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SUMMER SENSE: Will Jackson and Molly Phillips enjoy some fun in the sun on St. Mary Lake.

MEMORIAL

O'Brien memorial set for Sunday

Friends and family will gather at Falconshead Grill

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One week after receiving word of her death, Joel Berry, accompanied by friends, sorts through photos, videos and belongings of Diana O'Brien at the home they shared near Cusheon Lake on Salt Spring Island.

Those who were close to her, recovering from the initial shock of her death in Shanghai and the media onslaught that followed, begin to prepare for her memorial set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 20 at Falconshead Grill at the Salt Spring Golf Course.

Friends expect the room will be filled with flowers and wall-to-wall images of O'Brien that will engulf the room with her spirit.

"She loved life, loved playing and laughing," said Berry. "Every day her game plan was to laugh as much as possible and have fun. She brought life to everyone around her; she was an unbelievable light."

Last Monday Berry received word that his girlfriend of five years had been killed in the Shanghai apartment building where she was living while modelling for JH Model Agency.

The agency has since apparently closed shop and disappeared.

Over the next few days, more information trickled in as Chi-

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ISLANDS TRUST

Supporters speak up at OCP "love-in"

Proposed OCP set for next readings July 23

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Participants expecting a barrage of opposition to the island's revised Official Community Plan (OCP) were left wanting as the majority of speakers addressing trustees at a public hearing Thursday expressed overwhelming support for trustees, the document and the process.

"Nowhere in or outside the democratic world has the opportunity for input and political process been more generous and tolerant," said speaker Ron Hawkins. "Always there will be disappointment because the political process is about compromise, give and take, you and me."

Hawkins' comments followed a concerted

campaign by community members in recent weeks calling on the Trust to provide more opportunity to discuss some of the document's contents.

Adopting the precautionary principle, questions about the province's Riparian Areas Regulation, and the ongoing debate over plans to legalize the rental of seasonal cottages and secondary suites are among the contentious issues that need more debate, opponents stated.

"There is wording in [the document] that could impact businesses and that is a concern," said Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Mafalda Hoogerdyk.

Island realtor Arvid Chalmers asked trustees

to consider an extension so the public could have more input on what he considers a flawed document.

"I say give it 30 days and try it again," he said.

Speaker Jim Helset suggested trustees apply the precautionary principle preemptively by striking references to the precautionary principle from the document.

As part of the rules governing the public hearing process, trustees were not allowed to answer questions or statements made by people in attendance.

With the hearing closed, trustees can no longer speak to or receive information regarding proposed Bylaw 434. A special local Trust committee meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23 at the Community Gospel Chapel where

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NEWSBEAT

Diana remains in locals' hearts

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nese authorities continued their investigation.

They said she had been stabbed, and within a few days Shanghai police, who were reportedly ordered by top officials to solve the case quickly, formed a special task force.

They used a video surveillance tape to arrest an 18-year-old Shanghai teen who has now confessed to killing O'Brien in a botched robbery after following her back to her apartment. He may face the death penalty.

Back on Salt Spring, residents and visitors have followed the media closely looking for details of the investigation. But O'Brien's friends and father say it has all been "too much."

The past week brought media from across Canada to Salt Spring, hoping to speak with O'Brien's friends and receive updates on the investigation.

"I've tried not to watch too much of the news," said Berry, noting his information on the investigation has been coming from O'Brien's mother, Deb O'Brien, who went to Shanghai to bring her daughter's body back to Salt Spring.

"We're proud of her for doing that," said Berry. "It brought us a lot of confidence about what was really going on."

He said, "She seems confident they've done a good job, as far as policing went, and took it quite seriously."



Diana O'Brien photo submitted by Joel Berry

Deb O'Brien is expected to return before the memorial with her daughter's body.

"She's not leaving China without it," said Tami Benoit, a friend who is organizing the memorial.

O'Brien's father Mike O'Brien from Regina plans to attend, as do her brother Jesse, sister Danielle and half-sister Oona.

In the meantime, before O'Brien's family arrives, Benoit said Berry "has been surrounded 24-7" by close friends.

"They've been looking at pictures, setting up the VCR to watch videos of her and going through a lot of her stuff. They found a roll of 150 pictures Diana took of herself, which were absolutely gorgeous."

Berry said an apple tree, grafted with four different kinds of apples, was given to him by his brother Ben Berry as a gift. He plans to plant it in his backyard in honour of his girlfriend's affection for apple pies.

"She was like a little hummingbird; she loved sweets," he said.

"She taught us how to make pies," said her close friend Tessa Young-Serra, who hopes to make apple pies with the tree's apples in the fall.

"... she always lived life to the fullest and loved the Salt Spring lifestyle," said Young-Serra.

"Diana is a free-spirited goddess who loved music, dancing, laughing and most of all hanging out with her friends. Diana has been an inspiration to us all and will be in our hearts forever."



Joel Berry

Diana recalled

Diana O'Brien's boyfriend Joel Berry submitted the following for publication in the Driftwood.

"Diana holds both the strongest and most fragile place in my heart. Her passing has left a great hole in many people's lives. She was like our little hummingbird, so petite, beautiful and delicate, yet strong and determined.

She also had a very close relationship with sweets and loved to indulge. Diana inspired all she met — even to know her for an hour, she is unforgettable.

So many of life's most beautiful things seem to only be ours for a very short period of time. Diana was so full of laughter, she just loved to play and she was so goofy sometimes. I used to just sit and watch her and just be captivated by her.

Diana and I dated for five years and I was and always will be totally infatuated with her. No words can express the loss. I can't help feel that the balance in the world has shifted. She was an angel sent to us, but her light and her strength was needed back in the stars.

I would like to thank everybody in the community for all the love and support. The friends and family have been so strong — I am so proud of all her friends for their strength and we will carry her light within our hearts forever.

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Official plan moves forward

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trustees will consider giving the proposed bylaw second and third readings.

Since the OCP review process began more than two years ago, the Trust has hosted two roundtable discussions, provided questionnaires and held 20 public information meetings, workshops, talks and open houses.

The Trust also invited 42 community groups to meet with trustees to discuss proposed changes to the document.

A majority of speakers agreed the public has had more than enough time to consider the proposed changes and present alternatives.

"I believe that the community has been given ample opportunity to give feedback to the Trust," said public hearing participant Sharon Bywater. "As a taxpayer, I would consider it a waste of Trust time and dollars to delay the review process for special-interest groups and agendas."

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GARBAGE

Looking inside the belly of the garbage bin

Receptacles stuffed with recyclables and household waste

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, Centennial Park garbage bins froth at the mouth with pop bottles, pizza boxes and tied-up bags containing personal receipts that flag it as household garbage.

Two crows fight over a pop can while a pair of discarded roller blades lean against a bin for Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) workers to deal with when they arrive at 8 a.m.

At the height of tourist season, the overflowing receptacles across Salt Spring are a party mix of everything from recyclable pop bottles to household electronics, and they leave tourists and local residents feeling uneasy about what lies in the bellies of the bins.

CONTENTS #1: RECYCLING

"People think it's bad karma," said Tracey Smith, who has taken care of garbage in local parks for two years. She said she'd witnessed countless tourists standing in front of Ganges garbage cans with recyclables in hand, not wanting to throw them in the garbage, but not sure where to recycle them either.

"People are looking for blue bins and they're not there," she said, suggesting a central, highly visible recycling station in Centennial Park that separates garbage, plastic, pop cans, etc. could help clarify the process for park visitors. She cites the recycling centre at Gulf Islands Secondary School as being an admirable example.

Andrea LeBorgne, co-manager of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, said while they "don't mind" collecting the odd recyclable water bottle left in front of the Ganges Visitor Information Centre, she would like to see "... one of the three-section recycle containers they have in cities for paper and bottle recycling and garbage. I think people



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Garbage bin between the banks in Ganges.

would use it and hopefully not abuse it."

Last week, in response to the need for improved recycling facilities in the park, PARC installed a wire basket on all Centennial Park garbage bins labelled "bottles and cans."

"I laughed my head off when I saw them," said Smith, who feels they are an inadequate solution to the problem because they are small, quickly fill up and leak remnant drink contents on the sidewalk beside park benches.

A woman from Nanaimo docked in Ganges admits she throws her recycling in the public garbage bins.

"I compact it and throw it out," she said,

noting that other boaters do the same, not out of ignorance but because they are unaware of recycling facilities available to them on Salt Spring.

The harbour manager's office beside Centennial Wharf supplies a blue box. But the attendant working at the office on Sunday said boaters are not directed to the blue box "unless they ask." Accepting refundable bottles and cans only, the attendant advises boaters wishing to get rid of other recyclables to go to Laurie's Recycling on Upper Ganges Road — quite a distance, he admits, for someone to travel on foot.

Joe Clemente, who empties the garbage

bins at parks across Salt Spring said, "It's amazing how many recyclables are in the garbage. There are a lot of tin cans, margarine containers, milk cartons and egg cartons. It's sad to see that."

CONTENTS #2: HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Also making up a large proportion of garbage contents, according to garbage collectors who work for local businesses or PARC, is household garbage waste.

Alan Moberg, who empties garbage from Mouat's bins, said he's noticed almost every morning the bin between the two banks in Ganges "... is filled up with neat and tidy little bags, not used for people's wrappers and such, but by people bringing their garbage from home."

To teach perpetrators a lesson, Clemente said he's "... made many personal garbage deliveries over the past several years." When he finds large garbage bags that look like they could be from a residential source, he rots through it to pinpoint the source.

"If I happen to find an address or a name," he said, "... you can bank on getting your trash back." He said he's "chucked" garbage bags back into perpetrators' driveways at least eight times.

"Dealing with household garbage has been an ongoing problem in our parks and on our island," he said.

"On a regular basis, on my garbage duties at various parks, I often encounter people's household trash."

The surveillance camera at the harbour manager's office frequently catches local residents sneaking in their trash overnight.

"I go home at night and the bins are empty, and when I get back they're full," said Robert Kelly, assistant manager for the harbour authority.

Abuse by residents is a key reason the harbour authority, a non-profit organization, is reluctant to install more garbage bins. Not being able to afford video surveillance for any additional bins, Kelly suspects "people would end up dumping anything [into them]."

News briefs

Paper tickets on their way out

As of July 31, B.C. Ferries will discontinue the sale of prepaid paper tickets as a method of payment for most of its minor routes, including Swartz Bay to the southern Gulf Islands.

B.C. Ferries says use of the B.C. Ferries Experience Card has risen to the point that continued sale of prepaid paper tickets is no longer justified.

While B.C. Ferries will

continue to accept prepaid paper tickets that travellers have already purchased, customers will be required to pay any difference between the March 31 price and the current price at the ticket booth, which will include any future fuel surcharges.

The B.C. Ferries Experience Card is a wallet-sized electronic payment card similar to a debit card introduced this spring.

The company notes that the cards offer the benefits of loss protection, an auto-load feature, the ability to print a travel history report and the ability to transfer

funds from a primary to a secondary card.

Two deaths investigated

After falling off a nine-metre cliff on his Pender Island property, a 66-year-old man is dead, according to Outer Gulf Islands RCMP.

After being called at midnight on Friday to search for the missing man, RCMP found his body at the bottom of the cliff near his ocean-side home. It is believed the fall was accidental and foul play is not suspected, but the B.C. Cor-

oners Service continues to investigate the incident with the RCMP's assistance. The identify of the man has not been released.

Also last weekend:

In an apparent accident, a 52-year old man drowned near Mayne Island Sunday night. A 911 call made at about 8:20 p.m. alerted Outer Gulf Islands RCMP that a man had gone swimming with a friend in Miners Bay at Mayne Island but was unable to return to shore.

Two men pulled Kent Pushman to shore, and RCMP and the B.C. Ambulance life support team failed

in all attempts to resuscitate the Metchosin-area resident who was pronounced deceased at approximately 9 p.m.

"I think they were drinking and eating there and left to go to the dock and stripped down and jumped in," Outer Gulf Islands RCMP Cpl. Ron Parker told the Times Colonist on Monday.

SS Dollars incentive

Releasing its newly designed \$2 bill this month, the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation is also offer-

ing businesses an incentive to use Salt Spring Dollars in their cash flow. They are offering \$105 Salt Spring Dollars for \$100 CDN.

"It's basically a five per cent discount," said foundation president Bob McGinn. "It's given with the hope that it will increase circulation."

McGinn said the only condition is that businesses agree not to deposit these denominations and that they display a decal that says, "Ask for your change in Salt Spring Dollars."

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

Rental reform sparks OCP hearing

Participants debate how, why and when

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Speakers at Thursday's official community plan (OCP) bylaw public hearing left little doubt they believe the island needs more affordable housing, but the question of how to provide it remains as elusive as ever.

"We have one of the most imaginative and intelligent communities in the country, but nobody seems to be able to come forward with a meaningful proposal to bring affordable housing to the market," said Sam Lightman during Thursday's hearing.

"If we can't solve this affordable housing problem and bring new blood, young people and all the people that we need to make this island viable, provisions for affordable housing are going to be meaningless."

Lightman said the proposal to create a "housing authority" to co-ordinate the rental of seasonal cottages and secondary suites could deter many property owners from making space available.

Limited control over rental costs and tenancy agreements, the argument goes, will make it unprofitable and burdensome to offer accommodation units.

"I can tell you that I've spoken with people who do not want to ever engage with the Trust so [accommodation rental] will become more and more underground," Arvid Chalmers told trustees.

Speakers in favour of implementing rental controls through a housing agreement argue the measure is needed to ensure property owners cannot take advantage of high demand to charge high rents.

"Simply legalizing suites and cottages will not address affordable housing," said participant Maxine Leichter.

"Costs will not decline until there is not one additional person that will rent at the current prices," she said.

"We don't know how many rentals would have to be made available at current prices before demand would be exhausted and prices would begin to fall. It could be a hundred, it could be a thousand, or it could be more

than all the suites and cottages on the island. We can't afford to conduct this experiment."

Renter Leslie Wallace recommended the Islands Trust revisit the proposed OCP condition to consider restricting where affordable rental accommodation may be offered.

"Just because I'm a renter doesn't mean I should be restricted to living on a particular part of the island or that my anticipated car use should be restricted," she said.

"The Islands Trust has no business telling me that I must rent in town or in a multiplex with other people who might smoke or engage in other behaviours which may compromise my health," she added.

"You are ghettoizing renters by considering this restriction."

Restrictions are being considered as a way to prevent the proliferation of rental accommodation in sensitive environments.

The legalization of suites and cottages requires alterations to the island's land-use bylaw, a process that is anticipated to begin taking place in 2009, following local elections in November.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARC welcomes four new members

Fresh faces fill void

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Like promising students at their first days of class, a new batch of Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) commissioners appears filled with enthusiasm and ideas.

"I'm still pleased that I volunteered," said new commissioner Ben Goodman in an interview following Monday evening's PARC meeting.

Goodman has lived on the island for 12 years and said he hopes to foster an appreciation for the land and a desire to encourage various forms of recreation on the island.

An avid hiker, kayaker and horseback rider, Goodman is keen to improve access to the island's trails and marine accesses.

Goodman's experience includes several roles on arts-related committees in eastern Canada prior to moving to the island.

"It's turning out as I kind of expected," he said of his initial experience on the board. "I've been following PARC deliberations in the Driftwood so there are no surprises."

Joining Goodman is three-year island resident Gayle Baker, an accomplished author of nine books and a former dean at Santa Barbara City College.

Baker sits as a board member of the Partners Creating Pathways group that recently completed a project along Lower Ganges Road.

As a long-time promoter of fitness and cycling, and the mother of a U.S. national team synchronized swim-

mer, Baker said she is prepared to assess the community's recreation needs with an open mind.

