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**BIG SPLASH:** A floatplane parks on the shore of a swimming area on St. Mary Lake as islanders returned to the lake to take advantage of summer weather that's arrived better late than never.

## PARC will endorse recommendations

**TENNIS**  
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looking at them and taking advantage of them." Meanwhile, PARC plans to endorse recommendations in KPMG's Salt Spring Island Tennis Facility Project Review at its next public meeting on September 24, said Trump.

Those include formally adopting the CRD's procurement policy, use of external subject matter experts when embarking on projects where it lacks internal expertise and

clarifying the commission's role in management versus governance activities.

Regional director Gary Holman, who also sits on PARC, said it's possible a few detail errors in the KPMG report may be corrected in a published addendum. Unlike the CRD, PARC representatives were not able to preview the document for factual errors before its public release.

Commission member Bob Brewer told the Driftwood he was not happy with how the report appeared to "be

a whitewash" of the CRD's role in the fiasco that took some \$300,000 out of the PARC budget.

"I think that KPMG report should have strongly come out against the CRD administrators to provide full disclosure to the [CRD] board on matters they're voting on," he said.

"It's not adequate to be rubber-stamping."

The CRD board approved a \$572,150 contract with the Cover-All fabric structure provider on September 14, 2005, based on a staff report and Holman's recommendation. Brewer noted that was the case even though an 11-page August 11, 2005 letter containing several questions and criticisms — many of which were repeated in the KPMG report — was sent by islander Mike Best to various CRD officials and Holman, and other islanders made complaints.

"Firstly, they didn't communicate that information [in the letter] to PARC . . . but most importantly they didn't share it with the CRD board."

The KPMG report is available online at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca).

**HOUSING**  
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LTC chair Kim Benson said she was aware of the decision's potential impact on neighbouring parking facilities, but sided with trustees on islanders' need for housing.

"Only time will tell if this is the right decision," Benson said.

Trustees issued the variance on condition project coordinators from Salt Spring Community Services Society agreed to sign a covenant ensuring support for a car-share program.

Under the program, Murakami Gardens residents could access one of two vehicles for short trips after paying a modest application fee. More details on the car-share are expected later this year, said Rob Grant, Community Services' executive director.

"While having limited parking may seem like a barrier, it could very well play into some of the directions that the world is going in terms of transportation and access," he said.

Information compiled in a parking feasibility study presented to trustees by Susan Berlin revealed each parking space can increase costs associated with new housing developments by as much as 12.5 per cent.

"Needless to say, that is a considerable expense," Berlin told trustees.

Planning for the Murakami Gardens project began in 2005 after Salt Spring residents Richard and Rose Murakami dedicated the former fish plant property at 167 Rainbow Road for use as low-income housing.

Rose Murakami presented a 915-signature petition, 16 letters and 64 e-mails of support to the LTC.

The project includes six studio, 14 one-bedroom, five two-bedroom and two three-bedroom apartments. Monthly rents will range from \$500 to \$900.

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#### ISLANDS TRUST

# Trust to adopt new tactic against vacation rentals

Legal precedent could force others to comply

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Not all families embark on their vacations intent on breaking the law, yet that's exactly what has happened to the hundreds of Salt Spring visitors who stayed at illegal vacation rentals while visiting the island over the summer.

Even more incredible is that the lawbreakers came and left with little clue visiting the island would convert them into criminal accomplices.

Regulations banning the advertising and rental of vacation rentals were reinforced when Salt Spring Island trustees voted in January 2006 against initiating a permit-based system which would have helped limit and monitor homes rented on a short-term basis by absentee owners.

Following his decision, trustee George Ehring issued a plea to island residents and non-resident property owners alike.

"I realize that a culture has developed on this island where people feel they can ignore the wishes of the community and the laws that have been put in place to bring those ideals into effect," he said. "Some people think that if the law hasn't been enforced they can continue breaking it."

Nearly two years after trustees' lifted a moratorium on vacation rental enforcement, the official community plan (OCP) review's tourism, jobs and economic sustainability focus group is repeating much of the rhetoric left over from the debate.

"The group recommends that the OCP's long-standing prohibition of short-term vacation rentals, recently reaffirmed by the current trustees, be maintained and enforced," the report states.

The report lists "the loss of sense of community and resident-based neighbourhoods, unpleasant crowding during the peak months, possible impact on ecologically sensitive areas and an over-dependence on tourism" as the main reasons against developing higher levels of tourism on the island.

A quick internet search revealed at least 30 vacation rentals open for business on Salt Spring. One need not travel far on the island to find business cards and pamphlets advertising places to rent.

According to Perry Ruehlen of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, no statistics are kept on who gets referred to what kinds of accommodation. Volunteers manning the Visitor Information Centre office on Monday afternoon said they do not refer any visitors to vacation rental properties, adding that there are ample hotel rooms, and bed and breakfasts to satisfy the demand.

Respecting the regulations, however, hasn't stopped a few



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

When it comes to the contentious vacation rental issue on Salt Spring, the Driftwood discovered no one wants their photo taken — but the Islands Trust says it has a new enforcement plan.

vacation rental flyers and business cards from finding their way to the centre's shelves.

Enforcement of the Islands Trust's bylaw is essentially complaint driven. Neighbours inform the Trust of a suspected illegal use and a bylaw enforcement officer is dispatched to investigate. In the case of vacation rentals, new regulations introduced in early 2006 give enforcement officers the power to act on the basis of any advertisements, whether in print or on the internet, for vacation rental accommodation.

Despite the broader enforcement powers, the Trust's bylaw officers have yet to issue any tickets to owners of any Salt Spring vacation rental properties. The long-term prohibition has resulted in little short-term action.

The lack of action has left island residents like Vicky Hodson frustrated with laws that don't bite.

Hodson and her husband Nick have spent four years writing letters and making calls to the Trust asking for some action on a vacation property operating near their home on Scott Point. Despite their efforts, it was business as usual all summer.

"I really don't understand why there is a process," Hodson said. "It's a joke."

The prospect of a \$100-per-day fine — as stipulated in

Bylaw No. 410 — is not enough to dissuade renters from providing accommodation to guests willing to pay anywhere between \$1,200 and \$5,000 per week, according to Miles Drew, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer based in Victoria.

Instead of levying fines, he said, the Islands Trust is preparing to seek a court injunction prohibiting an operator from using his property as a vacation rental.

Because the case remains in its infancy, Drew would not divulge neither the location nor the property owner. The lone case has been selected because it presents "significant trouble to neighbours involved," he said.

If successful, Drew added, the Islands Trust feels the decision will send vacation rental owners a message once and for all.

"A representative case brought to the courts reduces the possibility of others violating the bylaw," he said. "We believe we are going with the more powerful and most effective approach. The mere threat of taking legal action will be a deterrent."

Drew could not say when the Trust would proceed with the case.

"We're working on it," he said. "We'll take it one step at a time. We remain in the early days."

## News briefs

### Road crews ratify contract

Salt Spring Island road maintenance workers were back on duty last Friday after a lengthy strike ended with a new five-year deal with Mainroad South Island Contracting.

The workers, part of the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), wrapped up ratification talks and voted in favour of the deal last Wednesday after being on strike since May 22.

The deal includes annual sal-

ary increases, improvements to sick benefits, auxiliary recall provisions, auxiliary wage rates and job postings, states a BCGEU press release.

Gord Hollingsworth, local BCGEU representative, said Friday there are still some issues to be hammered out, but "for the most part we are happy."

Hollingsworth's task now is to get back to the job and play catch up.

"We are 16 weeks behind."

He said ditching, paving and brushing projects start this week, but financially no one can ever catch up.

"No one wins in a strike," he said.

Mainroad president David Zerr said Monday the company is pleased to have the crews back at work.

"Overall [the contract] was reasonable."

The strike affected eight workers on Salt Spring Island.

### Hope resurfaces for Robbie II

The owner of a 40-metre (130-

foot) heritage schooner wedged on a reef near Saturna Island since July 1 is hoping help from a 35-member U.S. salvaging crew will begin a new chapter for the Robertson II.

"At this point we know that we're running out of time, but the weather is perfect," said owner Drew Clarke, a Salt Spring Island tow-truck operator, on Tuesday morning. "Stay tuned because we're still at it and planning to win this game."

Discussions with an American salvage operator over the past two weeks have rekindled Clarke's efforts to raise and restore the ship

to its former glory.

The prospect of having a 35-member volunteer crew willing to use the ship as a training exercise could not have come at a better time, Clarke said.

A diver is scheduled to make a pre-assessment dive on Thursday before salvagers arrive on the weekend.

"I am, as ever, cautiously optimistic that this will happen," he said. "This will be a civilized salvage show offering an opportunity for all the guys to start off their salvage careers."

"With that many guys it'll be a swarm of activity," he added.

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## OCP REVIEW

# Friends of Fulford speak out against OCP process

Members believe recommendations will destroy village

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group representing Fulford residents contends the Islands Trust's ongoing official community plan (OCP) review process has highlighted the gap between local government and island residents.

"Fulford is a bellwether. Our small size and proximity to one another has provided an opportunity for the subtle consequences of the OCP renewal process to become apparent," said John Rowlandson, speaking on behalf of the Friends of Fulford during a presentation to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) Thursday. "Generally there is a feeling that too much is being proposed too rapidly with too little forethought."

Rowlandson said some of the Fulford OCP focus group's 49 recommendations fail to match concerns of the estimated 250 individuals who turned up for a Fulford Hall public meeting on August 8.

Proposals to move an estimated 100 acres of undeveloped farmland into a revised village boundary to facilitate increased volumes of ferry-generated vehicle traffic and enable the construction of 200 or more homes in Fulford, Rowlandson said, are not in the interest of Fulford residents keen on preserving and protecting their village's intimate rural character.

Rowlandson questioned the OCP review process' assumptions — including that the car will remain an unchallengeable mode of transportation, that historically contingent community identity should be willingly sacrificed in order to achieve environmental aims and that the island's natural resources can support more development as long as these schemes are intensive and concentrated in a few areas.

"Broadly framed, these OCP assumptions erode our sense of place and foreshorten our capacity to identify ourselves as Salt Springers," he said. "At the village level, these assumptions have spawned recommendations that, if instituted in force, will

surely be the ruin of our home." Speaking in response to the Friends of Fulford claims, Salt Spring trustee George Ehrling reassured residents work is ongoing to identify and streamline recommendations forwarded by the six OCP focus groups.

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JOHN ROWLANDSON  
 Friends of Fulford

Rather than speak of a "chasm between government and the people," the process was designed to give groups as much input as possible, Ehrling said.

"I differ with your view on this chasm between our world and your world. I don't think it exists or was ever meant to exist," Ehrling told the audience. "We have always encouraged communication. The door has always been open."

Ehrling fulfilled his promise to support a motion to strike the recommendation to make Morningside Road a one-way street. Though focus group members had hoped diverting island-bound traffic along Morningside Road and Sunnyside Drive would alleviate congestion in Fulford village, the proposal touched a nerve with those attending the Friends of Fulford-initiated meeting in August.

Ehrling said the reaction and input offered by Fulford residents symbolizes the same spirit he hopes to see across the island as Islands Trust staff members prepare a short-list of OCP recommendations anticipated for release at the end of the month.

"We are delighted the Friends of Fulford has formed," he said. "This is the kind of public response we are looking for."

More information on the OCP review process is available from the Islands Trust website, www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

# Fire crews douse flaming garbage

Island students weren't the only ones headed back to school last week after Salt Spring fire and rescue personnel were called to the scene of a garbage can fire at Gulf Islands secondary on September 9.

A crew arrived on the scene at 7:16 a.m. shortly after receiving a call from school staff reporting that

a garbage can filled with clothing on fire.

Deputy fire chief Dan Akerman said crews extinguished the blaze without incident, but could not locate any suspects at the scene.

At 11:15 a.m. the same day, the fire department was called to assist a skateboarder who lost control and

wiped out near the intersection of Long Harbour and Upper Ganges roads.

Akerman said emergency crews were on scene until an ambulance arrived. The youth suffered multiple bruises and was released from hospital that afternoon.

Fire department staff also noted a burning ban remains until the end of September.

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## FOOD PROGRAM

# Couple aims to end child hunger here



Tim Marchant and Gail Glode want to eradicate child hunger.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Increasing participation considered the key

"Did you know there are people right here who go to school without lunch day after day?"

That's the message Salt Spring Bagels owner Gail Glode is trying to get out. Glode and her husband Tim Marchant are spearheading a program on Salt Spring to feed hungry school children on a regular basis.

Glode's commitment is to donate bagels to every school in the district on an on-going basis and she wants other businesses and the community to follow suit.

"Many individuals and businesses already donate generously to the food bank and to the Copper Kettle [Community Partnership]. If we as a community made that joint effort just the teeniest bit bigger, we could broaden the spectrum of foods available and no child would ever have to go hungry," she said in a letter to the Driftwood.

Glode is hoping to

address the need at a meeting of school principals to get a sense of the logistics involved to make the program a reality.

She said the schools, teachers and the parent advisory councils already have programs in place, but she wants to spread the word to local businesses and food producers to broaden the spectrum of foods available to include fruit, vegetables and bread.

Glode is already a supporter of the food bank and of Copper Kettle. Salt Spring Bagels donates its remaining bread at the end of every day to the food bank. They currently freeze the bagels and the food bank picks them up once a week.

So far, Glode has contacted the school district office, Salt Spring elementary and the food bank in an effort to get them involved.

Anyone wanting to volunteer or donate to the lunch program can contact Glode at 537-4890.

## CHANNEL RIDGE

# Construction set to resume

Extended financing puts wheels in motion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An agreement to extend financing between Channel Ridge Estate Holdings Inc. and Equishare Mortgage Investment Corporation will permit construction to resume on the village's north-end site by early October.

Work on the project's first phase ran into delays earlier this summer when the company's major lender asked for an additional \$10 million in equity from the company's 300 shareholders to extend financing for the project's \$75-million first phase.

With banks across North America realizing they had become overextended in real estate, lenders began tightening lending conditions, according to Jim Rogers, president of Channel Ridge Properties.

"Investors have put up the equity that makes it more palatable for the bank," he said.

## LITERACY INITIATIVES

# Island literacy action plan unveiled

At GISS dinner

Salt Spring Literacy invites islanders to a dinner and celebration in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, September 19.

The event includes a review of the proposed Community Literacy Action Plan, along with dinner catered by

Chef Al Irving and his Gulf Islands Secondary School students, and after-dinner entertainment from Valdy.

Salt Spring Literacy is not quite one year old as a group, but has already created a "community profile" with funding from the LiteracyNow Legacies 2010 agency, as well as an inven-

tory of literacy programs and resources currently offered on Salt Spring.

From that a proposed action plan was created.

Next Wednesday's dinner begins at 5 p.m., but people must RSVP by today (September 12) to literacy@saltspringlibrary.com or by phoning Joyce at 537-8933.

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## NEWSBEAT

### RADIO STATIONS

# Radio dreams in CRTC hands

Application responses expected by November

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island residents will have to wait until November before they learn the fate of applications from two local radio station proponents.

"Commissioners are following the paper trail," said Robert Ramsay, senior director of policy and applications with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

"It's up to them to make a decision."

The commission officially received radio licence applications from Salt Spring Island Radio Corp. and SSI Radio-on-the-Rock Ltd. at a public hearing in Gatineau, Quebec on August 27.

Commissioners historically take between two and three months to review applications, public comments and reach a decision, Ramsay said.

"There's not really very much we can do," said Eamon Murphy, a shareholder and director of SSI Radio-on-the-Rock Ltd.

"We're basically left twiddling our thumbs until we hear the decision."

Gary Brooks, Salt Spring Island Radio Corp.'s chief executive officer, said he is optimistic based on the dozens of interventions submitted by islanders to the CRTC in support of an island-based radio station to promote community events and provide urgent information in the event of a serious emergency.

Support from Salt Spring Island Radio Corp.'s advocates has been muted by letters to the Islands Trust expressing concern over potential

**"We're basically left twiddling our thumbs until we hear the decision."**

EAMON MURPHY  
SSI Radio-on-the-Rock Ltd.

health, aesthetic and environmental impacts from a 416-watt radio tower proposed for Mount Belcher.

A public meeting with residents on that issue will take place if and when the CRTC grants the station an operating licence, said Brooks.

"We have a meeting planned, but [until we hear the decision] it's all academic. We've just got to wait and see," he said.

### SOLID WASTE

## Wood-waste bylaw in public process

Setback distances questioned by resident

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Capital Regional District (CRD) proposed bylaw amendment to increase the amount of wood waste stored at Salt Spring transfer stations has one local resident concerned about the possible pollution it could create.

Bylaw 2810, which governs operation of CRD-licensed transfer stations on Salt Spring, currently limits the amount of stored wood waste materials to 60 cubic metres.

The bylaw amendment proposes increasing that amount to 800 cubic metres.

The intended purpose is to allow waste services to use the wood for chipping or another form of recycling.

Harry Warner, who lives near Laurie's Recycling and Waste Services transfer station on Lee Road, said the amendment, if enacted, could negatively affect neighbouring residents.

"It's typical of how the CRD treats Salt Spring," he said during the CRD open house on the amendment at Lions Hall Thursday.

The open house included a display illustrating where storage and chipping would take place on a sample site.

"They're saying it's 100 metres from the road but 60 metres from the adjacent property. Have you

ever heard a wood chipper?" Warner asked.

Warner was also concerned about the possible contamination of waterways near transfer stations. The amendment states all activities with wood waste must be 50 metres from any water course.

Ralph Bischoff, a member of the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC), said during the open house the amendment regulations, which include addressing noise and environmental problems, will protect the community.

He said the bylaw amendment is needed because wood waste is different from other garbage and the current bylaw doesn't adequately deal with wood waste.

John Ellacott, manager of Salt Spring Garbage Services (SSGS), agreed. He said the amendment allows for three annual chipping "events" and the chipping process doesn't take all day. SSGS currently stores and chips wood waste on its Blackburn Road site.

He said the current bylaw is impractical for businesses like his where he is only allowed to store 30 cubic metres but the cost of chipping is \$7,000 each time.

"The less you have, the more it costs," he said. "We wanted the bylaw changed."

The CRD will have a display about the bylaw amendment set up at the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair on September 15 and 16 if residents have questions or need more information.

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# NEWSBEAT



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**SPCA FUNDRAISER:** Jena Peori and "Balou" are among the participants in last weekend's Paws for A Cause event. The annual human/canine group walk at Mouat's Park is held every year to raise money for the local SPCA.

## GREEN BUILDING

# Energy efficiency grant to target Salt Spring buildings

Trust starts work on goals for 2010

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island trustees hope to clear the air when it comes to questions surrounding new building technologies and energy efficiency, thanks to a \$50,000 grant courtesy of the province's Energy Efficiency Program.

"This project will be the third granted to the Islands Trust in response to the province's request for energy efficiency policy and incentive programs aimed at different building sectors," said Salt Spring trustee Peter Lamb.

"Our OCP review is addressing issues such as settlement patterns, building sizes and support for reducing greenhouse gas emissions on the island," Lamb added.

