel Tree, bins for Christmas gift donations are sprinkled throughout Salt Spring Island for the Santa's Workshop program.

Drop boxes are set up at Mouat's, GVM, both Pharmasaves, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, and various churches.

Although CIBC has a target of 40 angel tree presents for their venue, Santa's Workshop will be looking for many more from all the drop off spots.

"We gave away 80 in 2005," said Judy Willett, Santa's Workshop organizer. "This year we will need even more."

"The early cut-off of December 18 makes it a bit harder, but we need the time to collect, sort and distribute the gifts," she continued. "It

really helps if people can wrap the gift as well because we just don't have the time or funds to wrap them ourselves. It's so much nicer for a child to be able to unwrap a gift on Christmas morning."

Choosing an age-appropriate gift can be challenging, especially for older children, but Willett urges donors to take a stab at finding something for the 8-12 age group, as Santa's Workshop is often inundated with gifts for babies and toddlers.

"We always get a tremendous number of stuffed toys," she said. "In past years we have delivered some off island to hamper programs in Victoria and area. More variety would be good."

Gift Ideas include Lego and Bionicle sets, craft kits and gift certificates from

various island stores. Island Star, Mouat's, Harlan's, The Source and The Fritz cinema are just a few businesses that offer certificates for products that older children and teenagers would enjoy.

Willett has been Santa's Workshop's "large elf" for over 15 years.

"Bob has been doing it even longer," she said. "He's 85 years old but is still going strong."

A team of volunteers helps with everything from packing presents to driving the gifts to island homes.

"We have two 'small elves' and seven or eight drivers helping right now," said Willett.

Santa's Workshop has already been promised 40 teddy bears from the local liquor store and also received a tremendous num-

ber of donations in the form of gifts and money collected by Santa's Toy Run, an annual September motorcycle ride event headed up by Lil Irwin.

"The response was incredible," said Willett. "The motorcyclists were from Salt Spring and all over Vancouver Island."

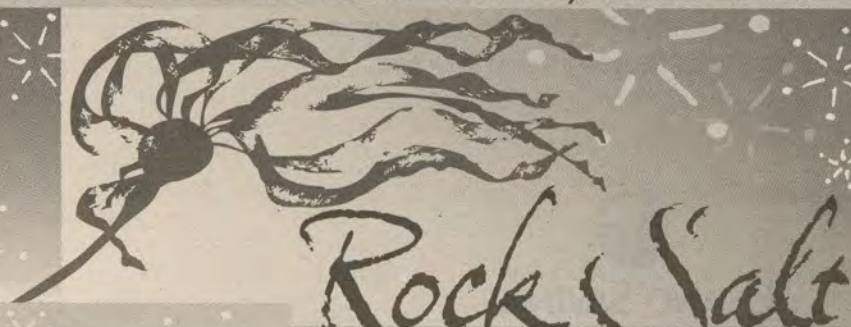
Money donated to Santa's Workshop is used to purchase more presents in the areas where they are most needed.

If you have a child that is eligible for the program, you can register through Salt Spring Community Services at 537-9971 to have a gift delivered.

If you know of a family that might be in need or if you would like to offer your services as a volunteer, call Judy Willett at 537-9943.

* GREAT SHOPPING * GREAT FOOD * in FULFORD VILLAGE *

SPECIAL DINNERS Thurs, Fri & Sat



Start your holiday shopping then celebrate with dinner out!

Restaurant and Cafe

Join us to taste our exciting new menu items as we transform from the Tree House South into the Rock Salt Restaurant and Cafe!

Open every day
breakfast lunch
dinner
8am to 8:30pm

STUFF & NONSENSE

Unique holiday home accents.
The perfect gift for everyone on your list!

OPEN LATE 'til 8 Thurs, Fri & Sat

Wilcox posts another "H" award — this time from his alma mater

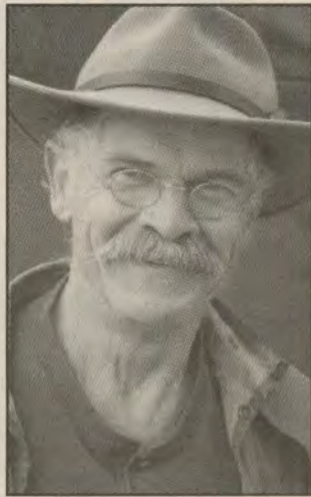
Fresh on the heels of his Home-Based Business of the Year win on Salt Spring, John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm brought home another award when he attended the Westag Alumni Association reunion in Ridgetown, Ontario.

Wilcox was named Humanitarian of the Year by the association at the agriculture school he graduated from in 1961.

The Westag Alumni Association received several nominations this year, states a press release.

"The significant contributions made to agriculture and the community by all the nominees made it difficult to choose a winner, but this year's recipient, John Wilcox, is certainly a worthy choice," states a press release.

Wilcox's humanitarian work began soon after graduation in 1961 when he travelled to India to work as an



Salt Spring's John Wilcox: Humanitarian of the Year.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

agricultural technician with Canadian Overseas Volunteers (COV). COV grew to become Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO), of which John is a founding member.

Since moving to B.C. in

"I feel fortunate to have been thanked in this way for the community-agriculture renewal work we share."

— John Wilcox

1964, much of Wilcox's volunteer service has focussed on sustainable agriculture in the province, the country and the world.