"I'm still fairly new to the island and don't come with any agenda," she said. "To be honest, I want to see what I can contribute."

Baker and Goodman join new members Brenda Guiled, a south-island karate instructor and writer, and Margery Moore, a co-founder of Salt Spring's Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA), who was a PARC commissioner a couple of years ago and re-appointed by the CRD board earlier this year.

Speaking at Monday evening's PARC meeting, Guiled identified the improvement of south-end beach accesses as an important issue.

They join PARC chair Steve

Peterson, vice-chair Rob Wiltzen, finance committee chair Derek Topping and long-time commissioner Brian Little, as well as regional director Gary Holman.

Overseeing happenings at PARC for the next several weeks is acting operations manager Doug Henderson.

Henderson replaces former operations manager Dave Gibbon who announced his resignation in the spring to be effective at the end of June.

Henderson's part-time position on Salt Spring coincides with his duties as administrator of the Capital Regional District's Panorama Recreation Centre on the Saanich Peninsula.

PARC is expected to hire a permanent operations manager before the end of August.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

CRD launches human manure project

Proposal seeks use for sludge

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District (CRD) board has approved funding needed to launch a pilot project aimed at making better use of what is most often flushed and forgotten.

Over the next 18 to 24 months, the liquid waste composting project will set out to determine the suitability of

using a combination of dewatered septage, sludge solids, green wood and garden waste as compost material.

"This isn't rocket science, it's being done throughout the world," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring's CRD director.

Under the current system, material from the Maliview and Ganges sewage treatment plants is collected at the Burgoyne Bay liquid waste facility before it is trucked off and disposed of at the Hartland landfill on Vancouver Island.

Holman said the annual cost of exporting sludge is an estimated \$100,000.

"We need to find an alternative," he said.

Construction is set to begin on the Burgoyne Bay facility as soon as possible. According to a CRD staff report, "the building will ensure any leachate from the mixing operation is captured . . . and that odours are contained . . ."

Should the project prove successful, composted material will be available by the end

of the summer.

Total costs for the structure are projected to reach \$70,000. The CRD's approval provides \$30,000 to the project. Funds are provided from the 2008 Community Works Fund received from the Federal Gas Tax Rebate program.

Another \$30,000 will be supplied by the solid waste management function with additional funds provided by the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Management Service.

GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM

Volunteers complete gypsy moth trap installation task

The first phase of the mass trapping program, the cornerstone of Salt Spring Island's Alternative Gypsy Moth Control Program, is now complete.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of 25 volunteers, who began hanging traps on June 16, all 1,500 traps were in place well before the July 15 Ministry of Forests and Range deadline, said project coordinator Leslie Wallace.

The purpose of the trapping program is to trap any male moths that might have hatched out and not been

exterminated by ground spraying in their caterpillar stage.

The traps contain a synthetic pheromone to attract male moths.

Female gypsy moths are unable to fly.

The timeframe for hanging and collecting traps is determined by weather modelling, which predicts the "flying time" of the male moth.

"Every year, I worry that we won't make a deadline, but we haven't missed one yet," said Wallace.

Traps will be collected by trained volunteers after September 15 and then examined for moths by representatives from Salt Spring and the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Twelve gypsy moths were found in Salt Spring traps in 2007, a significant reduction over the 40 moths found in 2006.

"This year," said Wallace, "we are all hoping for zero moths and the conclusion of three years of very hard work."



FOR THE DOGS: Elizabeth Wikle hosts a garage sale and entertainment at her Stewart Road home as she and others raise funds for SOLID and a new dog rescue facility.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

OCP REVIEW

RAR surfaces at OCP hearing

Biologist says rules won't affect 99.9 per cent

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island biologist insists the majority of islanders have nothing to fear over the prospect of the province's Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR).

"I don't think the regulations will interfere negatively with most private property owners on the island," Kathy Reimer told trustees at last Thursday's public hearing on the new official community plan (OCP) bylaw.

"It might thwart plans that a few have to drain wetlands, but it won't interfere with 99.9 per cent of the good property owners on the island."

According to Robert Kojima, the Islands Trust's acting regional planning manager for Salt Spring Island, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee must include RAR provisions in its new OCP in order to comply with provincial regulations.

Under RAR, Kojima said, any development which takes place within 30 metres of a fish-bearing or potential fish-bearing watercourse must have the site inspected by a qualified professional.

"The local government application will trigger the requirement that a study be undertaken," Kojima said.

Individuals speaking against the inclusion of language supporting RAR provisions in the island's OCP believe the move will make property owners subject to stringent environmental regulations.

"We will have difficulties in the future if we adopt the RAR right now," said realtor Arvid Chalmers.

Salt Spring realtor Eric Booth used Thursday's public hearing to challenge trustees over the finer points of B.C.'s RAR.

Booth told trustees that he and former trustee Kimberly Lineger submitted a letter to the provincial government calling for clarification as to whether the LTC must include RAR provisions in the OCP.

"If it turns out that the minister agrees with me [that OCP need not include RAR provisions], I would ask that you rescind third reading, come back to a public hearing and let the public tell you what they think about whether RAR should be included."

According to rules governing the public hearing process, trustees are not permitted to comment until they meet to consider second and third readings of proposed Bylaw 434.

Trustees have scheduled a special public LTC meeting to consider further readings at the Community Gospel Chapel on Wednesday, July 23 at 9 a.m.

Charges dropped on technicality

Accused dodges impaired charge

COURTDOCKET

A man on trial last week for operating a vehicle while impaired received a \$300 fine for dangerous driving after a provincial court judge determined he was detained on faulty grounds.

Christopher Leier will not hold a criminal record nor lose his driver's licence after his arresting officer testified that she requested a breath sample based on the suspicion Leier had consumed alcohol earlier that evening, not that he had alcohol in his body at the time he was pulled over.

The technicality was enough to have Crown counsel Robin Baird withdraw the charge in exchange for Leier's guilty plea to driving without due care and attention under the province's Motor Vehicle Act.

The former Salt Spring resident now residing in the Seattle area was visiting friends and family when he was stopped by police last summer, moments after leaving a Ganges-area pub.

In other court news: A North Pender Island man must pay \$1,600 in fines and will not be able to drive for a year after pleading guilty last week to two counts of impaired driving.

Officers came upon 63-year-old Harvey Johnson driving with a blood alcohol level above the .08 legal limit on July 27 and again on Aug. 7, 2007.

The incidents mark the first time Johnson has had a run-in with the law.

"All of a sudden he's come out of the woodwork so to speak," said Crown counsel Robin Baird.

Justice Robert Higinbotham called the incidents an "unfortunate series of events" before he issued the sentence.

"They're both unusual circumstances," Johnson told the court. "I happen to live on Pender Island and it's a small island with no other transportation. Normally I take a taxi but, in this case, they weren't running."

In other court news: A Salt Spring Island man will have to pay a \$1,000 fine after he pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court last week to driving while prohibited.

RCMP officers charged Louis Piperno after he was involved in a single-vehicle accident during which his vehicle collided with a tree in the 2400 block of Fulford-Ganges Road.

the scene, officers found Piperno resting in a farmer's field several hundred metres from the vehicle.

"He's good and lucky that he wasn't killed," said Baird.

An 18-year-old Salt Spring Island man was handed a \$300 fine after pleading guilty to driving without due care and attention according to the province's Motor Vehicle Act.

"[The accused] has done a good job of showing that he has taken responsibility for this," said Crown counsel Robyn Baird at the Ganges Provincial Court on Tuesday, July 8.

Court heard that the accused drove off the road and into a fence in the early hours of Feb. 10. Police records indicate that alcohol was "involved to a considerable degree."

None of the six young people in the vehicle at the time of the accident suffered any injuries.

The individual's name cannot be published because he was a minor when the incident took place.

Since the incident, the accused has devoted considerable effort speaking to others about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"He has obviously put himself and others in a dangerous situation with his actions," said Higinbotham.

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ROAD TO BEIJING

A celebration of our Olympic athletes

Hockey players bring the heat

Men's field hockey team aims to make top eight in Beijing Olympics

Story by LISA WEIGHTON

Hockey players always suit up before heading out on the ice, but Ravi Kahlon of the Canadian men's field hockey team is taking it all off.

The Victoria born-and-raised player has been practising Bikram yoga (also known as hot yoga) to help acclimatize himself to Beijing temperatures before this summer's Olympic games.

Kahlon says field hockey and ice hockey differ in more than just temperature. While many people associate pleated skirts and ponytails with the game, Kahlon says they shouldn't.

"We're always battling against the idea that field hockey is a women's game," he says.

But today his sport is becoming more widely accepted as more men enter the field.

While it's neither a men's nor a women's game, it is exclusively a "right-handers game." Unlike its colder counterpart, field hockey players can only use one side of the stick.

Some of Kahlon's teammates had to change their dominant hand for the sake of the game. Kahlon was a lefty growing up, but said his parents encouraged him to change.

"They would always put a pen in my right hand," he says.

While Kahlon has been sweating it out in the yoga studio, he isn't worried about the Olympics.

"We have a really strong defence," he says, adding that the team plays pretty aggressively, something other European teams don't like.

And why would you be worried



Photo by Yan Huckendubler

Victoria's Ravi Kahlon plays defence on Canada's men's field hockey team. He's been taking hot yoga classes in preparation for the Beijing heat.

with these South Island athletes on your side?

Connor Grimes is originally from Duncan, but now lives in the Netherlands. He has played on the national team for the last four years, and enjoyed a gold-medal win at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro last year.

Peter Short was also there. The hometown favourite plays both forward and midfield. In his Pacific

Sport athlete profile he says he's "most inspired by his teammates who push each other on and off the field."

Rob Short, Peter's older brother, also plays forward. He has been a member of the team for three Commonwealth Games and is a two-time champion at the Pan American Games.

Kahlon says it's hard to predict how well the team will do in Beijing

because all the teams are playing at about the same level. Canada's first game is against Australia, the Olympic defending champions, and that's their only concern right now.

Kahlon knows that no matter what happens he's got a strong team on his side.

"There's a lot of support in field hockey," he says. "I could never compete in an individual sport after being part of a team."



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Firefighters rekindle during training weekend

Family-oriented event a favourite for B.C. fire departments

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Resembling giant orange ladybugs, three "moon-suited" firefighters huddled together beside a cloud of smoke that streamed from the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym late Sunday morning.

The mock chemical spill and smoke, staged by instructors using non-toxic materials, had participants struggling to speak through their fully enclosed, Class-A protective suits. It was a challenge to hear one another over the hiss of their breathing apparatuses, said Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Lisa Owen, who was dripping sweat after peeling off her air-tight suit. "We had to get face-to-face . . . and stop breathing when we talked because the breathing apparatuses were so loud."

Owen participated in the "HazMat" (hazardous materials) course and learned to recognize, identify and assess the degree of risk involved with hazardous materials and their containers. HazMat was one of 11 courses offered to West Coast firefighters during the Salt Spring Regional Training Weekend. The event, held July 11 to 13 and hosted by Salt Spring Fire Rescue, ran for the fifth year in a row last weekend and offered courses ranging from confined space awareness and marina firefighting, to



Above, firefighters undergo a test and drill on hazardous chemical spills. At right, Scott Medlock and Gabrielle Thomson, from Hope, send 1,500 gallons of water into a dispatch holding tank.



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

instructor training and public speaking.

"This is probably the premiere training event of the year in the province," said training weekend coordinator Henry Threlfall.

Some 71 participants came this year from Hope, Malaspina, Parksville, Salt Spring, Mayne, Pender and Galiano islands, and others gathered for either their initial training or to refresh their existing training, he said.

"We try to get training out to various parts of the province," said Threlfall.

As coordinator of the Justice Institute of B.C.'s Fire and Safety Division, Threlfall helps bring regional training weekends to B.C. municipal fire departments that cannot always attend courses at the New Westminster and Maple Ridge campuses.

Regional weekend gatherings, he said, gets training to departments that might not be able to afford to send personnel to a Justice Institute campus. They also offer standardized training so when departments are called together for mutual aid they will have already worked together or will have had similar training.

The Justice Institute is accredited by both the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard) and is the central training body for B.C. firefighters.

Arjuna George, assistant chief of the Salt Spring Fire Department who acted as the event's department host, said more than 25 participants this year were from Salt Spring Island.

"The bottom line is we get training on the island and it's a good way to intermix with B.C.-wide fire departments, big and small."

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department was praised by several attendees for their hospitality and Threlfall notes that, while this event is not the largest event of its kind in B.C., it is certainly "the favourite" among fire departments.

In addition to being an educational opportunity, the Salt Spring Regional Week-

end is also a vacation and social event for spouses and children who are encouraged to attend.

Many of the visitors camped at the Farmers' Institute this year.

George said a mini carnival for children and tours around Salt Spring for spouses, among other things, bolstered the family-oriented gathering.

"They host a first-class event," said Langley firefighter Brian Uille. "It's well organized and well run."

When volunteer Salt Spring firefighter Owen stepped into the mock decontamination zone in her orange suit to be hosed down with water, she was one step closer to receiving her National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1001 accreditation, the standard for firefighter professional qualifications. And, to her relief, she was also one step closer to removing the suit that had reached an uncomfortable temperature under the mid-day sun.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

CRD approves anti-idling bylaw

Three-minute cap awaits provincial approval

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may not be the solution to all the world's problems, but the Capital Regional District's new anti-idling bylaw is a solid step in the right direction, according to Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman.

"For the most part, this is going to be an education tool," Holman said. "There are only going to be some exceptional circumstances where this will be enforced."

Under the new regulations, most drivers will be prohibited from idling their

vehicles for more than three minutes.

The bylaw exempts emergency vehicles, vehicles taking on or letting off passengers and refrigeration trucks among others. Activity on property owned by B.C. Ferries is not covered under the new bylaw.

Holman said he and other board members are communicating with ferry representatives in an attempt to expand the regulations.

"We'd like them to accept something that is consistent with CRD policy," he said.

The CRD is expected to give the bylaw final approval this fall, after the regulations receive approval from the province's Minister of Health.

The region-wide vehicle-

idling bylaw was recommended by the Vancouver Island Health Authority's chief medical officer Dr. Richard Stanwick as a measure to protect public health, states a CRD press release.

"The passage of this bylaw in the CRD is an important first step in our fight against climate change and pollution in the region," said CRD Board chair Denise Blackwell in the release.

The bylaw will be managed jointly by the CRD and the health authority when it comes into effect later this year.

CRD residents, Holman added, can expect to see an extensive public awareness and education campaign over the next several months.

This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Enjoying the simple pleasures of home and family brings happiness now. While in your safety zone, you may want to learn "how to" . . . You may also want to get things done. This is a time to refine, improve and complete projects. You generally may feel enthusiastic about your work these days, despite probably delays. Accept this and exercise patience. Also, it is probably best now to be careful not to turn all of your quality time in to production time.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Feeling your way through tasks and projects is a source of pleasure for you these days. As you allow your emotions and moods to blend with your techniques and methods you can produce some genuine art. Balancing tradition with innovation, you discover new ways and paths. Mini trips with loved ones brings added fulfillment. Launching long-term projects that include craft, art and beauty is ideal now. Education or training would fit the bill. Even signing-up for these to begin at a later date makes sense. Entertain new paths and projects that remind you that "time is art".