"This grant will allow the Trust to explore the legal, administrative and financial implications of regulating building size to achieve energy performance standards."

Administered through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources' Community Action on Energy and Emissions (CAEE) initiative, the program aims to provide the needed financial support to help local governments advance ener-

gy efficiency and building upgrades.

The funds will help Islands Trust planners and trustees reach provincial government energy targets for new homes, renovation projects and local government buildings by 2010.

Once the program is complete, the Islands Trust will establish a working group to develop incentives and regulatory measures to encourage energy efficient design.

Salt Spring is among 31 communities to have received the funding since the program was initiated in 2005.

Included among the province's 2010 energy targets is reducing average energy consumption in new homes by 32 per cent.

The province also aims to reduce the energy consumption in 12 per cent of existing residential buildings by an average of 17 per cent by 2010.

Trustees agreed to work alongside and share information with the Capital Regional District in hopes of expediting the study.

Trustees said it is unlikely the results will be known before the island's new official community plan is adopted, hopefully early next year.

"We may have the money, but we are short on warm bodies at the moment," said Kim Benson, chair of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

## FALL FAIR

# Golf carts mobilize at fall fair

Help offered for the disabled

Getting around the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair will be easier this weekend for those less mobile, thanks to the addition of golf carts and rest areas.

The Islands Farmers Institute began the initiative after Salt Spring won \$10,000 for its agriculture displays at last year's B.C. Fairs Convention.

The project involves two rented golf carts that can seat three passengers, and two rest areas — one in the main fair area and one on the porch of the museum.

Those less mobile can zip around to see all the displays or take in the horse show. As well, tea will be served on the porch of the museum for those wanting to watch the crowds go by, said institutes board member George Laundry.

"We wanted it as a legacy project."

The idea was to help people in the community who don't normally go to the fair because they aren't mobile.

Laundry said if all goes well the project will grow bigger each year.

The fair takes place on September 15 and 16 at the institute grounds on Rainbow Road.



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EDITORIAL

## Cutting the cars

Common sense prevailed when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) decided last week to grant a development variance to reduce parking requirements of the Murakami Gardens community housing project now being constructed on Rainbow Road.

The reduction granted was not minor: the 12 spaces now allotted are radically fewer than the 34 that would normally be stipulated under the island's land use bylaw for a 27-residence building. But the project-administering Salt Spring Island Community Services Society found a distinct lack of demand for cars among the 50 people on the project's waitlist, which made the reduction seem feasible.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Murakami Gardens parking.

**WE SAY:**  
They did the right thing.

As well, organizers have wisely proposed a car-share program that will see two vehicles purchased by the project for use of tenants who pay a fee for access.

And since the development's parking problem came to light, a modest public bus system has been approved through

counter-petition by Salt Spring voters, which should be in operation by the time tenants are moving into Murakami Gardens.

On the other side of arguments, as local trustee George Ehring pointed out, it seems unreasonable to tell individuals that if they want secure and affordable housing they cannot own a car. It also seems possible that more cars may emerge wanting "homes" than can be accommodated by the complex's limited parking area. As such, the variance could well add to Ganges' already notorious parking problem.

Still, it's folly to argue that fewer low-income families and individuals should be housed only to reduce the impact of a handful more vehicles in the Ganges area — and when reduced automobile use is a supposed community goal in any event.

Salt Spring's affordable housing problem is much greater than can be ameliorated by one fine project. The same can be said of our parking problem.

Excitement about this project from Community Services, Rose Murakami and others attending last week's LTC meeting in the ArtSpring theatre was tangible, and rightly so.

Trustees made the right decision in granting the variance needed to get its doors open.



## Cusheon Creek land is priceless

BY MAUREEN MOORE

The August 29 Driftwood featured a piece with the heading "Why should we pay for Creekside land?" by Kimberly Linerger.

She was referring to forested Cusheon Creek land that's the focus of a recent campaign to protect this special place from subdivision and development.

As Kimberly said in her article, and I agree, the only way we can preserve and protect public spaces is if we are prepared to pay for them. We either "pay" for sensitive land by allowing development proposals that involve "amenity zoning" that results in additional development in other neighbourhoods and other land or we "dig deep" and save land outright with no "strings" attached.

Now the latter option is on the table. Here are the reasons to save this endangered land.

It's the last available piece of temperate rainforest in a riparian (waterside) area along the second largest salmon-bearing stream on Salt Spring Island. Over 50 percent of the temperate rainforests of coastal B.C. have already been destroyed. The large, mossy trees that stand in this damp forest owe their size to strong, surface springs, the creek itself and plentiful subsurface waters that drench the sandy, fragile soil.

It's a key riparian area that supports Blue-listed (i.e. vulnerable, very sensitive to human activities/habitat loss) threatened, red-legged frogs, rough-skinned newts, flickers, kingfishers, pileated woodpeckers, varied thrushes, sapsuckers, winter wrens, owls, bats, Douglas squirrels, and other creatures and plants. In addition, riparian areas and the water within them support life far beyond their borders. Fully 80 per cent of land animals including birds are dependent on riparian areas for survival. As for the fish in the creek, a healthy riparian area is a matter of life and death for them.

### VIEWPOINT

**"Since the campaign started, over \$40 thousand has been pledged."**

The salmon themselves would be at severe risk if the trees that now shade its water, filter runoff and hold earth together with the force of rebar were removed. Coho do not just pass through the creek. The newly-hatched fingerlings stay in its clear, cool water for almost a year feeding and growing until they are able to begin their saltwater life. If the creek's water temperature rises due to loss of deep shade, they die.

In its current state, this land that is part of a wildlife corridor of streams connecting three lakes to the sea, offers an outdoor classroom for our children and grandchildren to learn about salmon, the temperate riparian rainforest that nurtures salmon, the precious gift of water, and the link between freshwater and the ocean.

That's the answer to, "Why should we buy this land?" An update. Since the campaign started, over \$40 thousand has been pledged. These pledges will be called in only if we are successful in acquiring the land at a reasonable price. The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC), a large, charitable land trust, is actively negotiating with the owner's agent. If a fair deal can be worked out, pledges will be called in. When they are honoured, TLC will issue charitable tax receipts and this land will be covenanted and protected forever.

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*The writer is part of the Save Salt Spring Rainforest Appeal.*

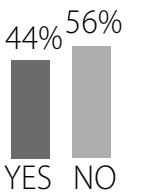
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should resignations result from the KPMG report?**



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**
**"I really don't understand why there is a process. It's a joke."**

NICK HODSON ON VACATION RENTAL BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What do you like best about Salt Spring's fall fair?

**LOUISE ADELE**
*The corn on the cob.*

**NICOLE GAUDET**
*The animals. Especially the cute ones like the alpacas and the goats.*

**CRYSTAL MCINTOSH**
*I like the interesting games and the wholesome environment.*

**EMILY FORBES**
*The mini doughnuts.*

**LLOYD AYOTTE**
*The After-fair Affair. It's community based and a great event where everyone is included.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to Driftwood letters online at [www.gulfislands.net/blogs/blog\\_letters](http://www.gulfislands.net/blogs/blog_letters)

### When the team loses

Professional sports is hard on managers and coaches. When a team destined for greater things loses, heads roll. That is the constant threat hanging over the heads of management. That unspoken goal to excel produces maximum effort to perform.

In politics, while there is always the threat of non-re-election, little if anything is done if the politician messes up. They play the age-old game of cover-up or "I don't remember." They are never "fired" before end of term. They do not resign since there is a lack of conscience or they are unwilling to accept that they did something stupid.

On Salt Spring, we have a problem where the team has blown a big game, but management and company are still with us, accepting blame, making apologies and even in the recent "tennis fiasco" spending big

bucks to finance an enquiry "to ensure that this sort of thing will never occur again." Cute cliché, except that it nearly always happens again.

In the present situation of "the tennis bubble that burst" we see at least two members of management who clearly look not just bad, but "badder." The enquiry clearly puts the blame at the feet of the CRD director and the parks and rec manager, who between them fouled up royally — I mean big time.

What do we get? Director Gary Holman admitted that he was ultimately responsible. Dave Gibbon, with his lack of attention to detail and failing to provide the "all-volunteer" Parks and Recreation Commission with sufficient and correct facts, is still with us. Just leave, lads, and let's get someone responsible and efficient.

**HAL STONE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Resign

I don't play tennis or know anything about the sport. I do know something about building and construction.

When I read the excerpts from the accounting company's report in last week's Driftwood about the "deficiencies" in the process for the indoor tennis structure, it was very clear that something is very dirty about the whole thing.

It shouldn't cost \$700,000 for a fabric structure and foundation. If the process had been competitive, that number might have been closer to \$250,000.

Also what I do know is that Gary Holman and the PARC manager have not done the proper job of managing our taxes efficiently. They need to be held accountable. Holman needs to resign and the other guy needs to be replaced. What is the process to recall an elected official?

**JON SMITH,**  
JON SMITH MASONRY,  
DUNCAN AND VESUVIUS

### Support local economy

I was shocked to find a full-page ad from Wal-Mart in last week's paper. In 11 years living on Salt Spring, I have never seen Wal-Mart advertise in our local paper.

What is most upsetting (besides the obvious) is that the Driftwood has just solicited local businesses for two ad campaigns, for Back to School and Summer End Sales supplements. Advertising money is precious here for our small-town businesses who already have to compete for those locals who decide to shop locally or spend their dollars off island in the big stores. Having sales is our way to try to compete, so Wal-Mart's full page ad (not even pennies in their ad budget) listing school supplies hits hard.

As a local business owner, I choose not to sell back-to-school supplies as there are already local businesses that do. I would expect the same respect from our local paper. They also have a

choice of whom to support.

To quote from a great book I am currently reading about supporting local economies, "Buying your goods from local businesses rather than national chains generates about three times as much money for your local economy. Studies from all over the country agree on that, even while consumers keep buying at chain stores, and fretting that the downtown blocks of cute mom-and-pop venues are turning into a ghost town, today's bargain always seems to matter more." —Barbara Kingsolver, from "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle."

I believe Salt Springers can preserve our local economy, but we have to do it together.

**ERIN PORTER,**  
OWNER, FABLES COTTAGE  
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### Exceptional

I read your Great Kids September 5 insert and felt compelled to write about another group of fantastic kids here on the island.

I am the new chef at the Rock Salt Cafe in Fulford and had the great good grace to have a fantastic team this summer. The whole kitchen was terrific, from cooks to dishwashers. (The front of house was lovely as well but that's not my bailiwick.) However, it was a small core of dishwashers who I would like to thank today. Avery, Garith, Ian, Joseph, Kevin, Phoenix and Tara truly did a fantastic job. It is not a fun job washing dishes in a busy restaurant kitchen. You get to run around and clean up after everybody in the building and to do it with grace and humour like this group did is a remarkable feat indeed.

A kitchen is only as good as the sum of its workers and I am blessed with one of the best kitchens I have ever run.

So thank you to this group of exceptional kids who are a truly outstanding example of their generation.

**BRUCE WOOD,**  
CHEF, THE ROCK SALT CAFE

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 10

# Charges are 'cruel' for mystery water leak

I live alone. I live alone in a modest little two-bedroom, one-bath rancher on a small city-sized lot just off Walker's Hook. Imagine my surprise when I received a three-month water bill for \$799.20.

I do not have a swimming pool, although my water meter says I have gone through enough water to fill the new Rainbow pool half way to the top. I am not running a garden nursery or an underground grow op. Hell, I don't even have a dishwasher. My crawlspace is as dry as an Islands Trust financial report.

I have lived in my little rancher for seven years, through snow, sleet, rain and drought. My water bills normally hover around \$20.00. This current bill, being 40 times my regular, being a full half my net property tax, begged investigation.

To begin, I don't water my lawn, preferring it to go from lush green in the spring to Afghanistan brown by August. There is a 120-foot stretch of new bamboo along the street side, to keep my yappy dogs from harassing passers by and vice versa. And being the model citizen that I strive to be, I have long


**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

soaker hoses on timers to husband water consumption along the line of bamboo. Still, with these water-saving measures in place, with no pool, grow-op, or dishwasher, I managed to suck up 66,500 gallons of water.

Robert, the guy who oversees the Highland water system, came out once, came out twice, scratching his head, stroking his beard, as puzzled as I was at the astronomical reading. There must be a leak — a leaky toilet, dripping faucets, cracked pipe, all of the above. No leak. Bad meter? Bad soaker hoses? I would have to be running those soaker hoses at full bore, three hours a day, come rain or shine, to use that kind of water. Possible, but unlikely.

Even so, if I managed to use 10 times my normal amount of water, wouldn't the bill be 10 times higher, instead of the heart-stopping 40-fold increase? Ah, Buckwheat, didn't you get the memo?

It seems last year our neighbourhood water board initiated a new system for charging hapless water users in the neighbourhood. Depending on how green you want to keep your lawn, or how clean you

want your car, you can pay up to eight times the normal rate. Eight times. This is apparently to "[make] water users aware of the need to curb excessive water use." Well, the \$800 bill certainly got my attention.

Let's spend a moment in the desert, where water is a real concern. Santa Fe, a desert community 7,000 feet above sea level, would be a good start. The price of my aquatic gluttony in Santa Fe would have amounted to \$300. Kelowna? Less than \$200. Salt Spring? \$800.

Well, how about our neighbours? What are they getting charged for this rare and precious commodity? Victoria would charge me \$445. In Langford, it would come to \$360. In Campbell River, forget about it. Most of the existing houses don't even have water meters. In the summer, you water your lawns in the evening on even or odd numbered days.

What a novel idea! Have dedicated watering days in the summer! Jeez, why didn't our water board think of that. I think I'm getting hoses.

To their credit, the local Highland/Fernwood water boards have indicated that they would review the water rates this year. I sincerely hope they have a close look. On the old 2005 rate system, my water bill would have amounted to about \$150 — a lot for three months, but nowhere near the \$800 under the "new" system.

If they instigated this new billing rate to raise money for the future expanded water treatment plant, then tell us. Don't wrap it around some environmental, global warming, "We are the World" flag. Just tell us.

Robert and I continue to search for an errant leak in the system. And the CRD guy in Victoria, Todd Kilvert, has been sympathetic in a bureaucratic kind of way. They are just following orders.

My property tax bill this year shows I am paying \$750 for the privilege of having a shower and flushing my toilet, over and above the current \$800 "consumption account." Isn't that enough? Do we need another punitive, jackboot kick in the backside to remind us of our evil ways?

I remember my mother barking at me to "Finish your dinner! There are children starving in Africa!" Well, 40 years later they are still starving in Africa, regardless of my leftovers. And regardless of my wanton (albeit accidental) water consumption, they will still be sucking up water at an incredible 51 million gallons per day in California. Regardless of the moral and environmental implications of excessive water consumption, I've still got to scratch together \$800 for the water babies.

Maybe it's time to dig a well, if I can afford the well-digging permit.



## School District #64 (Gulf Islands) A Community of Learners

Welcome back to school from the Board of School Trustees,  
Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, CUPE, and Principals and Vice-Principals!

Welcome to students and families new to our communities.  
Welcome to students moving to the Middle School and GISS.  
Welcome to staff new to our district.

Murray Doucette	Director of Human Resources
Rachel FitzZaland	VAMT, Yearbook and English teacher, GISS
Oscar Hanson	Principal, Phoenix Elementary School
John Martin	Counsellor, GISS
Susan Robinson	Math teacher, GISS
Holly Smith	District Psychologist
Gretchen Zinkan	Special Education and Fine Arts Prep teacher, Fernwood

Welcome to parents. Please consider being an active participant in our Community of Learners – attend PAC meetings, become involved with your school and your child's teachers.

- Check our website ([www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca)) for information on the 4-day week schedules:
- Click on 'Schools' for school start and stop times.
  - Click on 'District' for the days in session/days of school closure/professional development days and holidays.
  - Click on 'Transportation' for bus and water taxi schedules.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Graduation Class of 2007 continues the Gulf Islands Tradition of Excellence. The district proudly acknowledges the following highlights from all exam periods in the 06/07 school year:

- English 12 – not significantly different from provincial average
- Biology 12 – 1% above provincial average
- Chemistry 12 – 4% above provincial average
- Communications 12 – not significantly different from provincial average
- BC First Nations Studies 12 – 9% above provincial average
- French 12 – 5% above provincial average
- Francais Langue 12 – 4% above provincial average
- Geography 12 – 3% above provincial average
- Literature 12 – 8% above provincial average
- Principles of Math 12 – not significantly different from provincial average
- Physics 12 – 3% above provincial average
- History 12 – 1% below provincial average

NOTE: "provincial average" included the average mark of all schools, public and independent, in BC who wrote exams in the same sessions.

These results are excellent, especially considering a consistently high participation rate in almost all of these exams. While there are many other measures of success beside exams, we know that Grade 12 provincial exams carry a great deal of weight towards consideration for scholarships and university and college entrance. They are considered to be a very good measure of a student's understanding of the subject for which the exam is written. Success in these exams is strongly correlated with success in other aspects of the same courses.

Eleven \$1000 provincial scholarships were awarded this year to our graduates. The new criteria for being awarded a provincial scholarship this year is that students must achieve an 86% or better on at least three exams.

We are very proud to announce our Provincial and District Scholarship winners for 2006-2007:

### Provincial Scholars

Megan Cameron	Dejan Loyola	Elizabeth Sharp
Benjamin Dunsmuir	Charlotte Mellstrom	Eric Sigmund
Gordon Havelaar	Heather Munro	Bonn Smith
Donald Lake	Nikita Pardiwala	

### Dogwood District/Authority Awards

Eland Bronstein	Eryn Krieger	Bonn Smith
Geoff Cronin	Dejan Loyola	Aaron Trory
Catlin Hilyer	Pandora Morgan	Julian Wilhelmsen

Congratulations Gulf Islands graduates! Congratulations Gulf Islands teachers! You are all contributing to what makes us one of top performing school districts in BC.



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### Helping out

I thank Eric Booth for his generous and thoughtful response to my letter. ("Trust money doesn't preserve, protect," September 5 Driftwood).

At the risk of exasperating him even further — I realize how irksome it must be to have someone who has been a Canadian citizen for only half his life accuse him of un-Canadian thinking — I would like to argue a few points:

I feel it is somewhat disingenuous of him to use the example of Salt Springs seniors subsidizing the Islands Trust taxes of "wealthy, American waterfront owners" on other islands. By this reasoning, surely, the even more wealthy, American, waterfront owners on Salt Spring must be subsidizing the fixed income seniors on Mayne or Saturna. And would it not be reasonable also to argue that Salt Spring seniors are subsidizing the wealthy, American, waterfront owners on Salt Spring?

I would be in favour of introducing a lower mil-rate for low income seniors as Eric almost suggests, but that is another issue. I did not say that all Salt Springers are affluent (I am certainly not), but I think the demographics of this place would put us in the higher end of the affluence tables in Canada, not to mention the rest of the world.

I agree with Eric that buying park land on the islands is an excellent way to preserve and protect them, but since funds to achieve this goal in our increasingly expensive real estate market are necessarily limited, good planning and regulation are the best tools to prevent harmful and inappropriate development.