He is a past director of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture and was a founding director of many groups, including the FARM Community Council of B.C., the B.C. Agriculture Council

and the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.

He is also a former board member of the Canadian Organic Growers and is past president of the District A (Coast-Islands Region) Farmers Institute.

Wilcox has lived on Salt Spring since 1973 and for the past 16 years has developed and operated Duck Creek Farm where he services several retail outlets and two farmers markets with certified organic produce.

"The Westag Humanitarian Award is a great honour and I thank the alumni association for choosing me as this year's recipient. I feel fortunate to have been thanked in this way for the community-agriculture renewal work we share," he said.

What's On?
see page B16

Environmentally active youth on tap for Toyota scholarships

Young people actively involved with environmental and voluntary activities can benefit from a scholarship designed to recognize and reward their efforts.

Toyota Canada and Earth Day Canada have combined forces to offer 15 scholarships of \$5,000 each to graduating students who are entering their first year of college or university.

To qualify for the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship applicants must demonstrate a passion for the environment through dedication and hard work in extracurricular activities and volunteer initiatives. In addition to the 15 scholarships, one student will be selected for further awards.

"One exceptional student, chosen from the 15 regional scholarship winners will be further presented with the Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award and a Panasonic notebook computer at the National Awards

Ceremony in Toronto," states a press release.

The two organizations have spent \$275,000 to date and supported 55 young Canadians with their post-secondary educational goals.

Applicants are not limited to those who are entering purely environmental fields of study.

"Environmental scientists are not the only people who care about the environment," continues the press release.

"That's why we encourage applications from environmentally active students who are considering any program of study. Past scholarship recipients have pursued fields of study including engineering, fine arts, medicine and political science."

The deadline for applications is January 31, 2007.

Interested applicants can find out more information and download an application form at www.earthday.ca/scholarship.

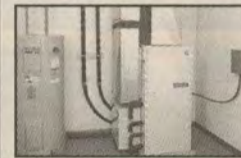
SALT SPRING Sheet Metal Ltd.

ECONAR

The Leader in
ColdClimate™
Geothermal
Technology.



The Econar GeoSource system in this home is so efficient, it extracts all the energy needed to heat and air condition. The only cost is for the electricity to move it, not make it.



A GeoSource heat pump is easy to install

Henry Van Unen • 538-0100

165 Eagle Ridge Drive, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K9

• CUSTOM COPPER & STEEL GUTTERS
• HEATING • VENTILATION • H.R.V.'S • FLASHINGS

Be Safe... Be Seen!

Roads can be dangerous on Salt Spring

Be like Allan MacLean
Salt Spring's
new RCMP officer

- Wear reflective gear
- Wear a flashing armband
- Carry a flashlight

The Driftwood reminds all Islanders that it is dangerous to walk on our roads after dark without proper reflective or lighted markings.

A HEADS UP FROM

Driftwood
GULF ISLANDS
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960

537-9933 / www.gulfislands.net / driftwood@gulfislands.net

Do you want a truly clean burning home heating oil?

BioHeat™
EXCLUSIVELY FROM
COLUMBIA FUELS
AN ISLAND COMPANY

The choice is simple

Columbia Fuels is proud to introduce BioHeat™ to the Gulf Islands - our new fuel blend of ultra low sulphur heating oil and North American grown biofuel that burns as clean as natural gas, but is much safer for your home, and best of all, with one simple phone call you can start using it at no additional cost.

If you would like to contact us, you can call our BioHeat™ team directly at

1-877-500-4BIO (4246)

or register online at
www.bioheat.ca



ORGANIC TURKEYS, FRESH GEESE & DUCK

Please order early • Organic Meat
Great selection
of Gourmet Gift ideas

ADMIRAL'S SPECIALTY FOODS & SUSHI BAR

537-5088 • 146 Fulford Ganges Road

Gulf Coast MATERIALS

will be off loading the gravel barge
Wednesday, November 29, 2006

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE

Home Theatre & Audio SALES & INSTALLATION



RUNCO • LEXICON
LINN • DENON
JM LABS • HITACHI
TOSHIBA • SONANCE
VANTAGE • NILES

COMPETITIVE PRICING
custom design • new & existing construction
10 years experience

Quantum Audio Video Systems
Kevin Kopetzki 537-9844

Modelling stint both positive and stressful

By **STACY CARDIGAN SMITH**
Driftwood Staff

Looking great isn't easy. Just ask Salt Spring high school student turned Milan catwalk prowler Carlee Wallace.

The Grade 11 Gulf Islands Secondary School student recently returned from a two-month modelling contract in Milan, Italy.

"It was a lot more stressful and not very glamorous like everyone thinks. You get yelled at a lot and they're very strict about weight."
— Carlee Wallace

But although she described her experience as "fun," Wallace admits there was a lot of hard work involved.

"It was a lot more stressful and not very glamorous like everyone thinks. You get yelled at a lot and they're very strict about weight."

So strict, in fact, that Wallace was asked to lose two inches off her 25-inch waist.

"I'm like 'that's not going to happen,'" said Wallace, who admits she even gained a few pounds while away.

At five-feet 11 inches tall,

Wallace now weighs 126 pounds, 12 to 15 pounds more than when she left for Italy on September 1.