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Balancing what you feel you need with what you want continues. Making some core changes in your daily habit and perhaps your environment by way of renovations may be necessary to be able to meet your needs. Take inventory and make lists so that you remember all the important ingredients. Above all, get clear about what you actually need versus what you simply want and/or feel you should have or do. Taking the time to meditate and reflect upon things in this manner is a sign of maturity and wisdom.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

You are eager to start new things - projects and relationships. However, you also want to know what you are getting out of it and what you are getting into. This is a good time to entertain the possibilities and sample before you commit. Read, research, explore and/or investigate before you buy. Doing something to please another is inauthentic and will probably only leads to problems down the road. Everyone is responsible for their own emotions.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

An inward reach of some kind is calling you. Rest and retreat to rejuvenate will prove worthwhile. Ambitions to get things done might best be satisfied with careful planning versus big action. Take your time to sketch, review and reflect and exercise a receptive state of mind. August will probably prove to be a better time to launch new initiatives so prepare for it now. If you find yourself in the midst of interpersonal struggles and dramas, take a sincere look at your own actions and attitudes etcetera before you launch into feelings of victimization and subsequent blame.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

What are you dreaming about? Poised between pressures to take command on one hand, and great dreams about the possibilities on the other, it is good to be clear. Once you are clear you can ask for what you want and direct your energies more precisely. Outline your dreams, goals, needs and objectives each in their own special category. The list can, for example, include career, health, relationships, travel, education and family etcetera. While each category overlaps with others, each also has its own special requirements. Clarity of mind will bring peace, health, happiness and the successful realization you're most authentic dreams.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Taking command of things is the call now. Opportunities to rise to new levels or receive earned rewards are available to you now. However you must exercise courage to confront the enemies of your own mind. These include doubts and fears as well as limiting and conflicting beliefs. These are common issues and the latter are the source of self sabotage. Fortunately, modern developments in psychology, especially the breakthroughs of energy psychology and kinesiology are very effective in resolving such conflicts and clearing learned, limiting beliefs that rest in the subconscious like termites in wood.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Reaching out to embrace your extended family implies everyone. Arts, culture and any event that can represent a communion of one kind or another is calling. Aim for dinner with friends or a pilgrimage into unusual, exotic and colourful places or any adventure that proves to soothe your soul. This can prove to be a very exciting time for you. Perhaps more importantly, it can be a time of deep healing where prior rifts and divisions are reconnected and unified.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Clearing and cleaning at core levels will feel liberating now. Beyond closets and basements there are your body organs and there is also

your subconscious mind, memories and emotions to consider. We accumulate at many levels and periodically we must make extra efforts to clear the way for the new. When energy is fresh it is obvious and is a source of great inspiration. On the other hand, stale and stagnant energy is a source of repression and depression.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Family, friends and/or lovers want to convey their feelings and will get right to the point. You may want to go big and assert your plans. Some negotiation is probably in order. You may feel the need for more knowledge and tools to assist you in the process. There may be sparks so aim to stay cool in the heat. The key is to know your own priorities and then to aim to know those of the people with whom you are dealing.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Desires to nurture better health and build your constitution continue. What do you truly need? Are you wanting clouding your vision? Wholesome living like cleanliness is a spiritual responsibility. Since the physical body is the reflection of mental and emotional health, make these your top priority. The physical body usually if not always reveals the symptom, not the cause. Confusion among the masses and corruptions in the market place has contributed to quick fix medicines that actually mask the symptom and never really address the cause at all.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You can enjoy fertile ground for creative expression now. Many ideas and feelings are swirling in your mind. You may want to use these inspirational energies to refine your skills. Ideas can land but then fly away quickly again so you may want to capture or record your intuitions somehow. As well, others are eager to know your thoughts. The next few weeks stand to be very creative for you. Tune-in to this so that you can make the best of it. Simply allow your feelings, intuitions, ideas and insights to flow out. You can refine them all later.

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EDITORIAL

Keeping it cool

The Gulf Islands have been blessed by true summer weather and residents and visitors wouldn't want it any other way.

It's the time of year for entertaining, relaxing, travelling and gardening.

Unless you're a firefighter.

Not only does a higher wildfire risk put our volunteers and paid staff on edge, but while many islanders were chilling out at the lake or beach last weekend, numerous Salt Spring firefighters braved the heat along with compatriots from other parts of B.C. to host their annual regional training weekend.

The three-day event included Justice Institute of B.C. accredited courses ranging from marina firefighting to use of vehicle-mounted pumps to dealing with hazardous materials fires.

It was described by the Justice Institute of B.C. Fire and Safety Division coordinator as "the premiere training event of the year in the province."

The fact that firefighters from several south coast departments willingly spent a summer weekend hard at work improving their skills reminds us that firefighters never stop preparing for the time when they will be needed to serve their communities in one capacity or another.

THE ISSUE:

Wildfire hazards and firefighters

WE SAY:

Let's minimize fire risks

another.

In 2007, Salt Spring's volunteer firefighters logged a staggering 3,953.5 hours of time while responding to 678 calls for assistance. A good chunk of those calls — 156 — came during July and August.

The Salt Spring Island Village Resort fire demanded personnel on site for 24 hours straight, and then intermittently for five more days.

Public education campaigns also saw fire personnel connect with some 1,500 people in 2007 to talk about things such as FireSmart property protection and fire prevention in general, car seat safety and other critical issues.

Gulf Islands firefighters are also involved in FireSmart education on B.C. Ferries vessels, which is an excellent idea, especially since visitors' attention can be captured before they disembark into the wildfire-vulnerable rural island environment.

The hot dry weather, which shoots wildfire danger into ever more dangerous levels, reminds us that it's time for extra caution when it comes to preventing fires — and we hope that education efforts will have paid off so that the rest of firefighters' training won't be needed and they can also get their share of cooling-off lake time.



OCP recognizes growth limits

BY BOB WILD

Nineteen years ago this month my wife Audrey and I moved to Salt Spring Island.

We soon began to participate in public meetings of all kinds, and in a few community organizations. We wanted to become acquainted with our new home. But though I had lived and worked in five provinces of Canada, I had never before heard of an official community plan (OCP).

It wasn't long, however, before I realized that our OCP has an international context.

This context had been gradually making itself felt in many parts of the world since the 1960s. Rachel Carson wrote Silent Spring, pointing to the poisoning of song birds by the increasing use of chemicals; economists and scientists of the Club of Rome proclaimed "limits to growth" as a human imperative in the face of the finite resources of Earth; E.F. Schumacher wrote his book Small is Beautiful; aboriginal peoples reminded us of our responsibilities to the "seventh generation" of the future.

Since those early-warning voices were heard, more and more of us have learned that the march of unending human economic and social expansion is proving to be suicidal for Earth. I don't need to rehash here the desolation that has followed and continues to follow the persistent human exploitation of Earth's natural resources.

One kind of response in North America to this spreading calamity has been the development of "official community plans." By this means we try to regulate how and when and where and how quickly it is responsible to expand human economic activity. And I want to express my gratitude to our two present islands trustees for giving excellent leadership in this endeavour during their years of tenure.

VIEWPOINT

Slow and steady growth allows us to preserve and protect what nature provides for us.

I was saddened, therefore, to read last week's advertisements in the Driftwood, placed by local real estate and construction industries, protesting various policies proposed for the present revision of our OCP.

They, of course, are not alone in their dispute. Corporations large and small all over the world are insisting on the right to maximize their opportunity for financial profit.

I do not dispute the need for profitable enterprise; but I am dismayed by the rate of profit being claimed now by capital's loudest voices. Among other negative results, this endeavour has resulted in the stagnation in the real wages of most workers and a widening gap between rich and poor.

I cannot find an anti-business sentiment anywhere in our OCP. But — reading it in the world context that I have sketched — it seems clear to me that it too is calling for a responsible and necessary restriction on the rate of economic expansion on this island. Slow and steady growth allows us to preserve and protect what nature provides for us.

Prudential caution is being urged by the proposals now before us.

It is not true, as has been unfairly charged, that this community has not been sufficiently advised of the proposed changes to our OCP.

What appears to be happening is a hue and cry by some voices against close regulation. My view is that there are indeed "limits to growth" and that we need to identify and respect and enforce them here on this island.

The writer is an island volunteer and author who lives on Hedger Road.

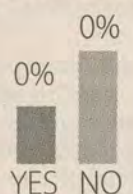
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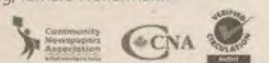
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What did you think of the media coverage of Diana O'Brien's death?



KAITLYN MCCOLL

They should just leave it alone. [Her friends and family] just went through something tragic.



GRACE RICHARDSEN

They were covering the modeling aspect and not who she was, a small town B.C. girl who will be missed.



MELISSA GRACE

So far they've done a pretty good job. There's intense pain at the heart of the tragedy, but larger issues related to it matter to the public.



KEVIN SALMONS

It's obvious why it's under the microscope, but it's unfortunate the family didn't get space to grieve.



KATHLEEN HORSDAL

As a hospice counsellor, it's called "complicated grief"; the intrusion of the media adds to this.

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 new Driftwood letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.

Septic fields

We are in receipt of the CRD's idea of charging between \$15-\$25 to monitor the septic systems on the Gulf Islands.

On first blink it sounds okay, but when you look at it a little more closely it does not make any sense.

In principle, the responsibility lies with the homeowner and with he or she alone. It is time that the government backed away from our bathrooms.

My understanding is that there are 5,500 parcels on Salt Spring and — unlike Colwood, Langford, Saanich and View Royal, where most of the residents are permanent — many are weekend or seasonal dwellers only. Because of that, their usage is maybe 20 weeks per year. What impact is that going to create? I hardly think it is

worth the effort.

If, in fact, it is proven that modern septic tanks are a problem, I for one would like to see that evidence.

As to that annual cost, by my calculation \$25 x 5500 equals \$137,500. For what? A notice? A much better idea would be to give a tax credit of \$500 for proof of pump-out once every seven years and get a win-win situation.

Speaking of sewage, how does the raising of the disposal fee by 275 per cent since 1994 help?

Does that encourage those who want to better manage their system? Add to that the parcel tax for the treatment plant on this island, established in 1994. This has risen by a whopping 501 per cent since inception.

And for all that, we have not seen one pound of fertilizer produced from that same treatment plant which,

I might add, was a strong reason for its support in the first place.

If this is what we get from the CRD and Victoria, then we had better review our options. Maybe we should let Victoria take better care of its own waste products so we can learn by example.

JIM MCLENNAN,
MANSELL ROAD

Little respect

Regarding full-page ads paid for by Islanders for Self Government (ISG) and more recently by the realtors and contractors groups: These groups show little respect or support for Islands Trust governance.

I want to remind these groups that while there are things wrong with the Islands Trust process that does not mean that islanders can be bullied into believing that everything would be

good about incorporation, especially if fronted by pro-development interests not balanced and unified with pro-conservationist environmental commitment.

Surely it serves all islanders purposes to promote and maintain sustainable, environmentally sensitive, long-term development.

JOYCE CAMPBELL,
STEWART ROAD

Add vote

I would like to echo the thoughts expressed by Peter Vincent and Tom Toynbee in recent Driftwood issues.

I agree that there must be an opportunity for islanders to say if they want to see an updated incorporation study or not. And there is no better vehicle for that than a referendum question in November — alongside the question of whether or not the addition of two more

trustees will have any real value for Salt Spring Island.

Current trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring, along with CRD director Gary Holman, clearly do not want to see Salt Spring incorporated and that is their right as individuals. But, as elected representatives, I say it's very wrong, even arrogant of them, to prevent the general public from objectively assessing the pros and cons of municipal incorporation for themselves.

It's disappointing that, in denying this study, they appear to be acting more like a political party intent on retaining power than providing good governance.

As the clamour for information on the benefits of a more democratic and effective form of local government increases, one wonders what our representatives are afraid of. After all, it's just

a study. The issue is not whether folks are in favour of incorporation or not, but why the facts aren't available for people to consider and debate intelligently. In the vacuum we have been bombarded by half-baked opinions by both sides that I am getting rather tired of.

With divisive OCP jiggerypokery finally winding down, I do hope that Peter, George and Gary will now look beyond their personal ideology to do what's fair for all islanders regardless of political orientation.

If they won't, I urge readers to write to Minister of Community Development Blair Lekstrom, who is responsible for the Islands Trust, requesting him to place this matter before the electorate by way of referendum.

BOB HASSELL,

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Neighbours must look after beach garbage

In the summer of 1980 I spent the better part of a month in a rustic palapa overlooking the decaying beach town of Yelapa, 15 miles south of Puerto Vallarta. Toward the end of my stay, a new American friend and I hired a local fisherman to ferry us off shore to a little deserted island for a day of sun, snorkeling for lobster and cold Mexican beer.

By late afternoon, it was time to go. The fisherman loaded up the day's catch and our gear and gestured to us to jump in. My friend took a long last look at the beach. There was garbage everywhere — Corona cans and plastic containers, not just from our little picnic, but from days before — jetsam not washed out to sea with the high tide. We grabbed a garbage bag and swept up the beach.

Our guide sat in the boat drinking the last of the cervezas, chuckling to himself about us crazy Gringos picking up the litter in the hot sun. He only begrudgingly let us bring the garbage bag onto the boat.

Times have changed. Puerto Vallarta now has a Home Depot and a Wal-Mart. It likely costs more than \$3 and a beer to get the local guy to boat you down the coast to that beach town. And the fisherman most likely has learned that litter-strewn beaches are not real conducive to tourism and the overall health of his little piece of paradise.

I now own my own piece of paradise here on Salt Spring Island — a modest little rancher on a small lot a half block from a

rocky beach facing Galiano Island. Recently I have come to understand that land ownership entails a certain responsibility, not only for the patch of ground within my fence line, but to my neighbours, to the rocky beach and to the island.

It is not enough to decree that with my property tax payment comes the expectation of pristine beaches and streets clear of garbage. We can't expect the Islands Trust to tackle something so mundane as litter when it is wrestling with much larger issues.

No, garbage has become an international grass roots issue. There is the cross country runner in Santa Fe, who started picking up bits of broken glass along the trails and began a movement. Chris Pallister, a 55-year-old lawyer recently featured in the New York Times, has turned a minor obsession with clean beaches into a crusade to clean up all 33,000 miles of Alaskan shoreline.

Grassroots on Salt Spring means people like the gentleman who put up deer markers next to the road by the golf course to stop the carnage. He went ahead and did this without waiting for government blessing, financed out of his own pocket. It

means the flashing pedestrian light at the end of Rainbow Road, erected with \$12,500 of locally raised money.

It is people like Island Savings Credit Union's Lynn Thorwaldson, who dons surgical gloves every morning to pick up cigarette butts along the road on her way to work. Grassroots means individuals like John Roe organizing shoreline cleanups in downtown Ganges. These are all acts of extraordinary selflessness that should not go unnoticed.

Let me add, you are dreaming if you think the local government is going to take care of these things. They subcommittee to death. The Capital Regional District should be expanding the recycling depot to accommodate businesses. They should put big blue recycle containers downtown for glass and plastic. It just doesn't happen.

The talking heads will give all sorts of rationales why it can't happen, when in essence, they are stuck up to their knees in bureaucratic muck. If I waited for Highways to mow the grass on the road allowance in front of my house, I would be hacking my way through a rainforest to find my front door.

It is an unwritten custom in my neighbourhood that you take care of the road allowance in front of your house. I have seen neighbours picking up garbage tossed from car windows. I have seen neighbours filling in potholes up and down the street.

Neighbours take in stray dogs, lost and hungry.

Neighbours may not always see eye to eye, but there is a pervasive common purpose, a common responsibility to our community and our island. Peter Lamb and George Ehring will love this . . . there is a certain "stewardship" that goes along with living on this island. Next time you toss a can out your window or see a garbage bag in the ditch, remember that no government-paid angel is going to drop out of the sky and whisk it away to the Neverland Landfill. It's up to you and me, one discarded can at a time.