Development will occur, and if it is not to alter these islands for the worse, planning must be thorough and planning staff must be employed — wherever they are needed. Thus, even though fixed-income island seniors may not be involved in development themselves, they benefit from having their environments and neighbourhoods preserved and protected to the best degree possible by their Trust.

I think the current local Trust committee and its staff are doing an excellent job on Salt Spring. The crux of my disagreement with Eric — as I tried to explain in my letter — is the artificial division of Gulf Islanders into "them" and "us" based on the fact that there are stretches of water between us. We all choose to live on these islands, whether we were born here or not, for the same range of reasons; we share a common spectrum of aspirations; we all enjoy the peculiar qualities of island life. We are a federation of islands and a community of islanders, and we should be gracious in helping each other out — that's just the way we Canadians are.

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**MICHAEL WALL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Waste of money

I am a property owner on Salt Spring Island, and have been for quite a few years. Until now I have felt that we were getting reasonable services for our tax dollars.

Not anymore — I was appalled to read about the distressing and unwarranted waste of taxpayers' money on the tennis court fiasco.

Neither Gary Holman nor David Gibbon deserve to remain in their jobs — their performance is ample proof. The money we pay in taxes doesn't grow in the blackberry patches.

We taxpayers deserve public officials who spend our money as if it were their own. Get rid of Holman and Gibbon now.

**SHIRLEY LAMBERT,**  
FULFORD-GANGES ROAD

### Answer questions

Well, our prime minister has just met with Howard of Australia, Bush of the U.S. and the other APEC country leaders in Australia, and big surprise, they've decided on "aspirational targets" for reductions in the "intensity" of greenhouse gas emissions. How lame. Voluntary reductions in greenhouse gases haven't worked so far, why will they this time?

Since Parliament won't be in session until next month maybe our elected representative, Gary Lunn, will have time to answer a few questions from his constituents.

Questions like: Does he

really believe that this APEC agreement wasn't a complete waste of time?

While we're at it, maybe he could answer a few other questions.

What were the results of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) meeting in Montibello last month? Was he there? One of the stated goals of the SPP is energy security. Was that for Canada or the United States? I thought we had lots of energy in this country.

And of course there's Afghanistan: though he's repeatedly insisted that we agree to disagree on Afghanistan, maybe he could give us a bit of an update on the situation there.

Is our presence there increasing or decreasing the threat of terrorism in Canada?

It cost us \$189 million to send the tanks that we already have to Afghanistan, the ones that can't be used in summer because it turns out they get too hot.

The used ones that we're buying from the Dutch will cost us somewhere between \$650 million and \$1.3 billion — could we get a more precise figure on that? Why do I feel like I've just had a visit to a used car lot? And the generals warn that they likely won't reduce the number of deaths due to IEDs, and they certainly won't do anything to win hearts and minds, so does our MP think it was a good use of money? Since they won't be delivered till after our commitment ends in early 2009, does this mean it was an even bigger waste of money, or does that mean we're staying longer in Afghanistan?

More questions. Why was the report on the RCMP provision of information to the U.S. government that sent a Canadian off to be tortured in a Syrian prison censored for "national security" reasons, and then uncensored?

We understand that our MP has been good enough to meet with his constituents during past fall fairs; maybe he could let us know ahead of time when he will be coming and he can also answer these questions in person.

Accountability is a wonderful thing.  
**BRIAN SMALLSHAW,**  
BAY RIDGE PLACE

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### Accountable

Thank you KPMG and Mike Best for bringing out the detail needed to properly assess the situation with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) tennis bubble. To date the public has been led on a merry chase, with a lack of real information about the process, misinformation about the money spent and absolutely no accountability from Gary Holman, PARC and Dave Gibbon.

As I read the article headlined "Numerous problems found with process" in the September 5 Driftwood I felt like I was having a déjà vu flashback to the aquatic and leisure pool project. Almost every problem reported by KPMG also occurred with the swimming pool. The current problems with the tennis bubble are not one off; what is described by KPMG is the modus operandi of PARC and Holman.

As president of the indoor pool society Splash from 2003 to 2006 I took several issues of concern to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board regarding decisions PARC took about the swimming pool and the CRD refused to step in and direct the decision-making process, even though it was clear that PARC and Holman needed some direction.

The swimming pool project is not the success that Peter Lake touts it to be. In fact we are getting the pool PARC wants and not the one the community wants. We are not getting the full aquatic centre that was the subject of the successful referendum vote with three bodies of water, including a leisure pool for the children and older adults. We are getting the swimming pool that PARC decided the community needed, with no input into its decision. I believe the only reason the swimming pool project has actually progressed to where it is today is because of Splash's resolve.

We could have had the aquatic centre the community wanted and voted for if the proper processes had been followed; such as if "the RFP had been written in a way that provided equal opportunity to each potential bidder." This is the first point in the KPMG investigation. But that did not happen with either the tennis or the pool project.

It is truly a black spot on our community that PARC goes off on a frolic of its own, doing what it wants, and does not respond to the

needs and directions of the community it is supposed to serve.

Yes, Holman should be held accountable for this mess. He keeps saying he is going to repay "some" of the money that was lost in the tennis fiasco, well, let's have it!

But that is not enough. Holman, PARC and their manager Dave Gibbon also have to be held responsible. It is time for the community to accept their resignations.

**DARLENE STEELE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Salmon berries

Murray Reiss admonishes the unwitting, pony-tailed berry picker for taking what comes free from nature and turning them over to a commercial interest ("Commons plundered," August 29 Driftwood letters).

But I think the berry picker must be cut a bit of slack since what he is doing is little different from what many of us support in the pursuit of wild salmon by fishermen. I think it is worth considering the analogy between the two.

By his argument, blackberries for commercial use should presumably come only from farmed berries, a source which has the unfortunate concomitant need for clearing of sufficient land, potential need for irrigation and the control of pests in order to protect the "investment." Were his argument vis a vis blackberries be applied to salmon, it would imply similar support for farmed salmon being the source for commercial use.

If one supports the cause for fishing of wild salmon, then should that cause not apply equally to the berry picker (not a far stretch)? You have to give the independent berry picker some credit for putting together a small, self-employed enterprise with a generally positive purpose, rather than spending endless days drinking coffee and smoking in a Ganges parking lot.

So let the brave berry picker cast his net upon the thorny sea of Salt Spring's blackberry vines. (No trespassing, though.) Blackberries self regulate their harvest. As any berry picker knows, the largest and juiciest berries are those that hang in clusters just out of reach, and to which the birds alone have access.

**JENS ROLAND,**  
CEDAR LANE

### Deceit

I was shocked to see "Condos in cards for Swanson's Pond" in the August 31 Driftwood.

I thought this was a protected wetland, as it absolutely should be. Certainly the owner/developer knew that in 2003 there was a citizens' campaign to preserve this area as parkland. So to have no public consultation, no advance warning before the pumping starts and to say the support for this is all lined up is nothing short of outrageous.

And there is deceit. Swanson's Pond is a natural pond and wetland. The pond was enlarged by Swanson in about 1950, but it was definitely there already. There is a spring in the area and this is a natural drainage running into Swanson creek.

It is an important area of natural habitat, containing a blue heron nest site, and home to many native birds that require the natural trees, bushes and water to make their homes here. Add to that the thousands of frogs that gladden the night in March and April with their love songs and help to rid local gardens of insect pests during the summer. In May the Swainson's Thrush returns with its beautiful cascading songs at sundown and this is an irreplaceable treasure.

There are a number of seniors' facilities in the Ganges area, but only one Swanson's Pond. Where is our preserve and protect mandate?

We have heard lots in recent times about "leaky condos," but to start by building one in a swamp and pond bottom looks like a guarantee for trouble. What are you thinking?! Besides, with all the concern about global warming, greenhouse gases and air quality, the environmental value of this green space, pond and trees needs to be seriously considered. With all these concerns, nothing more should be done to Swanson's Pond until the public has had a full chance for consultation, input and options.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
FERNWOOD ROAD

### Corporate greed

Last week senior federal Liberal party former cabinet ministers Ralph Goodale and John McCallum promised a gathering of Calgary CEOs and financiers that if the Liberals are returned to power, they will reintroduce income trust legislation (albeit with a cap of 10 per cent tax prior to distribution).

Income trusts are the great "hollowing out" mechanism for turning Canadian industries into "asset shells" which then are so appealing for foreign acquisition and/or asset break-ups and sell-

offs! The eventual result is quick investor profits, corporate personnel pay-outs and loss of Canadian industrial investment, research, employment and wealth generation. The elimination of this scheme has been the only decent initiative the Conservative government has come up with.

Local Liberal candidate Briony Penn makes bumper-sticker claims to be "... mightier!" Would she and her supporters be mighty happy to recreate the technique to starve industrial investment incentive and to absolve corporations of their legitimate taxation obligation?

Such is the dilemma of hitching one's wagon to the party train of corporate greed.

**BRIAN HAYWARD,**  
SALT SPRING

### Creekside sale

Regarding the Creekside Drive garage sale held September 1.

We wish to thank the neighbours for supplying items to sell and those who stayed to help during the sale, and all the people who came to buy and give us their support.

A cheque for the full amount of the \$600 collected will be given to the "Save Salt Spring Island's Creekside Rainforest" committee toward the purchase of Lot 23 (19.46 acres), as a donation from the community.

**KIT AND DON STEVENS,**  
**PAT BARCLAY,**  
CREEKSIDE

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## Consultation on an Amendment to the Salt Spring Island Transfer Station Bylaw

The Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory committee (SSISWAC) has developed a draft amendment to the current Salt Spring Island Transfer Regulation Bylaw 2810. The bylaw limits the quantities and storage time of waste materials – including clean wood waste – at local licensed transfer stations.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to encourage local reuse of clean wood waste. The proposed bylaw amendment will create a separate license to manage clean wood waste. The bylaw proposes the following changes:

- increase storage quantity and time of clean wood waste at transfer stations
- allow three chipping events annually
- specify buffer zones; and
- establish operating times.

**You are invited to visit our display at the Fall Fair:**

**Where:** Salt Spring Island Fall Fair, CRD Display  
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For more information, please contact Anke Bergner, Solid Waste Planner, at 360-3218 or toll free from Salt Spring at 1-800-663-4425, local 3218, or visit the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca. The deadline for feedback in September 28, 2007.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Dr. Maico Melo, an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon,** is pleased to announce that he will maintain office hours on Salt Spring Island on Wednesdays at Dr. W. M. Lea's dental office, 320 Lower Ganges Rd. Dr. Melo brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in oral and maxillofacial surgery including dental implants.

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# OPINION

## Line-up advice

The habit of starting the car while waiting in the ferry line-up to board or disembark jeopardizes the health of our ferry workers, adds to global warming and costs more at the pump. There aren't any advantages.

**ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,**  
BRINKWORTHY

## Emotion, not logic

I want to point out that I did not once use the term "anti-Semite" in my August 29 response to Dave

Campbell's original letter to the editor of August 22.

However, if Dave understands, without prompting, the odious tradition that he might be part of, perhaps he should rethink his position. If you substitute "Elders of Zion" for "AIPAC" in Dave's syllogism, you have a classic hate format.

There is more emotion than logic in Dave's words: "Iraq is Israel's war" because AIPAC has the ear of Congress. But American intervention in Iraq was a presidential decision. Perhaps Dave meant to refer to George Bush's past advisors, a number of whom are Jew-

ish. Those advisors provided the intellectual content of American foreign policy: the idea that Anglo-American liberal democracy should be exported to the rest of the world.

Sounds good to me; although, whether that can be done is another question. Failure in Iraq can be attributed to Dick Cheney's venality and Donald Rumsfeld's incompetence.

Is Iraq a total failure? Five million Kurds in the north have been able to establish a flourishing society following the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

An equal number of Shia in the

south are no longer victimized by their Sunni persecutors.

The mayhem is largely restricted to central Iraq and is the result of sectarian rivalry exacerbated by an Iranian presence. Shouldn't the rallying cry of Dave and like-minded friends be "Iran out of Iraq now?"

What I wonder is where Dave gets his ideas. He and people with similar views mime a vocabulary that originates with the extreme Left in the U.S.; a vocabulary that is usually attributed to the American Socialist Workers Party. In contemporary political discourse, those who have internalized this

vocabulary without consciously affiliating as Leftists, are termed "contrarians."

Perhaps Dave and like-minded friends do see themselves on the political Left and have consciously joined the "anti-imperialist struggle." If they haven't made a deliberate choice in that regard, they are the unwitting means to someone else's ends. If they have made a deliberate choice, they should understand that their actions can achieve mischief but not success.

**MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,**  
SALT SPRING

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**Cook 4 cups fettuccine pasta. Drain well and place in bowl. In a blender combine 1/2 cup milk, 4 cloves garlic, 1/2 cup cottage cheese, 1/4 cup parsley, chopped, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper and 1/2 teaspoon dill. Blend on high until creamy, heat sauce & toss with fettuccine. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1/4 cup toasted almonds, 1/4 cup thinly sliced green apple, and 1/2 cup smoked salmon.**

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**CUSHEON CREEK CAMPAIGN GAINS GROUND:** From left, Maureen Moore, Alarra Hewstan, Carol Kelly, Peter Bodnarchuk were among those raising more than \$4,500 at the Saturday Market on September 8 for the purchase of a 7.5-hectare (19-acre) piece of rainforest along Cusheon Creek. About \$60,000 more in pledges is needed within the next week. The Land Conservancy of British Columbia is negotiating a purchase of the Creekside Drive property before it is subdivided and sold to private parties. People can visit [www.savesalt-springrainforest.com](http://www.savesalt-springrainforest.com) to make pledges, or pick up a brochure at local markets and bookstores.

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## Setbacks

On Thursday last I attended the CRD/SSISWAC presentation of their amendment to the current Salt Spring Island Transfer Station Regulation Bylaw 2810 — AKA the “wood chipping” rules.

Among the suggestions was the following: “buffer zones: from public roads (100 metres), property boundaries (60 metres) and water courses (50 metres).”

I asked the three “information” persons present why the setback to a road should be greater than that to a property boundary. None of them could answer.

Can anyone out there who has heard the high-pitched whining of a wood chipper give a sensible answer to my question?

**HARRY WARNER,**  
LEE ROAD

## Compost

The island is fully involved in the “three Rs” of environmental education — “Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.”

So much of our household waste can be, and is, recycled, and systems are in place to make that not only easy, but an ingrained habit.

I forget the whole world is not doing likewise. While visiting my family in England it was a shock to see all their waste heading for the landfill, though some were frustrated that there was

nowhere to send it for recycling: that included all the tons of daily newspapers! Shocked? I remain appalled.

Salt Spring Islanders can and do recycle, and many do assist in re-using (we have thriving thrift stores, and the local supermarkets encourage you to bring your own cloth bags).

Those who grow food for their family to eat are hopefully well versed in the art of recycling their waste plant and food materials for refuelling the next season's soil. Such materials certainly have no place in a garbage bag sent to a landfill! If you don't garden, please find a neighbour who does.

**USHA RAUTENBACH,**  
BLACKBURN ROAD

## Animal cruelty

The Michael Vick dog fighting scandal has raised a hue and a cry from dog lovers all over the world. I love dogs, and felt the same repulsion as others as I learned about the “sport” of dog fighting and the way non-competitive dogs were disposed of.

But now that time has allowed for some sober thought, I am wondering if our collective horror at the thought of this NFL superstar drowning, hanging and electrocuting dogs with his own hands is not a tad bit hypocritical.

When we buy our chicken breasts or beef hamburger

or pork chops from the local supermarket, do we ever wonder what kind of life that animal has led prior to its trip to our frying pan? With only very few exceptions, the days of the family farm and the happy clucking, oinking and mooing of its inhabitants is a thing of the past. In today's meat factories, it may be that our supper will never have seen sunshine, have never been able to spread its wings or ever been able to turn in its tiny stall. At least Michael Vick's dogs had a “fighting chance.”

A few years ago, I decided that I would eat only that which I was prepared to kill with my own hands. I knew that meant chicken and beef would be off my menu. In short order, pigs and fish became part of my protected species list. Finally, not finding any good recipes for roasted rat, I made the jump into vegetarianism. It had become my opinion that just because someone else does the dirty work, our responsibility is not diminished. If we continue to purchase our dinner's ingredients with no thought to anything but price, are we becoming enablers to those who, with profit as their bottom line, mistreat and abuse these beautiful animals? Perhaps the time has come to assume the responsibility ourselves and take a stand against cruelty toward all animals, not just dogs.

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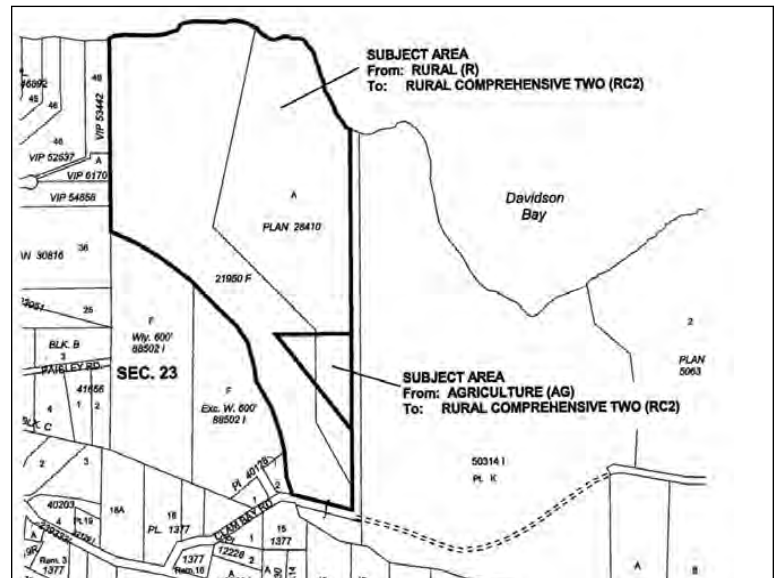
**NOTICE** is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on **Proposed Bylaw No. 174, cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2007.”**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**The Public Hearing will be held commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the Pender Island Community Hall, located at 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island.**

Following the close of the hearing, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider further readings of the bylaw.

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 174 is to rezone the lots shown below and legally described as Lot A, of Section 23, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 28410 and Parcel D (DD 21950F) of Section 23, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Except Part in Plan 28410 from the current the Rural and Agricultural zoning to a new Rural Comprehensive Two zone.



At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw, at the above time and place.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaw to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing September 5, 2007 and up to and including Wednesday, September 19, 2007.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, a copy of the proposed bylaw at various notice boards on North Pender Island **commencing September 5, 2007.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, the proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/np/bylaws.cfm>

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2. after 4:30 p.m., **Wednesday, September 19, 2007,** to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m., **Thursday, September 20, 2007.**

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Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary



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## OPINION

# Truck, personnel levels in fire plan

BY MARK WYATT

On September 17, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) board of trustees will present a draft version of its 10-year strategic plan to the public at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Ganges Firehall.