While in Milan, Wallace did a number of runway shows, including one for Jean Paul Gautier.

Thanks to her red hair, she was also a favourite at hair shows, but she said the pushy stylists often tried to dye or cut her hair, something she was unwilling to do.

"I just told them what they could or couldn't do," she said.

She also did a test shoot with a photographer she described as "weird," during which she donned a number of wigs.

While Wallace enjoyed runway shows the best, she admitted they were also the most difficult. The models are fed very little, if anything at all, and are often required to work from 5 a.m. until 2 a.m. the following day. Wallace said she was often forced to sneak away to find food, and ended up eating a lot of McDonalds fare.

On the plus side (figuratively, of course), work did take Wallace to both Rome and Paris, France, and she was also able to sightsee in Venice and Lucerne.

She also met people from around the world. While in Milan, Wallace bunked with a rotating cast of six other models from places such as Israel, Latvia and Hungary.



Salt Spring's Carlee Wallace sports two different looks in photo shoots which took place during a two-month-long modelling contract in Milan, Italy recently.

Photos contributed

imagine standing out from the pack



WEBSITE SPECIAL

custom 3 page site for

\$299

Limited time special

SAVE \$100.00 off of our regular prices.
Add Hosting for only \$96.00 (\$8.00/mo.)

Little things get noticed.

Like the professional look created by quality design and printing.

Imagine That

graphic design & print services

www.imaginedthatgraphics.ca 158 Eagle Ridge Drive, SSI, BC 537-1877

December 17 annual Christmas bird count a sure sign of winter

For the past 19 years, birders across North America have welcomed the winter season with the annual Christmas bird count.

Salt Springers with a keen eye for detail can participate in this year's event on December 17.

According to event coordinator Gil Shultz, over 100 field volunteers and feeder watchers counted 13,756 birds spread among 102 species last year.

Good weather lifted the 2005 count up by about 20 per cent from the previous year, he added.

"The counts are a great excuse for friends to get together over the festive season for some winter birding and allow birders from a number of levels of expertise to participate," he said.

"The event produces useful information on winter bird distributions and popu-

lation trends across the continent."

The 2006 count is being coordinated with the Bird Studies Canada count. It includes Galiano Island and the Saanich Peninsula.

In each area, volunteers will be out and will report their counts to local coordinators.

Nationwide, this is the 106th Christmas Bird Count. Volunteer participation across the country grew to 12,120 volunteers and the number of individual birds counted was up five per cent to 3.2 million, although the species tally dropped to 289 from 300 the previous year, Schultz said.

For purposes of the local count on Salt Spring, the island been divided into 12 zones.

Each has a volunteer coordinator and a number of volunteer bird counters who

conduct the bird sightings and counts.

Anyone interested in joining in this year's Christmas Bird Count should contact Gil Schultz by telephone at 537-9469 or gschultz@saltspring.com and provide him with their address and phone number and relative level of bird-watching expertise.

There is a \$5 fee for participants in the Bird Studies Canada count, which helps cover costs of the nationwide bird count and the publication of the Christmas Bird Count Cross-Canada Report which is provided to each participant.

Feeder watchers who provide counts to regional coordinators do not have to pay the fee unless they wish to receive a copy of the final report and have their names recorded on the national website.

LEGION

RCL Br. 92
Nov. 2006
Poppy Campaign

Thank you Salt Spring! You have made it our best year yet!

Salt Springers have once again showed overwhelming support for our Poppy campaign.

Total raised: \$12,065.21

A special thank you to our local businesses for your outstanding contribution to our campaign.

Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for making our campaign a success.

BARB TODD
- Poppy campaign chair

TUESDAYS ARE 10% OFF DAYS
(some restrictions apply)

MONDAYS ARE DOUBLE COUPON VALUE DAYS

RED TAG PROMO IS HERE!

In support of the Christmas Hamper and the Food Bank at Ganges Village Market 'til Dec. 7th, look for red tags throughout the store. Every donation helps!

GANGES VILLAGE MARKET

"100% Island Owned and Operated"

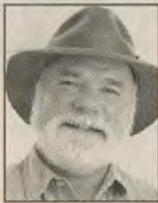
Zinging in the rain — best ones drip with contempt

The MacKay/Belinda/Dog thing — is it over? Please tell me it's over. I'm not sure I want to even throw the blankets off one more morning if my newspaper is going to be full of he said/she said/no he didn't/yes he did.

It's not the insult that annoys me — Belinda's a big girl who can take care of herself. It's not even the question of whether Peter MacKay lied about calling his ex-girlfriend a dog. Do bears wear crucifixes? Of course he lied — and prevaricating through his capped teeth is familiar territory for Mister MacKay. This is the guy who, just three years ago, in order to gain David Orchard's support in the Tory leadership race, solemnly signed a pact promising there

WIT & WHIMSY

WITH ARTHUR BLACK



would be no merger between the Progressive Conservative Party and the Canadian Alliance. Then, with the ink still wet, MacKay turned around and merged the parties. Our Minister of Foreign Affairs is nothing if not adept at slipping a shiv between the ribs while smiling on both sides of his mouth.

But, hey — he's a politician.

No, what annoys me is the sheer banality of the exchange. In case you missed it — a quick recap. In a debate in the House about air pollution, a Liberal MP asks our Minister of Foreign Affairs if he's not worried

about the effect of air pollution on his pet. "What about your dog?" asks the Liberal. And Minister Mackay replies: "You have her."