Litterbugs take notice. The rocky beach between the end of Maliview north to the foot of Wescott Road is now my beach. Pete's Beach. I will not ask for Islands Trust blessing. I will not clear it with the Ministry of Transportation or the Department of Fisheries. I will not seek the advice of the Salish, the chamber of commerce, the local conservancy or David Suzuki. I will do my utmost to keep said beach clear of human tailings.

And to put it in biblical terms, I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who would attempt to poison and destroy my beach. Okay. Notice served.

Now, you go out there and get your own damn beach.

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OPINION



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SUN SAFE: Maya Griggs is seen using an Oriental umbrella as a stylish form of sun-block.



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SSI Awards

Don't you think it's about time we initiated the Order of Salt Spring Island Awards?

We do have our own flag, so why stop there?

First on my list under the category of Musician/Entertainer for Extraordinary Community Participation and Tireless Willingness to help a Local Cause would be Valdy.

Next category would be for Real Estate Clown and Auctioneer from Paradise Lots always willing to make a fool of himself if it raises money for a worthy local cause. This of course would be Arvid (The Charmer) Chalmers.

This category could be shortened to Village Idiot, as Arvid would approve.

The list of categories and nominees can continue from there.

His Majesty the Queen (Reid Collins) would of course bestow the awards on all in his own quirky way if it behooves him to do so upon the behooved.

All in favour should phone somebody who has a permanent phone number to make the necessary arrangements.

God Save the Bowen Queen.

STEPHEN GLANVILLE,
SALT SPRING

Dissenters commended

Regarding the series of full-page ads from the Salt Spring realtors opposed to the OCP process, I want to commend Phyllis Bolton (Pemberton Homes Ltd.) and Scott Simmons (One Percent Realty).

Phyllis had the courage to publicly oppose her peer group and not contribute to the cost of this campaign.

Scott, a seven-year resident of Salt Spring, and his company have not participated either.

There may be other individual realtors opposed to this very obvious campaign to derail the Trust.

I encourage home buyers and sellers to remember these individuals when

looking for integrity, courage and the willingness to look beyond other interests.

RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

Seed protection

On July 7 Meaden Hall filled to overflowing with Salt Springers interested in the safety of our food. Giving presentations were Percy Schmeiser and representatives from GE-free B.C., Greenpeace, the Yukon and Powell River (which established the first GE-Free zone in Canada at a regional district level).

They spoke of the need for GE food labelling, the value of GE-Free areas and the risks of GE contamination of crops.

The loss of seed-saving rights resulting from contamination based on Percy Schmeiser's 10-year court case with Monsanto was a key focus (www.percy-schmeiser.com).

A summary of the event presentations can be found by scrolling down at <http://www.workingtvtv.com/gefreebc.html>.

The Islands Trust has a "GE-free zone" resolution passed at the Trust level, but there is a need to expand this to include the rest of the Capital Regional District level for greater protection of both organic and conventional farms that provide us with regional food and local seeds.

The most common question after the event was "What can we do to protect our local food supply and prevent the GE contamination of seed that has happened so widely on the prairies?"

The short and best answer is to make your concerns over labelling of genetically engineered food and the danger of contamination from GE crops known to our MP Gary Lunn, who recently voted against a GE food labelling bill.

Letters concerning the need to expand the GE-free zone to the CRD level could go through our local representative Gary Holman.

Copies of these letters should go to provincial Agri-

culture Minister Art Bell and NDP Agriculture Critic Corky Evans.

Personal hand-written letters get the most attention, but any method such as e-mails, phone calls and faxes can be used and all addresses are available on Government of Canada and Government of B.C. websites.

Local food and seed protection requires all of us to get as positively involved as we can. We can make it happen. Look to Powell River!

MARIAN HARGROVE,
WENDY MCEACHERN,
ROGER MIDDLETON,
LOIS SPRAGUE,
MAGGIE SCHUBART
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Jump rope thanks

On behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon, Vancouver Island, Powell River and Gulf Islands area, I want to thank the many schools of the Gulf Islands for putting their hearts into the *Jump Rope for Heart* and *Hoops for Heart* programs.

What a great year!

The following schools made 2008 a huge success: Fernwood Elementary, Galiano Elementary School, Gulf Islands Secondary School, Mayne Elementary-Junior Secondary, Phoenix Elementary School and Salt Spring Elementary.

In the past 25 years, childhood obesity rates have tripled, so the importance of children being active is vital for sustaining a healthy generation.

With over 14,000 students in the region being active through skipping and playing basketball, the *Jump and Hoops* school programs make a difference in the lives of these students.

A special thanks to the many students, teachers, parents and community members who support the *Jump and Hoops* programs.
JAIME SPYKSA,
SCHOOLS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR,
VANCOUVER ISLAND/
POWELL RIVER AREA/GULF ISLANDS

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Family search

I live in far western Queensland, Australia, and have for some time been looking for members of my family who I believe lived on Salt Spring Island.

I have been in touch with the current Caldwell families there and they say that they are not related to my Caldwell family. They did think that my family had moved from the island in the 1970s or '80s.

I would be so grateful if anyone on the island might have information that would help me locate the family I am searching for.

I am looking for Ann Caldwell, whose last address was 121 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island. Her parents' names were Frederick George Acland Johnson and Ann Martet Acland Johnson. Maybe they just used the surname Johnson. I believe they had something to do with horses.

I would be very grateful if any of your readers had any information about this family. I am most anxious to locate them, and have been searching for them for some time. My e-mail address is lairh@bigpond.com; mailing address is 21 Barracks Road, Highfields, Queensland 4352, Australia.

LYN HOTCHIN,
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Unjustified outrage

Lest the sheer size and expense of the ad in the July 2 Driftwood by the builders and contractors association convince more impressionable members of the community that the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's new soil removal bylaw is onerous and unworkable, I thought I would explain, in simple terms, why it is neither.

Most of the contractors' work is in house building, and all excavation will be registered with the CRD at the same time as the application for a building permit. This is an excellent idea, simple and inexpensive, which was suggested by the contractors themselves. (So much for the Trust having deaf ears.)

After registration, all building sites for dwellings are exempt from permitting unless they intend to move more than 2,000 cubic metres of soil. This is approximately 250 truckloads! How can the contractors describe this as "making it difficult to simply build a home" when this threshold exempts more than 95 per cent of homes — and all homes of a reasonable size?

The buffer zones for mine sites in the new bylaw would deter mining in some locations — those on small lots and in residential neighbourhoods. How many of us want mines in our neighbourhoods?

As for consultation — Kim Benson said at a recent LTC meeting that she had never known so much time and public input given to an administrative bylaw. Since the last election the trustees have listened tire-

lessly to the contractors' group and to community groups such as the Stewart Road Residents Association. They have heard us and written a bylaw which is a compromise shrewdly judged to be in the best interests of the community as a whole — not just one business group.

One of the contractors' group's chief spokesmen admitted to me in telephone conversation recently "We have all been bad contractors sometimes." I believe that the new bylaw, and Peter Lamb's suggested education program, will help the industry to be "good contractors" more of the time.

MICHAEL WALL,
SALT SPRING

Not enforceable

I disagree with the contractor ad claiming the soil bylaw is too restrictive. My opinion comes from having actually lived and worked in and around large land developments. I am also well versed in the lax noise bylaw enforcement standards of the CRD.

I believe our environment, our wildlife, the health of our community and the policy of the Islands Trust were all abandoned by our trustee, when they ignored many who turned out to the soils bylaw meetings calling for clear measurable standards for noise.

Despite the enforceable decibel limits, which are being adopted by local governments throughout B.C., as well as a 45-decibel limit imposed on Salt Spring home-based business operators, our trustees caved in and adopted the non-measurable requirement to "minimize noise" in their new soil bylaw.

I believe that in Mechosin, if a resident with a video camera and decibel meter collects evidence that noise from a neighbour's activity is regularly above 55 decibels at the property line, that noise would have been clearly against the law.

More importantly, even if a bylaw officer was unavailable, this widely recognized decibel standard could stand on its own.

And even if the local government refused to enforce its bylaws, a civil action could be launched, with a very good chance of a just and reasonable decision from an unbiased third party called a judge.

But that remedy has been denied the residents of Salt Spring by our trustees because in adopting non-measurable standards like "minimize," they have regressed from writing laws which aren't enforced to writing laws which are so vague they are unenforceable.

I believe our health is at stake and right to the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of our homes and properties is being stolen.

I will be writing the Trust executive to object to the passage of this dangerously flawed law.

TOM PICKETT,
LEE ROAD

Local and exotic cooking abounds

BY JIM STANDEN

I have always wanted to be a better cook and have contemplated travelling the world to take cooking courses in exotic locations.

I have recently wondered how practical this dream is in a world of global warming and ever expensive travel. And what alternatives do I have?

Recently, I had the opportunity to take two cooking classes from local Salt Spring Island chefs. The experience was wonderful, but I am writing this letter as "food for thought" that encouraging such courses has many benefits for not only the participants but for many other reasons, including supporting the local economy, environment, health and tourism.

The first was a set of four evenings by Jonn Ashlie. We gathered in Alder Creek B&B kitchen and as a group created recipes from a different nationality each evening. My favourite was a French evening which included filet mignon and light hors d'oeuvres biscuits which featured parsley, dill, chives and gruyere. Yummy. More information on John's classes and catering business are posted at: (<http://ashliespantry.com/>)

The second was by Bruce Wood, the chef from the Rock Salt restaurant and café in Fulford. Our evening course was in the Gulf Islands Secondary School cafeteria kitchen and featured such treats as John Wilcox's asparagus served with "poached eggs and chive brown butter hollandaise and shaved Moonstruck tomme d'or." Wonderful. Information on Bruce's upcoming classes will be posted at: <http://www.ssi-communityed.com/>

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Jonn and Bruce are very enthusiastic about supporting our locally grown produce and emphasize them heavily in their courses. Both have planned Saturday market day cooking experiences this summer where you participate in a buying tour of the market, visit local farms for seasonal food treasures and then spend the afternoon cooking masterpieces.

I believe it makes very good sense to raise the awareness of such cooking experiences to ourselves and as an activity for visiting tourists. (Could we call it eco-foodism?)

A few of the benefits include:

- supporting the 100 Mile Diet, or better yet, the Zero Mile Diet (thanks to Dan Jason for coining that term) where transportation is kept to a bare minimum;
- using the freshest possible ingredients with the greatest health benefits, with the minimal amount of packaging;
- supporting our local farmers and stores (keeping our food dollars on island);
- expanding your repertoire of recipes for local produce, especially our winter crops.

In summary, I can learn exotic recipes and cook with the best of ingredients using the minimum of energy and support our local economy and all in... as it happens, a very beautiful location.

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The writer is a retired manager from the University of Calgary. He has a strong interest in personal and innovative regional and global social finance.

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Antique Car Display:
You never know what you might find in the Antique Car Display at the Fall Fair. Learn how your Grampa went across country or what your Mom drove on a daily basis when she was a teenager! They are all there! From the everyday Model T to the more sublime Packard to the muscle car of the 60's, the history is there to drink in. It's fun to talk to fair goers who remember the "good old days" when you had to crank a car to start. In order to slow down in the Fraser Canyon, it wasn't unusual to drag a log!

When you visit the Fall Fair this year, be sure to take in the Antique Car Display, and at the same time, learn a little about our history on the Rock and in Beautiful British Columbia.

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Many parts of BC have been warming at a rate that is twice the global average. It isn't hard to see the impact that climate change has already had on our province: the mountain pine beetle epidemic, the storms that devastated Stanley Park, the floods of 2007, the loss of water supply to over 900,000 people in 2006, the wildfires of 2003 and the depletion of our glaciers.

These effects of global warming have already taken a heavy toll on our economy, our natural resources and people's homes and livelihoods. It's clear that it's hurting our province. It's time for all of us to take action.

- 11 of the last 12 years were among the warmest ever since 1850.
- Over the last century, BC has lost up to 50 per cent of its snow packs, and glaciers have melted away.
- Warm winters have created the mountain pine beetle epidemic.
- 80 per cent of our pine forests will be "red and dead" by 2013.

How you can benefit from BC's carbon tax shift.

On July 1, 2008 a carbon tax on fossil fuel emissions was introduced. What this means to you is 2.34 cents per litre added to your cost of gas. In BC, 36% of all greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. It's estimated that BC's carbon tax will save up to 3 million tonnes of CO² emissions annually; this is equal to taking nearly 790,000 cars off the road each year.

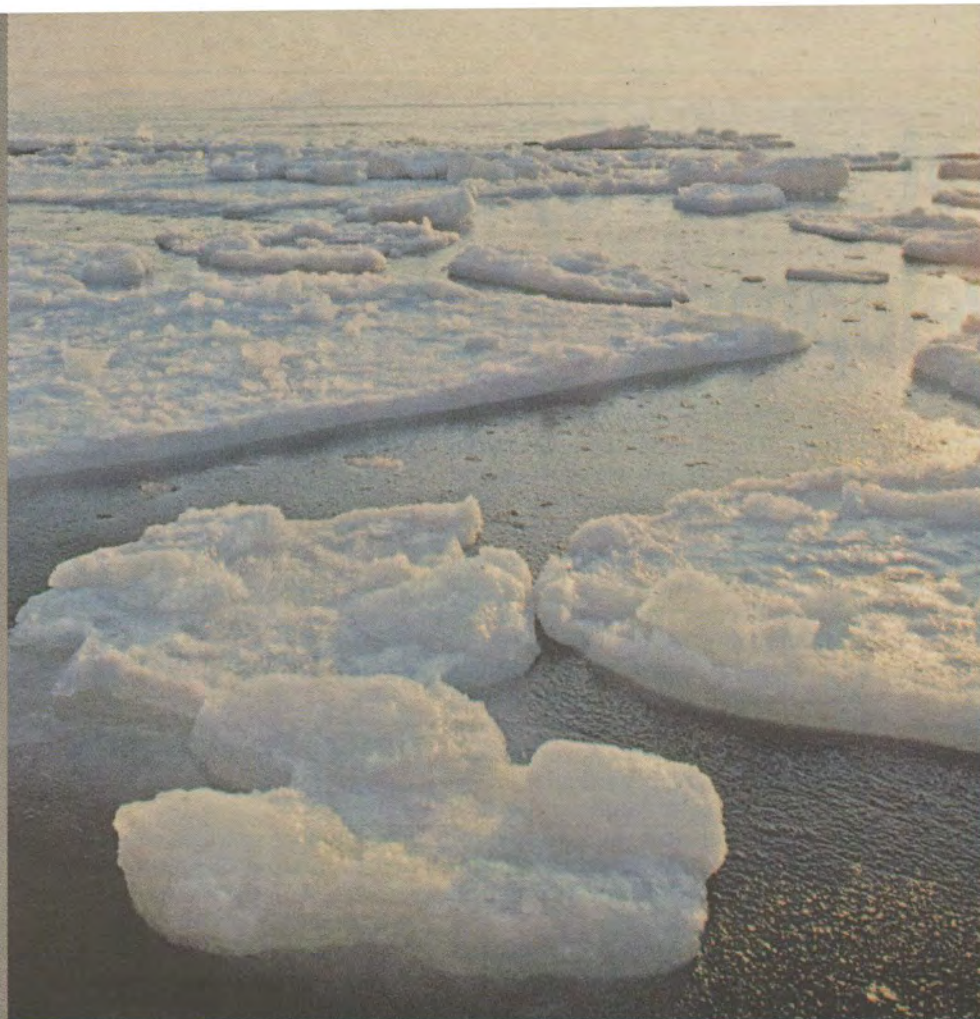
With even small adjustments you can reduce your fuel usage. In fact, most drivers can offset their carbon tax with one less fill-up per year.