One of the key components of the 10-year plan is the level of service the department is able to provide. As discussed in our article last week, the plan has been initiated as a result of the 2005 Fire Underwriters Survey. The survey has a direct result on the island's grading and insurance classification. Responding to the results of the survey and improving the level of service on Salt Spring may improve our overall insurance classification, which in turn lowers fire insurance rates for commercial and residential properties. Not planning for improvements to the department could have the opposite effect. An example of this is the new CAF (compressed air foam) engine planned for Hall #2, which will replace the aging 1986 tender currently stationed at Hall #3. The 2005 survey recommended the replacement with the new CAF engine. This replacement has been delayed three times, but was finally approved at last month's meeting. (It is also part of the 10-year plan vehicle replacement schedule).

In discussing the matter with Michael Currie, the FUS fire protection specialist, Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield asked what sort of impact might occur if we had not followed this recommendation and not replaced the engine at Hall #2 and the aging tender. Michael's response was that "had the apparatus not been replaced, the fire insurance grade for commercial properties would have been adversely

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affected, possibly even causing rates for non-residential property owners to jump." Fire Underwriters Surveys are done every five years, with our next one scheduled for 2010.

There are two basic factors that make up our service levels — response times and the range of services we provide. Response times are the time it takes to get a crew to the incident location from when that incident is dispatched. Under the current system, we have no guaranteed level of response time. At night, one firefighter, the duty officer on shift, will respond to every incident, but cannot guarantee how long that response will take as he is responding from home. During the day, we have more paid staff working, so our response is more predictable, but that does need to be supplemented with our volunteer ranks.

The problem we are facing is that our ranks are dwindling (currently at 28 volunteers and our more active members number much less than that). Over the last five years we have had nine long-serving members leave the department and have lost 21 recruits with less than one year of probation and six with two years of service. The most common reasons for resignation are work constraints, the cost of living (moving off island) and the time commitment.

As our numbers decrease, our level of response from volunteers does as well. This is an area that we need to look closely at, and plan for the future. We will continue to recruit new volunteers and do our best to build up our ranks to an acceptable level (50) for the island, but we also have to consider a transition to more career

firefighters as part of the 10-year plan.

The range of services we provide is vast. Core services include first responder (medical assist), vehicle rescue, fire response (structure, vehicle, boat, appliance, brush, interface, grass), alarm bells, inland water rescue, rope rescue, confined space rescue, hazardous materials, weather-related incidents, emergency planning and burning complaints.

Additionally, we cover fire prevention; including inspection services (commercial, mercantile, industrial, public assemblies and churches are to be inspected twice a year, schools six times per year). Bed and breakfasts also require inspections and we cover new driveways for those who ask.

Moving into public education, we cover fire extinguisher training, the FireSmart program, school education programs, seniors programs, fire hall tours, Fire Prevention Week, fire prevention promotions, etc.

Then there are the 1364 fire permits that were issued and signed for at Hall #1 this year, so far. We also have ongoing training, the development of training programs and certification training through the Justice Institute. Our volunteer services include the Canada Day and Halloween fireworks, numerous island charities, community work, the fall fair, the Legion display and volunteer recruitment. Needless to say, this is a lot for six career and 28 volunteer firefighters to manage.

These are just some of the elements that we address in the 10-year strategic plan, which will be discussed in detail at our meeting next Monday evening. The public is encouraged to attend.

*The writer is a fire trustee and volunteer firefighter.*

## RANTS ANDROSES

### Roses

Roses (maybe that new black variety) and karma to the Harbour House Hotel house-keeping staff. Also to Ann and Susan. Cheers. TL

Many colourful, sweet smelling, musical roses to the many people of Salt Spring who hosted teachers and volunteered tents, griddles and enthusiasm to fiddle camp, and Thrifty's, GVM, Royal LePage, Nick Langford Construction, the Salt Spring Centre, Norm's Salvage, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Coffee Co., the fiddle teachers, the fiddlers, Ellie Parks and the Fiddleworks Community Development Society board of directors for making this year's camp extra special. Jaime RT

I wish to send many thanks to all the people who helped and supported me after my fall. The emergency crews were excellent, as were the neighbours who were there to offer help and support. Also to all our friends and neighbours for their home baking, cards, flowers and good wishes. I am doing well now. Thank you. Bunny L.

A dozen roses to Mark from the Lions Club, who took that extra time to help move a computer and TV at Choices while on his break.

Thank you to David Henshall, Ken Tara, Dennis Howard, Ron Spencer and all of the truck drivers. On Thursday and Friday of last week they and many others donated their time and machinery to the Howe Multi-Purpose Court next to GISS. The school and community want to recognize your generosity.

The Howe Court Foundation, GISS and the community would like to sincerely thank the RCMP for their very generous donation.

Roses to Claudia, the Driftwood, neighbour Mr. Heimbach, and Paul Reynolds of the Coast Guard. "Lost at Sea" is home! Anne Humphries

A rainbow of roses to everyone who came out for this year's Salt Spring Island Pride festival. Seeing such amazing support from all corners of our little island really warmed my heart. I think Scott said it best, "Thank you for reminding me why I live here!" DCR

Roses to school district maintenance staff for preparing the fields for football season. From the players and coaches and parents of the Slayers and Scorpions.

A bus full of yellow roses to Cecilia and Barbara of Brae Haven and Greenwood. We had a delicious buffet meal and enjoyed the very talented presentation of Anything Goes at the Chemainus Theatre. A fun day out on the town in such capable hands! Some very happy seniors

Roses to GVM and Sports Traders for selling this year's Terry Fox T-shirts in anticipation of the September 23.

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# NEWSBEAT

## ECOSYSTEMS

# Bullfrog sightings needed for map

Conservancy tackles emerging problem

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A foreign species of bullfrogs that has invaded Salt Spring Island ponds is a serious threat to the diversity of wetland wildlife, says a local biologist.

Robin Annschild, a biologist with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, said the frogs are more aggressive than the native species and can eat a lot of other local aquatic life. The species will build up its number in a specific area and then disperse to other ponds and waterways, she said during a tour of a Salt Spring pond Thursday.

"They are really hammering the numbers [of native frog species] back," Annschild said.

The problem has developed because bullfrogs have no serious predators on Salt Spring and no one has checked on their population.

Annschild said to tackle the issue the conservancy first needs to be aware of where this invasive species is living. The conservancy has set up a sighting section on its website and residents are urged to either use the site or call in if they spot or hear the amphibian. The site also has a picture and an audio clip of the bullfrog.

"If we can get everyone



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Robin Annschild, a biologist with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, surveys a local pond invaded with bullfrogs.

alert we can start mapping, then decide what to do."

Annschild hasn't come up with a plan of attack as of yet, but solutions in other affected areas around the world vary from prevention techniques, live traps, perimeter fencing and eradication.

Stan Orchard, a Vancouver Island biologist, has set up an eradication program based out of Victoria. One of his techniques is to use an electroshock prod to stun the frogs. He then freezes them and donates the carcasses to a wildlife rehabilitation centre and to high schools for dissection.

So far his team has collected over 9,000 bullfrogs on 19 southern Vancouver Island sites. He agreed with Annschild that the species has a serious effect on the local ecosystem.

"They can colonize a wide variety of ponds and lakes and they eat everything and then they eat each other," he said during a telephone interview Thursday. "They short-circuit the ecosystem and it gets worse and worse," he added.

One Salt Spring site of concern is Joyce Campbell's property on Stewart Road. For the past three years she has seen

and heard the bullfrogs in a pond below her house and noticed a decline in wildlife.

She said she used to see a mother duck and her ducklings, but now when the ducklings are born she never sees them again.

"The pond life is not what it used to be."

Campbell agreed action is needed to control the frogs and protect her wetland habitat, but she said they need to first get a picture of what's going on in the area.

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# Senior management filled at Islands Trust

Lisa Dunn joins team this week

The Islands Trust has hired a new director of Trust area services, a senior staff position recently re-established to provide new focus to the organization's policy, inter-agency liaison and communications functions.

Lisa Dunn, who has been the Islands Trust Fund manager since February 2005, was chosen for the position.

"Lisa has done an outstanding job in her role as manager of the Islands Trust Fund and I have every confidence that she will rise to this new challenge and excel in the same way," said Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams.

Prior to her role with the Islands Trust Fund, Dunn was the manager of City Green Solutions, where she still volunteers as board chair. Her Masters degree in Environmental Studies focussed on wilderness preservation on the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she worked for over a decade in a variety of community economic development roles.

Dunn joins the Islands Trust in September in time to attend the quarterly business meeting of Islands Trust Council on September 12-14 on Bowen Island.



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### GLBT RIGHTS

# Human connections unite panelists

Fundamental right to love dissected

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN,  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canada's community of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people know how important it is to have legal recognition of their rights and privileges — in the past few years, same-sex couples have seen politicians debate their right to marry, grant that right and then debate whether it should be taken away again.

As Gulf Islands youth activist Jacob Schweda says, it is bizarre to be the subject of such debates, to in effect have one's humanity questioned.

"People fundamentally need to have the right to love," said Schweda.

Love Beyond Borders, the panel discussion at this year's Freedom to Love pride weekend, brought into focus the fact that while Canadian queers still face many challenges in society, there are other places where these questions are not even up for debate. After a fun opening bit by co-hosts Deirdre Rowland and John Dolman and some gay trivia questions, ArtSpring's theatre took on a serious air that would remain throughout the evening.

Ahava Shira, a well-known island poet and educator, replaced scheduled moderator Briony Penn for an evening of thoughtful questions and guidance. Four panelists discussed their role in working for human rights for GLBT people globally, with special emphasis on Iran.

In countries like Iran, being homosexual is not just illegal, it is so reviled as to be almost invisible. Iranian gays and lesbians face terrible persecution and even death if their sexual orientation is made known. Panelists (in speaking order) Arsham Parsi, Chris Morrissey, Peyman Khosravi and Schweda described the concerns faced by GLBT refugees and immigrants at home and in Canada, and their work

dealing with these issues.

Speaking on their experiences in Iran, Parsi and Khosravi gave a chilling picture of the conditions there for those who fall outside of the culturally conservative, Islamic society. Parsi described how the presence of homosexuality is so repressed, he didn't know there was anyone else like him until he discovered gay websites on the Internet. He then started his own Internet-based support group and educational website, (described in a CBC television documentary as "perhaps the most vulnerable civil rights movement in the world") and subsequently was forced to flee to Canada to protect his family.

Khosravi is also committed to helping the GLBT community in Iran, although he himself is not homosexual. After creating the documentary film "I Know that I am" on transgendered Iranians, he too was forced to leave the country. As a journalist and filmmaker, Khosravi believes in exposing the problems of society — whether in Iran or in Canada — and in his responsibility to help other people.

Morrissey, a former Roman Catholic nun who campaigned for social justice and human rights in Chile under Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship, now helps support GLBT refugees and immigrants to Canada with the Rainbow Refugee Committee. Morrissey's work is rooted in personal experience; she was the first Canadian gay person to challenge immigration legislation to include same-sex couples in the family category of sponsorship.

Morrissey provided the valuable insight that GLBT refugees and immigrants may seem to have more freedom on entering Canada, but in fact they can be doubly isolated. If they want the support of their home community within Canada, they must often continue to hide their sexual identities. Racism and discrimination within the Canadian GLBT community also exists, said Morrissey.

Schweda, a Gulf Islands Secondary School alumnus and co-founder of the school's Gay Straight Alliance, now attends Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific where he continues to help educate and support students around GLBT issues and human rights. As Schweda stated, there is nothing better than thinking critically and having your beliefs challenged. Being exposed to an extremely diverse international body of students, he has come to learn how vital basic information is to helping understanding unfold.

**"It is a task for everybody to defend, it doesn't matter**

**what background we have."**

PEYMAN KHOSRAVI  
*Iranian filmmaker/journalist*

All of the panelists' stories served to underscore the theme of connectedness, both in terms of common tragedies such as discrimination and persecution, and in the hopes for a brighter future that global networks have inspired. Parsi pointed to the fact that when he started his work just a few years ago, homosexuals were not believed to even exist in Iran; now their plight has been made known through international media such as the CBC and BBC networks.

And despite their individual journeys and challenges, each speaker remains committed to the human rights cause.

"It breaks your heart that there are so many people who can't be who they are," said Schweda.

Khosravi said, "It is a task for everybody to defend, it doesn't matter what background we have."

For Parsi, helping others makes himself feel more free.

Morrissey agrees: "It is truly what has given my life meaning and has given purpose to my day to day."

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6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures		News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	CMI: Chris Meyers	
	:30		Popular Mechanics			Friends			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Edgar & Ellen	Sportsnet Connected	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie	Meerkat Manor	Sportscentre	EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Sex, Truth & Video Sex and Libertines	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh	MLB Baseball - Oakland vs. Seattle (Live)	
	:30	FIFA Soccer Women's World Cup - Canada vs. Norway	L'Épicerie	Wild at Heart	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	The War		The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle		
8	:00		Ancient Clues		Celebrity Weddings (N)	Home Improvement	Power of 10 (SF)	According to Jim	Vancouver Nights	Stargate: SG-1 Prometheus Unbound	25 Greatest Teen Movies	America's Next Top Model	'Til Death	According to Jim	Last Comic Standing	Brown the New Green (N)	CBC News: The National	Power of 10 (SF)	Prank Patrol		
	:30			Off the Record		Home Improvement		According to Jim	Iranian Pop				'Til Death	According to Jim					Fries With That?		
9	:00		Enquête (P) (N)	Alternative Medicine Acupuncture	NASCAR Auto Racing Canadian Tire Series	Last Comic Standing (N)	The Standard	Bones Stargazer in a Puddle	Criminal Minds Legacy	Sabor Latino	"The Art of Woo" ★ (Rom, '01) Sook-yeon Lee.	"The Clearing" ★★ (Thrill, '04) Robert Redford.	America's Next Top Model	Bones Stargazer in a Puddle	Just for Laughs (SF)	Last Comic Standing (N)	American Masters Tony Bennett: The Music Never Ends (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Legacy	Futurama	
	:30					Insights Into Sikhism									Just for Laughs				Pinky & the Brain		
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Corporation	Martial Arts World Combat League	The Simple Life (N) Sunset Tan (N)	Cold Case Fly Away	Without a Trace Tail Spin	The Sopranos	Ordonez de la Risa		Seinfeld The Gum	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	NASCAR in Primetime (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	Sex, Truth & Video Sex and Libertines	CSI: NY ... Comes Around	CSI: NY ... Comes Around	Inu Yasha	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30											Seinfeld The Robbery							Naruto		
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives Peace One Day	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	RAW	Fraser The Ring Cycle	Family Guy	News	CBC News: The National	News	Full Metal Alchemist	Sportsnet Connected		
	:30								CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Fraser	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Pink Floyd: Pulse	(35) David Letterman (N)	Shadow Raiders		
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	What Tudors Did	Off the Record	(05) EI News	Coach Upsized	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	South Park Awesom-o	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	The Hour		Futurama	Pratt & Taylor		
	:30	(35) JFL: Gags	(45) FIFA Soccer	The Craftsman	FigSkate	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Sabor Musical	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		King of the Hill	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Late, Late Show		Malcolm in the Middle			

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy (10) Mama	(4:30) Boxing Friday Night Fights - Judah vs. Vasquez	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Teenage Robot	(4:00) MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto (Live)	
	:30 Arrested Switch Hitter	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar The Phantom			King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors The Odd Pod	News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian		
	:30		Oniva	Reach for the Top		Friends			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Erky Perky		
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie	Profiles of Nature	Sportscentre	EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Evening Magazine	Tony Bennett Duets The Making of an American Classic	Geologic Journey The Great Lakes	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30	For Laughs: Gags	Infoman (DS) (N)		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle		
8	:00	Gamer Revolution (Part 2 of 2)	Perdus Au-delà du miroir (N)	A History of Britain Beginnings	Off the Record	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Home Improvement	Big Brother	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Lab Rats	What's in Vancouver? Ago Bahen Chugli Karen	Smallville Phantom	Ugly Betty A Tree Grow in Guadalajara	Smallville Phantom	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	My Name Is Earl	30 Rock Hiatus	Monterey Pop: The Summer of Love	CBC News: The National	Big Brother Telekinesis	Poker British Champs 3	
	:30						Home Improvement												Fries With That?	Poker British Champs 3	
9	:00	Driving Dreams Reinventing the Wheel (N)		Feast India (N) The Trouble With Love	Ultimate NASCAR The Families	"House of Wax" ★★ (Hor, '05) Elisha Cuthbert.	The Standard	The Office Beach Games	Grey's Anatomy Testing 1-2-3	Jaidarian	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Terminal City	Supernatural All Hell Breaks Loose	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Grey's Anatomy Testing 1-2-3	The Office Beach Games	Dr. Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Lab Rats	Pinky & the Brain	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30						Messages	My Name Is Earl	Sadabahr Naghmae												
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Gods Wild at Heart		Cold Case Sherry Darlin	Shark	ER Sea Change	Main Gonggi Nahi	The Collector The Medium	Men in Trees Bed, Bat & Beyond	Seinfeld The Rye	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Men in Trees Nice Girls Finish First	ER Sea Change	Dr. Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond	Geologic Journey The Great Lakes	Without a Trace Two of Us	Inu Yasha	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30																		Naruto The Oath of Pain		
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	The Enemy Within	Sportscentre	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Realty Television	Fraser Proxy Prexy	Family Guy	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Full Metal Alchemist	Sportsnet Connected		
	:30																		Shadow Raiders		
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	(15) La fosse aux lionnes	A Respectable Trade	Off the Record	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Desi Rhythms	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	The Hour		Futurama	Pratt & Taylor		
	:30	(35) JFL: Gags			M. Racing	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	King of the Hill	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Late, Late Show		Malcolm in the Middle			

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy (10) Mama	(4:30) NASCAR	CHEK News	Full House Joey's Place	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Avatar	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Baltimore vs. Toronto (Live)	
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar The Gift	CFL Pre-Game (N) Edmonton (Live)		King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Naruto		
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Amazon (N)	News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	(05) Pokémon Team Galaxy		
	:30		Le Canada en amour	Kratts' Creatures		Friends			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News						
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie	Canadian Parks Yoho National Park, BC	Sportscentre	EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: The fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	Storm Hawks Age of Heroes	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30	Canadian Antiques Rd	"Le survivant" (Dra, '05) Jean-Nicolas Verreault.		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	The War		The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle		
8	:00	Canadian Air Farce		By the Book Under the Greenwood Tree	Off the Record	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	3D Dialogue	Friday Night Lights	"In God's Country" ★★ (Dra, '07) Kelly Rowan.	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	7th Heaven And Away We Go...	The Collector The Watchmaker	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	America's Funniest Home Videos No Business in Show Business	1 vs. 100	NOW Iraq: Stories From the Battlefield (N)	CBC News: The National	CBS Sneak Peek (N)	Naruto	Tampa Bay vs. Seattle (Live)
	:30	Rick Mercer Report																	Two and a Half Men	Zatch Bell	
9	:00	Just for Laughs		(35) Old Man & Sea	Sportscentre	THS Investigates Paparazzi (N)	The Standard	Las Vegas Junk in the Trunk	Hwang Jin Yi	"Angel Eyes" ★★ (Thrill, '01) Jennifer Lopez.	"Resident Evil" ★ (Act, '01) Milla Jovovich.	Nashville Welcome to Nashville (P) (N)	Business in Show Business	Las Vegas Junk in the Trunk	American Soundtrack Doo Wop's Best on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal	CBC News: The National	Jericho Coalition of the Willing	Gundam S Destiny Bleach		
	:30						Buddha Rotation														
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Detective	Combat League	20/20	Cold Case The Hitchhiker	Numb3rs The Mole	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Open Concert		Seinfeld The Caddy	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	American Soundtrack Doo Wop's Best on PBS	CBC News: The fifth estate	Numb3rs The Mole	Inu Yasha	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30				Motoring 2007							Seinfeld The Ex-Girlfriend							Full Metal Alchemist		
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	(10) Feast India	Sportscentre	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledarvo	News	Pink Planet III Montreal	Fraser Holy Craps	Family Guy Holy Craps	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected		
	:30																		Storm Hawks Pilot		
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	(15) La fosse aux lionnes	National Geographic Perilous Edens	Off the Record	(05) EI News	Coach	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	The Hour		Futurama	Pratt & Taylor		
	:30	(35) JFL: Gags			FigSkate	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar		(05) CSI: Miami	Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	South Park	King of the Hill	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Late, Late Show		Invader Zim			

# The 2007 Terry Fox Run

**Sunday, Sept. 23**

Salt Spring Elementary School

Run, walk or bike the 5K or 10K route.