Puh-leeze. Most grade school kids could get off a better retort than that.

It's not even original. Ten years ago, troglodyte Reform MP Ian McClelland smeared Sheila Copps with the same pedigree but with greater precision. He called the MP for Hamilton East a bitch.

Which, though more specific, is still pathetically juvenile and unimaginative. Where is the wit? Where is the verbal acuity?

Where is the Zinger? "Zingers," to quote New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd, "should glow with intelligence as well as drip with contempt."

Exactly. Ah, Winston Spencer Churchill, thou shouldst be living at this hour — if only to give these embarrass-

ing, tongue-fumbling amateurs a lesson in verbal jousting. Churchill was short, fat, homely and probably alcoholic. But he was not a man you would choose to match wits with if you had your own about you.

Churchill's in-house Belinda was the hapless politician Clement Atlee whom Churchill variously crucified as "a sheep in sheep's clothing," "a modest man, who has much to be modest about," and "the boneless wonder." But he didn't reserve all his darts for the political competition. Churchill was an equal opportunity zinger slinger.

As the playwright George Bernard Shaw discovered after he sent Churchill a note inviting him to the opening night of his play Saint Joan. Shaw enclosed two tickets with the letter, "One for yourself and one for a friend — if you have one." Churchill wrote back regretting he was busy that night

but asked if it would be possible to change the tickets for the second night — "if there is one."

The English writer G.K. Chesterton was once mocked for his huge girth by a British magazine publisher: "Ah, Gilbert . . . pregnant, I see," said the publisher. Chesterton retorted, "Well, at least I don't suffer from your monthly periodicals."

When it comes to bloodless verbal decapitations the English have a decided edge. One time the Hollywood blonde bombshell Jean Harlow was introduced to Lady Asquith. Harlow's first mistake was addressing Lady Asquith by her first name, Margot.

Her second mistake was pronouncing Margot as if it rhymed with "foot rot."

Lady Asquith purred: "My dear, the 't' is silent. As in Harlow."

Not that all Americans are also-rans in the zinger department. The New York

wit Dorothy Parker once crashed into Clare Booth Luce in a narrow doorway. Mrs. Luce stepped aside and murmured acidly, "age before beauty."

Gliding through the door, Ms. Parker replied blithely, "Pearls before swine."

What I wouldn't give to be a fly on the wall had Mr. Churchill and Ms. Parker ever engaged in a duel of wits. No doubt Nancy Astor would have gladly changed places with Dorothy. At a dinner party in London, Ms. Astor hectored Churchill long and loud about women's rights. Churchill, well into his cups, argued and rejected every point she made. Frustrated and exasperated, Ms. Astor declared, "Winston, if you were my husband, I'd put poison in your coffee."

Churchill looked at the woman balefully and said: "Madame, if I were your husband, I would drink it."

Now, THAT'S a zinger.

Prices Effective NOV.22-NOV. 28, 2006
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES

SIDNEY SUPER FOOL

2531 BEACON AVE. "Sidney-By-The-Sea"

SINCE 1964

OPEN EVERY DAY
Thur & Fri until 8:00 pm

Sidney's #1 Total Value Store

WE OFFER YOU QUALITY BEEF, MEATS AND FRESH PRODUCE... NOBODY CHOPS PRICES MORE!!

CUT FROM CANADA "AA" BEEF BONELESS BOTTOM ROUND Baron of Beef Oven Roast 5.91kg 2.68/lb		MITCHELL'S GOURMET Sliced Side Bacon 500g 4.28		FRESH LEAN Ground Beef 3.70kg 1.68/lb	
CANADA "AA" BEEF BONELESS BOTTOM ROUND Marinating Steaks 6.13kg 2.78/lb		OLYMPIC ASSORTED VARIETIES Party Sticks 500g 2.68		PREVIOUSLY FROZEN WILD Sockeye Salmon Fillets per 100g 1.58	
FRESH AIR CHILLED BACK ATTACHED, FAMILY PACK Frying Chicken Legs 2.60kg 1.18/lb		Sockeye Salmon Steaks per 100g 1.48		FRESH BONELESS RIB OR TENDERLOIN END Pork Loin Roast 6.57kg 2.98/lb	
FRESH CUT INTO CHOPS TENDERLOIN END Pork Loin 5.25kg 2.38/lb		SAN REMO Tomatoes 796ml .99 X-Virgin Olive Oil 1L 6.98 Beans 540ml .77		ROYAL CITY 398ml Apple Sauce .88 Grapefruit 1.29	
FRESH CENTER CUT Pork Loin Chops 7.23kg 3.28/lb		TEXANA Indian Basmati Rice 2kg 4.99		KRAFT Peanut Butter 2kg 5.98	
REGULAR OR SMOKED Turkey Breast per 100g 1.29		CARRIAGE TRADE Liquid Honey 1kg 4.79		SHIRRIFF GOOD MORNING Marmalade 750ml 3.29	
REGULAR BOLONIA Bologna per 100g .99		KRAFT Butter 2kg 5.98		FRESH BREAD BUTTERCUP BREAD *White .99 *60% WW 567g .99	
2-Bite Brownies 300g 2/5.00		WONDER English Muffins 8's 1.69		ISLAND BAKERY ORGANIC Ancient 7-Grain 680g 2/5.00	
B.C. EXTRA FANCY GALA APPLES 1.48kg 67¢		AVACADOS ea. 2/99¢		CALIFORNIA ROMAINE LETTUCE ea. 88¢	
B.C. HOTHOUSE TOMATOES-ON-THE-VINE 3.29kg 1.49/lb		B.C. GROWN MEDIUM ONIONS 5lb bag 1.49		GREEN GIANT BABY CARROTS 2lb bag 1.98	


SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN
To help the Saanich Peninsula Hospital make improvements to provide the best possible care to members of our community, purchase products from these participating sponsors. **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Habitant Soup 796ml 5/7.00	KRAFT Miracle Whip 950ml 3.55	CARRIAGE TRADE Mac & Cheese 200g 5/2.00	GOLDEN BOY Thompson Raisins 750g 2.99	CLOVER LEAF Sockeye Salmon 213g 4/10.00	HUNT'S THICK AND RICH Pasta Sauce 680ml 1.88	PREMIUM PLUS Soda Crackers 450g 2.19	UNICO Lasagna 375-500g 1.58
CAMPBELL'S Bowl Noodles 85g .79	IMPERIAL 1/4 SQUARES Margarine 3lb 2.88	HEINZ Tomato Paste 156ml 2/.88	CHEF BOYARDEE Pasta 425g .99	UNICO Ripe Olives 375ml 2/3.00	NORTHERN GOLD Granola 700-750g 2.09	ECONO-PACK Biscuits 350g 4/5.00	WATERBRIDGE Regular or Chocolate Digestives 300g 1.28

SWANSON TV Dinner 280-345g 2.69		BACARDI Drink Mix 225ml 1.49		KRAFT SINGLES Cheese Slices 500g 4.49		KRAFT Cheez Whiz 500g 4.49	
KRAFT Delissio Pizza 550-992g 6.99		ISLAND FARMS Ice Cream 4L 5.59		KRAFT PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese 250g 2.99		ISLAND FARMS Multi-Pack Yogurt 12x125g 5.99	


CARNATION Hot Chocolate Envelopes 10's 1.99	KELLOGG'S TWO SCOOPS Cranberry Crunch 500g 3.98	DARE Pegtop Candy 2/3.00	PRINGLES Potato Chips 4/6.00	PLANTER'S ANNIVERSARY TIN Salted Cocktail Peanuts 400g 3.58	MAINSTAY Cat Food 4kg 4.48	CHARMIN EXTRA STRONG Bathroom Tissue Double 8 Roll 4.99	SCOTTIES *Tissues 100-144's .99 *Viva Deg Towels 2's .99
-----------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------	-------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

NESCAFE Instant Coffee 150-200g 5.49	NABOB DELUXE Tea Bags 120's 4.09	CARNATION Evaporated Milk 385ml .99	POST Shreddies 725g 3.25	SUNRYPE +dep Drinking Boxes 5x200ml 2/3.00	OCEAN SPRAY Cranberry Cocktail 1.89 2.99	NIAGARA TREEHOUSE Apple Blend 1L 4/3.00	*Coke +dep *Sprite +dep *Canada Dry 12x355ml 3/9.99
----------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------



□ Precision hair cutting
and foilcolour specialist

Timothie is coming
to Salt Spring
Book in advance



timothie hill hair est 1994
1.250.813.0285

Store events aid food bank

Islanders can raise funds for the food bank while practising their construction skills next week.

Harlan's is hosting two evenings of gingerbread house building in the Ganges store on Tuesday-Wednesday, November 28-29 from 6-9 p.m.

"We will be providing participants with gingerbread, candy, icing, plans and help to construct their own gingerbread house," said Marck Shipley of Harlan's.

Cost is only \$5 per house built, with half of that going to the food bank.

People must register and pay by Friday, November 24 so Shipley knows how many supplies to get for the event.

The Salt Spring Food Bank will also benefit from Harlan's raffling off a chocolate Santa Claus that's more than two feet tall. Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with all proceeds going to the holiday hamper program.

**PULL-OUT
TV GUIDE
PAGE B9**



ON THE BLOCK: Ryan Clemente auctions off a long board at Saturday night's Core Inn fundraising auction. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Core Inn benefit hauls in \$10,725

Organizers of a Core Inn Youth Project fundraiser are thrilled by the depth of community support shown through a For the Kids auction and dance on Saturday night.

The event brought in \$10,725 through sale of auction items, dance admission and the kid-run concession.

"The big thing for me was just the feeling of strong community support," said Core Inn coordinator Trish Nobile Monday.

She expressed gratitude to Cherie Geauvreau of the Copper Kettle Society, who stepped forward to spearhead the fundraiser and received "nothing but positive response."

One generous individual got the auction ball rolling by promising to match everything raised up to \$2,000.

Almost 100 items were donated for live and silent auction — including the now-famous "Hereford Coyote" that used to be part of the external decor of the former "cactus building" renovated last year by Jeremy Milsom. Some 200 youth attended the dance with popular bands Drop Radio from Salt Spring, and Cheek, comprised of former Salt Spring kids now living and performing in Vancouver.

A copy of Drop Radio's brand new CD fetched \$55 as the last auction item of the evening.