By law, every penny of the carbon tax must be used to cut other taxes.

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- Trade-in your old vehicle for a cleaner one and you can save up to \$2,000 or more under the expanded province-wide "Scrap-it" program.
- Keeping your car or truck tuned up and your tires properly inflated can save you \$200 a year in fuel costs.



Income taxes decreased on July 1st.

New tax relief is a key part of the carbon tax shift. On July 1st, 2008 provincial income taxes were reduced. On July 1st, 2009 they will be reduced again. While pollution will cost more, income will be taxed less and take-home pay will grow. Lower income earners will be eligible for an additional tax credit and every woman, man and child in BC will receive a \$100 cheque from the Climate Action Dividend.

Businesses will also see their income taxes cut over the next few years to become the lowest in Canada. As well, other new measures will provide new sales tax exemptions, financial incentives and cash rebates to reward "carbon smart" choices. These are all in an effort to conserve energy, reduce waste, increase fuel efficiency and promote cleaner transportation.

- British Columbia has the lowest personal income taxes in Canada at every level up to \$111,000.
- New tax cuts will save most families between \$100 and \$400 this year, net of the carbon tax, even if they do nothing to reduce their emissions.
- A single parent earning \$30,000 per year, with one child, will typically save \$285 net of their carbon tax this year and will save \$196 net next year.
- Since 2001, over 100 tax cuts have been introduced in British Columbia.
- All taxpayers earning over \$30,000 a year have had their provincial income taxes reduced by at least 30-37%.
- Low income taxpayers earning under \$20,000 a year have had a 75% tax cut since 2001.
- Provincial income taxes were eliminated completely for everyone earning under \$15,500 a year; 250,000 more citizens now pay no provincial income taxes at all.

It's time to lead on climate change.

Together, we can meet BC's new legal target to reduce our provincial greenhouse gas emissions by 33% over the next 12 years. It won't be easy and it will oblige us all to change. But, we can achieve that target in ways that will save us energy, time and money, while also improving our air, water quality, and stimulating innovation, investment and job creation.

We can't wait for others to tackle global warming. Waiting for others to act is not a solution, it's just an avoidance of our responsibility. Unless we act today, it will be our children and their families who will pay the biggest price.

The time has come to act – to reduce our own emissions and lighten our carbon footprint. That is what BC's new carbon tax shift is all about.



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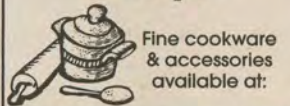
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Adopt-a-Fry

I received an e-mail from the Islands Trust Fund Board encouraging me to vote for their project in the Green your Campbell Cash Contest.

I would like to encourage everyone to vote for the Adopt-a-Fry project.

Alexandra Morton has worked so hard to inform, educate us and to monitor the sea lice problem.

Her project is so very practical and something readily accomplished.

Most of the other projects on the site are ongoing ones.

If Alexandra got the most votes we might see a turnaround from the DFO and better controls on the sea lice problems, plus better food security.

I too posted a project called Community Vans, but urge you to vote for Adopt-a-Fry.

MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Citizens not served by new housing, social development 'super ministry'

BY LINDA KORBIN

The B.C. Association of Social Workers questions how the provincial government's continuing organizational change will contribute to better services to the public, and in particular to its most vulnerable citizens.

The newly created Ministry of Housing and Social Development (MHSD) will now assume gargantuan responsibilities for income assistance, mental health services, housing, services to adults with developmental disabilities, landlord-tenant disputes, transition houses and licensing and monitoring of gambling in BC.

Just what — and who — will be served by collapsing services and programs to vulnerable populations into a "super ministry?"

The Hughes Report was clear that the child welfare and social service system cannot withstand any more organizational change.

The Representative for Children and Youth, Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond, has been equally clear that organizational change and service gaps are creating huge and long-lasting real life and systemic impacts for vulnerable and at-risk populations of individuals, families and communities.

Child poverty and homelessness are on the rise. Individuals and families are already struggling to access income assistance, mental health services and community support services.

Their difficulties in doing have been exacerbated by the staggering and chronic systemic changes and shuffling of responsibilities, along with the instability of leadership and oversight of these public services.

We are deeply concerned that in the creation of this "super ministry" it will be that much easier for individuals to fall through the gaping holes that already exist for marginalized citizens.

We share in the B.C. government's five great goals with particular attention to number 3: Building the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, those with special needs, children at risk and seniors.

We believe this goal and these interests are best served by continuing to provide continuity of service for income and employment assistance through a stand-alone ministry, such as the current Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance (MEIA), maintaining strategic operational planning within one organization and utilizing the strength of senior leadership available within MEIA.

We further encourage the B.C. government to leave responsibility for Community Living Services to adults with developmental disabilities within the mandate of the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to allow further time for Community Living BC to solidify and stabilize itself as the Crown agency responsible for

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provision of services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families. With the move of adult services from MCFD to MHSD there will be a further disconnect between the continuity of services and supports, which will have lasting impacts on generations to come.

We also renew our commitment to working collaboratively with the B.C. government, its leaders and other important stakeholders and leaders to strategically stabilize, innovate and renew the social service, mental health, housing and child welfare systems so that B.C. can truly offer all children, youth, and families the best future possible as B.C. prepares to enter the light at centre stage of the international and global media and community.

The writer is executive director of the Vancouver-based B.C. Association of Social Workers.

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B.C.'s biodiversity important for all of Canada

BY DAVID SUZUKI
WITH FAISAL MOOLA

One of my proudest moments came in 1992 at the inaugural Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Along with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (which in turn led to the Kyoto Protocol), a second key outcome of this international meeting was the signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a groundbreaking agreement founded on the principle that conserving biological diversity is "a common concern of all humankind."

Canada was the first of 189 countries to sign the agreement.

B.C.'s Conservation Framework for protecting wildlife, released on July 9, made me realize, though, that all the agreements in the world won't add up to much if they aren't followed with action. For B.C., the stakes couldn't be higher.

The government's new policy was accompanied by research on the health of the province's wildlife and wilderness, which paints a dire picture.

Some 1,640 species (or 43 per cent of assessed wildlife) and four "biogeoclimatic zones" (about five per cent of B.C.'s land base) are threatened enough to be of conservation concern.

While these statistics are striking, we should remember that what scientists have actually identified might represent as little as 10 per cent of all species.

B.C. and Alberta are the only provinces that don't



David Suzuki

SCIENCE MATTERS

have endangered species laws.

But these laws are essential to addressing such a serious problem.

B.C. is home to 76 per cent of Canada's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other plants and animals.

That biological richness

piecemeal habitat protection.

The sad reality is that most of B.C.'s species and ecosystems at risk remain poorly protected by law.

And so, although only 16 northern spotted owls are left in B.C., the government has not put a stop to logging in the old-growth forests where they live.

In fact, of all the species identified as being at risk in B.C., only four are afforded marginal protection under the province's Wildlife Act.

British Columbia needs a clear law to recover wildlife at risk and to protect habitat to prevent species from becoming at risk in the first place.

B.C. could look to Ontario, which enacted a new Endangered Species Act in 2007.

Although the Ontario law isn't perfect, it includes strong wording for habitat protection and mandatory planning for the recovery of endangered and threatened species.

Without healthy ecosystems and species diversity, we can't hope to have healthy economies and healthy human societies.

The loss of biodiversity affects not just the production of commodities like the food we eat, the timber we use to build our homes and the medicines we use to heal ourselves, but many other so-called "ecosystem services" as well, like clean air and clean water.

However, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the ecosystem ser-

vices provided by nature are threatened by human actions, such as unsustainable logging, pollution and global warming.

A strong endangered species law in B.C. would identify, protect and recover at-risk biodiversity by protecting habitat.

It would use sound science to identify and assess the risks and develop recovery strategies. It would take into account the effects of global warming.

It would enshrine the precautionary principle, whereby the absence of full scientific certainty could not be used to postpone decisions when there is a real threat of serious harm.

It should also include participation from all citizens and communities, including First Nations. And it must be adequately funded and enforced.

It's been 16 years since my hopes were raised that humanity was on the right track to creating a world that recognized the importance of biodiversity to human survival. And yet, the crisis in biodiversity has worsened.

The B.C. government, along with all of Canada, still has the opportunity to lead the way. Its new policy for wildlife protection may be a start, but it doesn't match the kind of leadership the province has shown in combatting global warming.

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Rants

Rants to whoever took money from my honour box while I was away yesterday. Maybe this seemed like no big deal to you, but the honour system here on Salt Spring Island is a special privilege which needs to be respected by all if we are to keep it. All the money I get for the sale of my flowers goes to charity. What you took would have provided sight-saving vitamins for 13 children in one of the world's poorest places. Being poor is bad enough, but being poor and blind is usually a death

RANTS and Roses

sentence. Nancy Wigen

Roses

A big bouquet of sweet smelling roses to all the wonderful people at the Salt Spring Water Taxi. Thank you for all your support. Island Women Against Violence

For years we have been spending February & March on your beautiful island.

We find your islanders very friendly and accommodating — especially Randy at Green Acres where we stay, and Lady Minto Hospital where last time I had to have blood work done and sent to my doctor in Oakville, Ontario. There was no waiting and the work was covered by my OHIP Card. The pharmacist at GVM was most helpful too. Joan Winhall, Stoney Creek, Ontario

A big bouquet of sandy roses to Key Pawn Trucking for so readily donating your services and to Gulf Coast Materials and Spencer's Excavating for your generosity to the community. May there be many sandy castles in your future. Sheralin Cook

A truckload of summer flowers (and much gratitude!) for the nameless courier from Total Delivery Systems who

made a "special delivery" of my wallet to my front door, having found it moments earlier at the local mailbox where it had fallen out of my pocket. Now that's service and integrity! A resident of Tern Way

Summer night skies of roses to the Salt Spring firefighters, and to Tim and John and all the businesses that contributed to the Canada Day fireworks fund this year: Oystercatcher, Thrifty Foods, TJ Beans, Island Star, Pharmasave, Mark's Work Warehouse, Johnson's Automotive, The Local, OceanWest Insurance, Tree House

Cafe, Moby's Pub, Orca Electronics, Driftwood, Chamber of Commerce.

A golfbag full of roses to the seven junior golfers from the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club who helped make the 17th annual Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's golf tournament a success. They did a superb job of running the putting contest and their long drives which were "rented" by many golfers were amazing. Thanks to Stephen Greenwood, Jack Wiltshire, Stephen Hardy, Rhys Hardy, Nick Boyd, Charlie Holmes and Ben Barter.



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- 1 can water chestnuts
- Oyster sauce
- Rice spring roll wrappers (deli dept.)



SPRING ROLLS

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn

Spring roll: The spring roll is often confused with a North American Chinese cousin, the egg roll, which has a thicker wrapper and contains more filling. Spring rolls are Asian, dating back many centuries, and are made from rice or wheat wrappers. Perhaps most familiar to North Americans today is the Vietnamese variation which uses rice-paper wrappers. The brittle rice-paper wrappers are soaked in water to make them pliable, then filled with either raw or precooked ingredients. Spring rolls may be eaten as prepared or fried. The name, which dates in English print to 1943, comes from the Chinese tradition of serving them (gold nuggets of prosperity) on the first day of the Chinese New Year which is also the first day of the lunar year's spring. Cook together in 2 tablespoons oil, 1 cup any meat diced, 2 tablespoons garlic minced, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 tablespoon chopped hot pepper (optional) & 1 chopped green onion. When meat is cooked add 1 cup bagged coleslaw mix or chopped cabbage, ½ cup shredded bok choy, basil or mint, 1 can chopped water chestnuts & 2 tablespoons oyster sauce. Set aside. Fill a round stainless steel bowl with 3 cups of hot water. Submerge one spring roll wrapper at a time, in the hot water. Move the wrapper around in the water until it becomes soft and pliable, about 10 to 15 seconds. Remove from the water and lay on plastic wrap. Pat with paper towel. Spread 2-3 tablespoons of the meat mixture evenly over each spring roll wrapper. Fold two sides of the wrapper toward the centre and then roll. Chill & serve like this or fry until crispy, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove and drain on paper towels. Serve with your favourite peanut, sweet & sour or chili sauce.

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NEWSBEAT

RECREATION

Pool's popularity persists in the heat

While outstanding issues assessed

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Not even the prospect of sunny skies and welcoming beaches can deter people from taking the plunge at the Rainbow Road indoor pool.

So strong is the demand for lessons that the operator is set to request the addition of more classes, according to a status report made available at a Monday evening meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC).

"The pool is running well and demand is high," said Doug Henderson, PARC's acting operations manager.

PARC commissioners anticipate having a complete revenue and attendance survey at their August 25 meeting.

Henderson said he believes updated information on a number of outstanding deficiencies at the facility will also be presented at the meeting.

Speaking in an interview Tuesday morning, Henderson said a recent survey identified 11 minor issues at the recreation centre.

The survey is part of a July 10 meeting between the construction manager, tradespeople, consultants, facil-

ity operators and staff. The report includes information on the building's mechanical, plumbing, electrical and structural performance.

"A lot are not all that unusual in terms of things you'd find when commissioning a new facility," Henderson said. "Every project is going to have its quirks. The job now is to go back and track them down."

Henderson added that the vast majority of issues, ranging from minor leaks to wiring glitches, are not noticeable to pool users and will not affect the recreation centre's day-to-day operations.

Individual contracting companies are responsible for repairing the majority of problems at no additional cost to PARC, Henderson added.

"The mechanical folks are set on getting things done right," he said.

A comprehensive and updated list of deficiencies will be presented at PARC's August meeting.

The pool status report further indicates that the Pool Operations Advisory Group's inaugural meeting is scheduled for early August. Topics of discussion will include examining the revised fall schedule and the prospect of introducing a per-visit pass in addition to the monthly passes currently offered.

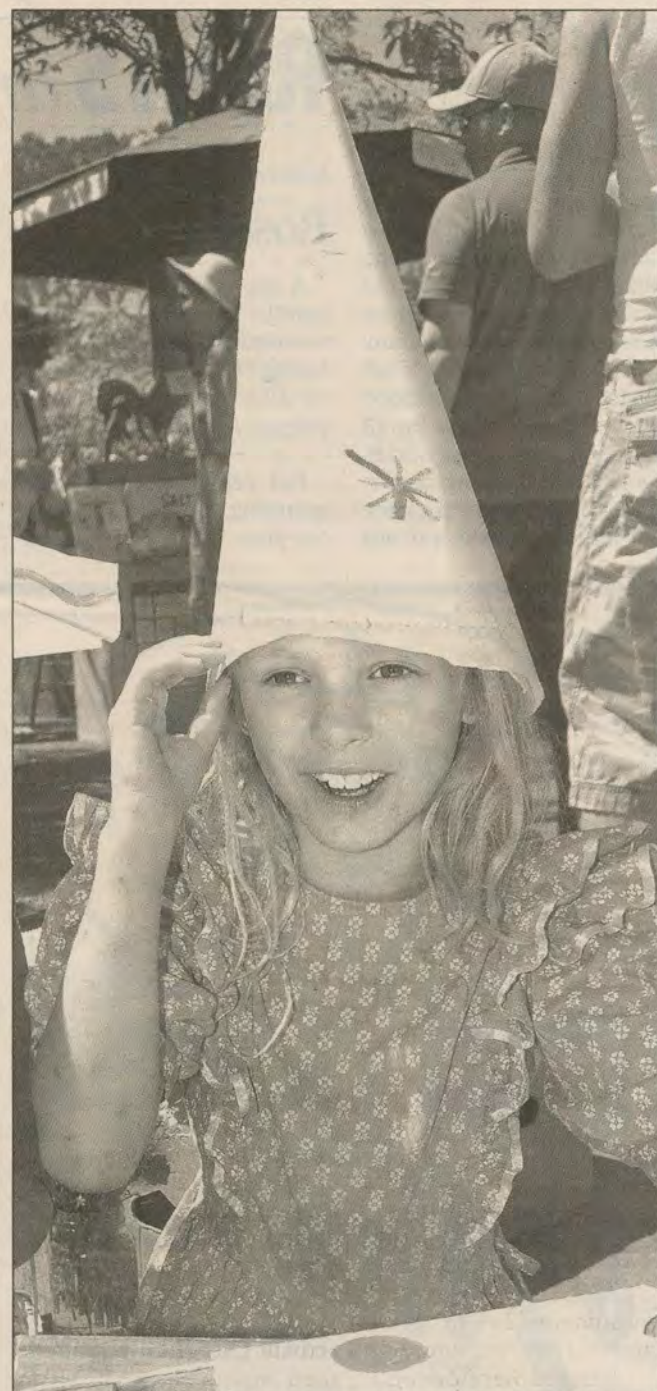


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AGRICULTURE

Salt Spring eyed as a possible GMO-free area

Forum prompts local action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman is prepared to initiate a process by which the region could be declared a genetically modified organism-free zone.