There's also a 1K fun route for kids.

Registration, 9:30 a.m.; run at 11 a.m. **Info: Jean at 537-9507.**

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**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15**

5 PM	(3:30) Equestrian CN International	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oly George Shrinks	(4:00) CFL Football - Winnipeg vs. Hamilton (Live)	CH Weekend News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Twice in a Lifetime The Quality of Mercy	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Star Trek: Voyager Caretaker [Part 1 of 2]	Best of MuchOnDem and	CW Fall Preview Mariners Live CW11	Raymond Raybert According to Jim	NCAA Football - U. of Southern California vs. Nebraska (Live)	KING 5 News	(4:30) Elvis Lives	Antiques Roadshow Londonderry	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) *Stuart Little 2* ★★	(4:00) EPL Soccer FA Barclaycard Premiership
6 PM	CFL Pregame	"L'aviateur" (Bio, '04)	Wild at Heart		That News Show What Happened?	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	MLB Baseball - Tampa Bay vs. Seattle	Friends	NBC Nightly News	Helmut Lotti The Crooners	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	Gillette World Sport	
7 PM	CFL Football - Toronto vs. B.C. (local blackout may apply) (Live)	Leonardo DiCaprio.	National Geographic Emperors of the Ice	Sportscentre	Ad Persuasion FANatical (N)	Diya	Andromeda Home Fires	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It O Canada!	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Billy Graham		The Nature of Things Earth Energy	Paid Program	Mystery Hunters	Poker British Champs 3	
8 PM		Heartbeat This Happy Breed		Down The Barrel	Vanity Insanity (N)	Islam 101	Andromeda Last Call at the Broken Hammer	"Terry" (True, '05) Shawn Ashmore.	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	Battlestar Galactica Scar	Extra Innings	Cops Coast to Coast (N)	Whacked Out Sports	Most Outrageous Moments	Dawson College Special	Jericho Why We Fight	"Twins" ★★ (Com, '88) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Poker After Dark	
9 PM		Midsomer Murders Death's Shadow			Final 24 John Belushi (N)	Sikh Virsa	Blue Murder John Doe	Asian Variety Show	"Star Trek: First Contact" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '96) Patrick Stewart.	"Tales of a Rat Fink" (Doc, '06) John Goodman.	Fraser Party, Party	America Most Wanted	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Law & Order	Saturday Report	48 Hours Mystery Perfectly Executed (N)			Best Damn Sports Show Period	
10 PM	"The Mexican" ★★ (Cri, '01) Julia Roberts.	Le Téléjournal	Chasing the Cure Man Against Microbes	Sportscentre	True Hollywood Story Hugh Hefner.	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Global Currents	Comedy Now	Made in India	The Story Of... Led Zeppelin	SeXtv	Without a Trace	Mad TV (SP) (N)	News	My Music '50s Pop Parade	Dawson College Special	News	Mystery Hunters	Poker British Champs 3	
11 PM			A History of Britain Beginnings	Motoring 2007 FigSkate	S. Feresten (SP)	Coach	Jack Van Impe													
12 MID	"The Paper Chase"	"Maïena"						(:05) Sum 41: Heroes (:35) The Hills	"Don" ★★ (Act, '78) Amitabh Bachchan.	Professional Poker Tour	World Poker Tour Mirage Poker Showdown	24 Day 4: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	S. Feresten (SP) Chappelle's Show	(:35) Girls B. Badly			CBC News: the fifth estate	(:05) Paid Program	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 3

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

5 PM	"Finding Nemo" ★★ (Ani, '03)	Oniva	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oly George Shrinks	(:15) NFL Football - San Diego vs. New England (Live)	(4:00) Countdown to the Red Carpet (N)	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-FIVE Presents	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Star Trek: Voyager Caretaker [Part 2 of 2]	Best of MuchOnDem and	The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	(:15) NFL Football - San Diego vs. New England (Live)	Jack Canfield's Secret Law of Attraction	The Nature of Things Earth Energy	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "The Princess Bride" ★★	MLB Baseball - N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston (Live)	
6 PM	Voices of Albert Brooks.	Le Téléjournal	Wild Moves Land	Red Carpet Special	Everybody Loves Ray	Everybody Loves Ray	News	News	"Don" ★★ (Act, '78) Amitabh Bachchan.	Relic Hunter Buddha's Bowl	Star! Daily	Everybody Hates Chris	Family Guy	KOMO 4 News			CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Ella Enchanted" ★★ (Fant, '04) Anne Hathaway.		
7 PM	Geologic Journey The Rockies (N)	Lafaque (DS) (N)	National Geographic		Voices of Hinduism	American Dad	To Be Announced		America's Funniest Home Videos	Blood Ties Deadly Departed	Smallville Justice	Countdown to the Emmys (N)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Ripatti Family		Vocal Group Hall of Fame	Falling Man	60 Minutes			
8 PM	"Mean Girls" ★★ (Com/Dra, '04) Lindsay Lohan.	Tout le monde en parle (DS) (N)	The Royal Absent Friend (N)	Sportscentre	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Ground Level	The Simpsons King of the Hill	59th Primetime Emmy Awards (N)		Kyle XY	Making It O Canada!	7th Heaven And Away We Go...	59th Primetime Emmy Awards (N)		Mike Holmgren		CBC News: Our World	Big Brother (N)	Game Gurus	Sportsnet Connected	
9 PM		The Last Detective Dangerous Liaisons	NFL Films Presents (N)	"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" ★★ (Com, '04) Will Ferrell.	Sufism: Heart of Islam	Chardi Kalaa	Shark		"Abakada Ina" (Dra, '01) Lorna Tolentino.	"Reign of Fire" ★★ (Act, '02) Christian Bale.	"Honey" ★ (Dra, '03) Jessica Alba.	Pussycat Dolls	"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" ★★ (Com, '04) Will Ferrell.	NW Backroads	Mystery! Inspector Lynley: One Guilty Deed (N)	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Stalker	Falcon Beach Strawberry Social Reject	The Ultimate Fighter 3		
10 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	(:15) Le Téléjournal (:45) Minuit, le soir (DS)	(:10) The Corporation	UEFA League (N) NASCAR Now (N)	Chardi Kalaa	Diya			Seinfeld The Seven	Seinfeld The Shower Head		Q13 FOX News	(:35) Q It Up Sports	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert	9/11 Toxic Legacy	(:05) Paid Program	Futurama	Jays Connected	
11 PM	CBC News: the fifth estate	(:15) Minuit, le soir (N)	(:05) Leading Edge	Sportscentre	News	Islam 101	News	News	I-Watch News	The Story Of... Nickelback	Fashion Television Hollywood Countdown	CSI: Miami Dispo Day	Q13 FOX News	(:35) Q It Up Sports	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert	9/11 Toxic Legacy	(:05) Paid Program	Futurama	Jays Connected
12 MID	Canadian Reflections FIFA Soccer	(:01) Sissy Spacek.	Heartbeat This Happy Breed	TSN the Reporters Crashed Ice	Emmy Awards Post Show	PR Maxx	Kingstar	(:05) Popoff Ministry (:35) Paid Program	(:05) CSI: Miami	"Abakada Ina" (Dra, '01) Lorna Tolentino.	"Reign of Fire" ★★ (Act, '02)	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Without a Trace Maple Street	PBR Bull Riding U.S. Army Invitational	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Paid Program	Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert	9/11 Toxic Legacy	(:05) Paid Program	Futurama	Jays Connected

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

5 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy/(:10) Mama	(4:00) NFL Countdown	CHEK News	Full House Systerly Love	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Naked Brothers	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Boston vs. Toronto (Live)
6 PM	Arrested Burning Love	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar	NFL Football - Washington vs. Philadelphia (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	Ruby Gloom
7 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie	The Leading Edge		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Queen Elizabeth II: Born to Reign	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected
8 PM	Canadian Air Farce	La Petite Vie New You (N)	Historylands		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother	Prank Patrol Lake Monster	MLB Baseball - Seattle vs. Oakland (Live)
9 PM	Doctor Who Utopia (N)	L'Auberge du chien noir Riche en émotions	Child of Our Time Identity Crisis	Sportscentre	How I Met Your Mother Rules of Engagement	Home Improvement	Prison Break Orientation (SP) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Grand Star	Stargate: SG-1	Everybody Hates Chris	Prison Break Orientation (SP) (N)	Wife Swap Haigwood/Hess-Webb	Deal or No Deal (SP)	Antiques Rd. Honolulu (Hour Three) [Part 3 of 3]	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother Old Christine Frasier	Prank Patrol Lake Monster	Fries With That?
10 PM	Hustle (N)	C.A. (N)	Season of the Child Deciphering Dyslexia (N)	NASCAR Auto Racing	Deal or No Deal (SP)	The Standard	House Human Error	Corner Gas	I Luv New York	The Starter Wife	Best Movies Ever Airports	Girlfriends [Part 1 of 2]	K-Ville Pilot (P) (N)	Wife Swap Silver/Pitney	The Singing Bee	Jack Canfield's Secret Law of Attraction	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men	Futurama	
11 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Season of the Child Too Scared for School	Canadian Tire Series Motoring 2007	Live From the Red Carpet	Cold Case Hubris	Heroes How to Stop an Exploding Man	CSI: Miami Born to Kill	Balik-Bavan	Supernanny Williams Family	Godiva's Dead Flower	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Supernanny Williams Family	Heroes How to Stop an Exploding Man	Queen Elizabeth II: Born to Reign	CSI: Miami Born to Kill	Inu Yasha	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
12 MID	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Profiles of Nature	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	Speaker's Corner	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	My Music Country Pop Legends	CBC News: The National	News	Full Metal Alchemist	Sportsnet Connected
	(:05) Arrested	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	The Adventure of English Souls	Off the Record	(:05) E! News	Paid Program	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	South Park	News	News	News	The Hour	(:35) The Late Show With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	(:35) JFL: Gags		Can. Sportfishing	(:35) Late, Late Show	(:35) E.T. Canada	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Wiadomosci	(:35) Conan O'Brien		South Park	King of the Hill	(:35) Conan O'Brien			(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle		

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18**

5 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy/(:10) Mama	Poker Degree Championship	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Teenage Robot	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Boston vs. Toronto (Live)
6 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(:35) Babar	Poker Degree Championship	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	Grossology
7 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie	Into the Wild		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Naked	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh The Bet	Sportsnet Connected
8 PM	Canadian Antiques Rd	La Factice	Recreating Eden (N)		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	The War: Northwest	CBC News: The National	Power of 10 (N)	Prank Patrol Bigfoot	MLB Baseball - Seattle vs. Oakland (Live)
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# Arts & Entertainment



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**HIP HOPPING:** Moby's Pub was the place to be Friday night as well-known hip hop band Sweatshop Union took the stage in front of an energetic full house.

## FINE ART

# Social burdens eloquently mastered

Painting and sculpture  
at Venter studio

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The trouble with having world-class artists on Salt Spring is that we don't always get the chance to see their work.

Names known across Canada and internationally often show their work elsewhere, to greater exposure and appreciation. Husband and wife Deon and Kathy Venter are artists of that calibre; fortunately they appreciate their home audience as well, opening their studio this past weekend to let locals see their new work before it gets shipped off.

Kathy Venter, known for her full-sized figurative ceramic sculptures, was showing her new series "One." Kathy worked with a single model over the course of the series, bringing a deep knowledge to her representation of this particular human form. Seated and standing, the nude female in unfinished clay is partially covered in lumpy white slip, which is then splattered with either black, blue, pink or yellow.

Kathy's inspiration for the series came from an exhibition of classic Greek sculptures from about 300 BC. The Greek artists covered their terra cotta work in plaster and then painted them to look as realistic as possible, but after millennia of being buried, only

parts of the covering remain. Kathy's work invokes the continuum of exploration in the relationship between artist, model and medium; by leaving off any period-specific clothing or ornamentation, her model could belong to any or all centuries. She says in her statement this is her attempt to "depict the living persona, without generalization or objectification."

In a period of history she calls "despairing" and hence overly concerned with the sensationalist and the grotesque, Kathy takes the opposite route. The classic nature of her subject matter and her mastering of the form make the series a pleasure to look at (although Kathy notes some visitors are uncomfortable with nudes).

Deon Venter's new oil paintings similarly refuse to descend into sensationalism, although he is dealing with themes that directly take up our despairing present. Over-sized linen canvases that focus on Flight 182 (the Air India bombing) and the Pickton murder trial delve into issues that are very relevant to our place and have not yet been resolved, acting as open wounds for society. Deon's sensitivity in how he depicts these issues allow his paintings to become part of the healing process, a testimonial to cultural disturbance, rather than being attention-seeking at our expense.

His paintings shown downstairs approach the issues almost through abstraction; a broken layer of thick

white obscures an image of the broken body of the plane in Flight 182 and a collection of portraits of the missing women of the Vancouver East Side, a grid of 30 faces. The women at first appear to be a pattern of colour, light and dark — it is only after a few minutes that the faces come through. Perhaps this is the fog of consciousness through which the nameless women became real people to the police and the public.

Upstairs, Deon's paintings are similarly themed but more recognizable. The plane in Flight 182 downstairs is from much closer up and through a haze, but easier to make out from a longer perspective upstairs. The women in Missing also appear more clearly, and this time there are 48 portraits.

Courtroom is a majestic view of the empty room where such important proceedings are taking place. Deon noted the challenge of making this boring official room look interesting, but he absolutely rises to it. His texture and colour create a multitude of surfaces to take in. So does his practice (seen in all the work) of dissecting the paintings with a series of vertical lines. His idea in doing so is to disturb the viewer, reminding us that a seemingly three-dimensional image has been translated by the painter onto the canvas's plane.

As Kathy remarked, the longer you look, the more you experience these pieces.

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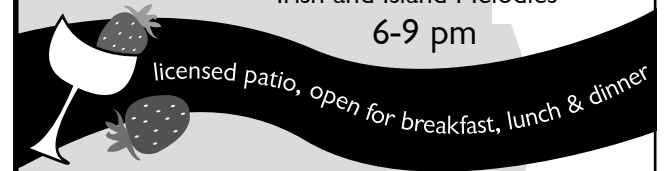
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**Special recognition must be given to Ken Tara, Dennis Howard, David Henshall and Judy Raddysch for their steadfast support from the very beginning.**

*All of these individuals believe in supporting this cause and in giving something back to the community. Your actions shall not go unrecognized. We sincerely thank you. Our community is a better place because of each of you.*

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ANIMAL ART

# Souls and natures of horses shared through Mira Warrington pastels

Fall-fair theme timely at Roasting Co. show

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local artist Mira Warrington's paintings, now on display at Salt Spring Coffee Co., will be the perfect complement to this week's fall fair.

The subject matter is of the four-legged variety and the paintings clearly reveal Warrington's fascination with animals, especially the horses that dominate the majority of her pieces.

Many of the oil pastel paintings are animal portraits and Warrington manages to capture the essence of the individual, while conveying her deep connection to the animal world.

Drawing animals almost before she could walk, Warrington discovered that painting was her path to an "alternate reality." Finding solace in her artwork, she attempts to capture not only the physical body of her subjects, but also their souls and individual natures.

"I find horses, in person, captivating," explains Warrington. "They are so strong, yet so innately gentle and emotionally vulnerable. In my art I try to capture that essence."

Warrington's painting Fire Horse shows a prancing chestnut horse displaying power within its physical body, while contrasting with gentleness in the eyes and the horse's expression. Fiery streaks of colour represent a brilliant sunset in the background.

"The complex yet universal language of expressions, energy, body posture



the entire frame, while in another painting the eye has a second scene reflected within it.

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY  
Mira Warrington's horse paintings are on display at Roasting Co.

Warrington mentions the power of a team of harnessed horses straining their muscles to pull a load, contrasting with the way they can be led by a small

child with just a gentle hand upon their mane. Two of her paintings feature just such images. Besides being commissioned to paint portraits of people's pets, Warrington operates her own horse training business called Training Through Trust (a part of Soul Ridge Farm).

She looks forward to the upcoming fall fair where her horses will compete and where more of her paintings will be displayed, including at least one portrait of her own horse which people can compare with the actual animal.

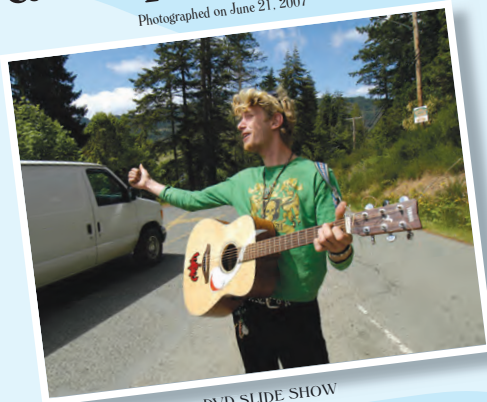
Warrington's work will be displayed at Salt Spring Coffee Co. for the month of September, as well as at Barb's Bakery and Bistro as part of the "queer art with pride" show.

"There is an old saying, 'there is no secret closer than that between a man and his horse,'" Warrington muses, "and I now understand what that means."

In paintings such as Greeting the Dawn, the eye of the horse almost fills

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ISLAND GALLERIES

# Low-tech devices provoke thought

At Murray Polson's Through a Pinhole Brightly

In the age of digital everything, technology has moved beyond the simple tools that acted as extensions for our bodies and has turned into an all-encompassing environment that not many of us understand.