Nobile and Geauvreau extended thanks to everyone who came to the event and donated time or items.

Funds raised took a big bite out of the youth society's debt that initially stood at \$95,000 due to a shortfall in insurance funds received after the Core Inn's fire damage was repaired.

Assembly welcomes Ukraine minister

The Salt Spring Island Pentecostal Assembly welcomes a new minister to their church and the change to island living could be quite profound for the family of four.

Reverend Andrij Antipov, wife Anya and their two children aged eight and 2 1/2 months previously resided in the city of Kiev in the Ukraine, which has a population of over five million. They arrived in Canada on July 19, 2005.

"We spent 10 months in Manitoba, helping out at various churches there, until we arrived on Salt Spring on June 21," said Antipov.

The Pentecostal position is the first formal appointment for Rev. Antipov since coming to Canada. The church provides an on-site home for its ministers so accommodation issues that have been faced by other island clergymen were not a problem.

The island's rural nature will make for a slower lifestyle after the comparatively enormous population of Kiev, but Antipov does not anticipate too many problems adjusting.

"It's a change, but we have not experienced a lot of differences. The main thing is that it is not as easy to go places as you need to take a ferry every time. That can be inconvenient," said Antipov.

Family members are happy to be on Salt Spring and the oldest boy currently attends Salt Spring Elementary.

"My wife in particular is very happy to be here," said Antipov.

Future plans include getting out in the community to spread the gospel and helping in any way they can.

"Our goal is to spread the word of God — that's what we are going to do," said Antipov. "Reach into all levels of the community and help wherever we can."

MERIDIAN
ACUPUNCTURE &
CHINESE HERBS

Erna Robertson
R.Ac, R.TCM.P

Located at the Lancer Building
323 Lower Ganges Road, Suite 105
538-1701

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
537-9971

ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE FREE

- * **24 HR. CRISIS LINE:**
Toll free number: 1-866-386-6323.
Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.
- * **EMERGENCY FOOD BANK:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 3 pm.
- * **COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Crisis and short-term counselling provided by Community Workers.
- * **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free & confidential.
- * **FAMILY PLACE: PARENT & CHILD DROP IN:**
•Rugg Huggers/with Mother Goose (Oct 2-Dec 4) 11 am - 2 pm Mondays.
•Parent Child Mother Goose at the Core Inn (Oct 3-Dec 5) pre-register 537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca
•Wednesdays 10 am-1 pm Stay & Play 0-6 years. Parent and child drop in. Info: 537-9176.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- * **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:**
Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- * **Emergency Mental Health Services available:**
4 pm to midnight. Access is available through the Emergency Rm at Lady Minto Hospital. Call: 538-4840.

THINKING OF HAIR REMOVAL?
Begin now and complete your treatments before spring!

Call 537-4066 today

Let's Face It NON-SURGICAL AESTHETICS

Students & budding young writers...

The deadline for our annual writing contest is **Friday, December 1. Win a cash prize for a story of up to 500 words about Christmas or the Christmas Season.**

- Write a story of 500 words or less whose topic relates to Christmas or the Christmas season.
- All Gulf Islands students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are eligible.
- Stories will be judged by retired teachers and librarians on quality of writing, clarity of presentation and originality of theme.
- Winning entries will be published in the Driftwood in December.
- The name, age, address and telephone number of the writer must be written on the back of each entry.
- Send entries to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, email to news@gulfislands.net or fax to 250-537-2613.
- For more information, call 250-537-9933.

Teachers: Classes with the highest participation level are eligible to win a donation of \$100 made on behalf of the class to the charity of their choice!

enter

Tel: 537-9933 Fax: 537-2613
328 Lower Ganges Road
www.gulfislands.net
email: news@gulfislands.net

Driftwood
LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS SINCE 1944

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas TOY DRIVE

We are in great need of gifts for children ages 8-14 years of age. We will accept cash, new or gently used items. To guarantee distribution, donations should be dropped off at the Fire Hall by **DECEMBER 15**

DROP BOXES:

- Ganges Fire Hall
- Patterson's Store
- North Salt Spring Water District
- West of the Moon
- Red Ginger
- Ganges Village Market

FIRE HALL OPEN HOUSE: DROP OFF:

- 10am - 4pm**
- Friday, Dec. 1
- Saturday, Dec. 2
- Sunday, Dec. 3
- Friday, Dec. 8
- Saturday Dec. 9

Working in conjunction with "Santa's Workshop", trying to supply toys for over 100 island families! For more information call 537-9933



COATS FOR KIDS: Collecting coats at the high school for distribution by Family Place and the Community Services Society are from left, Charlie Stimpson, Ian Butler-Cole (in box), John Foley and Kathrin Kimmling. Organized by Sarah Lemky, the drive is also collecting coats at B-Side Clothing. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Businesses turn on creativity for annual Light-up contest

With bleak November rains and dimly short days, it's time for Salt Spring businesses to fire up their imaginations and bring light to the island.

The annual Christmas Light-up Decorating Contest is just around the corner and this year's theme is "A Salt Spring Island Christmas."

Categories include Best All Round, Best Use of Lights, Most Creative and Best Use of Material. Businesses are encouraged to go wild — there are no limits when it comes to creativity, imagination and fun in the displays that annually thrill islanders of all ages.