"I am going to pursue it," Holman said. "The hope is that enough local governments take this up so the federal government takes notice."

Holman's comments proceeded a public forum on efforts to promote GMO-free zones in B.C. held July 7 at Meaden Hall.

Roughly 200 enthusiastic participants crammed into the hall to hear panelists

discuss the environmental risks associated with the proliferation of GMO products.

Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser, whose extensive legal battle with Monsanto Inc. gained him international attention, drew a standing ovation from participants before he took to the stage.

He told the audience the prospect of more GMO products in the marketplace threatens the livelihood of organic farmers and crop diversity.

Since genetically modified canola was introduced to the prairie provinces by Monsanto in 1996, the patented seed has grown to dominate the industry.

"This is the greatest assault on life the planet has ever seen," he said.

Claims by leading biotech firms that GMO

crops would produce higher and more nutritious yields have not yet been backed up by independent research, panelists said.

Leaving the decisions up to private corporations, with minimal public oversight is a recipe for disaster, said Yukon-based organic farmer Tom Rudge.

"A corporation is not responsible to anything or anyone but itself," he said. "If you understand this concept, the behaviour of multinational seed companies operating here in Canada can be described as psychotic."

In 2004, the Powell River Regional District became the country's first political jurisdiction to declare itself a GMO-free zone.

Colin Palmer, the district's chair, said the driving force behind his region's success

came from concerned citizens who took the time to inform their politicians through petitions, letter-writing campaigns and public meetings.

Salt Spring's Official Community Plan already includes a provision to discourage the use of GMO seed within the local trust area.

"It is only fitting that the CRD would support this," Holman said.

He added that he must still determine how any proposal to limit GMOs in the CRD would work under the province's Right-to-Farm Act.

The Salt Spring event was the fifth of six stops on the series provincial tour. The forum was organized by the Society for a G.E. Free B.C.

ENVIRONMENT

Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Community consultations underway

Community initiative gains momentum

A community project created by two Salt Spring scientists is now underway in its mandate to assess the environmental health of the island and its community.

Drs. David Rapport and Luisa Maffi, who specialize in integrated assessments of ecosystems and community vitality, created The Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Community Initiative (HEHCI) earlier this year.

The advisory group to the HEHCI includes 20 members of the community with a vast range of expertise in a variety of fields.

The HEHCI is currently conducting a series of community consultations on social, ecological, and human health concerns related to three of the island's main watersheds: Cusheon, St. Mary, and Maxwell.

Their purpose is to identify, with community input, critical indicators that are required to assess the health of island ecosystems and its relationship with public health and well-being.

The key questions being addressed in Phase 1 of the initiative are:

1) How can we define a socially and ecologically healthy watershed? What are the implications for human health?

2) What are some of the key indicators of watershed health?

3) What information exists to evaluate the health of the watershed, and what are the gaps in information?

The HEHCI held the first of these consultations, regarding the Cusheon watershed, on June 23. Approximately 20 community members participated and shared their concerns on the conditions in the watershed, touching upon a variety of ecological, social and health issues.

Participants raised concerns over a variety of issues: the loss in forest cover, increased presence of invasive species (such as broom and bullfrogs), increased

traffic in the area, lake water quality, the number of people who now resort to bottled water, deterioration in well water, changing demographics with a loss of diversity of age groups and economic status, tourism and its effects on the health of the watershed, industrial activities around the watershed, and the state of wild-life.

Their purpose is to identify . . . indicators that are required to assess the health of island ecosystems and its relationship with public health and well-being.

Community members raised questions about the effectiveness of regulations and enforcement regarding sewage disposal and septic, and emphasized the need for eco-friendly construction practices and proper education on land clearing.

Among the suggestions for reducing stress from human activities on the watershed were increased financial incentives (for example, in the form of tax reductions) for conserving land, and education in schools on how human activities impact the environment.

Dr. Ron Puhky, a member of the advisory group to the HEHCI, summed up the discussion succinctly: "No healthy ecosystem — no healthy us."

All community members are welcome to the upcoming HEHCI public consultations: on the health of the St. Mary watershed, July 21, 7-9 p.m., 319 Langs Road; and on the health of the Maxwell watershed, July 24, 7-9 p.m., 1200 Mt. Maxwell Road.

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NEWSBEAT



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REMEMBERING JOAN ASTILL: Friends and family (such as Val Gyves and Cyril Astill, below) gathered to celebrate the life of the late Joan Astill, who died last December. Above, Peter Demooy demonstrates hand sheep shearing as an acknowledgement to Joan, who started the "sheep to shawl" event on Salt Spring. The Saturday afternoon event also involved the family planting a tree in her memory.



SENIORS HOUSING

Abbeyfield group hosts lavender tea

Project vision shared

Salt Spring Abbeyfield Society thanked hardworking volunteers and introduced the new housing project concept to neighbours and potential residents at a lavender tea event on Sunday.

According to a press release, friends, neighbours, volunteers and supporters enjoyed the warm sunshine and gentle breeze while being treated to tea, lemonade and baked goods, all laced with lavender. Everyone was also invited to cut some lavender to take home.

The event took place at the Hilltop Road property of Stan and Marie Teitge. The Teitges have offered to donate land for the purpose of building Abbeyfield House, a supportive living facility for active seniors. Attendees were able to wander the proposed site and envision the house, which

will be a home for eight to 10 seniors.

The Abbeyfield society has made an application to the Islands Trust for rezoning and to the Ministry of Transportation for subdivision.

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"Affordable housing for south-end seniors has great appeal for those looking for a place to continue enjoying a quiet rural life," said society president Bruce Logan.

Once approvals have been gained, a major capital campaign will commence.

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WEDNESDAY JULY 16

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy (/10) Mama (/25) Dive	Poker Women's World Open	CHEK News	7th Heaven Smoking	Early News	CTV News at Five	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	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Arrested Development	Pyramide	(35) Arthur				Global National		Phoenix World News				My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	According to Jim	News	News			CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh #1 Fan	
	:30		À la carte	Popular (/55) Minuscule			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News					iCarly
7	:00	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Lemur Street	SportsCentre	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Struck by Lightning	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30	This Hour 22 Minutes	L'Épicerie	Undersea Explorer		The Insider	George Lopez	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	Friends	Jeopardy	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Prank Patrol	
8	:00	Little Mosque No Fly List	La petite séduction	Ancient Clues		Zoe Busiek: Wild Card	Coach Retrospective	Big Brother (N)	So You Think You Can Dance Top 10 Perform (N)	Wife Swap Blankenship/Phillips	Make Me a Supermodel Weekend Getaway	America's Next Top Model	So You Think You Can Dance Top 10 Perform (N)	Wife Swap Blankenship/Phillips	Baby Borrowers Toddler: We're Back!	Click & Clack (N)	News	Big Brother (N)	Fries With That?	Jays Connected	
	:30	Sophie		Off the Record	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights - Rodriguez vs. Diaz	Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency (N)	Darling Buds of May	NCIS Skeletons		Sabor Latino	Supernanny Bruno Family	Rock of Love 2 Red, White and a Little Blue	Girlicious Charisma		Supernanny Bruno Family	Baby Borrowers (N)	Nova scienceNOW (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Ashes and Dust	Prank Patrol	Ultimate Fighter 6
9	:00	the fifth estate	Bons baisers de France	The Sinking of Princess Sophia		Celebrity Circus (SF) (N)	The Daily	Crime Stories	CSI: NY Time's Up	Hola Que Tal	Law & Order	Entourage	Seinfeld The Jimmy	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Primetime: Crime (N)	Celebrity Circus (SF) (N)	Carrier Show of Force	Struck by Lightning	CSI: NY Time's Up	Falcon Beach Wake Jam	Sportsnet Connected
	:30						Diya					Entourage	Seinfeld The Comeback								
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	For King and Empire Shadow of the Great War																	
	:30																				
11	:00	News / (.05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	The Planets	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Coastal: Ocean Adv.	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Des kiwis et des hommes							CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight	Sharks: At Risk	(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(.05) Arrested		Sherlock Holmes The Final Problem	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions	(.05) Ent. Tonight	(.05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	MontyPython Best Graham Chapman's Personal Best	The Hour	(N)	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 6
	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins			Hockey	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park Freak Strike	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

THURSDAY JULY 17

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy (/10) Mama (/25) Dive	(4:30) Billiards	CHEK News	7th Heaven	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	Wife & Kids [Part 1 of 2]	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	Pratt & Taylor (Live)
	:30	Arrested Development	Pyramide	(35) Arthur	CFL Pregame			Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News					CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors / (-25) Tommy	CFL Football - Hamilton vs. Calgary (Live)	News	According to Jim	News	News			CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	MLB Baseball - Pittsburgh vs. Colorado (Live)
	:30		La croisée des chemins	(35) Reach for the Top			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				H2O: Just Add Water	
7	:00	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Profiles of Nature		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Wild China The Tibetan Plateau	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30	Who Do You Think	La petite mosquée (N)	Turtles: The Shell Game		The Insider	George Lopez	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	Friends	Jeopardy	That '70s Show	2 1/2 Men Pilot	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Ask This Old House		The Insider	Prank Patrol	
8	:00	iPOD Crappy Birthday To You	Perdus d'heureuses perspectives (N)	Big Ideas for Planet Earth Design: E2		Greatest American Dog	Coach Pros and Cons	Last Comic Standing (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Sweet Jane	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Private Practice	Ugly Betty Giving Up the Ghost	Smallville Fracture	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Ugly Betty Giving Up the Ghost	Last Comic Standing (N)	Nature Shark Mountain	News	Greatest American Dog	Fries With That?	
	:30						Growing Pains													Futurama Mother's Day	
9	:00	The Call (P) (N)	Bons baisers de France	Around the World Uzbekistan to Syria	SportsCentre Motoring 2008	True Hollywood Story (N)	Darling Buds of May		Think You Can Dance 2 Dancers Voted Off (N)	Dheeyan Ghar Sadababar Nagmae	Grey's Anatomy	Supernatural Maleus Maleficarum	Supernatural Maleus Maleficarum	Think You Can Dance 2 Dancers Voted Off (N)	Grey's Anatomy	Nova	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Sweet Jane	Prank Patrol The Mummy	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30																				
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	No. 57: The History of a House	Poker Night	Fear Itself New Year's Day (N)	The Daily	Swingtown Heatwave (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Reunion (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Stargate: SG-1 Ripple Effect [Part 1 of 2]	Hopkins (N) [Part 4 of 6]	Seinfeld The Wink	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Hopkins (N) [Part 4 of 6]	Fear Itself New Year's Day (N)	Masterpiece Mystery! Foyle's War: Plan of Attack	Wild China	Swingtown Heatwave (N)	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected
	:30						Diya						Seinfeld The Money								
11	:00	News / (.05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	For King and Empire Shadow of the Great War	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier We Two Kings	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Boxing Henry vs. White
	:30		Des kiwis et des hommes							CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight	Global Voices Lost	(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(.05) Arrested		Return of S. Holmes The Abbey Grange	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions	(.05) Ent. Tonight	(.05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Free Willyz	RENO 911!	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	Boys of Sudan	The Hour	(N)	Futurama Mother's Day	
	:30	(35) Can. Reflections			Fishing the Flats	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

FRIDAY JULY 18

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Lizzie McGuire	Timothy (/15) Mama (/20) Dive	(4:30) Poker Women's World Open - Final Table	CHEK News	7th Heaven	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	Wife & Kids [Part 2 of 2]	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Tampa Bay (Live)
	:30	Arrested Development	Pyramide	(35) Arthur				Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News					CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! Music Video		News	According to Jim	News	News			CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	The Next Star	Searching the West (P) (N)
	:30		400 fois Québec	Kratts' Creatures	CFL Pre-Game (Live)		King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News					
7	:00	Coronation Street	LSU Soccer	Emily of New Moon Under the Wishing Moon	CFL Football - Winnipeg vs. B.C. (Live)	E! News Canada	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Life and Times [Part 1 of 2]	Entertainment Tonight	"Raise Your Voice" ★ (Dra, '04) Hilary Duff.	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	Just for Laughs				The Insider	George Lopez	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	Friends	Jeopardy	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Conversations		The Insider	MLB Baseball - Cleveland vs. Seattle (Live)	
8	:00	Air Farce Live		The Royal Home and Dry		Hollyw. Mysteries (N)	Coach	Very Bad Men	Ghost Whisperer The Cradle Will Rock	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	Dance Machine (N)	Biography Hilary Swank	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	"The Animal" ★ (Com, '01) Rob Schneider.	Dance Machine (N)	Most Outrageous	NOW	News	Ghost Whisperer The Cradle Will Rock		
	:30	Halifax Comedy Fest				Hollyw. Mysteries (N)	Growing Pains									Most Outrageous	Washington Week				
9	:00	MVP: Secret Lives Double Overtime		Himalaya Leaping Tigers, Naked Nagas		Dr. 90210	Islam 101	Numb3rs Pandora's Box	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Living Doll	Here Comes Aajumma	"Shock to the System" ★★ (Dra, '06) Chad Allen.	Stargate: SG-1 Crusade		Duel (N)	Dateline NBC	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Numb3rs Pandora's Box	(15) The Next Star Searching the West		
	:30																				
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Masterpiece Arrangement in Grey and Black	SportsCentre	20/20 (N)	The Daily	Friday Night Lights It's Different for Girls	Flashpoint First in Line (N)	Open Concert		The Collector The Farmer	Seinfeld The Calzone	Q13 FOX News	20/20 (N)	"That's Entertainment!" ★★★★★ (Mus, '74) Frank Sinatra.	Life and Times [Part 1 of 2]	Flashpoint First in Line (N)	(15) Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30						Diya						Seinfeld								
11	:00	News / (.05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Rage	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Door Jam	Family Guy	News	News	Frank Sinatra.	CBC News: The National	News	(15) 15/ Love	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Des kiwis et des hommes							CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	Ed and Red's Night Party	Frasier Head Game	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight	(35) David Letterman	(45) 15/ Love		
12 MID	:00	(.05) Arrested		Return of S. Holmes The Musgrave Ritual	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(.05) ECW Wrestling	(.05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Ginger Kids	RENO 911! Jet Ski Blues	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno (N)	15 Ferrets: The Pursuit of Excellence	The Hour	(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 6
	:30	(35) Kenny vs. Spenny			Motoring 2008	(35) Late, Late Show	Paid Program			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park The Entity	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)			(35) Late, Late Show	(45) Pinky & the Brain		