How soothing, then, to be given the chance to learn how technology works while actually becoming part of the process.

This opportunity is currently being offered at Galleons Lap Atelier-Gallery, where the public is invited to enter a room-sized camera obscura. Here one can while away a pleasant half-hour meditating on the physiology of the eye, the properties of light and the early precursor to one of our favourite digital devices, the camera.

Gallery owner/curator Seth Berkowitz has transformed one of the gallery's rooms into a camera obscura in conjunction with Murray Polson's show of new works Through a Pinhole Brightly (a riff on seeing "through a glass darkly").

Polson, who describes himself as an artist using the medium of film rather than a photographer, was inspired to explore the meaning of personal truth when he discovered he and his sister had completely different beliefs about how their grandfather died.

The conversation where this emerged led Polson to look for the artistic method to express this difficulty. "What is the truth of family history?" he asked. In order to find out, "I wanted to get rid of technology to approach or articulate the idea or concept as closely as I can.

"I enjoy the art-making, that's what I'm after. The photographic medium is convenient for that kind of thought."

Constructing a pinhole camera is a project I remember from graphic arts class in high school. The completely black, light-tight box contains a single sheet of film.

Light enters through a tiny pinhole, exposing an image of whatever is outside the hole onto the film. Polson adapted this idea into a cylindrical



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Murray Polson demonstrates his homemade camera at his Galleons Lap exhibit.



Elizabeth Nolan

## ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

"I enjoy the art-making, that's what I'm after."

MURRAY POLSON  
Photo artist

device with 360-degree potential.

A column in the centre is wrapped in a sheet of film. The camera rests in the centre of a clear plastic cylinder lined in crumpled foil and filled with broken wine glasses.

Images that come through the pinhole are therefore mediated, warped and focussed through the barrier of glass and plastic. Polson sometimes tapes cutout photos to the inside edge, or peers through himself. He also exposes the film for far longer than its intended time.

The resulting images stretch light into an orangy-red. In the photographs the broken glass appears undulating rather than sharp, while eerie faces such as the artist's

own or those of his family emerge through the chaos.

They are a fine mediation on the inherent distortion of everyone's individual vision.

The camera obscura is like the pinhole camera without any film being exposed. Here one enters a completely black room except for a tiny beam of light entering from outside.

After spending some time in the room, one's pupil opens enough to see an image of what is outside, except upside down and backwards.

Polson calls the experience "kind of like a representation of memory, in that you're staggering around in your own thoughts."

Berkowitz likens the effect to a strong moonlit night. It's quite amazing to gradually find yourself seeing the image of trees waving in the breeze outside, the gate opening and someone dancing about after being completely blind just 10 minutes beforehand.

It also forces us to think about how our bodies and the devices we use actually work.

As Polson explains it: "It's a personal exploration of your own physiology — having to wait for your eyes to react, your body to react, that which you take for granted. This shows how delicate we really are."

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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**ARRGH:** Salt Spring Island Sailing Club members dressed up for a pirate-theme rendezvous at Pierre's Bay Lodge in the Broughton Archipelago last month. "The motley crew," as they called themselves, took time out to read the Driftwood.

### TREE HOUSE MUSIC

## Tree House season extended

Ganges cafe serves up four nights of music

With the Tree House Café extending its musical and evening dining presence in Ganges through September, this weekend sees the Salt Spring debut of two acts.

New café owners Mark and Terena LeCorre are keen to dive into their new venture of providing Salt Spring with evening entertainment, while taking advantage of fine September weather.

Thursday, September 13 sees local superstar Stephanie Rhodes take the stage. Rhodes has become highly recognizable as front-woman for island party band Hey Boy Hey Girl. The Tree House gig sees her revert to her own original material and broader collaborations with the musical community.

"Rhodes is all about the vocals, serving up new

favourite versions of old classics and her own originals," states a press release.

Friday, September 14 will feature Jennifer Louise Taylor with Good Company. A talented singer/songwriter known for her ear-catching melodies and evocative songwriting, Taylor will share the stage with Paula McGuigan of Barley Wik on bass and vocals, and Dawn Madu on vocals.

The group is in the midst of their West Coast tour to promote Love Heals, Taylor's first CD, with musical influences reflecting Taylor's diverse talents, spanning from traditional folk to alternative country music.

New to the island and featured on the Tree House stage on Saturday, September 15, A.D.D. is an acoustic trio with Dave Thompson on guitar and vocals, Dave Lettinga on bass and Andy Poystila on drums.

With years of extensive touring and playing

live individually all over the world, A.D.D. was formed in May 2007 after Poystila and the two Daves met on Salt Spring Island.

The trio started creating acoustic versions of their favourite alternative and modern rock songs, with the result being a dirty blend of modern influences with an acoustic twist.

Opening the evening for A.D.D. will be Billie Woods and El Jose.

"Woods' musical adaptability, demonstrated by the wide variety of musicians she can be seen sharing the stage with, will move to a night of contemporary music with a South American feel."

Filling out the weekend will be Harry Warner and Friends on Sunday, September 16.

Warner leads the Celtic and folk melodies, ranging from traditional to the more original, perfect for a Sunday evening wind-down from the fall fair.

### FILM AND ACTIVISM

## Global film showing raises funds

Pinch Group and Fritz feature The 11th Hour

An important ecological film opens at The Fritz theatre next Friday, September 21 as part of an awareness-raising event that will also benefit the Salt Spring Conservancy.

The 11th Hour comes to Salt Spring at the suggestion of The Pinch Group, a team of B.C.-based investors specializing in socially responsible investing.

Filmgoers are asked to contribute a suggested \$10 donation at the door with full proceeds going to the conservancy. A panel, consisting of local experts, will discuss the film following its presentation and offer information and tips.

Showtime is 7 p.m., with doors open at 6:30.

The 11th Hour explores how humanity is impacting the earth's ecosystems and what we can do to change our course. It features dialogues with experts from all over the world, including former Soviet Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev, renowned scientists Stephen Hawking and David Suzuki, as well

as over 50 other leading scientists, thinkers and leaders who provide the facts and discuss the most important issues that face our planet.

Presented by Leonardo DiCaprio, it follows in the footsteps of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth.

Brian Pinch of the Pinch Group at Raymond James Ltd, who is sponsoring the opening night event, said, "The 11th Hour is likely the most important movie that you will ever see. It connects the dots on the world environmental crisis and shows us what we need to do. It provides both a ray of hope and call to action."

An intriguing trailer can be viewed at <http://wip.warnerbros.com/11thhour/>.

For more information about the Salt Spring Conservancy, visit: <http://www.saltspringconservancy.ca>. For more information about the Pinch Group, see [www.pinchgroup.ca](http://www.pinchgroup.ca).

The 11th Hour runs at The Fritz until September 25. The Fritz will donate \$1 from all subsequent ticket sales to the conservancy to mark its opening one-year cinema anniversary.

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# What's On This Week

## Wed. Sept 12

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes.** Moby's. 9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Zen Meditation.** Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.

**History of Ladysmith & the E&N Railway.** SS Historical Society meeting with Susan Jones, Rob Johnson, Tom Wagner and Kit Willmot. Central Hall, 2 p.m.

**Soul Food & Co.** Community Song Circle Wednesdays. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186

**Diva Walk & Run Class.** A at GISS. 6:15 p.m. First class free. Info: 537-7696; saltspringfitness.com

**Painters Guild.** Fall season begins with registration for membership & course selection. New members welcome. Info: Tina, 537-1507.

**South-end Nia Classes.** With Arleen at The Gatehouse. Wednesdays at 7-8:15 p.m.

**Kundalini Yoga Classes.** Paradise Found Yoga. 6-7:30 p.m. 537-9299

**School District 64.** Board of trustees meeting at the school board office in Ganges. 1 p.m.

## Thurs. Sept 13

### ACTIVITIES

**Stephanie Rhodes.** Untamed vocals at Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

**One Night Stand with Matt & Tom.** At Shipstones. 8 p.m.

**Soul Food & Co.** Community Song Circle Thursdays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186

## Fri. Sept 14

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Jennifer Louise Taylor.** With Good Company at Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

**Hey Boy Hey Girl.** At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## Sat. Sept 15

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Billie Woods & El Jose & A.D.D.** Contemporary music with a South American feel/and modern acoustic rock at Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

**House Party with DJ Mummy T.** Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Fall Fair Soiree.** Local farm foods & wine at SS Vineyards. Tickets/info: 653-9463

**Salt Spring Fall Fair.** The year's biggest community event. Farmers Institute grounds on Rainbow Road. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Sun. Sept 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Live Music.** Barley Brothers & Shades perform Sundays at the Fulford Inn. 6-9 p.m.

**Harry Warner & Friends.** Irish and island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Kundalini Yoga.** Sundays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 4:30-6 p.m.

**Salt Spring Fall Fair.** The year's biggest community event. Farmers Institute grounds on Rainbow Road. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Mon. Sept 17

### ACTIVITIES

**Kundalini Yoga Beginners Class.** Mondays at All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 537-9299

**Toastmasters.** Meet Mondays at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

**Soul Food & Co.** Chanting Circle Mondays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186

**Kindie Yoga.** For ages 4-7 at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2:15-3 p.m.

**Kids Yoga.** For ages 7-12 at Ganges Yoga Studio. 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Teens Yoga.** For ages 12-17 at Ganges Yoga Studio. 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**SSI Fire Protection District.** Trustees meeting at Ganges fire hall, including presentation of 10-year plan. 7:30 p.m.

## Tues. Sept 18

### ACTIVITIES

**Morning Sadhana.** Tuesdays at Paradise Found Yoga. 5:30-8 a.m. Call to confirm: 537-9299.

**Prostate Cancer Support Group.** Regular meeting at the Farmers Institute. 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

**Chair Yoga.** Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to noon.

## Wed. Sept 19

### ACTIVITIES

**Karaoke with Greg Van Riel.** Moby's. 9 p.m.

**Soul Food & Co.** Community Song Circle Wednesdays. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Diva Walk & Run Class.** Wednesdays at GISS. 6:15 p.m. First class free. Info: 537-7696; saltspringfitness.com

**Level 2 Yoga.** Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30-8 p.m.

**Painting the Figure Workshop.** Painters Guild event with Julia Lucich. Register with Tina, 537-1507.

Portrait drawing drop-ins also welcome. Phone Don, 537-9554, for info.

**Salt Spring Literacy.** Dinner & celebration of draft action plan at GISS cafeteria. RSVP to literacy@saltspringlibrary.com/Joyce at 537-8933.

**South-end Nia Classes.** With Arleen at The Gatehouse. Wednesdays at 7-8:15 p.m.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Through a Pinhole Brightly** is an interactive photo exhibit and with new work by **Murray Polson** at **Galleons Lap Atelier-Gallery** runs until Sat., Sept. 22.
- **Michael Hames** presents **New Work in Graphite** at **Steffich Fine Art** daily until Sat., Sept. 15.
- **ArtCraft** presents **XY Men at Work**, featuring work by **Paul Burke, Gary Chermeff** and **Ron Smith**, as the **Stage Gallery** show at Mahon Hall daily until Sun., Sept. 16 — the last day of ArtCraft for the season.
- **Jewels of the Westcoast**, a collection of mixed media and acrylic abstract paintings, featuring West Coast landscapes by Salt Spring artist **Teresa Gaye Hitch** is on display at **Island Savings** until November 1.
- **Kathy Robertson** — **Close to Home** — new paintings at **SS Woodworks** on Churchill Road. Reception on Sun., Sept. 23, 3-5 p.m.
- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** show masks of Kwakiutl artist **Wade Baker**, among work by other acclaimed artists.
- Work by **Bly Kaye** and **Garry Kaye** is featured at the **J. Mitchell Gallery** along with new works by many of the artists represented.
- **Mira Warrington** exhibits her paintings of horses and other farm animals as a fall fair theme at the **Roasting Co** in Ganges through September.
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ARTSPRING

# Arts centre launches theatre series

Theatre and dance series have sprung from ArtSpring on Salt Spring for the 2007-08 season, with the society showcasing four plays and three dance performances.

Plays range in genres from a live radio play to a solo show about the life of

a disenchanted insurance salesman just before World War II, called *Coming Up for Air*, to the show starring veteran actor Bernard Cuffling adapted from a George Orwell novel.

Another is *Hockey Mom Hockey Dad*, a rink-side,

minor-league romance comedy. This show, starring Jackson Davies and Caitlin Stadnyk, takes Canada's national obsession to a new level.

Dance performances will move audiences with a production from Ballet Jörgen

Canada with the story of the Russian princess Anastasia. The ballet explores the life of the princess and is accompanied by a full orchestra.

Two contemporary works come to ArtSpring from the top dance companies in Vancouver.

One, *Traces of Emily Carr*, is based on the life of Canadian artist Emily Carr and includes text, slides and music. The other, *The Late Edition*, involves the work of duets and is choreographed by Vancouver's Judith Garay.

This series follows the release of ArtSpring music programs last week. Performances run from November to May.

A brochure with all the details can be found inside the Driftwood or is available at ArtSpring.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ArtSpring executive director George Sipos gives six-year-old Lexi Wesley-Plambeck a \$25 cheque for having her Canada Day Paint-in picture (shown behind her) chosen as brochure cover art for ArtSpring's new theatre and dance series, which were launched this week.

## FOLK MUSIC

# Fiddleworks Live features best in the biz

Fabulous fiddle music released in new CD

An open-air concert recorded at the Tree House Café two summers ago has been allowed to rise again in CD format.

Fiddleworks Live, featuring nine of the 2005 Fiddleworks summer camp's most gifted and inspiring instructors and musicians, is now available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Fiddleworks Community Development Society.

Now in its eighth year, Jaime RT's Salt Spring-based Fiddleworks camp has become a West Coast music fixture.

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swing to klezmer, polka to Scottish reels," states a press release about the project.

The music features Daniel Lapp, Calvin Cairns, Adrian Dolan (who is now touring with the Chieftains), Laila "Princess" Sabir, Jaime RT, Andy Hillhouse, Velle Weitman, and acclaimed percussionist Ryan Dignan from Idaho and his wife Karen Dignan-Omodt.

"The live open-air concert was not originally intended for a CD release. It was recorded as part of a documentary film about Jaime RT and her fiddle teaching, both on Salt Spring and in the Arctic... but the music was just too good to keep tucked away."

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**FAMILY BUSINESS:** Owen Hooper, right, plays with fellow band members (Sugi Henson, left, and Ben Arney) at the Saturday market. Both Hooper's parents (Tom Hooper and Suzanne Little) are well-known singers. The young band will be playing at this weekend's fall fair.

## FOLK CLUB

# Season passes now on sale for popular folk club series

Available at fall fair table

Salt Spring Folk Club's 11th-season lineup features old friends and new, with season passes now on sale and available at this weekend's fall fair.

The club sets up its sales table next to the music stage, with cash or cheques accepted for the always popular \$85 passes to six shows at Fulford Hall.

This year the line-up is:

- Mandolin master John Reischman and his band on October 15.
- Australian band Colcannon, including Eric Bogle's guitarist John Munro, on November 19.

• Satiric songwriting at its best with Vancouver Island musician-comedian Todd Butler. December 10.

• Salt Spring's beloved consummate country-folk performer and gentleman Alan Moberg with the much-requested former opening act Ed Peekeekoot. Jan 28, 2008.

• Beautiful harmony group Quartette, with Cindy Church, Caitlin Hanford, Gwen Swick and Sylvia Tyson on March 10, 2008.

• The Gumboot Gala — the folk club's fundraiser with all-time favourites Valdy and Bill Henderson. Always a "must be there" show — March 31, 2008.

See <http://www.saltspringfolkclub.ca> for more info and performer bios.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Autumn lantern festival Sept. 29

Lantern-making workshops held in coming weeks

The night on Salt Spring Island will be much brighter on September 29 care of Sharyn Carroll, who will help light up the sky for the first fall lantern festival.

Festival organizer Carroll said the event will showcase artists from many mediums. "Stages will be set up throughout the town," she said.

The festival, which starts at 7:30 p.m. in Centennial Park, will be a procession of lanterns and arts winding through Ganges.

Carroll said the performers include a singer, an authentic Balinese-style shadow-puppet performer, fire spinners, a pair of modern dancers and a band.

The procession will lead from the park to ArtSpring, then to Salt Spring Elementary School and will finish off at Mahon Hall for a family concert. Carroll said a band and other acts will perform at the hall, and everyone is welcome to attend.

"There will be lots of goodies and prizes inside," she said.

To kick off the event, Carroll is offering workshops where anyone interested can learn how to make their own unique lantern.

"They can come in all kinds of funky shapes," Carroll said.

Workshops take place at Phoenix high school in the multi-purpose room on Friday, September 21 and 28 from 1 to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, September 22 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Carroll suggested people bring their own willow sticks and tissue for making the lanterns, but other materials will be provided for \$5. Participants will most likely want to attend more than one workshop to create their masterpiece, she said.

Carroll said she hopes the festival will become an annual event for Salt Spring.

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## CANCER RESEARCH

# Dr. Ron puts pedal to fundraising metal for September 23 Tour of Courage ride

Donations accepted for event with Lance Armstrong



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Dr. Ron Reznick gets set for his fundraising ride.

A Salt Spring doctor is combining his love of cycling, a desire to help cancer patients and the inspiration of Lance Armstrong to send him on a 90-kilometre fundraising bike ride next week.

Dr. Ron Reznick has signed up for the Tour of Courage 2007, which takes place in Vancouver and Richmond on September 23.

A fundraiser for the B.C. Cancer Foundation, it features seven-time Tour de France winner Armstrong joining the ride.

"I find Lance Armstrong very inspirational, after he had cancer that was metastasized and he survived, and then winning the Tour de France seven times," said Reznick. The retired American athlete is also "amazingly generous" with his time to further causes like fundraising for cancer research.

Reznick has participated in a number of cancer fundraisers in the past.

He said that since he's seen countless patients deal with and suffer from cancer, he wants to do anything he can to contribute to a cure or help make those individuals' lives better.

Something Reznick already does is refer to

Armstrong's inspirational books such as *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*, and *Every Second*

Counts in discussions with cancer patients.

Armstrong made his international cycling debut

at the 1989 junior world championships in Moscow, became U.S. national amateur champion in 1991 and then became a professional racer.

In 1996 he started to feel weak and learned he had testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain.

He was given a 40 per cent chance of survival, but did far more than that, mounting an astonishing career comeback.

"I've been quite interested in his life and what he's been able to accomplish," said Reznick.

"I'm thrilled about being involved with this bike ride and look forward to raising money for the B.C. Cancer Foundation."

The long-time Salt Spring doctor needs to raise at least \$1,000 to participate.

He invites people to donate at the Tour of Courage website — [www.tourofcourage.ca](http://www.tourofcourage.ca) — by first clicking "Vancouver," then on "Support a Rider" and then typing in his name, which will bring up his page.

Tax receipts are available immediately through online donations and contributions go right into his total.

He also welcomes donations dropped off at his office at 306 Lower Ganges Road.

If Reznick raises \$5,000, he would also be able to attend a special lecture session with Armstrong.