It will be a challenge to match the creativity of last year's entries, which included live theatre (Love My Kitchen), a homey "Night Before Christmas" window

scene with a crackling electric fire (Mouat's Trading), a mouth-watering candy village (Harlan's) and Boardwalk Greens' decoratively placed tools of the trade arranged in a breathtaking and ingenious design.

In addition, Lady Minto used lace and billowy fabric to fill their windows with angels and clouds, sound-activated marshmallow snowmen danced and jiggled in the window of Mouat's Clothing, Christmas-hued paintings at Jill Louse Campbell Gallery set the mood and ArtSpring created a warm display of elegant wreaths and lighting designed to be viewed from afar.

Island Savings took islanders around the world in the multiple windows encircling the building and the Stone Walrus took advantage of its

original and eclectic ornaments and bathed them in a breathtaking display of light.

These are just a few of last year's original entries, designed to inspire even greater creations for Light-up 2006.

Any and all island businesses are encouraged to join in and launch the Christmas season on Salt Spring.

To be eligible for the contest, entry forms must be returned to the Driftwood by Thursday, November 30 at noon. Forms can be found on page B6 of this issue and may be faxed or delivered any time before that date. Judging takes place on the evening of December 1.

Ad credits with the Driftwood are offered as prizes: First place, \$100, second, \$75, best all-round, \$150.

Cuisinox[™] Elite

Door Crasher Special

40% OFF

with the purchase of one of the listed items the 1.1L pot can be purchased for **\$29.97***

November 23 - 26, 2006

REG. \$74.89
*Limited quantity of 20

Any cook's delight!



Cuisinox "Elite" is a line of three-ply 18/10 Stainless Steel Clad Cookware which delivers an incredible value, great looks & it cooks beautifully. The line combines highly polished stainless steel exterior, a brushed stainless steel interior & the superior heat conductivity of an aluminum core.

1.9 Litre POT \$55 ⁴⁷ with lid reg. \$92.49	FRYPAN \$41 ⁹⁷ 20cm reg. \$69.89
2.8 Litre POT \$63 ⁸⁷ with lid reg. \$106.50	FRYPAN \$61 ⁴⁷ 24cm reg. \$102.49
3.6 Litre POT \$76 ⁹⁷ with lid reg. \$127.89	FRYPAN \$86 ⁹⁷ 30cm reg. \$144.89

THE HOUSEWARES STORE

BED BATH & HOMEWARE TOP FLOOR

Home hardware

MONDAY - SATURDAY 8:30AM - 5:30PM / SUNDAY 9:30AM - 5:00PM

HOT TUB COVERS
\$299
537-5147



SAFE • FREE • CONFIDENTIAL

Salt Spring Transition House & Crisis Line
537-0735 or
toll-free 1-877-435-7544

Women's Outreach Services
537-0717 or
toll-free 1-888-537-0717

Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women
538-5568

Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling
538-5569

'Transitions' Thrift Store
537-0661

IWAV is a non-profit society providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by violence and abuse.

Funded by the BC Ministry of Community Services



\$1,500
IN ADDED-VALUE FEATURES

The new 2007 Forester Columbia Edition is loaded with \$1500 in added value that you don't pay for. It comes with a power moonroof with sunshade, heated seats, 16" aluminum alloy 12-spoke wheels, and more. This includes a \$500 voucher for Columbia Sportswear redeemable at Sport Chek and Sports Experts. So if you want to head into the mountains with mountains of free stuff, get your Columbia Edition today.

BC is Subaru

D(4293).

Think. Feel. Drive.



SAUNDERS
1784 Island Highway
across from JDF Rec Centre



SUBARU
474-2211
1-888-898-9911



The

Paid advertisement

INSIDE STORY

The Secrets to Youthful Posture and Fluid Movement for a Lifetime

by Karen Corley

Author and nutritional lifestyle researcher Sam Graci and co-author Dr. Carolyn DeMarco will be at ArtSpring December 5 to give a free public seminar based on their new book "The Bone-Building Solution." The seminar will emphasize strategies for improving bone health in your teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and beyond. Sam Graci will bring a nutritional researcher's perspective while Dr. Carolyn DeMarco will talk about the pros and cons of widely accepted treatments for bone health including those for osteopenia and osteoporosis.

The audience will hear about the latest scientific breakthroughs regarding bone health in the 21st century and how to put them to use to dramatically improve their own bones, joints and fluid movement through nutritional and lifestyle adjustments.

"The Bone-Building Solution" includes a chapter by Dr. Leticia Rao, Ph.D., director of the Calcium Research Lab at University of Toronto and associate professor, Faculty of Medicine, showing that potent antioxidants found in brightly coloured fruits and vegetables as well as nutritional supplements such as greens+ quickly restores bone-repair and bone-building capabilities.

Sam Graci, creator of the award-winning food supplement greens+, and a resident of Salt Spring Island, has dedicated his life to helping people overcome and prevent illness and disease. He has researched and created dietary supplemental products that improve health and well-being. He travels extensively, lecturing free of charge to help others understand that their life is in their own hands and that by improving their eating and exercise habits, supplementing correctly, and keeping mentally fit and spiritually centred, all of us can have superior health well into our senior years.