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SATURDAY JULY 19

5:00 PM	(3:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Tampa Bay	Québec depuis 1608 L'Épicerie	The Life Of Mammals Chisellers	(4:00) CFL Football - Montreal vs. Saskatchewan (Live)	CHEK News	World Vision	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Star Trek: Voyager	The Best of Breakfast Television	MGM Presents	Raymond High School According to Jim	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Lawrence Welk Show Big Band Sounds	Antiques Roadshow Prideaux Place	KIRO 7 News Evening News	(4:00) "All Dogs Go to Heaven" ★★ (Ani, '89)	UFC All Access
6:00	To Be Announced	Le Téléjournal	Lemur Street	That News Show What Happened?	Paid Program	News	News	NTDTV Weekly	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	News	News	Ballroom Challenge	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected	
7:00	To Be Announced	Spéciale Les Boys "Gaz Bar Blues" (Dra, '03) Serge Thériault.	National Geographic The Perfect Swarm	NASCAR Auto Racing Nationwide Series - Dodge Dealers 250 (Live)	El News Weekend	Jhanjara	Andromeda So Burn the Untamed Lands	W-FIVE Presents My Messy Life	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe Island Weekend	Stargate Atlantis Progeny	CSI: Miami	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Antiques Rd. Whitney	Life and Times [Part 2 of 2]	Entertainment This Week	Storm Hawks	Martial Arts Ultimate Fight Night - Silva vs. Irwin.
8:00	To Be Announced	"Cradle of Lies" ★ (Susp, '06) Debra Messing.	Heartbeat Vendetta	"Cradle of Lies" ★ (Susp, '06) Debra Messing.	Mirchi TV	Largo Winch Killer Cardignac	"Would Be Kings" (Dra, '08) Currie Graham.	Phoenix Gathering	Kool Countdown	Murdoch Mystery The Rebel and the Prince	The King of Queens	Cops Coast to Coast (N)	"Freaky Friday" ★★ (Com, '03) Jamie Lee Curtis.	My Name Is Earl	Monarch of the Glen	Saturday Report	NCIS Icaran	Avatar	Storm Hawks	Johnson vs. Burns, Franca vs. Edgar (Live)
9:00	"Pulp Fiction" ★★ (Cri, '94) John Travolta.	Midsomer Murders A Talent for Life	SportsCentre	SportsCentre	WAQT - Toda Satta	Andromeda The Heart of the Journey [Part 1 of 2]	Asian Variety Show	Law & Order Bogeyman	Frasier	Frasier The Candidate	America Most Wanted	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	The Unit The Kill Zone	Zatch Bell
10:00	Le Téléjournal	Pour l'amour du country	Martial Arts wec WrekCage 9 Highlights	Out There	Islam 101	Renegade-press.com	Comedy Now Ron Sparks	Vanna Malargal	Eli Stone I Want Your Sex	CSI: Miami Free Fall	Q13 FOX News Scrubs	Eli Stone I Want Your Sex	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Kissinger	Soundstage Stevie Nicks	Life and Times [Part 2 of 2]	48 Hours Mystery	Storm Hawks	Sportsnet Connected		
11:00	"Histoire de pen" (Dra, '01) Emmanuel Auger.	Life Begins Maggie, Brenda and Eric	SportsCentre	Guy Stuff J. Moore (N) Driving TV City Jetta	Enigma	News	News	Bubble Gang	Start! at the Movies	Happy Tree Friends	Cold Case A Dollar, a Dream	Mad TV	News	News	Austin City Limits Femi Kuti	Saturday Report	KIRO 7 News	Shadow Raiders	Poker FulltiltPoker.net	
12:00 MID	Vancouver News	"Hockey '07" Spike Feresten	Wild Off The Finals	Jack Van Impe	PR Maxx	(:05) Madonna (:35) MTV Cribs	"Khazanchi" (Dra, '58)	"Star Trek: Nemesis" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '02)	"Edtv" ★★ (Com, '99)	Cold Case Offender	Spike Feresten	(:35) Girls B. Badly	Red Dwarf Camille	Red Dwarf	the fifth estate Teacher's Pet	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program	Futurama	Poker After Dark	

SUNDAY JULY 20

5:00 PM	To Be Announced	La petite séduction	Inventors Special	(4:30) Boxing HBO Championship	CHEK News	Tomorrow's World	Family Guy	In Fashion	Spazio Libero	Smallville	(4:00) To Be Announced	Everybody Hates Chris	American Idol Rewind Top 10 to 9	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	History Detectives	China Rises. Food Is Heaven	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	(4:00) "All Dogs Go to Heaven II" ★ (Ani, '96)	(3:00) MLB Baseball - Boston vs. L.A. Angels
6:00	The Nature of Things (N)	Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon Under the Wishing Moon	The ESPY Awards (Live)	That News Show What Happened?	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley	News	News	"Khazanchi" (Dra, '58)	Relic Hunter Arthur's Cross	Speaker's Corner	Gossip Girl School Lies	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Doogal" ★ (Ani, '06) Voices of Daniel Tay.	Jays Connected
7:00	Heartland Come What May	National Geographic Quest for the Phoenixians	Vanity Insanity	Jozi-H	Renegade-press.com	"Til Death The Hills	America's Funniest Home Videos	"Passionada" ★★ (Rom, '02) Jason Isaacs.	One Tree Hill Hundred	"Til Death Fight Friend	America's Funniest Home Videos	Most Outrageous	Antiques Roadshow Bismarck (Hour One)	The Devil Plays Hardball	60 Minutes	Poker FulltiltPoker.net				
8:00	How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? (N)	Grands Reportages	Rosemary and Thyme The Italian Rapscallion	SportsCentre	Wildest Commercial	The Soup Presents (N)	Enigma	Big Brother (N)	High School Musical: Get the Picture (P) (N)	"Starship Troopers" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '97) Denise Richards.	Everybody Hates Chris	The Simpsons	High School Musical: Get the Picture (P) (N)	America's Got Talent	Nature The Good, the Bad and the Grizzly	CBC News: Our World	Big Brother (N)	The Next Star Searching the West	Martial Arts UFC Fight Night - Silva vs. Irwin.	
9:00	"Poseidon" ★★ (Dra, '06) Kurt Russell.	Les Tudors	New Tricks Bank Robbery	IRL Auto Racing IndyCar Series - Mid-Ohio Indy	Ext. Makeover: Home Ray-Smith Family	Silent Echoes	Family Guy	Cold Case Wunderkind	"Kiss Not For the Press" (Bio, '07)	"A Lot Like Love" ★ (Com, '05) Amanda Peet.	The Game	Family Guy	Ext. Makeover: Home Ray-Smith Family	Dateline NBC	Masterpiece Mystery! Foyle's War: Broken Souls (N)	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Wunderkind	Dark Oracle Dark Oracle Masquerade	Johnson vs. Burns, Franca vs. Edgar	
10:00	Le Téléjournal	Life Begins Maggie, Kathleen and Sam	Un héros très discret" (Dra, '96) Mathieu Kassovitz.	The Last Detective Willesdon Confidential	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Role That Changed	Without a Trace Primed	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Coerced	News	News	News	News	News	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	(:15) Hors d'ondes	Industry	NHRA Drag Racing Powerade Series	JR Digs (N)	To Be Announced	(:05) Popoff Ministry	(:05) CSI: Miami Double Jeopardy	"Kiss Not For the Press" (Bio, '07)	"Starship Troopers" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '97)	Without a Trace Desert Springs	24 Day 6: Midnight - 1:00 AM	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat	Bill Moyers' Journal	China Rises Food Is Heaven	(:35) Paid Program	Futurama The Honking	Ultimate Fighter 6	
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections	Powerade Series	Wild On Thailand	Paid Program	(:35) Jack Van Impe															

MONDAY JULY 21

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Dans les plats	Timothy / (10) Mama / (25) Dye (35) Arthur	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup - Day One (Live)	CHEK News	7th Heaven High Anxiety	Early News	CTV News at Five	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	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Baltimore
6:00	Arrested The Cabin Show	Pyramide	Skooled	News	According to Jim	News	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	(Live)
7:00	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	The Leading Edge	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Friends	Jeopardy	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Should I Give Up Flying?	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	The Next Star Searching the West	Sportsnet Connected
8:00	Problem-Like Maria (N)	Chère Betty La cerise sur le gâteau (N)	BC Chronicles Mountain of Gold	My Boys (N)	Coach	Bones The Knight on the Grid	High School Musical: Get the Picture (N)	Dr. Song Lian Sheng	Gossip Girl	American Gladiators	Gossip Girl	Bones The Knight on the Grid	High School Musical: Get the Picture (N)	American Gladiators	Antiques Rd. Bismarck (Hour Two) [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory	How I Met Your Mother	Futurama	MLB Baseball - Boston vs. Seattle (Live)
9:00	The Border Enemy Contact	Bons baisers de France	Perspectives Moscow Freestyle	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Gamboa vs. Rojas	Nashville Star (N)	Darling Buds of May	House You Don't Want to Know	Canadian Idol Top 9 Performance (N)	Marimar	Wanna Bet (P) (N)	Friends	One Tree Hill	House You Don't Want to Know	Nashville Star (N)	History Detectives (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men	Old Christine The Big Bang	Mystery Hunters	Prank Patrol
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives (N)	X-Weighted	The Daily	Risk Takers Killer Bee Removal Specialist	CSI: Miami If Looks Could Kill	GMA Telesine	Comedy Now	The Mole (N)	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	The Mole (N)	Dateline NBC	The War of the World The Icebox	Should I Give Up Flying?	CSI: Miami If Looks Could Kill	Falcon Beach Papa Was a Rolling Stone	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	News / (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Profiles of Nature Turtles: The Shell Game	News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Churchill The Lion's Roar	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	(:05) Arrested Mercer	The Return of Sherlock Holmes The Second Stain	Off the Record	Chelsea Late, Late Show	Hairloss Solutions	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) E.T. Canada	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	Show With Jay Leno	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	The Power of Forgiveness	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

TUESDAY JULY 22

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif Le pari stupide	Timothy / (10) Mama / (25) Dye (35) Arthur	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup - Day Two (Live)	CHEK News	7th Heaven	Early News	CTV News at Five	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	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Baltimore
6:00	Arrested Development	Pyramide	Spelz / (20) Wonders CG Kids	News	According to Jim	News	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	(Live)
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8:00	Rick Mercer Report	Beautés désespérées (N)	Himalaya Tea Planters and Head Hunters	The Real Housewives of Orange County	Coach Judy's Turn	Wipeout (N)	Canadian Idol (N)	Robson Arms	Celebrity Family Feud	Hell's Kitchen	Beauty and the Geek Viva Mexico!	Kitchen Nightmares Lela's	Wipeout (N)	Celebrity Family Feud	Nova Mystery of the Megaflood	NCIS Brothers in Arms	Futurama	Fries With That?	MLB Baseball - Boston vs. Seattle (Live)	
9:00	The Tudors	Bons baisers de France	To Dublin With Love	Boxing HBO Championship - Klitschko vs. Thompson	Kimora: The Fab Lane	Darling Buds of May	Big Brother (N)	Criminal Minds Honor Among Thieves	Made in Germany euromaxx	America's Got Talent	I Survived a Japanese Game Show (N)	Reaper Acid Queen	House Games	America's Got Talent (N)	Wide Angle Burning Season (N)	CBC News: The National	Big Brother (N)	Mystery Hunters	Prank Patrol	
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	BC Chronicles Mountain of Gold	Boxing '05 Bout	Denise Richards (N)	Diya	In Plain Sight Don of the Dead	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Undercover	Schauplatz Europa	Without a Trace Run	Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld The Conversion	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Primetime: Family Secrets (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Undercover	P.O.V. 9 Star Hotel (N)	CBC News: The National	Without a Trace Run	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	News / (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	The Leading Edge	News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Change Your Brain/Change Your Life	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
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PROFILE

Gus Treewater: the king of his castle

Treewater's ham radio operation in the clouds could assist in emergency

BY AMY GEDDES
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

At 500 metres above sea level, in his Mount Tuam loft, built on one of the highest points on Salt Spring, Gus Treewater turns a radio dial.

If he wanted to, he could relay the sound of the ice cubes clinking in his iced tea to the International Space Station, a Venice houseboat, or to over three million other ham radio operators around the world.

At his home office desk festooned with radios, a world clock and large computer screen, the president of the Salt Spring amateur radio club and deputy emergency radio coordinator of Salt Spring Island is the king of his castle.

"Ham radio is slang for amateur radio operator," he said recently, swivelling in an office chair moving between his radios. "We're called amateur, not because we don't know what we're doing, but because we are not allowed to be paid; we must all be volunteers."

It is clear that Treewater does not need payment as validation for pursuing his hobby, nor would someone be able to pay him to stop.

Given the opportunity to show how his ham radios operate, Treewater is as bright-eyed as a kid in a candy store. Why? With a 20-metre radio tower outside his bedroom window and not a soul nearby to complain about it, he is living every ham radio operator's dream.

"I always wanted a place that was up high because that's important for my antennas," he said.

Originally from San Francisco, he and his wife Jill searched for four years before they found the property of their dreams on Mount Tuam. Unlike regular commercial radios, ham radio signals bounce off the ionosphere. Where a radio tower could fall down, the ionosphere is always there, he explains, so it rarely fails.

From the first time Treewater caught a glimpse of a ham radio in a 1950s Popular Electronics magazine, he was hooked. He and his mother were driving in Toronto where they were visiting and she bought the magazine to keep him occupied.

"There was a short story in there about two 12-year-old kids who were ham radio operators," Treewater recalled. "And when you're 10, you think 12-year-olds are the greatest in the world. So I



Gus Treewater at home in his radio room.

thought 'ooohh.'"

Two years later, he saw a short-wave radio in a junk shop with dial labels that read London, Paris, Moscow. He raised the \$5 he needed to buy it by washing the family car.

"I had to have it," he said. "I thought 'Wow, if I just turn [the dial] they'll be there,' but of course it doesn't really work like that. But [the dial] was a selling point for a 12-year-old."

"At night you'd turn it on and all the tubes would glow in the dark," he recalled with fondness.

Today, on his night stand, where most would keep a reading lamp or novel, Treewater has a replica of that same black, box-shaped radio that he swooned over when he was 10.

As Treewater grew up, he never grew out of ham radios.

"I listened to shortwave radio stations all over the world," he said, noting that listening to Radio Moscow during the Cold War was his first lesson in propaganda.

"I'd hear the same story on the BBC and I'd think, 'Wow that's totally different from what the other guy said.'"

In practice then, as well as today, hams sent each other postcards they call "QSL cards" as a way of confirming radio connection.

"You would try to find as many weird little countries as you could," Treewater said.

Even at 62, the challenge of collecting QSL cards continues to excite him. A cork board above his desk is covered in them, displaying images and place names from around the world. They read: South Korea; Asiatic Russia; Hornton, England; Anchorage, Alaska and Brest, France.

"Those are just from this week," he said.

"I have made probably thousands of contacts with other ham radio operators and I've probably spoken to somewhere between two and three hundred different countries around the world."

He jokes that he owns as many radio-themed T-shirts, beanies, baseball caps as he does radios, "at least."

"I have radios I carry around, radios in the car and I even have antennas on the car." He brings up a Google Earth image of Salt Spring on his computer screen that is synced with ham radio operators who, like him, have car radios. He points to the screen.

"This is a guy named Keith and he's on Sky Valley Road," he said, showing a moving icon tracking the man's speed, longitude and latitude.