## TOY RUN

# Annual charity event takes Santa for a ride

First Christmas-centred activity runs Sept. 23

Santa is coming to Salt Spring Island early this year but he won't be flying in on his sled with reindeer. He'll be riding on a motorcycle.

Islanders who ride motorcycles can get their engines revving and head out on the highway for this year's Salt Spring Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run

on Sunday, September 23.

Event organizers Therin Gower and Henry Baade call the event a "leisurely ride around the island."

Everyone on two wheels and a motor is welcome to attend the event, which will leave from the parking lot near Island Savings Credit Union at 124 McPhillips Avenue at 11 a.m.

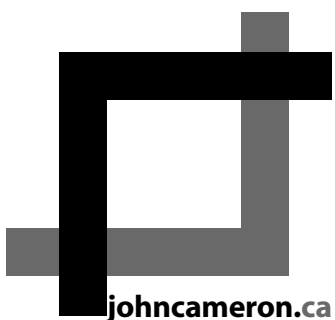
Baade asks participants to bring a new unwrapped toy or \$50 to donate to needy children for distribution at

Christmas time.

The ride will wind around Salt Spring and end at Baade's residence at 230 Langs Road for drinks and a barbecue.

This is Baade and Gower's first year at the reins of the event and they would like to thank Don and Lil Irwin for organizing the ride for the past 10 years.

Last year's event had approximately 80 riders from Salt Spring, Vancouver Island and the mainland.

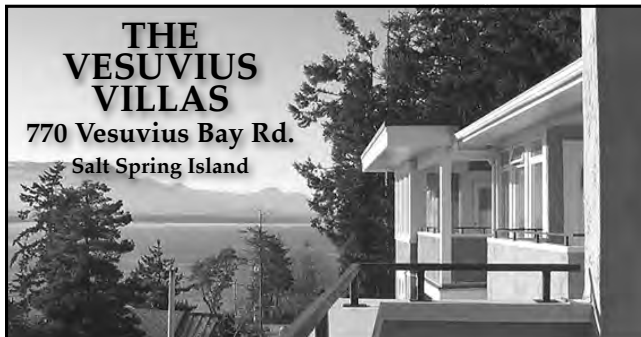


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#### PUBLIC HEALTH

# Lice eradication in parents' hands

School district not responsible for enforcing checks

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

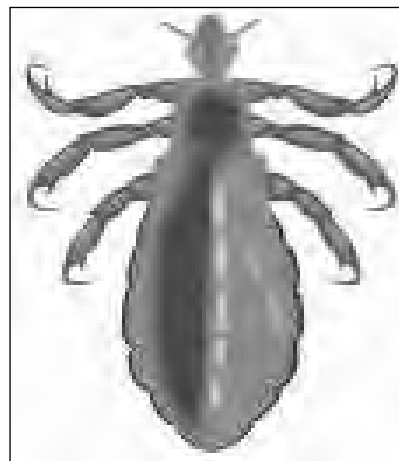
Dealing with lice in public schools can be a headache for Salt Spring parents, which has one Parent Advisory Council (PAC) chairperson concerned all island schools are not working together to tackle the issue.

Fernwood elementary PAC chair Sylvia Andress said they do regular checks at the school, but she isn't aware of what other schools are doing.

"We are not approaching the problem the same way," she said Friday, "but we're doing the best we can."

She said this year they have found students carrying lice, but overall the numbers are down.

Erin Jory, former PAC member with Salt Spring elementary (SSE), said Friday lice checks were done by parents in the past at SSE, but they had problems finding volunteers and educating



the parents. She said they did the best they could considering the problem was "dumped on PAC" to deal with.

School District 64 superintendent Jeff Hopkins said the school board has a policy regarding head lice, but it's up to PAC members at the schools to implement checks.

"We do want them to follow the policy," he said, but "it's not something we are responsible for."

The policy states, "the board, in

consultation with related agencies, will provide information to help educate employees, parents, guardians and students in the the treatment and control of infestations such as lice."

Hopkins added the district is lenient with the policy due to factors such as school size.

Trinda Gajek, public health nurse for the Vancouver Island Health Authority on Salt Spring, said Friday lice can be a big problem if not treated properly.

She said everyone is at risk of catching lice and it is not a personal hygiene issue. Lice can spread through sharing of personal items like headphones and headbands. Gajek said parents should be on the lookout for lice eggs that are about the size of a sesame seed and attached to the hair shaft.

Gajek said the correct treatment is important because they are very hard to get rid of.

"Dealing with lice is awful."

While Gajek doesn't do public school checks for lice personally, she said anyone who needs more information should contact her or nurse Chris Smart at 538-4880.

## Some more information about lice

#### Lice check

1. Be sure the lighting is adequate. A flashlight may help to spot lice or eggs.
2. Use a comb and part the hair down the middle from the top of the head to the back of the neck.
3. Look for lice eggs (nits) attached to the hair shaft about the size of a sesame seed, or fast-moving adult lice.
4. Remove the nits by scraping them off the hair with a comb or finger nail.
5. Repeat step 2 to the left or right in very small

sections. Be sure to check behind the ears and around the hairline.

6. If lice or nits are found, contact your local health provider or public nurse for appropriate treatment. Treatment can include lice shampoo.

7. Follow the treatment plan carefully and thoroughly.

8. Using hot water, wash all bedding, towels and clothing that your child has come in contact with.

9. Combs and brushes may be soaked in hot water

for 10 minutes.

10. Check all other members in the house. Lice may have spread.

11. Stay on top of the problem. You may have to repeat the treatment more than once to kill all the lice and eggs.

12. Tell the school teacher about your child so other children can be checked.

13. Check for lice once a week and watch for signs such as frequent head scratching.

#### Facts about lice

- Head lice can happen

to anyone and actually prefer to live on clean heads.

- Millions of kids in North America are affected by lice each year.

- Lice are more likely to spread among children after school holidays.

- The pests do not fly or jump from person to person.

- Head lice do not live on animals.

- The average adult louse can live for 28 days and lay four to 10 eggs a day.

- No diseases can be spread through head lice.

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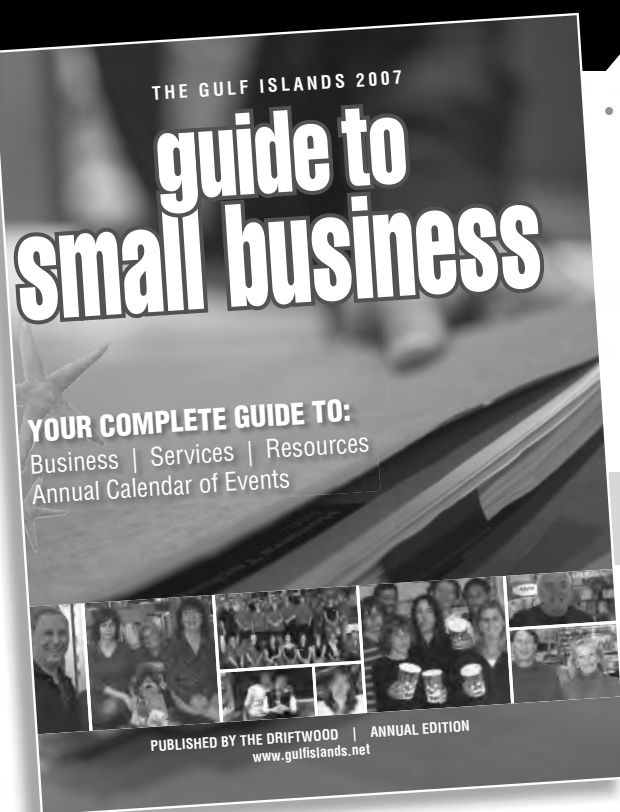
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# PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

## ISLAND CLUBS

# University women's group marks 10th anniversary on Salt Spring

Some 70 members reminisce at south end

BY URSULA LIVINGSTON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Over a decade ago, two women, Sharon Farquharson and Freda Gray, both recent arrivals to Salt Spring Island, decided to start up a local chapter of The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) — an organization founded in 1919.

At the time, CFUW had 129 affiliated clubs across Canada and an international arm tying it to many other countries and international organizations. Both Sharon and Freda came well equipped for the task: Sharon had been club president in Vancouver and Freda president of the Winnipeg club. In short order, they mobilized over 30 women and in August 1997, Salt Spring received its charter as the 130th club. Sharon Farquharson was appointed as first president.

In the intervening years, membership in the Salt Spring club grew to the current 67 women (10,000 nation-wide). For some members, the attraction was primarily social: like-minded people meeting for fun, friendship and the sharing of interests; for others, the club's formal goals pertaining to social issues and encapsulated in the slo-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Some past and present members of Salt Spring's branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women gather themselves into the number 10 as the club celebrates its 10th anniversary Saturday.

gan "action, advocacy and education" were the main incentive for joining. But always there was a unifying factor: the desire to partake in and contribute to the educational enrichment of aspiring university graduates and professional women, whether here or abroad. To this end, the club supports female students through scholarships and bursaries.

The 10th-anniversary celebration was held Sun-

day at the home of Emily and Duncan Hepburn, who graciously offered their beautiful south-end farm as the setting for an afternoon barbecue. Between 65 and 70 members attended. The group's social committee, spearheaded by Lonia MacLeod, went to considerable lengths to track down the charter members, some of whom had moved away from the island years ago. Members delighted in renewing old friendships,

reminiscing about past fun times together and celebrating accomplishments, including a recent national membership award won by CFUW Salt Spring Island for recruitment.

After a brief summer recess, CFUW meets again on September 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lions Hall. For further information, call membership chair Melitta Kandler at 537-2559 or Ursula Livingston, president, at 537-8561.

## ZEN MEDITATION

# Biannual Zen retreat offered

Event of value to all levels, say organizers

Salt Spring's Zen Circle will offer its biannual meditation retreat from September 21-23 at The Gatehouse on Stowell Lake Farm.

"I like the way Vietnamese Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh talks about retreats, with the emphasis on 'treat,'" said meditation group leader Peter Levitt.

"An opportunity to practise and enjoy silence, meditation, delicious meals, interesting talks and private discussion with the teacher is a wonderful way for people to touch and nourish the deepest parts of themselves. I remember one man, years ago, who said, 'This is the strangest thing. I've just sat in silence beside people I don't know for three days, and I feel closer to them, and to myself, than I have in years!' And he's not alone. It's quite usual for people to feel calm,

clear and very tender after such an experience."

All members of the Salt Spring community are welcome to attend, whether they are beginners or long-time meditators, though Levitt says with a smile that "the beginners have the advantage of not having any preconceived ideas about how it's supposed to be."

Anyone who needs meditation instruction will receive it.

The non-residential retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 21 and will conclude at 3 p.m. on September 23. Practice ends Friday and Saturday evenings at 9 p.m.

Retreat cost is only \$70, which includes meals.

In keeping with Zen tradition, Levitt asks no fee for his teachings, although donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register, call Rowan Percy at 537-2831 or Chris Smart at 537-2258.

## SALT SPRING LIBRARY

# Storytime resumes at local library

Free Friday programs in Ganges

Along with autumn's return to Salt Spring comes the return of children's programming at the Salt Spring Island Public Library, beginning Friday, September 21.

The expanded children's program includes stories, crafts, as well as adventures in reading.

The popular program Storytime, for ages three to five years (kindergarten and

younger), will run from 1 to 2 p.m. each Friday. Press material states, "Each week children and their parents are welcome to join us for stories and crafts. Younger children are reminded to bring a lap to sit on during Storytime."

New this year is Book Explorers, a reading and activity club taking place from 3 to 4 p.m. for children aged six to nine years old (grades 1-3). Participants are invited to explore reading adventures and activities on

a variety of themes. From September 21 to October 5 the theme will be Autumn Adventures.

The "story lady," Clare Cullen, will host both programs.

Salt Spring Island Public Library children's programs are free events for both children and their caregivers. Registration is not required.

"Watch for special guests and surprise activities!" says the library's press release. "We look forward to seeing you there."

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## 100 CANDLES:

Mary Butler is surrounded by friends and family as she celebrates her 100th birthday on Sunday. Seen here with her are (from left): Joe and Carrie Tanti, Mary Tanti and Martin Rant. Over 40 people gathered at Greenwoods for the event.



## FALL FAIR

# Apples for Orphans booth raises funds

When islanders buy a toffee apple or a heritage-apple card at this weekend's fall fair Apple Trees for Orphans booth, they will be helping plant fruit trees for AIDS orphans in Lesotho.

Fruit trees provide "an ongoing supply of fresh, nourishing food," notes a project press release. "Apple trees thrive particularly well in the Okanagan-like climate of Lesotho, and are a good cash crop that matures in five years."

Apple Trees for Orphans is the brainchild of local forester Sam Sydneysmith and builds upon previous initiatives carried out by Salt Spring-based SOLID in Lesotho. Sydneysmith travelled to Lesotho last winter to work with the Gardens of Hope project started several years earlier by SOLID.

People can also support the project by purchasing \$5 cards depicting an apple image donated by Salt Spring artist



# Salt Spring FOCUS ON SENIORS

## Salt Spring Seniors Services Society

Following is a sample of the society's event calendar for the month of September. The seniors centre is located across from the Ganges Village Market complex on Lower Ganges Road.

### SEPTEMBER

- 4th: art group  
chess
- 5th stamps  
caregivers  
yoga
- 7th coffee time  
mah jongg

- 10th chess lessons  
book club
- 11th choir  
art group  
chess
- 12th stamps  
caregivers  
yoga
- 14th coffee time
- 15th fall fair
- 16th fall fair
- 17th chess lessons
- 18th choir  
art group  
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## Exceptional horse trainer brings clinics to Salt Spring in October

Josh Nichol offers deep connection alternative

*The following article about Nichol's clinics is an excerpt from a newsletter sent to clients by Thea Fast, a natural horseperson and trainer in the Chilcoatin.*

**BY THEA FAST**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Three years ago I heard about a young horse trainer named Josh Nichol who was offering clinics. I blew him off at the time as just another man teaching women the art of relationship with horses.

Last spring I went to see him work in Kersley, B.C. I was profoundly aware that what I was seeing, hearing and experiencing was beyond what I'd ever seen from any clinician, even on video, and well worth a second look.

"Any pressure should create a conduit from your horse's mind to your intent" he told us.

It appeared that his body language was much the same when he was asking a horse to come to him as it was when he was asking a horse to leave. The only thing that changed consciously for him, he said, was his intent, or the thought in his mind. He

followed it up by explaining that if you don't have the horse's mind with you, you're just stealing their body.

He called "poke" training (you poke 'em, they move) "light horsemanship" and offered a viable "deep" alternative. Instead of pressuring a horse's body, he was pressuring the thoughts they were having and asking them to come through the pressure to connect with him.

I was seriously intrigued, to say the least.

I've just returned from my second look at Josh Nichol. I attended a clinic outside of Salmon Arm with my horse Blue. The first day Josh worked with all six horses himself and I was able to see his words in action.

I also saw how much more quiet and soft my horse was with Josh than he was with me.

Leadership, by Josh's definition has two elements; the ability to create yield in the horse's space and the ability to work a horse's brain instead of its body. I'd unwittingly been allowing Blue to lead sometimes and as a practitioner of "poke" training, I'd taught Blue to move his feet to relieve the "poking" pressure I was exerting.

The second day each of us worked in the roundpen with Josh's support. He was as proficient and kind with the

people as he was with the horses.

Every person got a different lesson specifically geared to their level of ability and communication style.

I came out of the pen with an understanding of the difference between softness and lightness, an experience of deep connection with Blue and a feeling of confidence in my abilities both as a horsewoman and as a student.

The third day all the horses were worked under saddle. Blue made it as far as the mounting exercise and had yet to be ridden.

Instead of not riding him being a disappointment for me, however, (because I thought I might get to ride him for the first time), it was a huge relief. Sometimes stopping is the hardest thing. Not pushing Blue before he was ready was also a demonstration of Josh's integrity, his lack of ego and his commitment to Blue.

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**Shelby: 'more than a pool'**



Members of the Salt Spring Stingrays practice at Shelby Pool. One of the "island-touches" of the outdoor pool included prayer flags as turn markers for competitive swimmers.

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Learning to swim built friendships and role models for Salt Spring kids

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Families grew together, kids took first dips, friendships bloomed, competitors trained. This was the life of Shelby Memorial Pool.

"In 1988 I taught a water safety course in Smithers. That pool used to live in Smithers. It has a lot of history."

Jim Raddysh reminisces about the Shelby Memorial Pool on Salt Spring Island. Raddysh, former manger at Shelby, is a little nostalgic.

The pool — named after local coast guard member Tom Shelby, who died in the line of duty — is set to be replaced by an indoor facility at the Rainbow Road Recreation Centre site. Raddysh said he remembers the kids that learned to swim each year the most.

"We were all blessed at being there at that time."

Raddysh first started working in aquatics when he was 16.

Now 48, he said learning to swim is one of the most important things you can do in life.

Maureen Gix, former president of the Salt Spring Stingrays swim club, also has "irreplaceable memories of the pool."

"I remember a photo of my daughter being pulled around the pool in her diapers. She was four months old, now she's 14."

In Gix's 14-year involvement at Shelby, she said the time was not just about learning to be safe in the water but about the friendships made and the role models that were created for the kids who looked up to the swimming instructors and swim club coaches.

Gix said the pool helped the Stingrays group develop into a competitive team.

"We are always seen as the 'little team that could' because our pool wasn't regulation size."

She said, "Now we're viewed as a force to be reckoned with" because of the club's dedication.

Stingrays treasurer Christy Andrews said the team always had fun at Shelby.

"For one of our swim meets we had a Harry Potter theme and everyone dressed up."

Andrews' pool memories run deep, but she's also excited about the new facility because it gives kids the opportunity to swim in winter months.

Raddysh will be manager of the indoor pool on Rainbow Road and said people will be "blown away" by it.

But the history of Shelby will swim on as it is expected to move to Pender Island for a fresh start and more first dips.

**GOLF**

**Sun buoys golfers**

Wheaton, Darling winners in recent play  
In men's play on September 6, Michael Wheaton finished first in a par points event with March Meadows at Salt Spring with 40 points.

Keith Lavender was second with 38 points, followed by Ralph Grierson, who also notched 38.

Lavender had KP on Hole #2, while Wheaton had it on #11.

• Kathy Darling was low-gross and low-net winner, with 59 and 39.5 scores, in sunny nine-hole women's division play on September 5.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## JUNIOR BANTAM FOOTBALL

# Slayers take Eagles in season-opener

Teams exchange leads before Salt Spring victory

Salt Spring Slayers junior bantam football team started the season and their first game on a high note Saturday afternoon against the Campbell River Fighting Eagles.

According to Roy Banks-Bywater, the Slayers converted on their first series, taking a quick 7-0 lead. On the very next play, the Salt Spring squad gave up a disappointing touchdown off a kick return, leaving the score at 7-6.

Campbell River then posted another unconverted touch-down, but the Slayers came out on top at the end of the half, scoring a converted touch-down for a 14-12 score. The Eagles then came back to score two

touch-downs in the second half, one of which was converted.