The award-winning nutritionist predicts that deteriorating bone mass is to be the next "silent" epidemic. The United Nations has already labelled the decade from 2000 to 2010 "The Bone and Joint Decade." But the latest research has proven that this deterioration can be reversed. No matter what your age, you can increase muscle and bone mass. "The Bone-Building Solution" highlights natural solutions for lifelong bone health.

The latest studies show that osteoporosis is a major health threat to North Americans with 165 million people not consuming enough calcium to keep their bone-building processes operating at peak performance. Nutritional deficiencies in our diet impact our 206 bones and 143 joints long before we are aware of its devastating effects. Lack of vital nutrients, important vitamins and minerals, and protein and fats hinders our bone repair and bone-building capabilities. The good news is that when our diet and supplements restore vitamin, mineral, protein and healthy fats, bone repair and bone-building resumes at full capacity.

It can be as simple as colouring our plates with the rainbow of foods available to us. Eating a colour coded diet, including

brightly pigmented fruits and vegetables, ensures good bone and overall health naturally. Colourful fruits and vegetables have the ability to usher calcium into bones. Blackberries, grapes, tomatoes, egg yolks, nuts and seeds, all members of a colour coded diet, are full of antioxidants and phytonutrients that carry calcium into the bones.

The evening seminar at ArtSpring will focus on Sam Graci's latest research-proven action plan that changes the way we think about and treat osteoporosis, bone strength, and bone health. You will learn strategies for improving bone health throughout the decades of your life with tips on exercise, diet and well-being related to each age category from children and teens to 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and beyond.

We know that calcium is an important mineral for healthy bones, but the latest research has shown that calcium on its own is not enough. And perhaps too much calcium is even detrimental to bone repair and bone health. Sam Graci and Dr. Carolyn DeMarco M.D., along with research from Dr. Leticia Rao, Ph.D., will help you to understand the latest breakthrough information and put you on track to superior bone health and optimal well-being.

Sam Graci's research has proven that maintaining an alkaline environment within our body is of the utmost importance for good health and he has spent many years creating a lifestyle plan to help others achieve optimum health through his research. Eating an alkaline diet is critical to avoiding calcium loss from the bones. Eating more fruits and vegetables and adding more greens to the diet is the most viable way of keeping the body alkaline with a conscious exclusion of acid forming foods such as white sugar and those that are highly processed.

The importance of exercise will also be emphasized. Study upon study indicates that weight-bearing exercise such as walking, dancing and cycling help to treat and prevent osteoporosis by rebuilding bone and strengthening muscle. Dr. Carolyn DeMarco helps us to understand that even three times a week of moderate exercise can help to build bone density and lessen our risk of fractures. Exercise does not have to be formal or even everyday; by including walks, gardening, golfing or taking the stairs instead of the elevator on a regular basis, you are building your bone

strength and muscle mass, thereby preventing bone deterioration and osteoporosis.

The ArtSpring event will leave you with a newfound sense of control over your own health and your own ability to maintain good health for a lifetime. You will understand the role of supplements and how to incorporate them into your daily health plan and how to eat to create an alkaline environment within, thereby preventing many of today's health problems.

Always a popular event at a Sam Graci seminar is the product giveaway, Q & A, book-signing period that follows the lecture. This is certain to be an evening that will challenge the way you think about illness and disease and change the way you approach prevention and healing. The encouragement and hope that both Sam Graci and Dr. Carolyn DeMarco will bring to you will help you to increase your own vitality and wellness and supply you with the tools you need for superior health.

Natureworks Natural Food Store is sponsoring the evening at ArtSpring with 100% of the profits from the sale of "The Bone-Building Solution" at the event being donated to the Salt Spring Island Food Bank. The book will sell for \$20 (including taxes) on the evening of the seminar. The book is written on 100% recycled paper, and uses only biodegradable, vegetable-based ink.

Natureworks will be offering a free "organic food and beverage buffet" that will include vegetables, cheeses, teas and coffee to everyone attending. Come and experience an evening of optimal health and wellness at ArtSpring on December 5, 7-8:30 p.m.



FREE EVENING PUBLIC SEMINAR, TUESDAY DEC 5TH

Love your Well-being, Build your Bones!
Discover the Dramatic New Scientific Breakthroughs
with Sam Graci and Dr. Carolyn DeMarco M.D.

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 – 8:30pm

ArtSpring Theatre, 100 Jackson Ave., Salt Spring Island

Complimentary organic "fingerfood" and beverage buffet by Natureworks.

Meet Sam Graci, formulator of the original and research-proven greens+ and Dr. Carolyn DeMarco M.D., authors of the NEW book – **The Bone-Building Solution.**

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to learn:

- Nutrition beyond Calcium
- The "Silent Epidemic" in men
- Simple strategies for improving bone health in your teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and beyond
- The Secrets to Youthful Posture and Fluid Movement for a Lifetime

Join us for Sam and Dr. DeMarco's most motivational lecture yet. Seminar to be followed by book-signing with 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the **The Bone-Building Solution** (\$20 including taxes) to benefit the Salt Spring Island Food Bank.



Brought to you by:

Salt Spring
natureworks
local foods - complementary medicines

116 lower ganges road salt spring island british columbia V8K 2S8
tel 250 537 2325 fax 250 537 2380

Our Total Quality Obligation guarantees your satisfaction - or your money back.
www.genuinehealth.com 1 877 500 7888

For a healthier, vibrant life - naturally