Treewater and "Keith" are two of the 100 ham radio operators on Salt Spring — many are members of the Salt Spring Island Amateur Radio Club.

When all other communication systems like the internet and cell phones fail in an emergency, Treewater and his fellow "hams," as they call themselves, step in with their simple, 60-year-old technology that is reliable because radio signals are expertly accessed with their own personal radio equipment.

Assisting as a volunteer dispatcher for the Salt Spring Fire Department during the July 2007 Bullock Lake fire, listening to radio traffic during Hurricane Katrina and connecting with the International Space Station when it occasionally glides past Salt Spring are some of the pinnacle moments of intrigue for Treewater that feed his insatiable appetite for radio waves.

"It's the thrill of the chase, talking to different people

around the world, and learning about different places and making friends all over," he said, describing his passion for his hobby.

Asking about the weather is the most common question hams ask as they connect with another, he said.

While morse code was used in early ham radio communication, voice transmission and digital messages sent via radio are most popular among operators today.

Although Treewater can listen to ham radios on boats, Victoria Transit and local Salt Spring emergency crews, he said most of what people say is uninteresting.

"I don't really care what kind of pizza people are ordering."

He would not divulge any of the quirky or interesting things he's overheard on Salt Spring.

Hams, he said, can listen to anything except to cell phones (because it's illegal), but there is a secrecy rule: "You're not supposed to repeat what you heard," he said. "At least that's how it used to be when I took the [licensing] test."

Treewater's T-shirt reads "When all else fails . . . amateur radio" bearing an image of a lightning bolt striking down hydro poles. His shirt, as well as his home fitted with its upper floor "radio brain," is a testament that his hobby has helped shape his life.

"There's never a dull moment with a ham as a dad," said his daughter Regan Tree-

water, 23, who joked about growing up in a home filled with about 24 ham radios.

"You never quite get used to the lights randomly flickering, or my favourite: strange voices coming from the TV

"I have radios I carry around, radios in the car, and I even have antennas on the car."

GUS TREEWATER
 Ham radio operator

when it was turned off. For years my friends were convinced that there was a poltergeist living in our house."

In pursuit of a better local emergency response strategy for Salt Spring, the emergency program wants more residents to become basic ham radio operators to work with "hams" like Treewater. The island's Amateur Radio Club plans to hold another course in September. Contact Gus at VE7GTC@rac.ca for details.



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Entrepreneurial spirit motivates kids

Market coincides with Tuesday farmers' event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new centre of economic activity on the island is poised to engender an entire generation of entrepreneurs with the opening of a kids' market at Fables Cottage.

Sue King, new owner of the recently renovated kids' bookshop and art store, initiated the market as a fun activity that coincides with the popular farmers' market occurring Tuesdays in the neighbouring United Church meadow.

Kelsey Mech is an upcoming Grade 12 student who has worked at Fables for the past month. She's the employee responsible for supervising the market, which takes place out front of the store in the picnic area/courtyard.

Mech said having their own space is a rewarding experience for the young craftspeople.

"It's nice because they're in their own environment — since there are no adults they've been given a little more independence than they would in the Saturday market," Mech explained.

"It's just a sort of opportunity to get out there and be a part of the community, and learn the skills."

Similar to the Saturday



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Reese Penny, Molly Gillet and Laticia Taylor sell their handmade jewellery at Fables Cottage's Tuesday kids' market, which runs each week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

market, kids are invited to sell anything they've made, grown or baked. And, just as with their older counterparts, a friendly combination of camaraderie and competition anchors the kids' promotion of their wares.

While Mech said last Tuesday was the first week there were "enough kids to constitute a market," those five vendors were definitely up to the task.

"They were dashing all over the place trying to get business," she reported. "They're all just really excited when they sell something, definitely working on their entrepreneurial spirit."

At last week's market, five children brought handmade jewellery, cards and wooden hearts carved from cedar. With prices ranging between \$1 and \$5ars per item, the kids were happy to bring home \$10 to \$12 each.

Mech is also encouraging vendors to bring baked goods as a popular item.

The kids' market takes place every Tuesday during the summer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone from age five to 13 is welcome.

Mech recommends that in case of limited space, kids arrive at 9:30 or 9:45 a.m. to set up, and leave whenever they're ready, rather than trying to set up at noon.

WORKSHOP

Jungian psychology on tap at talk tonight

At Fulford Hall
 OAPO Room

Lorna Wood will bring a C.G. Jung and Depth Psychology talk to Fulford Hall on Wednesday (tonight) focusing on dreams, projection and alchemy.

Wood, who has an MA, has studied Jung's work

and done personal analysis since 1984. She is currently a Jungian analyst candidate at the Research and Training Centre in Depth Psychology in Switzerland.

"[Wood] works in a 'classical' way with individual patients . . . looking at how the unconscious presses us toward our wholeness, through our dreams, symp-

oms — both physical and psychological — and major life events," states a recent press release.

"Carl Jung's work concentrates on what was left out or repressed during the Christian era . . . the feminine, the irrational, the feeling levels of life and the instinctual aspects of our psyches.

"These parts of our

psyches have been banished to unconsciousness and can be found re-appearing in our dreams and our physical and psychological symptoms, offering us a chance to reclaim our wholeness, creativity and meaning in our lives."

One subject the talk will focus on is Jung's way of working with dreams and his discovery that dream images carry healing and transforming energy. By honouring and understanding them, one can work towards fulfilling one's unique life paths.

Wood will also cover projection—how people are attracted in outer life to what they most need to learn about themselves in order to become more whole. The third subject will be alchemy, the medieval art of transforming lead into gold.

"Jung discovered that the medieval alchemists were actually describing the inner processes of healing and transformation. We will note the major processes, from the dark night of the soul to rebirth, and some of the images in our dreams and events in outer life, that often accompany these processes."

The talk, which takes place Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Fulford OAPO room at Fulford Hall, will have a suggested donation of \$7.

For further information, contact Lorna Wood at 250-653-9881 or lornafwood@uniserve.com.



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What's On This Week

Wed.
July 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch. Singer-songwriter Phil Vernon performs at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Mike Alviano. Singer-songwriter from Kitchener, Ontario performs at Tree House Cafe.
Harry Warner & Friends. Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Wednesday. 2-4 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Read All Over the Map. Summer Reading Club theme is Reading Rocks, a geological exploration with Bob Francis. SS Library. 1-2 p.m.

Thurs.
July 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

La Gran Union Con Wil Campa. Cuban dance music. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Chonka. West Coast world folk music. Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction and cash & carry room.

Fri.
July 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tommy Hooper. Grapes of Wrath singer-songwriter at Tree House Cafe.
Harry Warner & Friends. Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Friday. 2-4 p.m.
House Party with DJ Matt J. Shipstones Pub. 8 p.m.
Bushel of the Best. Free community concert at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction and cash & carry room.
Where's Garry?...Oak Bingo. Interpretive program at Ruckle Provincial Park. 7 p.m.

Sat.
July 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Julia Beattie & Kris Hansen. 'White boy, white girl soul' at Tree House Cafe.
Live Music with Hey Boy Hey Girl. Oystercatcher. 9 p.m.
Jazz Saturdays. Henry Boudin Trio. Cafe El Zocalo. 7-10 p.m.
Morgan Davis. Blues icon performs at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Canada Parks Day. Activities throughout the day at Ruckle Provincial Park. A Treasure Chest of the Forest - 12:30 p.m. Hike to Merganser Pond with SS Trail & Nature - 1:30 p.m. Tracking: Jerry's Rangers - 3:30 p.m. Bats in Jeopardy - 7 p.m.
ArtSpring Treasure Fair Grand Finale. Live auction. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Community Flea Market. ArtSpring Meadow. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Info: 537-9976.
ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction and cash & carry room.
Organic Lawn Care Workshop. Part of the CRD's Pesticide Use Reduction Education campaign. Community Gospel Chapel, 1-4 p.m. Register: Kate Leslie at kleslie@island.net or 250-653-0031.
Dad 'n' Me. All you can eat pancakes for dads and kids aged eight and under at Family Place. Saturdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Sun.
July 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ed Peekeekoot & Alan Moberg. Country and folk extravaganza at Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Nature Art. Interpretive program at Ruckle Provincial Park. 2 p.m.

Mon.
July 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

High Mountain Honey. Hot Celtic & contemporary folk at Tree House Cafe.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Salty Yarners Knitting Group. Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at Stitches. 7:30 p.m. Info: Alice, 538-0211.
Toastmasters. Meet Mondays at the United Church upstairs. 7 p.m., except holidays.
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
HEHCI Public Consultation. Health of the St. Mary watershed. 319 Langs Road. 7-9 p.m.
Painting Workshops with Val Konig. Acrylics. Info/registration: 537-4660.
Rug Huggers. Free lunch, network and play for babies and parents on Mondays at Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tues.
July 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. With Tommy Hooper at Tree House Cafe.
Emily Carr Quartet. Part of Summer Strings 2008. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Emily Carr Quartet. Mozart, Schubert and Mendelssohn with Victoria Symphony musicians, plus David Visentin ensemble and Summer Strings players. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow. Tuesday farmers market at United Church meadow. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fish on the Barbie. Tastes of Salt Spring cooking class with Bruce Wood. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Info: E-mail Kathy Dryden at kd1184@telus.net.
Painting Workshops with Val Konig. Acrylics. Info/registration: 537-4660.
Children's Market. Kids sell their home-made/grown/baked products and play music Tuesdays outside at Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wed.
July 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Carolyn Neapole. Thoughtful acoustic rock. Tree House Cafe.
Harry Warner & Friends. Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Wednesday. 2-4 p.m.
Music & Munch. Piano recital by Simon Rook at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Mountain-top Strings Concert. Members of David Visentin ensemble and student performers play in free event at top of Mount Maxwell. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Painting Workshops with Val Konig. Acrylics. Info/registration: 537-4660.
Read All Over the Map. Summer Reading Club theme is First Nations tales, with guest Chris Arnett. SS Library. 1-2 p.m.
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- **Bert Small** and **Don Hodgins** show work in the lobby at **ArtSpring** through July.
- **Salt Spring Potters Guild Tea Party Show** runs in **Mark's Work Wearhouse** windows from July 1 to August 15.
- **Jana's Bake Shop** features portrait photography by **Joanne Bealy** through August.
- **The Family of Man**, a retrospective exhibit of monumental works by **Michael Dennis**, is presented by Salt Spring Woodworks and Hastings House. The group show at the **Hastings House** includes work by: **Michael Dennis, Kathy Venter, Ron Crawford, Michael Robb, Paul Burke, Peter Pierobon, David Jackson** and **Morley Myers**. The public sculpture trail is open with an entrance on Churchill Road from 9 a.m. to dusk.
- **Salt Spring Woodworks** show new studio furniture by **Michael Moore, Seth Rolland, Illtyd Perkins**; and alluring zinc-dad contemporary furniture by new Salt Spring resident **Arno Kortschot**.
- **Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art** has opened her new original studio gallery at #17 Merchant Mews, launching her **India Collection**.
- **Christine Crombie** shows oil pastel works at **Island Savings** until September.
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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Local sings himself a record

Sunday "warm-up" deemed promising

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island man once in the running for the honour of being Canada's top hippie is back in the news as he attempts to create a new world record for the longest continual freestyle singing of original songs.

Paul Beckman, also known as Palu Rainbow Song, spent five hours in Centennial Park Sunday preparing for his world record attempt.

Beckman has contacted representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records who are currently reviewing his application. He expects to hear back from them within the next few weeks.

Though no such category exists, the international-record book does honour the fastest rapper, Rebel XD (852 syllables in 42 seconds). It also lists the longest drumming marathon at 84 hours.

Beckman had initially set out to break the record on his birthday, but elected to spend July 13 practising for the big day.

"I'm going to shatter my record," he said on Monday.

Beckman offered curious onlookers an opportunity to provide musical accompaniment thanks to a variety of instruments made available.

"It was a very positive experience," he said.

Beckman, a self-described "eternal 53 years old," is often found wowing visitors at the island's Saturday

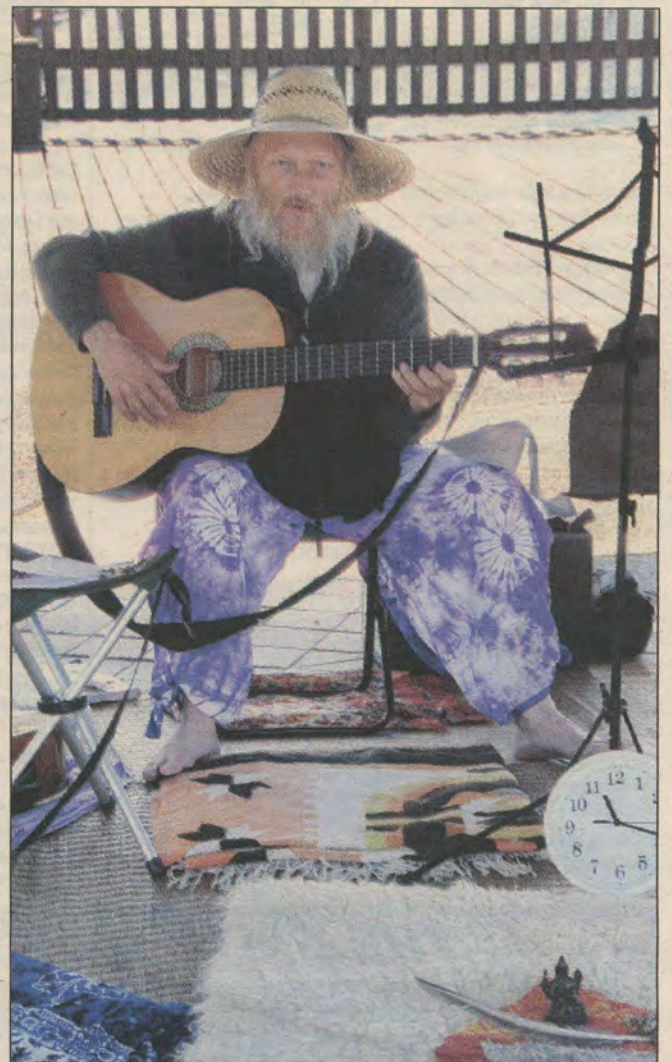


PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Paul Beckman (aka Palu Rainbow Song) sings freestyle in Centennial Park on Sunday.

market with his dazzling didgeridoo-accompanied kaleidoscope.

Beckman said his songs are meant to represent feelings of inspiration and beauty.

Beckman has authored hundreds of songs over his musical career. In 2007, he released a 13-hour CD of original music and inter-

views.

With Sunday's performance complete, Beckman plans a recording of his performance on DVD and the internet via YouTube.

He said inspiration can strike at any place and at any time.

"All it takes is an idea," he said. "This is just what I love to do."

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Credit union donates \$\$ to rec centre

Island Savings has recently obtained the naming rights for the Cowichan Centre in Duncan, resulting in the largest public recreation centre within the Cowichan Valley Regional District being dubbed as the Island Savings Centre.

"We approached the centre earlier this year to discuss how we could support them while also demonstrating our commitment to the Cowichan community," states an Island Savings press release. "Through discussions, the opportunity to purchase naming rights arose. The centre's board approved the agreement Wednesday."

Island Savings' title sponsorship will pro-

vide the Cowichan Centre with \$100,000 in funding per year for the next 10 years.

"This is the most substantial sponsorship Island Savings has ever undertaken and is a significant milestone in the history of our organization.

"It is also consistent with our past approach and commitment to giving back to our communities."

Island Savings said that since the Cowichan Valley played a significant role in the credit union's success that the partnership is an opportunity for the organization to thank the Cowichan Valley for supporting its banking and insurance services.

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