Salt Spring closed the third quarter with a touch-down. The Slayers scored again, putting the score at 26-25.

"The dying minutes of the game were loaded with suspense with both teams having lengthy touch-down runs called back," said Banks-Bywater. "Then in the last 30 seconds of the game, as the Slayers were killing the clock, there was a fumble and the Eagles had one last play to get the win."

While the Eagles ran to the outside and past several Salt Spring players, they were stopped cold by some of the Slayers' last players back.

Outstanding players in the game included Torin McIvor, Aaron Hoffman, Tyler Layard, Ben Beaver, Derek Oswell and Sam Miles, said Banks-Bywater.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**NOT OVER THE HILL:** Men and women joined the fight against AIDs as they took part Sunday in the Grandmas Riding for Africa event.

## JUNIOR GOLF

# Girls' golf participation doubles at Blackburn

Kids 'have a blast' on the greens

BY ERIC BEAMISH  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Blackburn Meadows Golf Club has seen a great turnout of girls this year in the Future Links Junior Program.

The program includes our Monday junior night that incorporates the stability of an adult player in each group, as well as the two yearly tournaments that incorporate a skills course along with the implementation of healthy competition.

This year more than any other year we have seen a huge interest from the girls on the island.

Over 20 per cent of our junior program players have turned out to be girls, which is roughly twice what we had last year.

These girls range anywhere in age from eight into the teens and they have a blast playing golf together.

Evelyn White has been a huge example to the girls as she loves taking them out, helping them get enthused about golf and making sure they get a good beginning to a long life in the sport.

Callysta Boyd has been in the program the longest and she took the girls champions trophy in the August 31 junior tournament.

She shot a very respectable round with fellow teammate and friend Christina Anderson, who also played very well and placed second. They, along with the other girls of Blackburn Meadows, are looking forward to the last of the junior nights this season and to making even more improvement next spring.

# Top SO bowlers named

High scores in Special Olympics bowling during the last few weeks were:

August 29: Stuart Elliott, 159-143; Mahjor Bains, 175; Jason Newport, 201.

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## 6 DEATHS

### McNulty, Lilian (1914-2007)

Passed away peacefully at the Lady Minto Hospital on September 4, 2007.  
Widow of James McNulty, MBE and beloved mother of Wendy (Jim), Tricia (Hamish) and Vicki. Dearly loved grandmother of Michelle, Tracy, Richard, Andrew, Rachel and Sara and six great grandchildren.  
Long time member of Rotary International InnerWheel. Golf and bridge gave her many happy hours with friends firstly in Bramhall, England and since 1975 on Salt Spring Island.  
Thanks to Dr Woodley, the Staff at Lady Minto ECU, the Home Support and volunteers who cared for her so faithfully through the latter years of her life.  
At her request there will be no public service or flowers. There will be a reception in a few weeks to celebrate her life.

### Gray, Mary Agnes (nee Robinson)

passed on peacefully Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007 at Lady Minto Hospital at the age of 89. Son Lawrence, daughter Karen and son-in-law Paul were at her side. Mary is grandmother to Veronica and Russell. Mary was predeceased by her husband Martin in 1987. Mary left her Toronto home four years ago to live on Salt Spring with Karen and Paul.  
A remembrance for Mary will be held in Toronto. The family wishes to thank Dr. Preshaw and Dr. Barclay and the staff of Lady Minto Hospital for all their kind care and attention. Special thanks also to the Home Support team who helped Mom to laugh, sing and occasionally dance.  
In lieu of lowers, donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

### McAstocker, Mary Lavinia (Murrell)

We sadly announce the death of Mary (Mudge) McAstocker. She passed away Sept. 8, 2007 at Cummings Home, Courtenay. Predeceased by her husband Leo, son-in-law, Horst Breuer and her great grandson, Nolan Breuer. She is survived by her five children, Tara Breuer, Courtenay, Dinah (Mike) Dickie, Ucluelet, Wendy (Glen) Andison, Thetis Island, Corey (Mia) McAstocker, Comox, Jonathan (Laura) McAstocker, Salt Spring Island, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.  
Born April 12, 1914 in Earl Soham, Suffolk, England, she grew up on a farm where horses still ploughed the fields. She was educated in England then emigrated to Canada in 1939 where she settled in Trail, B.C. It was there she met and married Leo McAstocker. The lure of commercial fishing took them to Steveston, then on to Thetis Island where together they carved out a life and raised their family. After being widowed she spent ten years on Salt Spring Island, and the remainder of her life in Comox.  
She will be missed as equally as she was admired and respected by all who knew her. A memorial service will be held in Courtenay at Piercy's Funeral Home (440 England Ave.) at 1:00 pm Sat., Sept. 22. In lieu of lowers, donations may be made to SOS Children's Villages Canada, 200-244, rue Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5Y3.

### Leonard Alfred Ronald Mizen



August 11, 1929-  
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Our dad has left us and we miss him terribly. Dad passed away suddenly at home after a brief illness. He will be lovingly remembered and always cherished by daughters Cathy and Debbie, sons-in-law Kelly and Ken, grandchildren Carie and Jeff, sister Norma, brother-in-law Robin, nephews Dave, Terry, Perry, and Greg, niece Chris and longtime friend Sylvia. Dad was predeceased by his parents, Maire and Harry, and brothers, Harry and Denny.  
Dad was a gentle man, with a ready smile and an easy way with people. He was also, however, a very private person. In recognition of this, the family has requested no service.  
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*Off to the rodeo  
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## 20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at [www.gulfislands.net](http://www.gulfislands.net). Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

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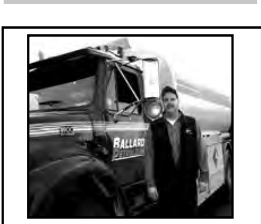
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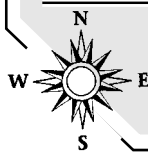
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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)**  
The season hand off from summer to autumn is an activator all its own. Saturn newly in Virgo is giving everyone reason to get their affairs in order early in the day. Practical concerns are overriding summer fun. To many, autumn has already begun. But not officially and striking a balance between work and play is ever a good goal. The pace is still high and in some cases explosive and possibly dangerous. Still, you feel optimistic and are in the mood to express your power and to take risks. Everyone is cautioned to take extra care these days due to a good deal of tension in the air. Make use of it by getting organized, staying focused and by saying yes to life!

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)**  
New creative powers are beginning to sprout. You have broken through many fears and now it is time to capitalize on the momentum you have built. You may still not have all the answers you seek yet you are clear on a few things. Giving your focus to what you know you can and need to do is that simple. As your enthusiasm grows, so too will that of others and vice versa. If necessary, tap into someone else who is taking a charging lead. Perhaps a life coach or inspiring teacher will help you to achieve your goals. Getting help in this way is a rapidly growing field because it works. Whatever it takes, the time has come to get really serious about some of your dreams and visions.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**  
Changes, endings and new beginnings ever coincide and they are very noticeable now. In certain respects you may feel in awe while in others perhaps in shock. Keep your imagination from running wild yet do exercise empathy and compassion for situations as necessary. Fortunately, your energies are running high are you in the mood to get some work done. Perhaps a life coach or inspiring teacher will help you to achieve your goals. Getting help in this way is a rapidly growing field because it works. Whatever it takes, the time has come to get really serious about some of your dreams and visions.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)**  
The Solar Eclipse is having an impact on everyone, some more than others. If you feel that new consciousness is rushing in then you are one of the big winners! News of all sorts may come your way and it will be pivotal. Problems rarely exist in this exact moment; they are usually in the future. Avoid dwelling upon them and just be ready for whatever does come up. This is what it means to be centered and confident. A vision for your life backed by plans, goals and intentions does not include worrying about problems – energy flows where attention goes. Gaining new knowledge is especially important to you. Hands on training balanced by theory makes it round and complete. Avoid superficiality. Change is life!

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**  
Play while you work is ever a good attitude. Why take life so seriously? 'Keep the drama mellow', says the wise man. There is a difference between feelings and emotions. Use your feelings to sense your emotions. This is the beginning of response versus reaction. The power of choice begins with attitude and focus. Gratitude is the key to staying happy and humble. Sincere laughter on a daily basis is the sound or true happiness and success. When we begin by laughing at ourselves, quirks and drama, life can become very funny. Practically speaking, you want to solidify your foundation. In an unpredictable world it is good to prepare for quakes and this implies being solid, centered and flexible. Tally ho, volley the ball!

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**  
Saturn in your signs signifies a sober focus. How to be sober and still moist versus dry is a good question. Your drive for more confidence, stemming from Jupiter influencing you at core levels, implies the need for discipline, determination, focus and follow-through. Paint the picture of your dreams and goals. You can do this in words and/or pictures, yet avoid mere thoughts – too whimsical. Outline a plan with a time line and believe in your resourcefulness to tackle all opposition. Playing at all is winning and the reward is even more experiences. Teach and be willing to be taught now, especially for the rest of the month. You will be decisive. Include your partner(s) in your plans as the day of the lone wolf is fading fast. Show the world your courage and strength!

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**  
You will be in the mood to speak your mind this week. However, you may well go at in a covert or passive way. This could include talking about something important but not to the right party. It could also imply writing a letter or email that gets all your points across clearly. You are learning to be more selective with what you say and to whom. With Venus, your ruling planet, making a strong aspect with Uranus now and Neptune in the next couple of weeks, you will be prompted to make some noticeable changes in some of your more important relationships. The urge will arise from your subconscious and may even take you by surprise. This is your chance to observe whether you have healthy or unhealthy beliefs about money, relationships and your capacity for happiness and creative expression.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**  
Learning to be your own best friend continues. A good friend encourages and challenges us to our greatest potential. This is a time of returns for you and this cycle will last about 30 months! This will reveal how good a gardener you have been; life is all about seeds and harvest. Sometimes we can influence the outcome of a crop in mid season for better or worse, so pay attention to how and where you can make needed adjustments and improvements. While this is a good time to invest, it is probably not so good for high stakes and risky gambles. Early October could prove very revealing in this regard. If you feel you don't know who you are anymore, see this potential frustration as an invitation to try something completely new.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**  
Saturn in Virgo stands to have a very noticeable impact upon your social and professional life. It may not happen all at once as it will have most impact in Virgo until October 2009. Is your imagination working for or against you these days? The point is that you may be able to harness your

powers of intention and visualization to achieve your goals. Avoid complacency and set your sights on the targets you desire. Yet, be prepared to practice with your aim until you are confident that you are on the mark. This is an expansive time for you, yet will now be balanced by the need for sober thoughts and actions. These two forces, expansion and contraction, can work wonderfully as long as you honour both. Expand your mode of expression yet respect the realities of the market place.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**  
The time has come to learn new things in a big way. Higher education may be calling. A balance of theory and hands on training will probably work best for you. How can you use what you have as an "in" to gain more knowledge for the sake of making a few power moves? This is a good time to get answers and negotiate deals. Changes in your perceptions meanwhile are likely leading to changes in your love life and vice versa. Bringing both your practical and imaginative know-how to daily rhythms continues to be a dynamic learning curve. This includes your ability to work with the public. Whatever is happening in your world, this is an important time to exercise deep faith. Make sincere efforts yet be willing to yield and reach out to others and ask for whatever you need, as necessary.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**  
The classical kicker regarding freedom is that it takes discipline. This may seem like a paradox to some. Freedom 'from' things is one category of it, and freedom to 'do' things is another. Both require awareness, focus and some measure of discipline to achieve. The former implies the clearing of blocks of any kind and the latter implies the cultivation of skills. It may well be that the clearing of blocks is more important now. These could include limiting beliefs, negative attitudes, confused perceptions or lack of clarity or vision, etcetera. Take a moment to review your life and identify where you feel blocked in any way. Identification is half the battle. The other half is persevering faithfully until you are on a consistent roll!

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**  
Cultivating more creative, fulfilling and joyful relationships continues. Whether personal or professional, the time has come to take a deeper look at the quality of your offerings and performance. After all, quality input often leads to quality returns. If the issue lies more with others, as in you feel you give more than you get, then your challenge is to acknowledge this fact and make it known to yourself first with a clear determination to earn more respect. 'Earn' is keyword here and opposed to 'deserve' which is a more passive approach and tends to breed victimization. So, intend to earn the respect you feel you deserve by taking effective action. Play the game by the rules to win big!

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# SPORTS & RECREATION



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**SKATE ART:** Kean Hayes skates in front of a blaze of graffiti colour at the Kanaka Road skatepark. Skaters and bikers are back at the park after weeks of rain and drizzle slowed down activity.

**Q:** Where can people in Salt Spring take end-of-life electronics for recycling without charge?

**A:** The  Drop Off Event:  
**Laurie's Recycling & Waste**  
**370 Lower Ganges Road**  
**Saturday, September 22nd**  
**10AM - 4PM**



## TERRY FOX Terry's brother kicks off Fox run

Annual event on Sept. 23

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lace up your shoes and grab your water bottle in support of the Terry Fox Run on Sunday, September 23 on Salt Spring Island.

This annual fundraiser makes all participants sweat, but this year organizers are pulling out all the stops.

Darrell Fox, Terry's younger brother, will be a guest speaker for the opening ceremonies.

"I've never been to Salt Spring for the run and there is a really strong basis for support [on Salt Spring]. There is nothing better than to thank everyone in person."

Fox plans to arrive late Friday and check out the sights before the race Sunday. During the event Fox will say a few words about Terry and his battle with cancer.

Volunteer coordinator Margo Greggains said Salt Spring is very fortunate to have Fox participate.

"We are all very excited."

She said the run will kick off with a speech by Fox at 10:45 a.m. at the Salt Spring Elementary School field. The race begins at 11 a.m. with a five and 10-kilometre course as well as a one-kilometre fun run for kids.

Organizers have also put together live entertainment and food for hungry runners as they relax.

Volunteer coordinator Gary Brooks stressed the run is noncompetitive and for a good cause.

"It's about supporting to fight against cancer."

Registration for the run begins at 9:30 a.m. on the field and Brooks encourages everyone to come out for a "stellar weekend."

Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact Greggains at 537-8331.

### Finally, you can return designated end-of-life electronics for safe recycling.

**Q:** What is the Return-It Electronics program?

**A:** A province-wide end-of-life electronics recycling program available to BC consumers and businesses. You can drop off regulated products without charge, and be assured they will be recycled responsibly.

**Q:** What is 'end-of-life'?

**A:** Used electronic items that are obsolete and un-useable.


**Q:** Can I return my stereo/ DVD player/cell phone?


**A:** No, at this time stereos, CD players, DVD players, cell phones, computers or televisions that are part of, bolted to, or built in to vehicles, marine vessels, or commercial/industrial equipment are not included in the program.


**Q:** Isn't it important to re-use before recycling?


**A:** We recommend re-use as the first option. This program is not designed for items that you would like to be reused.


**Q:** What are the regulated electronic items included in the program?

**A:**  **DESKTOP COMPUTERS**  
 Includes Central Processing Units (CPUs), mouse, keyboards, cables and other components within the computer. This includes desktop computers, desktop computers acting as servers, and all associated keyboards and cabling.

 **COMPUTER MONITORS**  
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 **NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS**  
 Includes portable computers such as notebook, laptop and tablet PCs.

 **DESKTOP PRINTERS AND FAX MACHINES**  
 This includes printing devices that are designed to reside on a work surface, and includes various printing technologies, including Laser & LED (electrophotographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation, etc. and "multi-function" or "all in one" devices that perform different tasks such as copy, scan, fax, print, etc.

 **TELEVISIONS**  
 A video display device with an imbedded television tuner. This includes various display technologies, such as traditional Cathode Ray Tube (CRT), flat panel or rear projection. Please note, televisions with damaged screens will not be accepted.

**Q:** What if I have a large volume of obsolete electronics?

**A:** Contact Encorp directly for assistance in organizing a large order delivery or pickup.

**Q:** Why is this program important?

**A:** Electronic waste contains valuable resources such as metals that should be processed and recycled in a safe and environmentally sound manner. It also can contain hazardous materials that could pose environmental problems in our landfills. This program ensures that obsolete electronic components and electronic scrap are not exported to developing nations.

**Q:** Who is managing the program?

**A:** The program is being conducted by Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC), an industry led stewardship agency and is being managed and administered by Encorp Pacific (Canada), a federally incorporated not-for-profit product stewardship corporation.



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**PERFECT PITCH:** Ben Luna takes advantage of the recent dry spell to load up his truck with hay at his farm on Chu An Drive. Rural life is celebrated to the hilt at this weekend's Salt Spring Fall Fair.

### ISLANDS TRUST

## Housing project clears last hurdle

Trustees embrace parking variance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island trustees' unanimous decision to grant a parking variance to the Murakami Gardens development clears the way for the island's first community housing project.

"I think it's more important to give priority to housing people rather than vehicles so, on that basis, I'm happy to support this variance. I certainly hope it works," said trustee George Ehring during Thursday's Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

Trustees agreed to reduce the required number of parking spaces for the 27-unit facility from 34 to 12. Two of the spaces will be reserved for the disabled and two more will be set aside as part of a planned car-share program for the building's residents.

In spite of criticism the move could place an onus on residents to surrender their vehicles, trustees recognized the urgent need for affordable rental accommodation.

"To link link car ownership to someone's right to housing is a slippery slope," said George Ehring. "The reality is that we are a rural community and it does concern me that people are going to need cars to lead their lives like the rest of us do."

Trustee Peter Lamb added the arrival of public transit to the island in January 2008 will offer residents an alternative to car ownership.

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### TENNIS BUBBLE

## PARC stands firm on more tennis money

Portlock bubble could be history

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Perhaps still stinging from public response to the KPMG report on the indoor tennis facility released August 30, Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) members are holding the line on spending more public money on tennis facilities.

At a Monday night PARC meeting, commissioners unanimously decided to advise the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) that PARC is not in a position to approve more than the already-committed \$100,000 to a new single-court tennis bubble for Portlock Park courts.

"Everybody at this table agreed we would not

go over \$100,000," said commission member Brian Little, referring to a past PARC decision.

The bubble itself, including a heating plant, will be purchased by the SSTA with some \$150,000 in funds accumulated from bubble rental fees in the past 16 years.

Commissioners dissected the project costs and explored options for either finding some savings or looking at its own reserves, but were definitely against coming up with the entire \$45,000 shortfall.

Little noted that if any other sports user group really wanted a new facility, its members would be willing to do some fundraising to make it happen.

PARC chair Rosemary Trump reported that the

SSTA executive suggested the SSTA could take the \$150,000 it holds in trust to buy a replacement bubble and find a spot to install it on private land.

But it was noted the SSTA-Capital Regional District (CRD) agreement about those funds states a replacement bubble must allow public access. Zoning and other logistics of operating a public-access facility on private land would be mind-boggling, noted PARC members Monday.

Commission members also wondered why the SSTA would want to spend up to \$150,000 in infrastructure costs on private land but not contribute funds to the Portlock project.

"To be honest, I don't think [the SSTA] has thought it through," said Trump. "It's easy to look at mistakes we've made, but they're not really

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